

## **REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORD OF PUBLIC BODY: SAHA:**

### **1. MUNICIPAL POLICY AND OR PLANS ON HERITAGE DAY:**

The SDM do not have a Policy on the hosting of commemorative events in the region. The SDM has done very well in promoting Commemorative days in line with its Key Performance Area of 'Realising Human Potential'. This particular deliverable is now included in the second generation of the Growth and Development Strategy (GDS-02) as a Flagship Project and will therefore continue to be driven by the District Municipality. The Heritage Department have several different National, Provincial and Regional Commemorative Events annually. They are as follows:

- Nangalembe Night Vigil Massacre (January)
- Human Rights Month (March)
- Signing of the Vereeniging Peace Treaty (May)
- Boipatong Massacre (June)
- 1984 Vaal Uprising (September)
- Signing of the new South African Constitution (December)

### **2. HERITAGE DAY – 24 SEPTEMBER 2012:**

Heritage Day which is on 24 September 2012 is a national commemorative day and is normally hosted at provincial level. Normally the event is hosted at the Cradle of Humankind and the SDM promotes this event at our local events and encourage our communities to attend.

### **3. HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS FOR 2012:**

The Heritage Department of the SDM is planning several events for Heritage Month 2012 in conjunction with the Office of the Executive Mayor, other departments, local municipalities and a whole range of Heritage Stakeholders in the Sedibeng Region.

The planned events are as follows:

- **1984 Vaal Uprising:**

The SDM plans to host a commemorative event for the 1984 Vaal Uprisings. The event will be hosted on Monday, 03 September 2012 at the Mafatsane Community Hall in Evaton and will be attended by ± 500 invited guests. The format of the event will be a Memorial Lecture and a Heritage Exhibition. It is of the essence that spending on Commemorative events are kept to a minimum but that the outcomes are sustainable and in line with the expectations of the community involved. Therefore the budget for the 1984 Vaal Uprising event will be ± R100 000.00.

- **Heritage Summit:**

As mentioned in the previous section of this document the SDM realized the need to find a more cost effective and sustainable method of hosting commemorative events. It was decided that the Heritage Department of the SDM will host a Heritage Summit as part of the Heritage Month celebrations in 2012. The discussions at the Heritage

Summit will mainly focus on the Heritage Programmes of the Heritage Department as prescribed in the IDP and SDBIP. It will also create a platform the SDM to communicate and network with Heritage Specialists and Stakeholders as well as the communities of the Sedibeng Region. Discussions will also focus on finding new and innovative ways to commemorate the identified commemorative events. These commemorations should be more cost effective and sustainable. The aims are also to ensure that the communities affected by the commemorative events are informed and take ownerships of their respective commemorative events. The planned costs for the Heritage Summit is ± R 200 000.00.

- **Outreach Programmes:**

The Heritage Department of the SDM is responsible for the Vaal Teknorama Museum and the Sharpeville Human Rights Precinct. Annually during Heritage Month special Education Programmes are presented to visitors of the museums. The focus of these Education Programmes is normally on South African symbols, e.g. coat of arms, national anthem, flag etc. This is a very informative and exciting way to instil national pride in the youth of South Africa. These programmes form part of the operational duties of the Heritage Department and is therefore also funded from the operational budget of the Heritage Department.

#### **4. BUDGET ALLOCATED FOR HERITAGE MONTH AND DAY 2012:**

The hosting of commemorative events in the SDM is normally funded by the Heritage Department in conjunction with other internal and external stakeholders. The Operational Budget (Workshops Vote) of the Heritage Department will be used for hosting the Commemorative events for 2012/2013. R 500 000.00 was allocated for the financial year of 2012/2013 to the Workshop Vote (4603/05/016/0210) of the Heritage Department. The events planned for Heritage Month will therefore also be funded from this vote. It is important to note that several departments within the SDM also assist in the procurement of certain services and products, especially the Office of the Executive Mayor. Another important fact that impact on this budget is that the amount mentioned should be utilized for ALL the listed Commemorative events.

#### **5. CRITERIA USED BY THE SDM ON BUDGET SPEND:**

Through the leadership of the Office of the Executive Mayor and the Heritage Department a Task Team has been established to coordinate the successful hosting of the Heritage Month events. The Task Team in consultation with external Stakeholders identify the needs and output of the event.

#### **6. PLANNED EVENTS FOR HERTIAGE MONTH AND DAY:**

Please refer back to No. 3 of this document regarding the planned events for Heritage Month and day.

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The purpose of this document is to comply with the request from the South African History Archive with regard to the Heritage Month Activities for 2012.

**BACKGROUND:**

Annually South Africans celebrate Heritage Day on 24 September. This is an important celebration throughout South Africa and offers the people of the country the opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the diverse cultures of the country.

To ensure that the communities of the Sedibeng Region participate in the celebrations the Heritage Section normally host an array of activities during September. The SDM also participate in a number of events planned by external entities as part of the Heritage Month celebrations. The activities during Heritage Month will tell the Heritage story of the Sedibeng Region.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES:**

The objectives of the Heritage Month for the SDM Heritage Department will be:

- To utilize the rich heritage resources of the Sedibeng Region to instil a cultural pride within the community of the Sedibeng Region.
- To create an awareness of our cultural heritage in the Sedibeng Region.
- To create opportunities for product owners and stakeholders to participate in the Heritage activities.
- To successfully market Sedibeng District Municipality.
- To ensure successful, sustainable hosting of Commemorative Events in the Sedibeng Region.

**MUNICIPAL POLICY AND PLANS FOR HERITAGE DAY:**

The SDM Heritage Department have several different National, Provincial and Regional Commemorative Events annually. It is however, important to note that according to the National Heritage Resources Act No. 25 of 1999 Heritage is a district function and therefore the Heritage Department is one of the operational departments of the Sedibeng District Municipality (SDM). The Heritage Department have the responsibility of facilitation, coordination and implementation of good governance principles in the Heritage and Museums Sector to ensure effective service delivery with regard to the core functions of the Heritage Department.

It is the responsibility of the Heritage Department to address the following Developmental Approaches:

- Museum Management and Curatorship,
- Preservation, Conservation and Restoration,

- Research and Documentation
- Education and Outreach Programmes and
- Promotion of Commemorative Events

The SDM has done very well in promoting Commemorative days in line with its Key Performance Area of 'Realising Human Potential'. This particular deliverable is now included in the second generation of the Growth and Development Strategy (GDS-02) as a flagship project and will therefore continue to be driven by the District Municipality. In delivery of this mandate, cognisance needs to be taken of the high cost involved in many of these events and this must be balanced out against hard delivery issues that also need to be prioritised. Such an evaluation and prioritisation exercise can only take place in consultation with stakeholders that include heritage interest groups, representatives of survivors and or their families, heritage academic experts, National and Provincial Arts, Culture and Heritage departments, the District and its three Local Municipalities. This engagement could be facilitated by a Heritage Summit that is planned as part of the Heritage Month celebrations for 2012 that contextualises our Heritage Programmes and looks at our research programmes as well as the implications it has on effectively hosting our identified commemorative events.

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