

**DRAFT BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED BY EXECUTIVE MAYOR COUNCILLOR
JAMES TSOLELA TO COUNCIL ON 31ST MARCH 2023 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER**

Section 16 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) (Act No. 56 of 2003) requires of me to table the budget to this municipal Council.

We are tabling this budget on the last day of Human Rights Month which we commemorated countrywide under the theme ***“Consolidating and Sustaining Human Rights Culture into the Future.”***

In line with Section 21(1)(b) of the MFMA (56 of 2003) a multi-year Time Schedule outlining key deadlines for the preparation, tabling and approval of the annual budget, as well as the annual review of the IDP and budget related policies was approved by Council covering a multi-year period.

I must further state that the budget we are tabling today before Council is for it to be NOTED in line with the requirements of Chapter 4 of the MFMA upon which consultations will resume with all the relevant or critical key stakeholders including but not limited to the (i) communities, (ii) business sector and other formations and (iii) National / Provincial Treasuries.

The 2023/24 consultation process will begin henceforth to allow the inputs of all our stakeholders to be considered in the final draft.

I am tabling this budget to Council being aware of exactly what the City of Matlosana will be receiving for all grants (i.e. Conditional / Unconditional), and as such those grants have been incorporated into this budget. This was made possible on the same day that the Honourable Minister of Finance Mr Enoch Godongwana tabled the budget in parliament (i.e. 22 February 2023).

I therefore table this draft budget before Council, for consideration and further engagement.

Thank You / Enkosi / Baie Dankie!!!