OSS MAYORAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME KHOTHO MKHUNYA ZONE SPEAKING NOTES, 10 FEBRUARY 2023

As a caring and responsive government, we have a duty to ensure that quality services are delivered in communities and people should not travel long distances to access such services. It is for this reason that the leadership of the municipality decided to adopt the Operation Sukuma Sakhe approach to fast track service delivery to communities.

We started this programme in 2019 here at Khotho Mkhunya Zone and we are pleased that we have been able to visit all zones and wards in the municipality to interact with communities and intervene on service delivery challenges.

The OSS Mayoral Outreach Programme sees the leadership of the Municipality visiting at least 12 wards of the municipality monthly. These visits give us an opportunity to address service delivery challenges raised by communities on the spot.

We are here today to report back on the progress we have made to address the challenges you raised in our previous engagement.

Today, we want to report that the following has been achieved in Ward 94:

- Building of Sizakala Centre
- Repair of 15 Storm damaged houses
- Construction of Mbuthisweni Bridge
- Upgrading of Goldstone Avenue from gravel to tar
- Upgrading of Batha Sibisi Avenue from gravel to tar
- Electrification of a Community Hall at Emasomini Area
- Erection of electricity poles at Emkhazini Area and Repair Streetlights at Mtshingwane Area in Ward 94

INVESTMENT AND JOB CREATION

Job Creation is an apex priority for this government. In this regard, the municipality has planned to attract more than R200 billion in investment in the next five years that is likely to yield close to 200 000 jobs.

This investment will come from the following catalytic projects:

- R8 billion Keystone Logistics Park Development in Hammarsdale
- Cato Ridge Freight and Logistics development with an investment value of R18 billion
- R10 billion Brickworks Development in Avoca, north of Durban
- R7.5 billion The Durban Film City at the former Natal Command building
- R7,7 billion Sappi Saiccor Mill upgrade and expansion project.
- R6.5-billion Auto Supply Park by Toyota and R3 billion for the manufacturing of the new Corolla Cross
- R1.8bn Whetstone development which forms part of the Aerotropolis development in the Dube Trade Port

The city has also adopted a Mayoral 10 Point Plant to reshape the economic future of the people of eThekwini.

At the heart of this bold plan is the establishment of the Enterprise Supplier Development Fund (ESD) which was launched in October 2021.

We want to make a call to our corporate partners and industry stakeholders to take advantage of this ESD Fund platform by pledging support in order to ensure that we implement a truly integrated world-class enterprise and supplier development programme.

This programme focuses on the following four key areas:

- Infrastructure Fund, where infrastructure suppliers will be supported with large scale financing and strategic technical partnership resources.
- Enterprise and Supplier Development Fund, targeted at 51% or more black owned SMMEs. Support will include working capital funding, technical development support as well as access to markets.
- Youth Fund focusing on the development of youth owned enterprises, job creation and skills development.
- Social Development Fund for social enterprises across the municipality's rural and township economies.

It is through the eThekwini's Enterprise Supplier Development and Infrastructure fund that local entrepreneurs will be able to build businesses that can usher us into a future of inclusivity, sustainability, and restore the dignity of those who were previously excluded from the mainstream economy.

WATER

Areas in the south such as Umlazi, KwaMakhutha, Folweni, Nsimbini, Ngonyameni, Mbumbulu and Adams constantly experience water supply interruptions as a result of burst pipes, prolonged load shedding and inadequate infrastructure.

The situation has been compounded by the fact that some of these areas are high level zone and supply of water is dependent on the level of water reservoirs and the performance of the whole Southern Aqueduct. The Southern Aqueduct has been severely constrained from November last year

due to the repairs that have been taking place at the Durban Height's reservoir 3. While this reservoir has been commissioned by the Minister of Water and sanitation last month, the entire system is yet to fully stabilize.

As a result of this, water started to enter Folweni Reservoirs last month and supply remains intermittent.

Furthermore, to address water challenges in these areas, we are undertaking a number of projects. These include upgrading of Adams reservoir which is currently under construction, upsising of water pipes for Folweni reservoir 1.

While these initiatives are ongoing, the municipality will continue to dispatch water tankers whenever there are water challenges in the area.

CRIME

As eThekwini Municipality, we are deeply concerned that we contribute 50% of crime in the province according to the latest crime statistics.

We are also concerned about the ongoing killings of public representatives including councillors and traditional leaders.

To address this scourge of crime in our city, we have ongoing engagements with the Minister of Police, General Bheki Cele and last year we convened crime izimbizo in two crime hotspots in the municipality (Umlazi and Inanda).

In December last year, we also convened a crime and social cohesion currently implementing the following interventions:

- Deployment of multi-disciplinary teams to deal with the killing of councillors and officials. We are pleased that arrests are being made is some of the cases.
- The installation of CCTV to go beyond the CBD for the purposes of crime prevention

- Deployment of dedicated teams to deal with bad buildings, drugs, and illegal liquor outlets

In our effort to increase police visibility on our streets, the Municipality continues to recruit Metro Police Officers and our intention is to reach a target of 5000 law enforcement officers. Currently, we have 200 Metro Police trainees who are at college. The recruitment of an additional 200 members is being finalised.

In an effort to involve communities in the fight against crime, the city has established Community Safety Forums and the Local Drug Action Committees. This structure is instrumental in galvanizing communities to form a united front against crime and other social ills that are affecting our communities.

Working with all spheres of government, we are addressing challenges related to the environmental design such as poor road infrastructure in rural areas and informal settlements, streetlights and proper numbering of

houses. These challenges prevent the police from executing their tasks effectively.

We are also using technology to prevent crime (smart policing). The city has embarked on a programme to install CCTV cameras in all corners of the city including townships and rural areas for the purposes of crime prevention.

Let us continue to work together to make eThekwini the most caring and liveable city.