

## **PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

It is that time of the year again when the Executive Mayor of Buffalo City Municipality Councillor Zintle Peter visits communities in the area to present a progress report on the year past.

These visits form part of the second annual mayoral imbizo programme following on last years successful outreach where the Executive Mayor highlighted the city's challenges, future opportunities and strategies that will be attempted to improve public confidence and government commitment.

From October, 3 to October, 21 2007, there will be eighteen Imbizo meetings to various clustered areas within Buffalo City Municipality.

Besides giving progress on last year achievements, the Imbizo meetings will be used as an opportunity to present to the community and the public at large the work that is still outstanding in the three to five years period and also give clarify and responses to issues raised by the public.

The Imbizo meetings are a commitment by Buffalo City's political and administrative leadership to create some space for its citizens to participate in the democratic process and social transformation that is unfolding in their areas. Participatory democracy is one the eight components of good governance.

The Theme for the Buffalo City Imbizo Programme is: RENEWING OUR PLEDGE TO CREATE A CITY OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.

Some of the areas to be visited include Mzintshane, Dimbaza, Reeston and Ilitha. For a more comprehensive list of areas to be visited see attached list.

For more information on the Imbizo Programme, please contact the Public Participation Department, (043) 705 1884.

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