

**MAYOR'S PRESENTATION OF A DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012/2013 TO COUNCIL, ON 29 MARCH 2012, AT UMZUMBE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Honorable Speaker of Umzumbe Council

Members of the Executive Committee

All councilors

Municipal Manager

And all officials

It gives me great pleasure to table before this council our draft budget for the financial year 2012/2013. The tabling of this draft budget today is done in compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act no 56 of 2003 section 16, which amongst other things states that:

- 1) The Council of the municipality must for each financial year approve an annual budget for the municipality before the start of the start
- 2) In order for the municipality to comply with subsection (1), the Mayor of the Municipality must table the annual budget at a council meeting at least 90 days before the start of the financial year.

Honourable, Speaker, the draft budget that I am tabling before council today, takes into account, the national priorities, as presented by President Gedleyihlekisa Mhlanganyelwa Zuma, in the State of the Nation Address earlier this year. Furthermore, the Budget Speech, presented to the Nation by the Minister of Finance, Mr Pravin Gordhan, has provided a foundation through which our projections are based. In addition, the Premier of KwaZulu Natal, Dr Zweli Mkhize, in his State of the Province Address, has clearly articulated our provincial governments priorities for the coming year, and these have been further emphasized in the provincial budget speech, presented by, the MEC for finance in KwaZulu Natal, Ms Ina Cronje.

In preparing the draft budget for the financial year 2012/13, we have aligned our priorities to the national and the provincial priorities to ensure that our programmes as Umzumbe are in line with our government's strategic framework on service delivery. This, we are doing to achieve the idea of a 'seamless' government.

Honorable Speaker and members of council, the projected total budget for the financial year 2012/2013 is **R129 467 921**, which is subdivided as follows:

Operational Budget      -R 86 758 921

Capital Budget            -R 42 709 000

In closing, Honorable Speaker, I want to assure all members of council that this draft budget will still be presented to our community, through our public participation mechanisms, to afford our people an opportunity to engage fruitfully with us, and provide input that will assist us to prepare our final people's budget .

I thank you.