

11.11 Draft George Municipality's 3rd Review of the 5th generation IDP 2022 – 2027

Speaker, Aldermen, councillors, Acting MM, Directors, officials, members of the public. It is with a deep sense of pride and responsibility that I table the IDP for George Municipality today. This IDP is not just a mere piece of paper, it is the blueprint, the outline for our shared future, a shared future that we as the residents of George Municipality have created. This roadmap that will guide us as we build a thriving, inclusive, sustainable community for generations to come.

George is a municipality with so much to offer, from our cultural richness, and immense economic potential, to our beauty which makes George a choice, naturally. The IDP reflects our dedication to harnessing our strengths while confronting the challenges we face with courage and determination.

This IDP is the result of a collaborative process, one that has brought together voices of our communities, it represents a collective vision, one that reflects the hopes, concerns, and aspirations of everyone who calls George their home. And it is this collective spirit that will drive us forward in our mission to ensure a prosperous and inclusive future for all.

As we face the complexities of local governance, we are aware of the pressing issues that we must face. From environmental sustainability and infrastructure development to social equity and economic resilience, the IDP provides us with the framework to tackle these challenges head-on. This plan is not just about responding to problems, but it is also about seizing opportunities at our disposal to enhance the quality of life for every resident in George.

In this IDP, our key areas focus on improving infrastructure, driving economic growth, addressing poverty, and enhancing public safety. We are focused on building a George that is safe, clean, green, and responsive for our residents to live in. By prioritising these areas, we are laying the foundation for a more prosperous, fair, and sustainable future for our city. These are the building blocks that will ensure we continue to grow as a vibrant, welcoming, responsive city.

At the heart of this IDP lies our unwavering commitment to good, clean, and responsible governance and service delivery. We are focused on ensuring financial stability, accountability, and integrity in all that we do. The plan sets clear goals, measurable objectives, and performance indicators, allowing us to track our progress, adapt to emerging challenges, and ensure that we remain on course toward achieving our vision.

Together, we will make George an even better place to live, work, and play – a place where opportunity, diversity, and sustainability thrive. It is in this spirit Speaker that I table the draft 3rd review of our 5th generation IDP.