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The time of the year has once again arrived for the Langeberg Municipality to project what it needs to do to ensure a healthy balance sheet – so everything from building new infrastructure to keeping the environment neat gets done.



From the
MAYOR'S pen

Time for you to make your mark

Just as the summer has passed and a change of season is upon us, so too has the time come for each one of us to make our mark in the upcoming local municipal elections.

The election is expected to take place some time between 18 May and 16 August this year.

The purpose of this practice is to elect your desired councillor (representing your ward) who will be responsible for governing Langeberg Municipality for the next five years.

I urge all residents to make sure that

they're registered, to know where they will have to cast their vote, and to encourage others in their community to do the same. Voters can still make sure that they're registered at their nearest IEC office.

Delivering excellent services to our communities is the heartbeat or core function of every local municipality in the country. So when the quality of service remains high, then the level of confidence the community has in its municipality will automatically grow and be strengthened.

That said, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Langeberg Municipality recently received its fourth consecutive clean audit from the Auditor General of South Africa, for the 2014-15 financial year.

This award symbolises our commitment to ensuring a clean administration, good governance and sound financial management. It demonstrates the passion we have in serving our community as best we can.

I would like to thank all personnel, councillors and our brilliant management

team for proving once again that Langeberg is one of the most well-managed municipalities in the country.

If you thought this was the only positive news about our municipal area, well think again ... Langeberg was recently also listed as South Africa's sixth most well-run municipality by the 2016 Government Performance Index (GPI).

The GPI is compiled by Good Governance Africa (GGA).

We will continue delivering excellent services and are always ready to listen to our community and its needs. We will

strengthen our partnerships with other spheres of government and relevant stakeholders, so that together we can overcome common challenges, and move forward as a collective.

May these recognitions inspire all of us to continue with a hands-on approach in developing our community, by participating in municipal activities and the upcoming municipal election.

Let's gently take our beautiful region into a new chapter.

**Executive Mayor
Diana Gagiano**

Tyd om jou merk te maak

Net soos die somer verby gegaan het en 'n verandering in seisoen hier is, het die tyd ook aangebreek om jou merk te maak in die komende munisipale verkiesing.

Die verkiesing sal na verwagting tussen 18 Mei en 16 Augustus vanjaar gehou word. Die doel van dié proses is om 'n raadslid (wat jou wyk verteenwoordig) te verkies wat verantwoordelik sal wees vir die bestuur van die Langeberg-munisipaliteit vir die volgende vyf jaar.

Ek doen 'n beroep op alle inwoners om seker te maak hulle is geregistreer om te stem; om te weet waar hulle moet stem en om ander in die gemeenskap aan te moedig om dieselfde te doen. Kiesers kan by hul naaste OVK-kantoor seker maak of hulle geregistreer is.

Die lewering van uitstekende dienste aan ons plaaslike gemeenskappe is die hartklop of hooffunksie van elke plaaslike munisipaliteit in die land. Wanneer die gehalte van dienslewering hoog bly, groei die vlakke van die vertroue van die gemeenskap in sy munisipaliteit outomaties en word dit versterk.

Dit gesê, is dit vir my aangenaam om aan te kondig dat die Langeberg-munisipaliteit onlangs sy vierde agtereenvolgende skoon audit vir die 2014-2015 finansiële jaar van die Suid-Afrikaanse ouditeur-generaal ontvang het.

Dié toekenning simboliseer ons toewyding

tot die versekering van skoon administrasie, goeie regering en gesonde finansiële bestuur. Dit demonstreer ons passie om ons gemeenskap na die beste van ons vermoë te dien. Ek wil alle personeel, raadslede en ons briljante bestuursspan bedank dat hulle opnuut bewys het die Langeberg-munisipaliteit is een van die bes-bestuurde munisipaliteite in die land.

Nog positiewe nuus is dat die Langeberg-munisipaliteit onlangs gelys is as Suid-Afrika se sesde bes-bestuurde munisipaliteit volgens die 2016 Regeringsprestasië-indeks (RPI). Die RPI word deur Good Governance Africa (GGA) saamgestel.

Ons sal voortgaan om uitstekende dienste te lewer en is altyd gereed om na die gemeenskap se behoeftes te luister. Ons sal ons met ander sferes van die regering en relevante belanghebbende versterk sodat ons saam gemeenskaplike uitdagings kan oorkom en as 'n eenheid vorentoe kan beweeg.

Mag hierdie prestasies ons inspireer om voort te gaan met 'n praktiese benadering om die gemeenskap te ontwikkel deur deel te neem aan munisipale aktiwiteite en die komende munisipale verkiesing.

Kom ons neem ons pragtige streek saggies tot 'n nuwe hoofstuk.

**Uitvoerende burgemeester
Diana Gagiano**

Lixesha lokuba wenze olwakho uphawu

Nanjengokuba ihlobo selidlule nokutshintsha kwemo yezulu sekuphezu kwethu, kukwanjalo nokufikelwa kwethu ngamnye namnye lixesha lokwenza uphawu lwethu kulonyulo oluzayo looMasipala baseMakhaya.

Unyulo kulindelek lwenzeke kwisithuba esithile esiphakathi kowe-18 kuMeyi (kwekaNcanzibe) kunye nowe-16 kuAgasti (kweyeThupha) kulo nyaka. Isizathu sokwenza oku sesokuba uzinyulele uceba omfunayo (ozakumela iwadi yakho) nozakuthabatha uxanduva ekulawuleni uMasipala waseLangeberg kule minyaka mihlanu izayo.

Ndibongoza bonke abahlali baqinisekise ukuba babhalisile; bayazi apho bazakuvotela khona, kananjalo bakhuthaze nabanye boluntu lwabo ukuba bayokwenza ngokunjalo. Abavoti basenozikuqinisekisa ukuba babhalisile ngokuthi baye kwi-ofisi ye-IEC ekufutshane kubo. Ukunikezela ngeenkonzo ezibalaseleyo kuluntu lwethu yinto engaphakathi okanye ngumsebenzi ongundoqo wawo nawuphi na umasipala wasemakhaya kweli lizwe. Ngakooko xa umngangatho wokunikezela kwenkonzo ugcinwa uphezulu, ngoko nomngangatho wethemba loluntu kumasipala utho uzikhulele futhi womelele.

Ndikuthethile oko, kundinika uvuyo olukhulu ukubhengeza ukuba uMasipala waseLangeberg kutshanje ufumene ingxelo yabaPicothi Engenachaphaza okwesine kulandelelana kuMpicothi Jikelele waseMzantsi Afrika kunyaka-mali ka2014-2015.

Eliwonga liluphawu lokuzinikezela kwethu siqinisekisa ulawulo olucocekileyo, ulawulo olulungileyo ku-

nye nolawulo lwemali olululo. Ibonisa ukuzingca esinako ekusebenzeleni uluntu lwethu kangangoko sinako.

Ndithanda ukubulela bonke abasebenzi, ooceba kunye neqela labalawuli bethu elihlakaniphileyo ngokuthi bazibonakalise kwakhona, ukuba uMasipala waseLangeberg ngomnye woomasipala abalawulwa ngendlela elungileyo kweli lizwe.

Ukuba ucinga kukuphela kweendaba ezakhayo le ngingqi enokunikezela ngazo, uMasipala waseLangeberg uthetha kutshanje wabekwa kuluhlu njengomasipala wesithandathu olawulwa ngeyona ndlela apha eMzantsi Afrika, ngokokutsho kweSalathisi sikaRhulumente Sokusebenza luka2016. Esi salathisi siqulunqwe ngaboLawulo Olulungileyo.

Siza kuqhubeleka sihambisa iinkonzo ezibalaseleyo kwaye sisoloko sikulungele nokuphuhlaphula izidingo zoluntu lwethu. Siza kulenza lomelele ubambiswano kunye namanye amanqanaba karhulumente kunye nabo bachaphazelekayo nabafanelekileyo, khonukuze sidibene siyilwe lemiceli-mngeni, siqhube sibheke phambili ngokwembumba.

Yanga ezizinto zizinika ingqalelo zingasivuselela sonke ukuze siqhubeke nendlela yokulusingatha ngokwethu uphuhliso loluntu lwethu, ngokuthi sithathe inkxaxheba kwimisebenzi kamasipala kunye nakulonyulo oluzayo lukamasipala.

Ngobunono masiwuthathe lo mmandla wethu umhle siyokuwubeka kwisahluko esitsha.

**USodolophu weSigqeba
Diana Gagiano**

Ambisieuse nuwe uitvoerende onderburgemeester vir streek!

Sy grootste passie is om 'n helpende hand aan die armste van armes te verleen. Dít is Zamikhaya Nyamana, wat onlangs in die Robertson-raadsaal verkies is tot die nuwe uitvoerende onderburgemeester van die Langeberg-munisipaliteit.

Nyamana (38), wat ook aangewys is as die portefeuljehouër van die departement van strategiese en ekonomiese ontwikkeling, sal vanuit 'n politiese oogpunt strategiese steun bied en 'n oorsigrol vervul tot die einde van dié termyn.

"Ek wil die lewensgehalte van die mense van die Langeberg verbeter deur 'n resultaatgedrewe kultuur in my kantoor te skep wat floreer op effektiewe kommunikasie en spanwerk," het Nyamana gesê.

Sy kantoor het vennootskappe met verskeie relevante aandeelhouders in die gemeenskap as sleutelrol geïdentifiseer

om maatskaplike ewels in die gemeenskap aan te spreek. In samewerking met die polisie, departement van maatskaplike ontwikkeling en departement van onderwys, het Nyamana bygevoeg, sal hy graag programme wil uitrol wat uitdagings soos vroue- en kindermishandeling, dwelmmisbruik en misdaad aanspreek.

Nyamana is in 1976 in Tsomo in die Oos-Kaap gebore. Hy het op 'n jong ouderdom saam met sy gesin na Nkqubela verhuis waar hy in die Masakheke Geïntegreerde Skool was. Hy is bekend as 'n mense-mens, goeie luisteraar en iemand wat altyd die ekstra myl sal loop.

Hy is 'n kanniedood Kaizer Chiefs- en Stormers-ondersteuner. Wanneer hy tyd op hande het, hou hy daarvan om op hoogte van die jongste nuus op plaaslike en internasionale vlak te bly.

Voorheen 'n petroljoggie by Robert-

son se Shell-vulstasie, het hy bewys dat 'n mens se omstandighede en agtergrond nie as 'n bepalende faktor in jou toekoms beskou kan word nie.

"Ek dink ek kan my vereenselwig met baie mense wat een of ander tyd in hul lewe moeilike tye moes oorkom. Ek hoop my verhaal kan ander in die gemeenskap inspireer om sukses te behaal, ongeag die struikelblokke in hul pad," het hy gesê.

Nyamana het sy oog nou ferm op die oorbrugging van grootskaalse kwessies wat honderde mense in die Langeberg-area direk raak. Werkloosheid, sê hy, is die grootste struikelblok wat die streek se groei en ekonomiese potensiaal lam lê, maar vaardigheidsontwikkeling onder jongmense, opvoeding en voldoende entrepreneurskap (plaaslike ondernemings) is ook sleutelkwessies wat dringende aandag vereis, aldus Nyamana.

"Om kragtige opvoedingsveldtogte

van stapel te stuur wat jongmense sal rig na kolleges vir verdere onderrig en opleiding en universiteit, moet ons kragte saamsnoer met die departement van onderwys en ander regeringsfere. Om 'n goeie fondament vir die streek se werkende populasie te lê is van kardinale belang. 'n Seker manier om sterk entrepreneursleiers te kry en meer plaaslike ondernemings te vestig, is om die masas op te lei.

Sportontwikkeling is nog 'n prioriteit vir die plaaslike leier. "Ek wil plaaslike sport sien floreer. Ons kan slegs gesamentlike oplossings vind tot dié wat verhoed dat plaaslike klubs nuwe hoogtes bereik, deur sterk vennootskappe te vorm," het hy gesê.

Volgens Nyamana is die Langeberg-muni-

sipaliteit 'n goedbestuurde instansie wat die afgelope vier jaar agtereenvolgens skoon audits ontvang het en tans beskou word as een van die skoonste dorpe in die Wes-Kaap.

Hy benadruk dat, wanneer dit kom by dienslewering wat sigbaar moet wees, dit belangrik is om kwessies vinnig aan te spreek en om belastingbetalers te respekteer, om só gesamentlike vooruitgang te bewerkstellig.

Volgens Nyamana kan maatskaplike uitdagings nie deur 'n enkele persoon of entiteit opgelos word nie, maar deur forums, vennootskappe, oop gesprekke en ondersteuning van die gemeenskap.

"Ek gee diep om vir dié gemeenskap wat ons ons tuiste noem. Ek is gereed om die beste van myself aan die Langeberg te gee. Kom ons werk saam om 'n selfs mooier, veilige en produktiewe omgewing te skep."



Ambitious new Executive Deputy Mayor in Town!

His greatest passion in life is to lend a helping hand to the poorest of the poor.

This is Zamikhaya Nyamana, who has recently been elected inside the Robertson Council Chambers as the new Executive Deputy Mayor of Langeberg Municipality. Nyamana (38), who has been assigned as the portfolio head of the Department of Strategy and Social Development, will from a political vantage point provide strategic support and play an oversight role until the end of this term.

"I want to improve the quality of life among the people of Langeberg, by instilling a results-driven culture in my office which thrives on effective communication and teamwork," he said.

His office has highlighted "partnerships" with relevant stakeholders in society as the key ingredient for combating social ills experienced in this region.

Nyamana mentioned that in collaboration with the police, Department of Social Development and the Department of Education he would like to roll out programmes pinpointing challenges such as women and child abuse, drug-abuse and crime, and tackling them.

Born in 1976 in Tsomo in the Eastern Cape, Nyamana at a very young age relocated with his family to Nkqubela, where he attended Masakheke Combined School.

He is known to be a people's person, an effective listener and a person who will always go the extra mile.

He is a die-hard Kaizer Chiefs and



The Langeberg Municipality's new Executive Deputy Mayor, Zamikhaya Nyamana.

Stormers fan.

When he has some free time, he loves to keep abreast of the latest news and developments both locally and internationally.

Being a former petrol attendant at Robertson's Shell Garage he has proven that one's circumstances or background cannot be used as an indicator

to determine one's future.

"I think I can relate to many people who have had to endure tough times at some point in their lives," he said. "I hope my story can inspire others in our community to become successful, no matter what obstacles lay before them."

Nyamana has set his sights firmly

on overcoming large-scale issues that affect hundreds of people living in the Langeberg region directly.

He explains that unemployment is the single-biggest challenge crippling this region's growth and economic potential, but also highlighted skills development (youth), education, and inadequate entrepreneurs (local businesses) as key

issues that require urgent attention.

"To run powerful educational campaigns that will steer more young adults to FET colleges and universities, we need to collaborate with the Department of Education and other spheres of government. Laying a solid foundation for the region's working population is crucial. A certain way of getting strong entrepreneurial leaders and more local businesses being established is to educate the masses."

Sports development is another priority for the local leader. "I want to see local sport flourish. It's only by forming strong partnerships, can we begin to find common solutions to difficulties that are keeping our clubs from reaching new heights," he said.

According to him, the Langeberg Municipality is a well-run organisation that has for the past four years in a row achieved clean audits, and is currently regarded as one of the cleanest towns in the Western Cape.

He readily concedes that visible or discernible service delivery, prompt responsiveness, respecting the ratepayers are "essential in moving forward as a collective".

Nyamana stated that social challenges cannot be solved by a single person or entity, but through forums, partnerships, open discussion and support from the community.

"I care dearly for this community we call home. I'm ready to give the best of myself to Langeberg. Let's all work together to create and even more beautiful, safe and productive environment."

Kukho uSekela Sodolophu weSigqeba omtsha onamabhongo!

Eyona nto enkulu athanda ukuyenza ebomini kukuncedisa ekubonelelweni kwamahlwempu ahlelelekileyo.

Lona nguMnu Zamikhaya Nyamana, othe wanyulwa kutshanje ngaphakathi Kwigumbi Lendibano yeBhunga eRobertson kule nyanga iphelileyo, njengoSekela Sodolophu weSigqeba omtsha kaMasipala waseLangeberg.

UNyamana (38), nothe wabelwa njengentloko yeSebe leQhinga noPhuhliso Loluntu, uzakuthi ngengenele lakhe kwezopolitiko anike inkxaso qhinga kwananjalo adlale nendima yokongamela kude kufike isiphelo sexesha lakhe lobuceba.

"Ndifuna ukuphucula umgangatho wobomi phakathi kwabantu baseLangeberg ngokuthi nge-ofisi yam ndizise indlela yokusebenza engunozala weziphumo ntoleyo eyakuchuma kuthethwano ngempumelelo kunye nokusebenza njengeqela," utshilo.

I-ofisi yakhe ibalaselise "ubambiswano" kunye nabachaphazelekayo ngokufanelekileyo eluntwini, nje ngeyona nto iphambili ekulweni iingxaki zentlalo ekugaxelekwa kuzo kulo

mmandla.

UNyamana uchaze ukuba ngentsebenziswano nabakwaSAPS, iSebe loPhuhliso loLuntu kunye neSebe lezeMfundo angathanda ukuqalisa iinkqubo ezizakungqala-nkqo ekuqibisaneni nemiceli-mngeni efana nokudlukunyezwa kwabasetyhini kunye nabantwana, ukusetyenziswa gwenxa kweziyobisi kwanobundlobongela.

UNyamana wazalwa ngo-1976 eTsomo kwelaseMpuma-Koloni. Ngexesha wayesemcinane kakhulu yena nosapho lwakowabo bafudukela eNkqubela, apho ke wangena kwiSikolo Esidityanisiweyo saseMasakheke. Waziwa njengomntu wabantu, umntu okwaziyo ukumamela nowenza ade agqithise ukwenzela omnye umntu.

Ungumxhasi omkhulu waMakhosi neStormers.

Xa ethe wanexesha, uye athande ukuzigcina enolwazi ngeendaba nezinto eziqhubekayo apha ekhaya nakwamanye amazwe.

Nanjengamntu obekhe wasebenza njengomgaleli wamafutha eenqwelo kwigaraji yakwaShell, eRobertson,

uyibonakalisile into yokuba iimeko opantsi kwazo okanye imvelaphi yakho ayisiso isibonakalisi esikhombisa ikamva likabani.

"Ndiyacinga ndingakwazi ukubaqonda abantu abaninzi ekufuneka banamezele amaxesha anzima ngamathuba athile ebomini babo. Ndiya-themba ukuba ibali lam liyakuba nokukhuthaza abanye kuluntu lwethu ukuze nabo baphumelele, kungakhataliseki nokuba yeyiphi imiqobo esendleleni yabo," utsho njalo.

UNyamana amehlo ache athe ntsho ekoyiseni imiba ngobubanzi yonethi ichaphazele ngqo amakhulu-khulu abantu abahlala kulo mmandla waseLangeberg.

Uye wachaza ukuba ukungabikho komsebenzi ngowona mnceli-mngeni umkhulu oqhwalalisa ukukhula kunye nokuqaqamba kwezoqoqosho, kanye kwakhona wabalalelisa uphuhliso lwezakhona (kulutsha), imfundo kunye nokunqongophala kosomashishini (osomashishini basekuhlaleni) njengento ephambili esadinga ukunikwa ingqalelo.

"Ukwenza amaphulo emfundo anefuthe nayakuthi aqhubele abantu abadala abasebatsha kwiiKholeji zokugqibezela imfundo naseziDyunivesithi, kufuneka sisebenzisane kunye neSebe lezeMfundo kwanamanye amanqanaba karhulumente. Ukubeka isisekelo esiluhlile kubemi bakulo mmandla abasebenzayo kubalulekile. Indlela ethile yokufumana iinkokheli ezimnqondo wazo ukwezoshishino nokuze kunmiselwe noosomashishini basekuhlaleni kufuneka kufundiswe inyambalala.

Uphuhliso lwezemidlalo yenye into esemqoka kule nokokheli yasekuhlaleni. "Ndifuna ukubona imidlalo yasekuhlaleni ihluma.

"Kuphela kungokusebenzisana ngamandla, apho khona sinokufumana izisombululo kubunzima athi azifumane ekuwo amaqela ethu nobuwa-thintela ekubeni ayokufikelela kumanqanaba aphezulu," uthethe wenjenjalo.

Ngokutsho kwakhe, uMasipala

waseLangeberg ngumbutho olawulwa ngendlela-entle othe kwiminyaka mine edlulileyo wafumana iingxelo zabapicothi ezingenachaphaza zilandelelana, kwaye uthathwa njengenyee-dolophu ezicocekileyo eNtshona Koloni.

Uyewabalaselisa isibakalo sokuba xa kufikelwa kunikezelo lweenkonzo njengento ebonakalayo, ukungenelela ngoko nangoko kwimiba kwanokuhlonitshwa kwabarhafi "yeyona nto ibalulekileyo ukusiqhubela phambili njengembumba".

UNyamana uchaze nokuba imiceli-mngeni yasekuhlaleni ayingekhe ibe yinto esombululwa ngumntu omnye okanye liqumrhu, kodwa ngeendibaniswano, ngentsebenziswano, uthetha-thethwano oluvulelekileyo kunye nenkxaso evela kuluntu.

"Ndilukhathalele ngokwenene uluntu lwasekhaya. Sendikulungele ukunikela ngobona mna eLangeberg. Sisonke masisebenzisane sikwenze kubekuhle ngakumbi okusinqongileyo, kube kokukhuselekileyo kunye nokunemveliso."



Budget Review 2016-'17

The Langeberg Municipality's budget tabled for the new financial year is presented against the backdrop of a weak global economy.

According to Ald. Diana Gagiano, Executive Mayor of the Langeberg Municipality, it is estimated that the next 24 months will be very difficult and challenging thus "visionary leadership is needed to steer us in the appropriate direction".

Gagiano stated that our currency has substantially depreciated against a basket of currencies in the world.

"There are a number of inflationary pressures in our economy like the current drought experienced in some parts of the country.

"Other pressures include high fuel, electricity and food prices, and the threat of the country being degraded into junk status by the rating agencies is another problem that will impact on our predicted growth of the economy," she said.

Another concern we must have is the high rate of unemployment which results in poverty.

The ultimate problem is that we will have more and more of our citizens being dependent on social grants and the Indigents Register will grow.

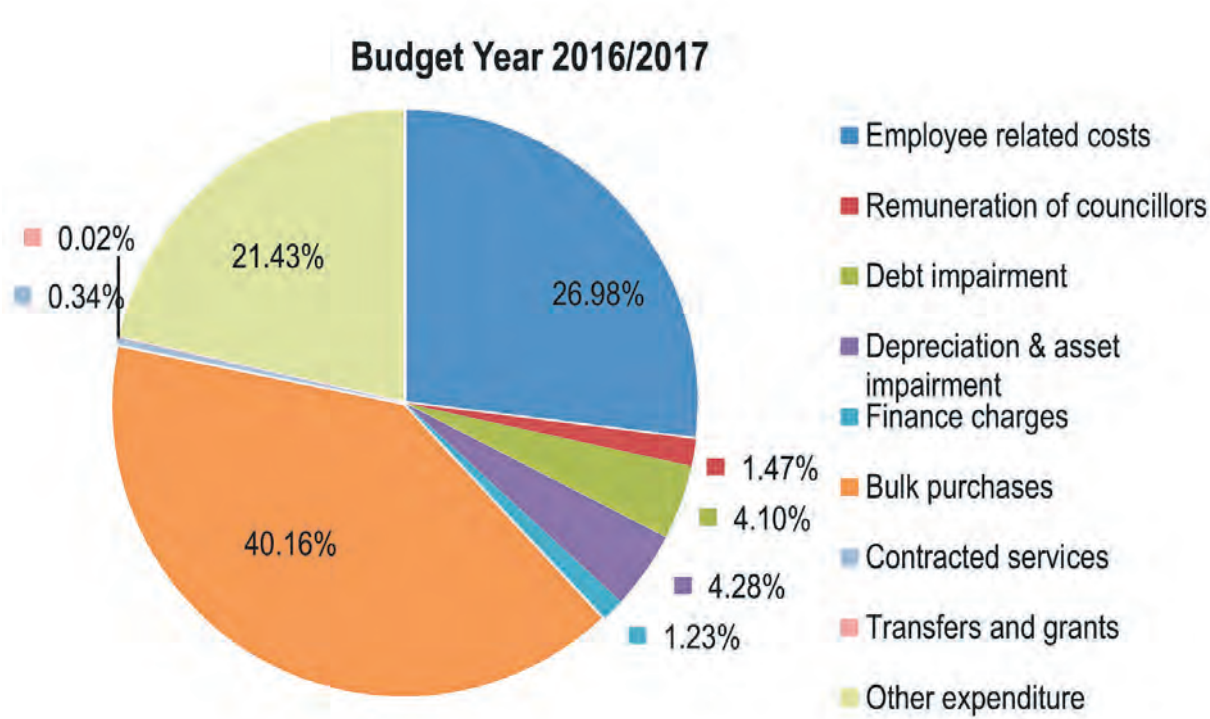
This will mean that more money will have to be allocated towards our Indigents Provision.

Pro-poor initiatives

In order to ensure that this municipality is a caring one that works for the poorest of the poor, we have drafted this budget in such a way that the impact of the bad economic climate does not negatively affect the most vulnerable groups of our society.

We have applied a combination of three strategies:

1. The value of properties to be exempted from property rates is R80 000 whilst legislation requires us to give R15 000 exemption.
2. The qualifying household income for indigent subsidy stays at R3 000 per household. Household implies the total



The graph shows how the 2016-2017 budget will be spent per expenditure type expressed as a percentage.

income of all persons who live on that property.

Note that the indigent grant will be withdrawn from any person who:

- Runs a spaza shop illegally from the premises receiving subsidy;
- Allows illegal electricity connections to the premises receiving an indigent grant;
- Subleases the premises receiving indigent grant which means that the applicant is not personally occupying the premises;

3. We have also introduced rates rebates to pensioners who are older than 60 years of age:

- For income of less than R3 000 per household the rebate is 60%.
- Household income of up to R5 000 per month will receive a 40% rebate.

Budget overview

The budget tabled for 2016-'17 is as follows:

The Municipality's 2016-'17 budget amounts to R696,287 million, made up as follows:

- Capital budget of R51,971 million;
- Operating budget of R644,316 million.

(See graphs on page 4 and 5.)

Revenue/tariff increases

- Tariffs for property rates will increase with 5,3%
- Electricity 7,64%
- The water increase will be 8,2%
- Solid waste 8,4%
- Sanitation 7,8%

Expenditure category increases

- Salaries and wages (including increments) 8,58%
- Repairs and maintenance 33,87%
- Capital costs -8,31%
- Bulk purchases (water and electricity) 7,03%

Free basic services

The municipality is currently providing

free basic services to 5 550 indigent consumers and the amount in rand value is shown below:

- Refuse R8 460 780
- Water (basic charges) R3 897 370
- Sewerage R11 899 770
- Electricity R4 599 090

Langeberg Municipality's consultation process on its draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) review and budget will be held in April. Council will consider these inputs before the approval of the budget in May.

"This budget must not be about the numbers, but it should be a plan that will touch the lives of our people in a meaningful way.

"Yes, this budget must provide relief to the poverty-stricken communities of this municipality.

"The community must judge us on the manner in which this budget is implemented," said Gagiano.

Budget questions asked

Having regard for the economic crisis we find ourselves in, preparing the budget before us we had to ask ourselves a number of serious questions:

■ How is the global slowdown in the world economy going to impact on the local economy?

■ How will it impact on the demand for municipal services by particularly companies and households? And how will this impact on municipal revenues and provisions for bad and doubtful debts?

■ How will it impact on employment and household incomes within the municipal area? What impact will it have on the ability of ratepayers to pay, and therefore on the income of the municipality and provisions for bad and doubtful debts?

■ Will there be an increase in the number of households that qualify to receive rates discounts and free basic services in terms of our indigent policy? How will this impact on the cost of providing these services, and what impact, will it have on the sustainability of the municipality's finances?

■ How will the scarcity of credit impact on the municipality's cost of borrowing? Will it increase the interest we have to pay on our existing debt? Will it affect the financial viability of using debt to finance planned capital projects? Will it be necessary for us to delay certain capital projects, such as the upgrade of electricity with which we are busy?

Begrotingsoorsig 2016-'17

Die Langeberg Munisipaliteit se begroting wat vir die finansiële jaar ter tafel gelê is, word aangebied teen die agtergrond van 'n swak globale ekonomie. Volgens rdh. Diana Gagiano, uitvoerende burgemeester van die Langeberg Munisipaliteit, word geskat dat die volgende 24 maande baie moeilik en uitdagend gaan wees; dus is "visionêre leierskap nodig om ons in die regte rigting te stuur".

Gagiano het verduidelik ons randwaarde het wesenlik verswak teenoor die vernaamste geldeenhede in die wêreld.

"Daar is 'n aantal inflasionele drukfaktore op ons ekonomie, soos die huidige droogte wat in sommige dele van ons land ervaar word.

Ander drukfaktore sluit in hoë brandstof-, elektrisiteits- en voedselprijs, en die bedreiging dat ons land afgegradeer kan word tot rommelstatus deur graderingsagentskappe is nog 'n probleem wat 'n impak sal hê op die voorspelde groei van die ekonomie," het sy gesê.

Nog 'n bekommernis is die hoë werkloosheid-syfer wat weer bydra tot armoede.

Die groot probleem is dat ons landsburgers meer en meer afhanklik gaan wees van staatstoelae wat die Armoederegister sal laat vergroot.

Dit beteken dat meer geld beskikbaar gemaak sal moet word vir ons Armoedetoelae.

Pro-arm-inisiatiewe

Om te verseker dat hierdie munisipaliteit omgee vir die armes, het ons 'n begroting opgestel op so 'n manier dat die impak van die huidige lae ekonomiese klimaat die minste invloed het op die mees blootgestelde groepe in ons gemeenskap. Ons het 'n kombinasie van drie strategieë ingestel:

1. Die maksimumwaarde vir eiendom wat vrygestel word van eiendomsbelasting is R80 000, terwyl wetgewing vereis dat vrystelling slegs tot by R15 000 gegee hoef te word.

2. Die inkomste van 'n huishouding om te kwalifiseer vir deernissubsidie bly steeds die bedrag van R3 000 per huishouding. Huishouding beteken die totale inkomste van alle persone wat op daardie perseel woon.

Neem kennis dat hierdie deernissubsidies vanaf enige persone onttrek sal word wat:

- 'n Onwettige spazawinkel bedryf vanaf hierdie perseel wat die deernissubsidie ontvang.
- Toelaat dat onwettige elektrisiteitsverbindinge op hierdie perseel wat deernissubsidie ontvang gemaak word.
- Die eiendom wat die deernissubsidie ontvang onderverhuur, wat beteken dat daardie persoon nie self daar woon nie.

3. Ons het ook verminderde tariewe vir persone

van 60 jaar en ouer ingestel.

■ Vir inkomste minder as R3 000 per huishouding is die verminderende tarief 60%.

■ Huishoudelike inkomste tot en met R5 000 per maand sal 'n 40%- verminderende tarief ontvang

Begrotingsoorsig

Die begroting vir 2016-'17 kom neer op R696,287 miljoen, saamgestel as volg:

- Kapitale begroting van R51,971 miljoen.
- Operasionele begroting van R644,316 miljoen.

(Sien grafieke op bladsy 4 en 5.)

Inkomste/tariefverhogings

■ Tariewe vir eiendomsbelasting sal verhoog met 5,3%

- Elektrisiteit 7,64%
- Water verhoog met 8,2%
- Vaste afval 8,4%
- Sanitasie 7,8%

Uitgawe-kategorieverhogings

Verhogings in uitgawes is as volg:

- Salarisse en lone (insluitend loonverhogings): 8,58%
- Onderhoud en herstel: 33,87%
- Kapitale koste: -8,31%
- Grootmaat-aankope (water

en elektrisiteit): 7,03%

Gratis basiese dienste

Die munisipaliteit verskaf tans gratis basiese dienste aan 5 550 hulpbehoewende gebruikers en die bedrag in randwaarde word hieronder vertoon:

- Vullisverwydering R8 460 780
- Water (basiese heffings) R3 897 370
- Riolerings R11 899 770
- Elektrisiteit R4 599 090

Die Langeberg Munisipaliteit se konsultasieproses vir sy voorlopige Geïntegreerde Ontwikkelingsplan (GOP) en begroting sal in April gehou word waar verskeie gemeenskapsorganisasies en verteenwoordigers die geleentheid sal hê om hul insette te lewer. Die raad sal hierdie insette oorweeg voor die goedkeuring van die begroting in Mei.

"Hierdie begroting moenie oor die syfers wees nie maar moet 'n plan wees wat die lewens van ons mense op 'n betekenisvolle wyse sal raak. Ja, die begroting moet verligting bring na die armoedegeïsterde gemeenskappe van hierdie munisipaliteit.

"Die gemeenskap moet ons beoordeel op die manier waarop ons hierdie begroting implementeer," het Gagiano gesê.

Water analysis

It is important that treated water complies with the strict South African National Standards (SANS). Analysis reports are done monthly at these purification plants by an external service provider, the SANS-accredited AL Abbot and Associates. The latest available report, compiled in February, breaks down the five towns’ treated water results and shows the water to be safe according to the SANS 241 standards as indicated in this SANS certificate of analysis report.

Dit is belangrik dat die behandelde water voldoen aan die streng Suid-Afrikaanse Nasionale Standaard (SANS). Ontledingsverslae word op ’n maandelikse basis by hierdie suiweringsaanlegte deur ’n eksterne diensverskaffer, die SANS-geakkrediteerde A.L. Abbot and Associates, gedoen. Die mees onlangse verslag, saamgestel in Februarie, gee ’n uiteensetting van die vyf dorpe se behandelde water en dui aan dat die water veilig is volgens die SANS 241-standaard, soos in die tabel hierbo.

Ingingqi yaseLangeberg inamaziko amahlanu okucoca amanzi aselwayo kunye namanye amahlanu okucoca awelindle. Kubalulekile ukuba oku kucocwa kwamanzi kwenziwe ngokwemigqaliselo enqingwe ngabakwaSouth National Standards (SANS). Iingxelo zokuhlolwa kwamanzi zenziwa rhoqo ngenyanga kulo maziko okucocwa kwamanzi, lusenziwa leqela langaphandle elinikezela ngalo nkonzo, lakwa- A.L. Abbot and Associates neliphunyeziweyo lakwa-SANS. Iingxelo yamva-nje equlunqwe nguMasipala waseLangeberg ngo-uFebhewari icazulula iziphumo zokucocwa kwamanzi kwidolophu zontlanu, ikwaphawula neziphumo zokukhuseleka kwamanzi ngokwamanqanaba ka-SANS 241 nanjengoko kubonakalisiwe kwesi sigcangca sengxelo yokuhlolwa singezantsi neyenziwe ngabakwa-SANS.

ANALYSES	ASHTON Sample no.: 5011 Date Sample: 2016/03/03 Date Analysed: 2016/03/04	BONNIEVALE Sample no.: 4995 Date Sample: 2016/03/03 Date Analysed: 2016/03/04	McGREGOR Sample no.: 4988 Date Sample: 2016/03/03 Date Analysed: 2016/03/04	MONTAGU Sample no.: 5001 Date Sample: 2016/03/03 Date Analysed: 2016/03/04	ROBERTSON Sample no.: 4793 Date Sample: 2016/03/03 Date Analysed: 2016/03/04	SANS 241-1 2011
pH (at 25 °C)	7,04	7,23	5,86	7,26	6,89	5 - 9,7 Operational
Conductivity (mS/m) (at 25 °C)	62,5	70,5	12,0	70,0	16,0	170 Aesthetic
Turbidity (NTU)	2,1	0,51	0,56	0,58	1,9	5 Aesthetic 1 Operational
Langelier Saturation Index (at 25 °C)	-1,8	-1,5	-4,4	-1,4	-3,0	N/A
Ryznar Index	10,7	10,3	-5,9	10,1	12,8	N/A
Colour (mg/ℓ as Pt)	<4	<4	<4	<4	<4	15 Aesthetic
CaCO3 Precipitation Potential (mg/ℓ)	-16,8	-13,0	-69,5	-11,9	-13,0	N/A
Total Alkalinity (mg/ℓ as CaCO3)	37,1	42,9	<11.0	43,3	14,5	N/A
Total Hardness (mg/ℓ as CaCO3)	81,9	90,8	11,1	98,8	19,1	N/A
Calcium (mg/ℓ as Ca)	11,1	12,2	1,5	15,4	2,7	N/A
Magnesium (mg/ℓ as Mg)	13,2	14,7	1,8	14,7	3,0	N/A
Aluminium (ug/ℓ asAl)	868	291	249	200	30	300 Operational
Iron (ug/ℓ asFe)	<24	<24	<24	<24	<24	300 Aesthetic 2 000 Chronic <0,05Health
Free Chlorine (mg/ℓ)	0,10	0,15	0,13	2,7	0,72	5,0 Chronic Health
E.coli (count per 100mℓ)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	Not Detected Acute Health -1
Total Coliform Bacteria (count per 100mℓ)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	10 Operational
Calcium Hardness (mg/ℓ as CaCO3)	27,8	30,5	3,8	38,5	6,8	N/A
Magnesium Hardness (mg/ℓ as CaCO3)	54,1	60,3	7,4	60,3	12,3	N/A
Heterotrophic Plate Count (count per mℓ)	420	990	980	7	<1	1 000 Operational



THINKING INTO THE FUTURE: Learning is important in the Langeberg. That is why more than 1 000 local learners as well as unemployed adults attended the Langeberg Municipality’s seventh Career Expo last month (read the full article on page 7).



Learners 'seize opportunity' at Career Expo

The Langeberg Municipality recently hosted its seventh annual career exhibition in Robertson, where learners took full advantage of the opportunity to consult with various tertiary institutions and FET colleges about their desired career path.

More than 1 000 learners, 50 parents and about 80 unemployed youth attended this year's two-day exhibition (Thursday 25 and Friday 26 February) at the Callie de Wet Hall.

Some of the institutions stationed inside the hall included the University of the Western Cape, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Unisa, College of Cape Town, South African Police Service and PwC.

For the first time, the organisers of the exhibition invited local professionals such as doctors,

lawyers and accountants to engage with the region's top Grade 12 learners. The aim was for learners to gain first-hand insight into the career they would like to pursue after school.

The professionals explained to the learners what will be expected from them in the workplace, the pros and cons of the job, advised them, and also answered some of their burning questions.

The exhibition was hosted in partnership with the Department of Education (Worcester branch) and the Cape Career Exhibitors Association.

Dave van Schalkwyk, Manager: Social Development at Langeberg Municipality, mentioned that learners' futures begin at school. "This is where they should already be preparing and mapping out their future," said Van Schalkwyk.

He added that getting good results at school

will open doors further on in learners' careers.

"Your future is in your own hands," he said. "Make sure that what you want to study is really what you want to do once you're qualified. Choosing the wrong study direction not only wastes valuable time but also scarce resources. This is one of the main reasons why we host this annual expo."

Van Schalkwyk emphasised the fact that "if you're not sure about what you want to study, get advice before making that final decision."

He concluded by saying: "I would just like to, on behalf of Langeberg Municipality, extend our deepest thanks to all professionals who made time in their busy schedules to be at our expo. It's much appreciated."



Leerders 'gryp geleenthede' by loopbaanekspo

Die Langeberg-munisipaliteit het onlangs sy sewende jaarlikse loopbaandag aangebied met leerders wat opnuut die geleentheid gekry het om verskeie tersiêre instansies en verdere onderwys- en opleidingskolleges te raadpleeg ten opsigte van hul loopbaanrigting.

Meer as 1 000 leerders, 50 ouers en sowat 80 werklose jeugdiges het hierdie jaar se tweedaagse uitstalling (Donderdag 25 en Vrydag 26 Februarie) in die Callie de Wet-saal bygewoon.

Van die instansies by die ekspo sluit in die Universiteit van Wes-Kaapland, Kaapse Skiereiland Universiteit van Tegnologie, Unisa, Kaapstad Kollege, Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens en PwC.

Organiseerders van die geleentheid het vanjaar ook vir die eerste keer plaaslike kundiges soos dokters, prokureurs en rekenmeesters genooi om met die streek se top gr. 12-leerders te gesels. Die mikpunt hiervan was om aan leerders die geleentheid te bied om eerstehandse insae te kry in die beroep wat hul ná skool wil beoefen.

Die betrokke kundiges het aan die leerders verduidelik wat van hulle in die werkomgewing verwag sal word en die voor- en nadele van die beroep. Hulle het leerders ook raad gegee en van hul kwelvrae beantwoord.

Die ekspo is in samewerking met die departement van onderwys (Worcester-tak) en die Kaapse Loopbaan Uitstallersvereniging aangebied.

Dave van Schalkwyk, bestuurder van maatskaplike ontwikkeling by die Langeberg-munisipaliteit, het genoem dat leerders se toekoms reeds op skool begin. "Dit is waar hulle reeds moet begin voorberei en hul toekoms beplan," het hy gesê. Hy het bygevoeg dat goeie prestasie op skoolvlak deure later

in hul loopbaan sal oopmaak.

"Jou toekoms is in jou eie hande. Maak seker dat wat jy gaan studeer werklik is wat jy wil doen wanneer jy kwalifiseer. Deur die verkeerde studierigting te kies, is nie net 'n vermorsing van kosbare tyd nie, maar ook kosbare hulpbronne. Dit is een van die hoofredes waarom ons jaarliks dié ekspo aanbied."

Van Schalkwyk het benadruk dat leerders, indien hul nie seker is wat hulle wil studeer nie, eers advies sal inwin voor hulle 'n finale keuse maak.

Ter afsluiting het hy gesê: "Ek wil, namens die Langeberg-munisipaliteit, ons opregte dank uitspreek teenoor alle kundiges wat tyd in hul besige skedules afgestaan het om die ekspo by te woon."

"Dit word baie waardeer."

Abafundi 'bazingakulele amathuba' kwiMiboniso engekondo lezeMfundo

Kule nyanga idlulileyo eRobertson, uMasipala waseLangeberg ebesingathe umnyadala wonyaka wesi-7 wemibonisi ngamakhondo emfundo umfundi anokuwalandela, apho abafundi bewasebenzise ngokupheleleyo amathuba okubonisana namaziko emfundo aphakamileyo kunye neekholeji zokugqibezela imfundo malunga namakhondo abangwenela ukuwalandela kwezemfundo.

Bangaphezulu kwama-1000 abafundi, benga-50 abazali bemalunga nama-80 ulutsha olungasebenziyo ebebehambela lemiboniso yantsuku-mbini yalo nyaka (ngoLwesine wama-25 nangoLwesihlanu wama-26 kweyoMdumba [Februwari]) kwiHolo iCalie de Wet.

Amanye amaziko ebemise ngaphakathi eholweni aquka iDyunivesithi yaseNtshona Koloni, iDyunivesithi yeThekholo yePenintsula yaseKapa, i-Unisa, iKholeji yaseKapa, Inkonzelo yaMapolisa aseMzantsi Afrika kunye nePwc.

Kube kokuqala, abaququzeleli balomboniso bemema

iingcali zasekuhlaleni ezifana noogqirha, amaqwetha, abacwangcisi-zimali, ukuba baxoxisane nabafundi baKaGreyidi 12 abaphezulu kule ngingqi. Injongo ibikukuba abafundi bafuzimana ulwazi ophuma ngqo kubo ngezifundo abangathanda ukulilandela ikhondo lazo xana begqibile esikolweni.

Ezingcali zibachazela abafundi ngezinto eziyakulindleleka kubo xana bekwidawo zabo zokusebenza, izinto ezilungileyo nezingalunganga ngomsebenzi, babanika iingcebiso, kwakhona baphendula neminye yemibuzo yabo etshisa ibunzi.

Le miboniso isingathwe ngokubambisana neSebe lezeMfundo (kwiCandelo laseWorcester) kunye Nombutho Wababonisi ngaMakhondo ezeMfundo waseKapa.

UDave van Schalkwyk, uMlawuli woPhuhliso lweNtlatontle kuMasipala waseLangeberg, uchazile ukuba ikamva labafundi liqala esikolweni.

"Kulapha apho bamele ukuba sebesenza amalungiselelo behlahlela amakamva abo," utshilo uVan Schalkwyk.

Wongezelele ngelithi ukufumana iziphumo ezihle esikolweni, kuya kuyivula ngakumbi iminyango emininzi kwikamva labo.

"Ikamva lakho lisezandleni zakho. Qinisekisa ukuba into ofuna ukuyifundela yilento kanye ufuna ukuyenza wakuba ugqibile."

"Ukukhetha ikhondo elingelilo lokufunda akwanele nje ukuba likuchithele ixesha elibalulekileyo kodwa nelo lezibonelelo ezinqabileyo. Esi sesinye sezizathu ezisenza sisingathe lemiboniso elekenyaka," uthethe wenjenjalo.

UVan Schalkwyk ugxininise kwinto yokuba "ukuba awuqinisekanga malunga nento ongathanda ukuyifundela, fumana iingcebiso phambi kokuba uthathe isigqibo sokugqibela."

Uvalalise ngelithi: "Ndingathanda ukuthetha egameni likaMasipala waseLangeberg, ndandise imibulelo yethu enzulu kuzo zonke iingcali ezithe zenza ixesha kwiishedyuli zazo ezizakekileyo ukuba bazokubalapha kwimiboniso yethu. Siyixabisile kakhulu lonto."



Our youth should be changing the world, not changing nappies

There are growing concerns within the Langeberg region that teenage pregnancy is now resulting in school dropouts.

The Provincial Department of Health's pregnancy statistics indicate that Langeberg has, since 2010, consistently recorded the highest rate of teenage pregnancies within the Cape Winelands region.

Over the past nine months 1 023 females gave birth in the Langeberg region. Of this number alone, 80 (7,8%) were teenagers.

The Langeberg Municipality has therefore noticed a need to conduct edu-

cational sessions about teenage pregnancy at schools.

The municipality has recently collaborated with the Western Cape Department of Education and Happy Valley Health Clinic, by hosting a teenage pregnancy educational session at Bonnievale Primary School. Only female learners from this school could attend the session.

The main purpose was to educate female learners about the importance of having respect for one's body, saying "NO", not compromising their schooling, and knowing that there are different methods of protection when engaging in sexual activity.

The programme also highlighted the importance of self-worth, personal empowerment, and laid emphasis on the potential consequences involved when engaging in sexual activity.

Dave van Schalkwyk, Manager: Social Development at Langeberg Municipality, mentioned that the best form of protection for young girls against unwanted pregnancies is abstinence.

"There are various methods of contraception, but it's never a certainty that you will be safe. There is also a strong possibility that you could contract a sexually transmitted disease, such as syphilis and Aids. Therefore practising abstinence is

always encouraged," said van Schalkwyk.

He added that all relevant stakeholders in society need to work together to address the rising number of teenage pregnancies in the region, as a matter of urgency.

Teenage pregnancy is one of the major contributing factors leading to poverty, health and social issues in the community.

Van Schalkwyk said a baby doesn't only have a financial impact on the family, but also has a massive emotional and psychological impact on a young mother. He added that there is a tendency for

young mothers to drop out of school, giving up their chance to educate themselves and pursue a profession. This decision could impact negatively on the child's well-being.

Learners were also informed that support is freely available at their nearest clinic. They can get contraception, family planning advice, a pregnancy test, counseling and referrals for an abortion as well as screening and treatment for sexually transmitted illnesses and HIV/Aids.

Support is also available at the following helplines: The Parent Centre – 021 762 0116 and AIDS helpline – 0800 012 322.

Ulutsha lwethu bekufanele lutshintsha ihlabathi, hayi ukutshintsha amanapukeni!

Kukho inkxalabo ekhulayo kule ngqila yaseLangeberg yokuba ukukhulelwa kwabanani-livisayo kungunobangela wokuyekwa kwesikolo.

NgokweSebe lezeMpilo lePhondo Lamanani Abakhulelwayo, abonisa ukuba iLangeberg ithe, ukususela ngo2010, gqolo ukubhalisa amanani aphezulu okukhulelwa kwabo banani-livisayo kule ngqila yaseCape Winelands.

Kwiinyanga ezilithoba ezidlulileyo zizodwa, babengama-1023 abasetyhini abaye bazala kule ngqila yaseLangeberg. Kwelinani, abangama-80 (7,8%) ibengabo banani-livisayo.

UMasipala waseLangeberg ngokoke uyewaphawula imfuneko yokuhutywa kwezifundo ezimalunga nokukhulelwa kwabanani-livisayo ezikolweni.

UMasipala kutshanje uye wabambisana neSebe lezeMfundo laseNtshona Koloni kwakunye neKliniki yaseHappy Valley, basingatha izifundo ngokukhulelwa kwabanani-livisayo kwiSikolo saMabanga Apha-kathi eBonnievale. Iye yangabafundi abangamantombaza kuphela kwesisikolo abathe bazimasa ezizifundo.

Injongo ephambili yayikukufundiswa kwabafundi abangamantombaza ngokubaluleka kokuhlonipha imizimba yabo, besithi "HAYI", bengavumi ukwaphula imfundo yabo, kananjalo bayazi ukuba zindindi ngeendidi iindlela ezikhoyo zokuzikhusela xa usabelana ngesondo.

Le nkqubo iye yabalaselisa ukubaluleka kokuzixabisa, yokuxhobisa wena buqu, futhi yagxininisa kwi-



ziphumo ezinokuthi zibekho xana uthatha inxaxheba kwezosondo.

UDave van Schalkwyk, uMlawuli: woPhuhliso lweNtlanontle kuMasipala waseLangeberg, uchaze ukuba eyona ndlela ingcono yokuthi amantombazana asematsha azikhusele ngayo kukhulelo olungafunekayo kukuba bazigcine.

"Zininzi iindlela zokugcwangcisa, kodwa noko

akukho siqinisekiso sokuba ukhuselekile. Kusenokwenzeka ukuba uchole isifo esosulela ngokwabelana ngesondo, esifana negcutshuwa kunye neAIDS. Ngakoke ukuzigcina yeyona nto esoloko ikhuthazwa," utshilo uVan Schalkwyk.

Wongezelele ngelithi onke amaqela achaphazelekayo asekuhlaleni kufuneka asebenzisane ekusombululeni ukunyuka kwenani lokukhulelwa kwabanani-livisayo kulo mmandla, ngokungxamiseka.

Ukukhulelwa kwabanani-livisayo ngomnye wemiba enegalelo elikhulu nokhokhelela kubuhlwempu, kweyzezempilo neyentlanontle yoluntu.

UVan Schalkwyk uthe usana alwaneli nje ukufaka uxinezelelo kwimo yezimali yosapho, kodwa luzisa noxinezelelo olukhulu kwiimvakalelo nasengqondweni yalomama usemtsha. Wongeza esithi kukho nomkhwa womama abasebatsha abashiya isikolo, banikezele ngamathuba abo okufundela umsebenzi othile. Esi sigqibo singasichaphazela kakubi intlanontle yomntwana.

Abafundi bachazelwe ukuba inkxaso iyafumaneka simahla kwiKliniki ekufutshane nawe. Banakho ukuzifumanela amachiza okugcwangcisa, iingcebiso ngogcwangciso-ntsapho, uvavanyo lokukhulelwa, ukolulekwa nokuthunyelwa kwiindawo zokukhutshwa kwezisu, kwanokuhlolwa nokunyangelwa izifo ezosuleleka ngokwabelana ngesondo kwaneHIV/AIDS.

Inkxaso iyafumaneka kuleminxeba yoncedo ilan-delayo – Iziko Labazali: ku-021 762 0116 nakumnxeba woncedo lweAIDS: ku-0800 012 322.

Ons jeug moet die wêreld verander, nie doeke ruil

Kommer neem toe in die Langeberg-streek dat tienerswangerskappe ál meer tot skoolverlating lei.

Die provinsiale gesondheidsdepartement se statistieke ten opsigte van swangerskappe toon dat die Langeberg sedert 2010 die hoogste vlakke van tienerswangerskappe in die Kaapse Wynland-distrik gehad het.

Gedurende die afgelope nege maande het 1 023 geboorte geskenk in die Langeberg-area. Hiervan alleen was 80 (7,8%) tieners.

In die lig hiervan het die Langeberg Munisipaliteit die nood geïdentifiseer om inligtingssessies ten opsigte van tienerswangerskap by skole aan te bied.

Die munisipaliteit het onlangs kragte saamgesnoer met die Wes-Kaapse departement van onderwys en die Happy Valley-gesondheidskliniek om 'n tienerswangerskap-inligtingssessie by die Bonnievale Primêre Skool aan te bied. Slegs meisies van die skool is toegelaat om die sessie by te woon. Die hoofdoel van die sessie was om aan meisies te beklemtoon dat dit be-

langrik is om respek vir jou liggaam te hê, om "NEE" te sê, nie hul geleentheid op onderrig in gedrang te bring nie en te weet dat daar verskeie beskermingsmaatreëls is as hulle seksueel aktief is.

Dave van Schalkwyk, bestuurder van maatskaplike ontwikkeling by die Langeberg Munisipaliteit, het benadruk dat die beste vorm van beskerming teen ongewenste swangerskap vir jong meisies onthouding is. "Daar is verskeie metodes van voorbehoeding, maar dit is nooit 'n waarborg dat jy veilig sal wees nie. Daar is ook 'n sterk moontlikheid dat jy 'n seksueel oordraagbare siekte soos sifilis of vigs kan opdoen, dus word onthouding altyd aangemoedig," het hy gesê.

Van Schalkwyk het bygevoeg dat alle relevante rolspelers in die samelewing moet saamwerk om die stygende voorkoms in tienerswangerskappe in die streek as 'n saak van dringendheid aan te spreek.

Tienerswangerskappe is een van die

grootste bydraende faktore tot armoede en gesondheids- en maatskaplike kwessies in die gemeenskap. 'n Baba, het Van Schalkwyk gesê, het nie net 'n finansiële impak nie, maar ook 'n reuse emosionele en sielkundige impak op 'n jong ma.

Daar is 'n geneigdheid onder jong ma's om hul skool te verlaat, aldus Van Schalkwyk, wat daartoe lei dat hulle hul kans op geleerdheid en geleentheid om 'n loopbaan na te jaag, prysgee. Dié besluit kan 'n negatiewe impak op die kind se welstand hê.

Leerders is ook ingelig dat ondersteuning gratis by hul naaste kliniek beskikbaar is. Hulle kan voorbehoeding, gesinsbeplanningsadvies, swangerskaptoetse, berading en verwysing vir aborsie sowel as toetse en behandeling vir seksueel oordraagbare siektes en MIV/vigs ontvang. Ondersteuning is ook by die volgende hulplijne beskikbaar: Ouersorg – 021 762 0116 en Vigshulplijn – 0800 012 322.



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