

As part of the City's long-term plan on human capital development, the City continues to allocate funding for internship programmes, especially in the areas of finance and infrastructure as well as the EPWP Programme. The City further continues to allocate funding for internal capacity building and bursaries for BCMM communities. This is in line with and reflects our commitment to the priorities of the National Development Plan and Provincial Development Plan while of course reflecting our own Constitutional role as a local actor on the national stage. Furthermore, the Directorate of Economic Development & Agencies is running various programmes in a bid to reduce unemployment and indigent rate in our Metro.

The presented budget attests that BCMM is a City hard at work and will continue to unite in action of eradicating service delivery backlogs and improvement of the lives of its community in the 2020/2021 MTREF period. There shall be no rest up until the City's vision has been realised.

Yours in Public Service,



Cllr Xola Pakati

**BCMM Executive Mayor**