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SOWETO COMMUNITY HAVE THEIR SAY DURING IDP MEETING

Soweto, Johannesburg - The vibrant community of Soweto came together at Dlamini Hall on Saturday, April 13, 2024, to actively participate in the draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP) 2024/25. This significant event allowed residents to voice their opinions and contribute to the future development of their city.

The day commenced with various service delivery departments and entities showcasing their services and offering valuable assistance and guidance to community members. The IDP session, chaired by the esteemed Speaker of Council, Cllr Margaret Arnold, commenced at 12:00 with the presentation of the draft IDP by MMC for Environment Infrastructure Services, Cllr Jack Sekwaila, on behalf of the Executive Mayor.

Attended by ward councillors and senior council officials, the event provided a platform for the residents of Region D1 in Soweto, encompassing twenty wards, to address pertinent issues affecting their neighborhoods. The inputs received ranged from concerns about stormwater in Protea Glen, the state of clinics and roads, the Senaone clinic, open spaces, street lights and housing.

In response to the residents' feedback, MMC Sekwaila assured the community that their inputs would be thoroughly reviewed and considered within the constraints of the available budget. These valuable contributions will be incorporated into the final Integrated Development Plan 2024/25, which will be tabled in Council in May 2024.

The IDP serves as a crucial tool for local governments to ensure that the voices and opinions of community members are not only heard but also actively integrated into the city's planning and development processes.

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