

COMMENTS / REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED ON THE 2013/2014 DRAFT BUDGET

1. INTRODUCTION

To present to council the comments and representations received on the 2013/2014 Draft Budget which was tabled on 28 March 2013. The comments and representations emanate from the intensive ward committee and public engagements during October and November 2012 and again ward committees meetings during April 2013. The IDP, budget Tariffs and Budget related documents were published for comments. The closing date for comments was 26 April 2013.

2. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 23 (1) of the MFMA reads as follows:

“when the Annual Budget has been tabled, the municipal council must consider any views of the local community and the National Treasury, the relevant Provincial Treasury and provincial or national organs of state or municipalities which made submission on the budget”.

Section 23 (2) of the MFMA reads as follows:

“after considering all budget submissions, the council must give the Mayor an opportunity to respond to the submissions and if necessary, to revise the budget and table amendments for consideration by the council”.

3. SUBMISSION OF DRAFT BUDGET

The Draft Budget and Budget-related documents were forwarded to National and Provincial Treasury and other sector departments. Notices were placed in local newspapers and the Draft Budget was placed on the municipal website inviting stakeholders' comments.

Council conducted additional hearings / consultation sessions with Ward Committee's and Town Advisory Forums (TAF) during April 2013 in an attempt to deepen democracy and public participation for ownership of the budget.

4. **DISCUSSION**

Theewaterskloof Municipality has been delegated to the Provincial Treasury in terms of MFMA compliance and monitoring and thus no comments were received from National Treasury, but from Provincial Treasury – Western Cape.

The comments received, are attached as per Annexure:

- 1) Comments received from other stakeholders:
 - 1.1 Caledon Ratepayers Association
 - 1.2 Riviersonderend Ratepayers Association
 - 1.3 Caledon Agricultural Association
 - 1.4 Elgin Grabouw Vyeboom & Villiersdorp Agricultural Association
 - 1.5 Greyton Ratepayers and Residents Organisation
 - 1.6 Maremma Home Owners Association
 - 1.7 Molteno Brothers – Elgin Village
 - 1.8 Riviersonderend Community
 - 1.9 Riviersonderend Tennis Club
 - 1.10 Mr S Burger – Caledon Flea Market
 - 1.11 Villiersdorp Business Forum
 - 1.12 Zwelitsha Caledon
 - 1.13 Caledon Rugby Club
- 2) LGMTEC – Provincial Treasury – Western Cape

RECOMMENDATION

1. That council takes cognizance of the comments received from various stakeholders and that the comments by Management are accordingly communicated to them.
2. Council is satisfied with the Budget allocation and Tariffs as recommended for approval in the Budget Item.