



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **The Knysna Municipality welcomes Mbulelo Memani into their fold as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO)**

Memani, whose contract started on March 1, is well qualified to head the Department: Finance as Director. He brings with him a wealth of financial management qualifications and experience. His impressive academic qualification includes a Post Graduate Diploma in Internal Audit, BCom (Municipal Accounting), a certificate from WITS Business School in Municipal Development Finance, Certificates from the Research Based Institution affiliated to University of Cape Town in Municipal Budgeting and Reporting Cycle and Principles of Budgeting within a Municipality.

His work experience includes working as the Supply Chain Manager within the Witzenberg Municipality. Within the Breede Valley Municipality Memani worked within the finance department dealing with Account Projects and Costing. He then worked as Expenditure Manager and Head of Department: Budgeting and Costing, Financial Planning Department and then Acting Senior Manager: Financial Planning / Budget and Treasury. Most recently he held the post of Senior Manager: Budget and Treasury within the Bitou Municipality.

“I am looking forward to utilise my relevant theoretical and practical knowledge I have accumulated to best benefit the Knysna Municipality. In my career to date I have been entrusted with various challenging tasks aimed at specific objectives.

“I am proud to say that I have achieved all the objectives in these task which included the development of the Supply Chain Unit at Breede Valley and Witzenberg Municipality. As acting Manager Financial planning at Breede Valley Municipality the organisation achieved a clean audit. Further I have acted as the Acting CFO, Bitou Municipality (February 2016 to date) while, Bitou CFO was seconded to help at the Oudtshoorn Municipality.” Memani said.

Knysna Acting Municipal Manager welcomed Memani and said: “Looking at his qualifications, work experience and his achievements within Local Municipalities, I look forward to Mr Memani taking over the reins of our Financial Department.”

Eleanore Bouw-Spies, Knysna executive mayor added: “Mr Mamani proved himself as a very competent candidate during the rigorous interview process leaving us with no doubt as to his suitability as our Director: Finance. On behalf of council I welcome him to the municipality and wish him well.

"I am looking forward to working closely with Mr Memani and am confident that he play a vital role in providing the best for Greater Knysna."

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