



Speaker of Council
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GUIDE TO JOBURG'S INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

What exactly are we talking about?

The City of Johannesburg is acutely aware of the importance of planning as a tool to enhance the socio-economic development of its citizens and in particular marginalized communities.

The executive of the city, which is the mayor and the mayoral committee supported by the Office of the Speaker, drive a visionary political agenda that is not only representative of community needs but also the future development of the city.

In view of this, local government thus exists to serve the people through the effective delivery of a variety of services and products and who best to know what is needed except the communities themselves and so the city undertakes preparatory planning with communities through community-based meetings to get a proper sense of what is needed. This gives both the municipality and communities the opportunity to understand each other and contribute towards appropriate and sustainable service delivery. The objective of these planning meetings is to empower and collaborate with different stakeholders ranging from youth, special interest groups, sports bodies, religious and educational institutions, business, people with disabilities, non-governmental organisations and more.



So what then, you may ask?

At the conclusion of the community-based planning meetings, an intense period of analysing inputs, comments and suggestions received takes

place over a week or more. All this information is collated and sent to city departments and entities for them to formulate into a draft document called an integrated development plan (IDP). This document serves to outline the needs and aspirations of the people of Johannesburg and turn those needs and aspirations into visible service delivery through projects, programmes and initiatives. Once the IDP has been drafted, it goes for scrutiny to the executive committee to get a sense of what mandate has been given to them to carry out within a specified time period. The draft IDP is subsequently tabled before Council for adoption and further public consultation.

All the issues and ideas around health, transport, safety, housing, finance, governance, economic and community development and the environment are now in one document for the public to now scrutinize and comment on before it gets finalized and the correct amount of money is allocated for an operating and capital budget.

It is once again tabled at Council for approval and implementation and is no longer a draft. So now the document becomes the Budget and IDP because we all know what must be done, where it has to be done, how it will be done, when will it be done, how long will it take and importantly we have money to do everything. This is obviously a huge task and things will not necessarily happen overnight, some projects may take up to five years to fully materialize. But here's the good thing if there are concerns about fraud and corruption. The Office of the Speaker plays an oversight role to ensure that both the politicians and officials are held accountable to do the work until completion. It is your money after all.

Get involved now!

From Saturday 1 April 2023, citywide consultation meetings will be held on the 2023/24 draft IDP and Rates/Tariffs Policy in each Region, using different platforms. These will be a hybrid of meetings, webinars, hubspots, submissions and drop off boxes. It is important for you as residents to once again use this opportunity to comment and be vocal about whether the IDP addresses your needs. This means that you should get a copy of the IDP which will empower you to understand the process and make suitable comments that can be considered and necessary changes made to the document. Eight regional meetings have been planned including nine targeted stakeholder meetings.

The closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 9 May 23 at 5pm** and these can be dropped off at any Regional Office.

The city understands that residents may be frustrated with service delivery failures like power failures, potholes, water interruptions, malfunctioning traffic lights which makes daily living difficult. All this should not stop us from working together to make Joburg a better place to live. The multiparty government has taken a clear stance to listen and respond to community needs and complaints. So, continue to get involved in the affairs of council so that your area can in turn evolve to what you want it to be.

Get to know more by participating

The IDP as well as the Rates and Tariffs does get reviewed annually so that the city keeps track of commitments made and communicates important milestones to the people. From **Saturday 1 April 23 until Tuesday 9 May 23**, residents can express their views and make inputs. Briefly, the IDP is directly linked to the five-year term of office for councillors so it has a lifespan of 5 years. And yes, this entire exercise is necessary because the IDP ensures effective use of scarce resources, it helps to speed up service delivery, it helps to attract additional funds from private investors and government departments, strengthens democracy through participation, helps to overcome the legacy of apartheid and promotes co-ordination between local, provincial and national government.

Log onto the city website www.joburg.org.za and click on the **key documents tab, SDBIP, IDP, and Budget** or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3ZnDnal> for the schedule of meeting dates as well as detailed information about integrated development planning.

