

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT: CITIZEN'S REPORT FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR



References:

- Annual Performance Plan 2021/22 and 2022/23
- Annual Report 2020/21 and 2021/22
- Five-year Strategic Plan 2020/2025
- Departmental Service Delivery Charter

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OUR LEADERS

The Department's funded SMS posts are all filled, with MEC Bredell and Mr G Pause providing guidance and direction towards the achievement of the Department's goals.

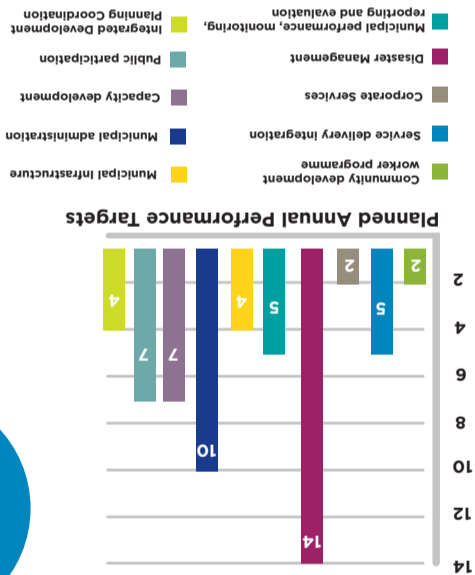
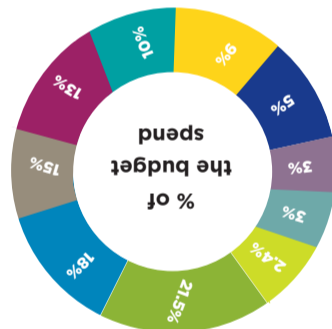
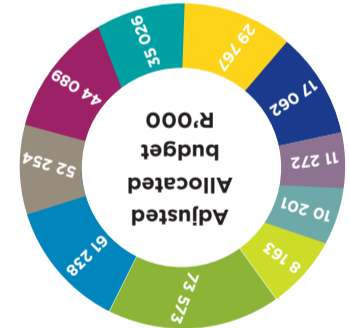


Minister **Anton Bredell** is an elected politician, responsible for provincial policy in relation to local government. His conviction for the advancement of all communities drives the Department to implement programmes that will make a difference in the lives of the residents of this province.



The Head of the Department, **Mr G Pause**, is a public servant with the desire to see Local Government as a hub of innovation, which will lead to effective and efficient delivery on the Ministerial and Governmental directives.

PLANNING AND FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



TOTAL BUDGET 342 646

The Department **utilised over 98% of budget**

The Department **fully achieved 97% of the planned targets.**

and partially achieved 3% of the planned targets.

Audit Opinion

The Department is proud to have achieved and received its **ninth consecutive unqualified audit opinion** without findings from the Auditor-General South Africa.

We pride ourselves in these values. Being our work with integrity, in a responsible manner to the needs of our stakeholders and clients, and we strive to find innovative ways to address the needs of our clients.

OUR VALUES

To monitor, coordinate and support municipalities to be effective in fulfilling their developmental mandate and facilitating service delivery and disaster resilience through engagement with government spheres and social partners.

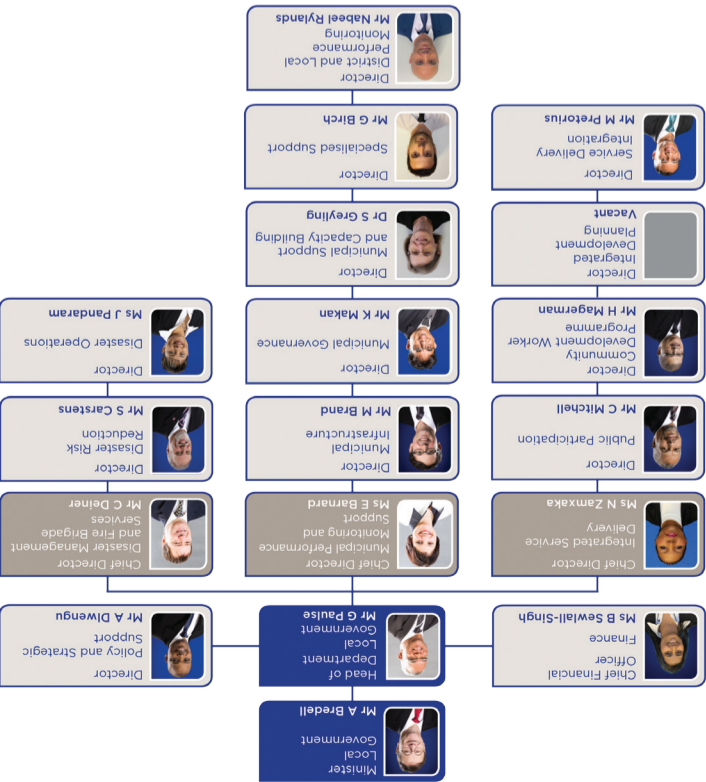
OUR MISSION

To be an efficient and dynamic team that enables well-governed municipalities to deliver sustainable and integrated manner.

OUR VISION

The Department of Local Government in the Western Cape is tasked by the Constitution, with the responsibility to monitor and support municipalities to deliver services to communities. Moreover, the Department is responsible for promoting good governance in municipalities and to capacitate municipalities to improve service delivery.

OUR VISION



DEPARTMENTAL SENIOR MANAGEMENT

DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW

KEY THEMATIC PERFORMANCE 2021/22

IMPROVING ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES



The Department continues to innovate with a view to improve Citizens access to services.

- The programme is keeping up with industries revolution through partnering with stakeholders that facilitate robotics to coding programmes, to build capacity and skills of young people.
- One of the innovation piloted is the use of drone technology to communicate with citizens.

ENSURING SMOOTH TRANSITION AFTER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS



- Department played a critical role in assisting municipalities with preparations towards the 2021 Local Government Elections
- Preceding the elections, guidance and support was provided to municipalities through the distribution of various circulars on several areas.
- Department established an Elections Helpdesk to provide legal guidance and advice to municipalities.
- The Department provided guidance on the council composition, the type of municipality, the number of wards and full-time councilors as per their respective notices.
- Officials were deployed to municipal inaugural council meetings to monitor, advise and support municipalities

IMPROVING THE INTERFACE BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIZENS



- Through the Civic Education outreach sessions which were conducted in collaboration with municipalities, we have taken strides in educating citizens on their role in local government, so that we can take them along the journey as we strive to improve service delivery for their benefit.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT DISTRICT AND METRO APPROACH (JDMA)



The Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA) has been institutionalized in all districts in the Province and receives support from provincial departments, municipalities and national departments, some of the key projects under this umbrella were as follows;



- Expanded Rail Network: Expand economic growth and job creation by improving access to international markets through Cape Town Harbor: Danish Donor support secured to support the project.
- Land swap: Release of strategic land enabled the development of a new primary school in Grabouw and the expansion of the existing clinic in Caledon.
- Provision of Basic Services for Prioritised Informal Settlements (Drakenstein): project has commenced with municipal funding. Additional grant funding secured.
- Youth Centre in Piketberg: Private sector, municipal and provincial funding secured for the Multi-purpose Youth Development and Skills Development Centre. The centre will also include a Thusong Service Centre for access to government services; other services such as children aftercare facilities, counselling amenities, sport and recreational facilities.
- Safe House Network: progress made with creating a network of safe houses across the Overberg District. Also, exploring to have an outpatient care as part of a structured drug rehab programme.
- Expansion of Saldanha Harbour: R96 million investment to upgrade Saldanha and Pepper Bay harbours- project to be completed in 2022.
- Rural Safety Plan: funding secured resulted in the implementation of key safety projects, namely; Police Surveillance, Neighborhood Watch, Drug Abuse Response & Rehabilitation, and Alcohol and Domestic Violence Response.
- New Dam/ Water Purification Facility and completion of Blossoms and water purification plant: Funding secured for Blossoms project.



STRENGTHENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN THE PROVINCE



- As part of Western Cape Drowning Prevention and Water Safety Strategy, the Disaster Management Centre facilitated Water safety programme to protect children during the summer seasons.
- Municipalities were supported with Fire Capacity programmes to enable a better response during such disasters.