

## **FOREWORD**

The Municipality of Steve Tshwete has reviewed the 2010/11 IDP in terms of Section 34 of the Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 which requires municipalities to conduct annual IDP reviews. The 2010/11 IDP review process led to the successful adoption of the 2011/12 IDP.

The review process unfolded through the phases of the IDP which aided us to refine and refocus our strategic programme so as to respond more effectively to the challenges that confront our municipality. Amongst other things, the review process further aided the municipality to strategically accommodate changes, needs and growth within the municipal area and to simultaneously ensure that any possible amendments cater for the benefit of the whole community.

The 2011/12 IDP is structured to manage implementation of a range of municipal powers and functions as stipulated in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. The IDP document has further captured inputs from the local community as well as members of the civil society. The involvement of stakeholders has been ensured in all the phases of the IDP review with a view to jointly address key issues and challenges identified within the municipal jurisdiction.

Engagement of local communities and members of civil society has been crucial in that it led to the refinement of municipal key performance areas and priority issues that suits the current state and identified needs of the community.

As a municipality we strive to strategically plan and monitor aspects of service delivery by aligning our planning and monitoring initiatives with the National, Provincial and District development goals and priorities.

Sustainable settlements, economic growth and employment opportunities will remain at the fore front of the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality service delivery programs. These aspects have been translated in the STLM IDP into specific strategic development thrust that takes cognizance of the unique circumstances, opportunities and challenges presented to the municipality.