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1. BACKGROUND

"The people of Soweto have in the clearest terms rejected in toto the imposed appointees of the white minority government of the Republic of South Africa to direct the affairs of Soweto in the interests of the regime and not in that of the people"

"We will not accept any but those representatives whom we have chosen and in whom we have confidence and trust to represent our interests and to do the things that are necessary for the social economic welfare of all our people."

"We the people of Soweto shall govern and decide on our own lives. We will formulate and control the "SOWETO LOCAL AUTHORITY" It shall be run by the people, for the people and be of the people."

2. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS.

a) THE COUNCIL

The council will be elected by the people of Soweto at a general election. The Council will be essentially a policy making body which authorises the Management Committee to delegate specified powers to the TOWN CLERK and to the heads of departments which are established, to the clerk of the Council and to officials individually.

The Council shall be made up of fifty elected members representing each ward of the city of Soweto. Members of the Council shall be adults of over 25 years of age who have resided in the city of Soweto for a continuous period of at least five years. Members of the Council would have to qualify as well.

b) THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee is to be elected by the elected members of the City Council and it derives its power and authority solely from the City Council. The Management Committee sets up various departments for the administration of the City. Each department has a head of department.

The Management Committee shall set up the following committee:-

- (i) Housing Committee
- (ii) Technical Services
- (iii) Works and Traffics
- (iv) Utility Committee
- (v) Health and Amenities Committee.

Each member of the City Council shall belong to at least one such above-mentioned committee.

Various other departments may be formed depending on the needs of the City of Soweto.

The Management Committee shall appoint Inter alia the following executive officers.

- i) Town Clerk
- ii) A clerk of the Council
- iii) A City treasurer
- iv) A City engineer
- v)

- (v) A Medical officer of health.
- (vi) A Housing officer
- (vii) A Recreation and Parks officer.

And other executive officers depending on the needs of the city of Soweto.

The essential functions of the Management Committee are as follows:-

- (i) To pass legislation for the City of Soweto by enacting ordinances or by - laws
- (ii) To budget
- (iii) To approve proposals submitted to it by the various departments of the City.
- (iv) To delegate specified powers to the Town Clerk and the Heads of Departments which are established to the Clerk of the Council and to officials individually.

The Management Committee will also provide the following services:-

- (i) Health Services
- (ii) Community halls and auditoriums.
- (iii) Libraries.
- (iv) Public buildings such as town hall, mayors parlour etc.
- (v) Sewerage and Sewefage disposal
- (vi) Road maintenance
- (vii) Street lighting
- (viii) Social Welfare
- (ix) Clinics
- (x) Creches
- (xi) Fire-lighting services
- (xii) Municipal police force
- (xiii) Parks and gardens
- (xiv) Rent Boards ???
- (xv) Art galleries
- (xvi) Museums
- (xvii) Theatres
- (xviii) Opera and concert houses
- (xix) Industrial??? and Technical training schools.
- (xx) Universities

And other facilities and services depending on the needs of the people.

3. THE NEEDS OF SOWETO

Needs of Soweto requires a detailed objective scientific research. A team of persons is required to produce such a dossier. This task can be achieved thru' working a clear set of terms of reference and

- a) Engaging ten Soweto persons, given different portfolios, or engaging
- b) A firm of Town planners or alternitively
- c) Engaging an expert from developing countries in Africa or from abroad to produce a feasibility study.

Once the needs of Soweto are set out in detail such as the siting of roads, the cost thereof, the siting of hospitals, the numbers of beds required, the number of creches required, the number of doctors, nurses the number of sports field, the number of industrial schools, to name a few examples, and exactly the costing for each project, the next step would be the financing of the various projects that are needed to be developed over a five year period.

FINANCE

- i) More than R5 million is needed to bring Soweto to the living standard comensurate with the living standard of the RSA.
- ii) The Soweto Local Authority should establish a district committee from itself and give clear terms of residence for the raising of these funds.
- (iii) Money should be raised from DAU and other international bodies or financial institutions.
- iv) The people of Soweto are a primary responsibility of the CENTRAL GOVERNMENT and it must give the bulk of the funds.
- v) The Ehamber of Commerce and other industrial giants should play their part.

N.B. Other forms of revenue of the council will come from: rates, fines, fees and duties, charges for the supply of electricity etc and other monies which it is empowered to recover.

N.B. The City shall have borrowing powers and the finance of the city shall be audited.

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