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TSWELOPELE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
A MUNICIPALITY IN PROGRESS

2026 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION MANIFESTO

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ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT • RELIABLE SERVICES • ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY • CLEAN GOVERNANCE



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FOREWORD

Tswelopele is home to communities whose future depends on a municipality that works. A local government manifesto should therefore be more than a list of slogans: it should state what will be prioritised, how public power will be monitored, and what residents can reasonably expect from elected representatives.

TYP's programme is grounded in the constitutional objects of local government: democratic and accountable government, sustainable services, social and economic development, a safe and healthy environment, and community involvement in local government. The Constitution also requires municipalities to structure administration, budgeting and planning to prioritise basic community needs and development. [1]

We therefore propose a municipality where public resources are treated as public trust; where residents can question decisions without political gatekeeping; where councillors report back to their communities; and where allegations of corruption are handled through evidence, lawful investigation and appropriate oversight rather than rumour.

A NOTE ON ACCOUNTABILITY

TYP will distinguish between an allegation, an investigation, an administrative finding and a criminal conviction. We will not present unproven accusations as established facts. Where credible information indicates possible wrongdoing, it should be documented and referred to the institution legally empowered to investigate it.

This approach is especially important because the Auditor-General's 2024–25 local-government report identified continuing weaknesses in financial and performance management, procurement and contract management, and consequence management. [2]

OUR STANDARD

Public office is a responsibility to the people — not a privilege over the people.

OUR VISION & TEN FLAGSHIP COMMITMENTS

TYP's vision is a Tswelopele Local Municipality that is transparent, responsive, economically active, safe, service-oriented and accountable to every resident.

01	Clean Government & Anti-Corruption Prevent, detect, document and lawfully refer suspected corruption and financial misconduct.
02	No Political Interference Protect municipal administration and lawful investigations from improper political influence.
03	Reliable Basic Services Prioritise water, sanitation, electricity, roads, stormwater and waste management.
04	Transparent Municipal Finances Strengthen oversight of budgets, procurement, contracts, projects and audit action plans.
05	Jobs, Workers & Local Enterprise Support lawful employment, worker rights, skills, entrepreneurship and local economic development.
06	Agriculture & Farm-Worker Development Promote agricultural opportunity, food security, skills and support for farm workers and emerging farmers.
07	Land, Housing & Development Demand transparent processes for land, housing, title deeds, planning and basic services.
08	Youth, Women & Community Development Expand skills, enterprise, sport, culture and inclusive community programmes.
09	Community Safety & Lawful Cooperation Work with competent law-enforcement and community structures to strengthen safety and protect public assets.
10	Accountable Representatives Make reporting back, measurable targets and public performance tracking part of the political mandate.

These commitments are designed to be monitored through council oversight, public participation, municipal performance reporting and lawful referral mechanisms.

FLAGSHIP COMMITMENTS 01–03

01 — CLEAN GOVERNMENT & ANTI-CORRUPTION

TYP will support a Municipal Integrity and Accountability Framework built around:

- regular public reporting on municipal finances and performance;
- tracking of audit findings and corrective-action plans;
- stronger scrutiny of procurement, contracts and conflicts of interest;
- lawful protection of whistle-blowing and evidence preservation;
- referral of credible suspected criminal conduct to competent authorities; and
- consequence management where misconduct is established through due process.

02 — NO POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

Municipal services and administration must serve the whole community. Political affiliation should not determine access to services, municipal facilities, employment opportunities, procurement processes or complaint mechanisms.

- Promote a clear separation between political leadership, administration and law enforcement.
- Support lawful cooperation with SAPS, the Hawks, Public Protector, SIU, AGSA and other competent bodies where appropriate.
- Do not obstruct lawful investigations or substitute political pressure for due process.

03 — RELIABLE BASIC SERVICES

TYP will prioritise measurable service-delivery standards in:

- water supply, meter management and water-loss reduction;
- sanitation and sewer infrastructure;
- electricity maintenance and outage communication;
- roads, stormwater and infrastructure maintenance; and
- waste collection, landfill compliance and cleaner public spaces.

FLAGSHIP COMMITMENTS 04–06

04 — TRANSPARENT MUNICIPAL FINANCES

TYP will use lawful council and oversight mechanisms to scrutinise budgets, expenditure, procurement, contracts, infrastructure projects, annual reports and audit action plans.

- Publish a plain-language accountability calendar for major municipal processes.
- Track major projects from budget allocation through implementation and completion.
- Monitor procurement and contract-management risks through available public records.
- Demand credible performance information and follow-up on audit findings.

AGSA's 2024–25 report states that 117 municipalities received unqualified audit opinions with findings, with persistent material non-compliance and inadequate accountability and consequences identified as recurring problems. [2]

05 — JOBS, WORKERS & LOCAL ENTERPRISE

- Promote youth skills, apprenticeships, internships and entrepreneurship.
- Support small and informal businesses in navigating lawful municipal requirements.
- Engage workers and worker organisations on workplace rights and fair treatment.
- Promote local economic development and lawful local procurement opportunities.

06 — AGRICULTURE & FARM-WORKER DEVELOPMENT

- Support agricultural skills and emerging-farmer development.
- Promote food-security and local agricultural value chains.
- Support access to relevant government programmes and information.
- Engage farm workers on rights, economic opportunities and access to services.

FLAGSHIP COMMITMENTS 07–10

07 — LAND, HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

- Advocate for transparent land-allocation and housing processes.
- Improve public understanding of applications, eligibility, waiting lists and appeal routes.
- Support access to title-deed and property information through lawful channels.
- Link land and housing planning to infrastructure and basic services.

08 — YOUTH, WOMEN & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Expand access to skills, digital literacy, sport, arts and culture.
- Support youth entrepreneurship and pathways from training to work.
- Promote inclusive community programmes and protection of vulnerable residents.
- Strengthen partnerships with schools, NGOs, businesses and community organisations.

09 — COMMUNITY SAFETY & LAWFUL COOPERATION

- Promote lawful cooperation with SAPS and other competent safety institutions.
- Support community reporting and prevention initiatives.
- Protect municipal infrastructure and public spaces.
- Reject vigilantism, intimidation and political use of law enforcement.

10 — ACCOUNTABLE REPRESENTATIVES

- Report back to communities on council work and municipal performance.
- Maintain a public register of commitments made by TYP representatives.
- Set measurable targets and report progress against them.
- Apply the same accountability standard to TYP representatives as to everyone else.

The Municipal Systems Act's councillor Code of Conduct states that councillors represent local communities, must be accountable to those communities and must report back at least quarterly on council matters and municipal performance. [3]

WARD-LEVEL PRIORITIES: 1–8

The following is a policy framework for ward-level planning. Specific projects and targets must be confirmed through ward consultations, the approved IDP, budget, SDBIP and available municipal evidence rather than being presented as guaranteed projects.

Ward	Priority focus for community consultation
1	Water reliability • roads/stormwater • sanitation • local economic opportunities
2	Water and electricity • waste management • youth skills • public facilities
3	Road maintenance • sanitation • housing/land information • small business support
4	Basic services • community safety • agriculture-linked opportunities • youth development
5	Infrastructure maintenance • waste and environmental management • local enterprise
6	Water/sanitation • roads and stormwater • worker support • youth and enterprise
7	Service delivery accountability • public facilities • community safety • jobs and local enterprise
8	Water and infrastructure • roads/stormwater • youth development • land/housing information

TYP will use ward meetings to convert these broad priorities into a ward scorecard: problem, responsible institution, available budget, target, deadline and public status.

A MUNICIPAL ANTI-CORRUPTION & INTEGRITY PLAN

TYP's anti-corruption programme is intended to complement—not replace—the powers of statutory institutions. Its purpose is to create disciplined documentation, oversight and referral processes.

1. Detect	Identify credible red flags through community reports, audit findings, procurement records and council oversight.
2. Document	Record dates, decisions, documents, contracts, correspondence and other lawfully obtained evidence.
3. Verify	Separate facts from allegations and identify what can actually be established.
4. Refer	Send appropriate matters to the competent municipal, provincial, law-enforcement or oversight institution.
5. Track	Monitor whether the matter receives a lawful response, without interfering with an investigation.
6. Report	Where legally permissible, communicate the status to the community in clear, non-defamatory language.

COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

TYP will seek lawful working relationships with relevant law-enforcement and oversight institutions when matters involve suspected criminal conduct, corruption, fraud or interference with lawful municipal processes. Cooperation does not mean directing an investigation. It means preserving evidence, making appropriate referrals and respecting the independence of competent authorities.

OUR RED LINE

***No political organisation should control a criminal investigation.
No municipal institution should be used as a political gatekeeper.
Public resources must remain public resources.***

FIRST 100 DAYS: ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMME

If TYP representatives take office, the first 100 days should establish a measurable baseline rather than create unrealistic promises.

Days 1–15	Listen	Ward consultations; collect service-delivery complaints; identify urgent risks.
Days 16–30	Audit the public record	Review available audit, IDP, SDBIP, annual-report, budget and procurement information.
Days 31–50	Prioritise	Publish a short list of urgent ward and municipal priorities with responsible institutions.
Days 51–70	Oversight	Use lawful council and committee mechanisms to request information and follow up on identified problems.
Days 71–85	Act & refer	Escalate service failures and credible suspected wrongdoing through the appropriate channels.
Days 86–100	Report back	Publish a first-100-days community report showing progress, obstacles and next actions.

PUBLIC SCORECARD

- Problem identified
- Responsible institution
- Target / standard
- Deadline
- Current status
- Evidence / source

This scorecard approach is consistent with the accountability logic of municipal planning and performance reporting. AGSA has emphasised the importance of credible performance information for oversight and decision-making. [4]

TYP ACCOUNTABILITY PLEDGE

Every TYP candidate and elected representative should sign a public pledge reflecting the standard expected of someone entrusted with public office.

I, the undersigned, commit that if entrusted with public office I will:

- serve the residents of Tswelopele without discrimination;
- respect the Constitution, applicable laws, council rules and codes of conduct;
- place the public interest above personal, factional or political enrichment;
- protect public resources and support transparent financial management;
- declare and manage conflicts of interest as required by law;
- not use public office to intimidate, threaten or improperly influence officials or residents;
- support lawful investigation of credible allegations of corruption or misconduct;
- cooperate with competent oversight and law-enforcement institutions within the law;
- report back honestly to the community on municipal work and performance;
- accept scrutiny, criticism and lawful accountability; and
- resign or submit to appropriate processes where continued office is inconsistent with the law or the applicable code of conduct.

CANDIDATE / REPRESENTATIVE DETAILS

Full name:	
Ward / position:	
Signature:	
Date:	
Witness:	

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IMPLEMENTATION & PUBLIC MONITORING

A manifesto becomes meaningful when commitments are translated into targets, budgets, responsible institutions and public reporting.

TYP proposes five monitoring instruments:

- Ward Scorecards — a simple status report for each ward's priority issues.
- Municipal Oversight Tracker — a record of questions, council decisions and follow-up.
- Project Tracker — major infrastructure projects from budget to completion.
- Integrity Referral Register — lawful tracking of matters referred to competent institutions.
- Quarterly Community Report — a public summary of what was raised, what was answered and what remains unresolved.

WORKING WITH EXISTING MUNICIPAL PLANS

Tswelopele Local Municipality publishes IDP, budget, SDBIP, procurement and governance documents. Its published 2026–27 materials include an approved SDBIP and an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Prevention Policy Strategy Plan. TYP's oversight approach should therefore use existing municipal records and statutory processes rather than creating parallel government systems. [5]

WHAT SUCCESS SHOULD LOOK LIKE

- Residents can see what was promised and what happened.
- Service-delivery problems have a documented escalation path.
- Audit and oversight findings are followed through.
- Public resources are monitored more closely.
- Political affiliation does not determine access to municipal services.
- Residents have regular opportunities to participate and receive feedback.

SOURCES & POLICY BASIS

[1] Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 — Chapter 7, Local Government. Sections 151–153 set out the status, objects and developmental duties of municipalities.

[2] Auditor-General South Africa, Consolidated General Report on Local Government Audit Outcomes 2024–25. Published 24 June 2026; audit outcomes and accountability findings used for the governance context in this manifesto.

[3] Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 — Schedule 1, Code of Conduct for Councillors.

[4] Auditor-General South Africa, 2024–25 report — performance reporting and the role of credible performance information in oversight.

[5] Tswelopele Local Municipality — published IDP, budget, SDBIP and governance documents, including 2026–27 materials.

IMPORTANT POLICY NOTE

This manifesto is a political organisation's proposed programme and is not a municipal document. Project delivery remains subject to lawful municipal planning, available funding, statutory powers, procurement requirements, intergovernmental responsibilities and the municipality's adopted IDP and budget.



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