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BUDGET COMMENTS

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1	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Matika	Submit Gazette for all grant funded projects in order to see provincial/national project and budget breakdown	CFO office/ Budget Office	CFO/ Nobesuthu Fundi
2	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Matika	Acquisition of Traffic Cars and positions to be budgeted for the proper operation of the Department	Community Services/ Traffic	Director Community/ Anthony Bans
3	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Matika	Fully functioning of the Vehicle Testing Station, when is it going to be re-opened again? Comment bt detailed report to be provided.	Community Services/ Traffic	Director Community/ Anthony Bans
4	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Matika	An item to service at Council with all Municipal Assets available, as well as assets that can be sold to generate revenue for CRR. Property Department and Asset Department to prepare item in this regard. This must serve in the budget workshop during April.	Assets and Liabilities; Property Management	CFO/ Landiavan Huyssteen/Director Corporate/ Nonhlanhla Mndebela
5	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	DM	Illegal BnB's to be investigated and ensure correct tariffs are implemented on them.	Income Department	CFO/Busiswa Kova
6	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	DM	As per pg 13 of the report, addressing decline of Traffic Fines. The Department to consider and recommend to Council innovative ways of running the traffic fines. Eg: lend the George Bus on certain days to collect Municipal funds, report on the contract of the current tender.	Community Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans
7	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23		What is the plan for the Title Deed Restoration Grant, so that we may not lose the funds again?	Legal Services/ Housing Department	Director Housing Services/ Lindile Petuna/ Director Corporate Services/ Marilyn Botha
8	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Sabbagh	Property Rates increase of 33% is unaffordable for the communities, and the new GV is incorrect as there is objections submitted.	Income Department	CFO/Busiswa Kova
9	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Camball	Proposed that Council keep the current GV and implement NT CPI per centage increase.	Income Department	CFO/Busiswa Kova
10	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Camball	Rate in a Rand of Vacant land must be residential base rate plus 25%. Owners to be given 3 years to build.	Income Department	CFO/Busiswa Kova
11	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Camball	No functional Budget Steering Comm.		
12	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Leveil	Council to introduce relief measure for the elderly TO NOT annually submit their indigent forms but at least every three years.	Income Department	CFO/Busiswa Kova
13	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Leveil	Considering long standing relationship with the Grant-In-Aid beneficiaries, Council gives to specific organisation eg: Leasure Ilse be standardised that they do not have to apply annually but qualify for the grant automatically.	Office of the MM	Council/MM
14	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	Eskom increases are excessively high projected at 18% in addition to the Basic Charge that the poor communities cannot pay. Why can we not get rid of the basic charge?	Income Department/ Budget Office/ Electrical Services	CFO/Busiswa Kova/Director Infrastructure/ Tholi Biyela/ Nobesuthu Fundi
15	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	Council to introduce a Rebate for Businesses to compensate and commend them on their fare appointments eg: appointing more than 200 people.	Council Decision	Council Decision
16	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	Request for the following projects:		
17	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	1. R2 million for the Youth development Programs	Community Services	Director Community Services
18	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	2. R1.5 million for the development of the Contractors through SCM processes and all other priority areas	Office of the CFO/ SCM	CFO/SCM Manager
19	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	3. R1 million for the Sedgfield Housing Electrification	Dousing Department/ Electrical Department	Director Housing/ Lindile Petuna/ Director Infrastructure/ Tholi Biyela
20	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	4. Is it R24 million or how much in total allocated for Roads?	Infrastructure Services/ Roads and Stormwater	Director Infrastructure/ Shaun Maree
21	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	5. R800 thousand for the upgrading of Informal Roads	Infrastructure Services/ Roads and Stormwater	Director Infrastructure/ Shaun Maree
22	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	6. R750 thousand for the electrification of the Lower Pezula	Infrastructure Services/ Electrical Services	Director Infrastructure/ Tholi Biyela
23	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	7. R1.5 million Bigal Tarr Road	Infrastructure Services/ Roads and Stormwater	Director Infrastructure/ Shaun Maree
24	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	8. R1.8 million for the real development callclubs		
25	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Louw	9. Fund for 3 MPAC positions to be budgeted for in the 2023-24 MTREF	Corporate Services/ Administration Office	Director Corporate Services/ Jill Lakay
26	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Tshali	Provision for Roads in Ward 3 Damsebos Mandela Square in order for the community to be able to walk within the area.	Infrastructure Services/ Roads and Stormwater	Director Infrastructure/ Shaun Maree
27	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Tshali	Provision of Toilets - Mandela Square	Housing Services/ Infrastructure Services/ Water and Sanitation	Director Housing/ Lindile Petuna/ Director Infrastructure/ Rhyden Parry
28	Budget Workshop	04-Apr-23	Clr Tshali	Provision of Electricity - Mandela Square	Infrastructure Services/ Electrical Services	Director Infrastructure/ Tholi Biyela
29	Budget@knyrna.gov.za	14-Apr-23	RATE PAYER Lilith Seals Seals 3604010017081 owner of ERF number 4735 Sedgfieldetd Contact number 082 440 8625 Email address lseals@arms.co.za SEDGFIELD	Dear Sirs/Madam, Attached is a letter objecting to items in the Draft Budget published on the 4 April 2023. The lack of thought, and huge increase in the tariff for properties cannot be accepted. Maintenance of the lagoon facilities in Sedgfield have been completely ignored. Please can you respond with a COLAB number for this letter. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Knyrna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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30	Budget@knysna.gov.za	14-Apr-23	(Name/Surname): Richard Young ID number: 8412225081081 Owner of ERF number: 203006000, Sedgfield Contact number: +27 83 456 1898 Email address: richyoung22@gmail.com SEDFIELD RATE PAYER	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
31	Budget@knysna.gov.za	14-Apr-23	(Name/Surname) _KEVIN BARNES ID number)_ 5811145035080 Owner of ERF number _1006Sedgfield Contact number _0822918609 Email address _barnes.bibi@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
32	Budget@knysna.gov.za	14-Apr-23	Lester Day <lesterday@me.com>	Draft 2023-2024 Budget Good day I am trying to review the Budget to provide comment by the 12 May deadline In my review I am missing details of the Electricity Budget similar to Table 5 provided for the Technical Services Budget Can you urgently please provide something similar I am also trying to understand the Bad Debt Provision Can you please provide analysis across the varying operating Budgets Have this for Water & sewerage & when I get Electricity will have that as well What about other charge areas Rates Traffic Fines I appreciate your urgent response Best Wishes Lester Day		
33	Budget@knysna.gov.za	14-Apr-23	Onke Rwayi 7608245881084 Erf no 2939 contact: 0732997224 email nokhala7608@gmail.com SEDFIELD RATE PAYER	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
34	Budget@knysna.gov.za		Esther Volschenk <esther.janeke@gmail.com> EC VOLSCHENK Erf 4564 Sedgfield	I struggle to survive as a pensioner with annual pension fund increases of less than 5%. PLEASE RECONSIDER URGENTLY????!!	Financial Services	CFO, Busi Kova
35	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	B Joseph 14 Watsonia str, Sedgfield The Chairperson ExecuVe CommiFee Knysna Municipality	My objection is based on the following concerns: 1. Due and proper consultation on the budget was not done with our DA representatives. They were not properly consulted in this matter and given insufficient time to provide inputs to the budget. 2. Due and proper consultation was not done with our ratepayers association: Sedgfield Ratepayers & Residents AssociaCon. 3. The inputs and requests tabled by our ward representatives (Ward 1 and II) are ignored in this budget. 4. The budget is unfair and illegal as it completely ignores the requirements of Sedgfield wards, and is as such, it is unconstitutional. 5. No mention is made in this budget, and/or no consideration is given to the undercollection of rates and taxes as detailed by the special task force that reviewed collection practices in the 2021/22 financial year. 6. The revised property rates announced earlier this year have yet to be finalised and properly agreed.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
36	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	B Joseph 14 Watsonia str, Sedgfield The Chairperson ExecuVe CommiFee Knysna Municipality	7. The strategic plan for Knysna has yet to be agreed and submitted to effective and properly constituted scrutiny. 8. The effective property rates increase is inconsistently applied and based on the new valuation roll, applies exorbitant increases ranging from between 15% and 50%. This is highly irregular and unconstitutional. 9. Together with the electricity tariff increase, this represents an increase in excess of 21% in the monies due the municipality and is unaffordable for the bulk of its citizens. 10. The proposed budget increases the operating budget by 12,6%. This is more than double the headline inflation target of 5,3%. This reflects poorly on officials at Knysna Municipality as such a budget would be disrespectful of its citizens in these hard economic times. 11. The budget is silent and/or under provides for the most pressing concerns of its citizens who have written to you separately in this matter, and whose petition has been delivered to you via its ward counsellors. These matters consistently point to an inadequate Law Enforcement capability to effectively deal with the ever-deteriorating matters of Decaying Infrastructure, Environmental Destruction, Illegal Housing, and Noise Pollution. The above concerns, individually and collectively, point to a serious mismanagement of public monies and a disingenuous attempt to extort further monies from citizens who are already cash-strapped and poorly supported by the Knysna Municipality. I object in the strongest terms and request that a zero-based budget be compiled that fairly and accurately approximates the agreed strategy for Knysna. This budget compilation process should be done with the express and well-considered input of all interested parties.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
37	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	RL Dudley Sedgfield	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
38	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Sedgfield Ratepayers and Residence Association	1.1 An operating revenue budget excluding capital grants, of R1.217 billion, and operating expenditure equates to R1.215 billion for the 2023/2024 financial year. This leaves an operating surplus of merely R1.432 million. 1.2 The total capital expenditure budget is R126.7 million for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. This expenditure will be funded through government grants of R82.6 million, external loans of R38.8 million and own internal reserves of R5.2 million. 1.3 Year-on-year the Rates Operating Revenue for the new financial year reflects a 32.9% increase on the current 2022-23 financial year (From R258 519 581 for 2022-2023 forecast to increase to R343 446 646 for 2023-24)		
39	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Sedgfield Ratepayers and Residence Association	We ran 9 different scenarios using models for vacant land, pensioners, indigents, guest houses, domestic households, businesses, and agricultural property. We were shocked to see that the combined effect of the new property rates (together with the proposed water, sanitation and electricity tariffs) results in us paying anything between 9.4% and 30% more year-on-year! Pensioners could expect to pay 21% more. On an R2.2 million property, the net effect of the increased electricity tariff and the increased property rates alone would mean an increase of 21%.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
40	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Sedgfield Ratepayers and Residence Association	We have until the 10th of May, 2023, to table objections and comments. You are welcome to use the letter below as a guide. Also feel free to use your own wording. Each ratepayer needs to make an individual submission by email to budget@knysna.gov.za and knysie@knysna.gov.za Please CC Sedgfield.ratepayers@gmail.com so the SRRA has a record of all formal objections. If you need assistance SRRA is holding an information evening for all ratepayers and residents on the 25th April 2023 @ 1800 at the Sedgfield Town Hall.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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42	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	ALISON WATSON 5306070127085 Owner of ERF number 2-03815-000 .Sedgfield Contact number 0846451206 Email address calerica@telkomsa.net	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
43	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Barbara Storr ID number: 6409060063085 Owner of ERF number 2768 Sedgfield Physical Address 8 Waxberry str, Sedgfield Contact number 0835651460 Email address - storrbarsa@gmail.com SEDGFIELD	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
44	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Stephanus Avenant ID number) 460605 5059 083 Owner of ERF number 200578000 Sedgfield Physical Address 29 Pelican Lane, Sedgfield Contact number 082 459 7579 Email address fanieavenant@outlook.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
45	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Deon Velthuisen <velthuysendeon@gmail.com> Erf no: 4666, SEDGFIELD	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
46	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	John Davidson <jed1@mweb.co.za> Erf no: 202047000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. I request an extension of the current Evaluation roll to July 2024 3. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 6. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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48	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Doreen Cowling redneval.cowling@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
49	Budget@knysna.gov.za	16-Apr-23	FREDERICK IGNATIUS_RAUTENBACH 5306145135089 Owner of ERF number 3194Sedgefield Contact number ____0823748799 fredr@rayten.co.za	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
50	Budget@knysna.gov.za	16-Apr-23	Eric Roper eroper@mweb.co.za	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
51	Budget@knysna.gov.za	16-Apr-23	Len Moul 1 Faure Street The Island Sedgefield, 6573 Western Cape Email: magalies@me.com Mobile +27 83 604 2361	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. It is vital that the municipality understand that the salary to Total Cost ratio does not lead to the improvements of service delivery to any constituent of the resident it merely adds bureaucracy and no added value. 3. Looking at the of infrastructure and or significant lack of physical improvements to roads sidewalks, Waste reduction and general cleanliness does not correlate to a request for a budget increase. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Beyond realism by a significant level. 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 6. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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53	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	17-Apr-23	CARI DU TOIT AND MICHAEL HALSTEAD ID number 8709040009084 / 8612035034085 Owner of ERF number 1496 Sedgfield Contact number 0718897881 Email address cari@cdattorneys.co.za	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
54	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	17-Apr-23	Leonard Philip Johannes van beek vanbeek@polka.co.za	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
55	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	17-Apr-23	Kobus Ras - BCX Senior Manager: ITSS Pre-Sales and Quoting Kobus.ras@bcx.co.za 011 2666246 065 999 1810 Erf no: 203743000, Sedgfield	I hereby object against these proposed increases because it is absurd. 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Financial Services	CFO, Busi Kova
56	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	17-Apr-23	Reginald Dennis Cook ID number: 4411035024087 Owner of ERF number 1350 Sedgfield Contact number : 060 700 0192 Email address : cookdennis001@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Verges and parks needs to be maintained by the municipality and not the town's people to improve the appearance of Sedgfield. 6. The roads are broken and potholed which detract from the appearance of the town as well as constitute a safety hazard.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Infrastructure/Directo r Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
57	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	17-Apr-23	TERTIA ROTHMAN ID number)____5212160121089 Owner of ERF number ____164 UNIT 2 Sedgfield Contact number 0820460463 Email address ____tertiar52@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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58	Budget@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	I, Mrs Margaretha Dreyer ID number 3901050001086; owner of ERF no 4837 situated at 6 Tern Crescent, Sedgfield, and with Contact details: cell 0833771780; email diewabe@gmail.com;	1) All rates, apart from sewerage, that far exceeds the headline inflation target of 5,3% . 2) The net effect of the budget translates to an effective 32,9% year-on-year increase which is unsustainable for most, if not all residents of Sedgfield, and especially for pensioners of 84 like myself and my husband. 3) The Knysna Draft Budget completely ignores the fact that the Treasury and Auditor-Generals' strong recommendation to cut Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4) Although we pay for law enforcement, lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5) Moreover we request that provision is also made to ensure proper care and the updating of road infrastructure and road safety in Sedgfield. It seems as if the Knysna Municipality considers Sedgfield less important than other areas.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
59	Budget@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	I, JAN HENDRIK DUVENAGE SOUTH AFRICAN ID: 590628 5053 081 Owner of ERF number: 3655 Sedgfield Physical Address: 17 Dover Street, Cola Beach, Sedgfield, 6573 Contact number: 082 324 3997 / 082 325 7777 Email address: janduvanage@gmail.com / colleenduvanage@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. In addition: The property evaluations recently conducted by the Knysna Municipality are unsubstantiated and unjustified. Some properties increased by +70% from the previous valuation period. Although numerous requests were made to Knysna Municipality (Mr Andre Wessels ? - representative conducting the reevaluations), Knysna Municipality has to date failed to provide any documentation to support the proposed re-evaluation of the properties, which clearly indicates a procedural failure by the Knysna Municipality. No representative from the Knysna Municipality ever inspected my property for the purpose of re-evaluation.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
60	Budget@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	JAN HENDRIK DUVENAGE SOUTH AFRICAN ID: 590628 5053 081 Owner of ERF number: 3654 Sedgfield Physical Address: 3 Coral Reef Crescent, Cola Beach, Sedgfield, 6573 Contact number: 082 324 3997 / 082 325 7777 Email address: janduvanage@gmail.com / colleenduvanage@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. In addition: The property evaluations recently conducted by the Knysna Municipality are unsubstantiated and unjustified. Some properties increased by +70% from the previous valuation period. Although numerous requests were made to Knysna Municipality (Mr Andre Wessels ? - representative conducting the reevaluations), Knysna Municipality has to date failed to provide any documentation to support the proposed re-evaluation of the properties, which clearly indicates a procedural failure by the Knysna Municipality. No representative from the Knysna Municipality ever inspected my property for the purpose of re-evaluation.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
61	Budget@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	JAN HENDRIK DUVENAGE SOUTH AFRICAN ID: 590628 5053 081 Owner of ERF number: 3656 Sedgfield Physical Address: 15 Dover str, Cola Beach, Sedgfield, 6573 Contact number: 082 324 3997 / 082 325 7777 Email address: janduvanage@gmail.com / colleenduvanage@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. In addition: The property evaluations recently conducted by the Knysna Municipality are unsubstantiated and unjustified. Some properties increased by +70% from the previous valuation period. Although numerous requests were made to Knysna Municipality (Mr Andre Wessels ? - representative conducting the reevaluations), Knysna Municipality has to date failed to provide any documentation to support the proposed re-evaluation of the properties, which clearly indicates a procedural failure by the Knysna Municipality. No representative from the Knysna Municipality ever inspected my property for the purpose of re-evaluation.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
62	Budget@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	Dianne van Beek vanbeek@polka.co.za	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
63	Collab	17-Apr-23	Dennis Cook 4411035024087 cookdennis001@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
64	Collab	17-Apr-23	Manie Naude manienaude@telkomsa.net SEDEGFIELD	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
65	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	B Joseph 14 Watsonia street, Sedgfield	1. DA representatives were not properly consulted 2. Proper consultation was not done with the Sedgfield ratepayers association 3. The inputs requested by ward 1 and 2 ward representatives were ignored in this budget. 4. the budget is unfair, illegal and unconstitutional as it completely ignore the requirements of Sedgfield wards. 5. No mention is made or consideration given to under-collection of rates and taxes as detailed by the special task force that reviewed the collection practices in the 2021/22 financial year. 6. The revised property rates announced earlier this year have yet to be finalised and properly agreed. 7. The strategic plan of Knysna has yet to be agreed and submitted to effective and properly constituted scrutiny. 8. The effective property rates increase is inconsistently applied and based on the new valuation roll, applies exorbitant increases ranging from 15% to 50%. 9. Together with the electricity tariff increase, this represents an increase in excess of 21% in the monies due to the municipality and is unaffordable. 10. The proposed budget increase of the operating budget is 12%. This is more than double the headline inflation target of 5.3%. 11. Inadequate law enforcement capability to effectively deal with the ever deteriorating matters of decaying infrastructure, environmental destruction, illegal housing, and noise pollution.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/Richard Meyer/CFO,Busi Kova
66	Collab	18-Apr-23	BCV van der Waal Erff no: 880, Sedgfield 49 Bleshoender str, Sedgfield Contact no : 072 974 9581 bcwvis@gmail.com	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures in Smutsville and thapop the adjacent dune. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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67	Collab	18-Apr-23	Norman and Sharon Levang Erf no: 4533, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
68	Collab	19-Apr-23	PR & CH Wilkinson Erf no: 4449, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
69	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	P Wilkinson Erf no: 4449, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. You are alienating residents and putting off future buyers in the Knysna municipal area	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
70	Collab	18-Apr-23	Fi van Dyk Erf no: 2045, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
71	Collab	19-Apr-23	H van Zyl Erf no: 1506, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
72	Collab	19-Apr-23	H van Zyl Erf no: 1370, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
73	Collab	19-Apr-23	K Goss Erf no: 1260, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
74	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	B Goss Erf no: 1260, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
75	Collab	18-Apr-23	JP Anema Erf no: 204532000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
76	Collab	18-Apr-23	J.A.N Cross and C. Cross Erf no: 201436000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
77	Collab	19-Apr-23	R Fehrsen Erf no: 3567, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
78	Collab	19-Apr-23	J De Lange Erf no: 175, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Steenbras street has not been resurfaced although I pay R8000 per month tax	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure

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79	Collab	18-Apr-23	H Stephens 29 Island Village Paul Kruger str Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
80	Collab	18-Apr-23	P van Rensburg Familie Trust Erf no: 91, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
81	Collab	18-Apr-23	ACB Investment Trust Erf no: 4762, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
82	Collab	18-Apr-23	Almarie Mead Erf no: 1986, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
83	Collab	18-Apr-23	Johan M Gericke Erf no: 02, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
84	Collab	20-Apr-23	Ian Wright Erf no: 2-01212-000, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Our road is untarred and poorly maintained. 6. We have no street lighting. 7. We are pensioners and the almost 24% increase in rates in 2022, this latest proposed budget is not sustainable considering our property has remained virtually unchanged for year.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova/Director Infrastructure/ Tholi Biyela
85	Collab	20-Apr-23	Peter and Brigitte Edginton Erf no: 2-02775-000, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
86	Collab	18-Apr-23	R Pearson Erf no: 1884, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
87	Collab	20-Apr-23	P Butler Erf no: 656, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
88	Collab	20-Apr-23	M Poverello Erf no: 202839000, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
89	Collab	20-Apr-23	CY Pedersen Erf no: 1323, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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90	Collab	20-Apr-23	P.J and M.E Nell Erf no: 658, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
91	Collab	20-Apr-23	G and C Mauchline Erf no: 4700, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
92	Collab	20-Apr-23	G Fehrsten Erf no: 3567, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
93	Collab	20-Apr-23	P.J Sheridan Erfo: 4534, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
94	Collab	21-Apr-23	H.W Calitz Erf no: 200301000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
95	Collab	21-Apr-23	E Martin Erf no: 656, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
96	Collab	21-Apr-23	H Fuchs Erf no: 28, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
97	Collab	21-Apr-23	C and J Miles Erf no: 4455, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
98	Collab	24-Apr-23	T Stone Erf no: 633, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
99	Collab	23-Apr-23	M Stainton Erf no: 2020, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
100	Collab	22-Apr-23	S.M.J Young Erf no: 837, Sedgfield	.	Community Services/ Financial Services/Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure
101	Collab	24-Apr-23	L Durham Erf no: 1576, Leisure Isle	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
102	Collab	24-Apr-23	C.L Frei Erf no: 1362, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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103	Collab	24-Apr-23	W Frei Erf no: 1362, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
104	Collab	24-Apr-23	S Hausleitner Erf no: 25, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
105	Collab	24-Apr-23	I B Oliver 13 Makou str, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
106	Collab	24-Apr-23	M Boyle Erf no: 3501, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
107	Collab	24-Apr-23	Penny Rice	1. The increase in the rates tariff is exorbitant and top of this our properties have been revalued and in some cases the values have gone up by more than 100%. It is totally unacceptable that our property values have increased therefore rates will increase and on top of this you propose and enormous hike in rates.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
108	Collab	24-Apr-23	Bain Family Investment trust Erf no: 1-04560-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
109	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	Bain Family Investment trust Erf no: 1-04684-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
110	Collab	24-Apr-23	J.A Nay Erf no: 4490, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security for all. 5. The poor outside Knysna town namely Sedgfield, Karatara and Rheendal also needs support 6. By forcing those that are paying for services to pay more will lead to unemployment 7. SARS sets three levels when it is not necessary to pay tax. The Municipality should use these levels to determine the rebate levels: Namely: - Younger than 65 years old = R 91 250 per annum - From 65 to 75 years old = R 141 250 per annum - Over 75 years of age = R 151 900 per annum	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
111	Collab	24-Apr-23	Alfa Centauri Trust Erf no: 193, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
112	Collab	24-Apr-23	L Ludick Erf no: 608, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
113	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	E Ludick Erf no: 608, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
114	Collab	24-Apr-23	D Clark Erf no: 200164000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
115	Collab	24-Apr-23	L De Villiers Ef no, 200164000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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116	Collab	24-Apr-23	C Schutte Erf no: 3694, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
117	Collab	24-Apr-23	V Booysen Erf no: 57, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. The siting of the waste and recycling central location station at the main beach parking area is n eyesore as well as a health hazard and must be relocated to a more suitable site.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/Randal Bower/CFO Busi Kova
118	Collab	24-Apr-23	M Barnard Erf no: 1521, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Sedgfield needs its own municipal offices that function like a professional business and not close every Friday at 13h00 and the minute there is loadshedding 5. An end to corruption and misappropriation of funds 6. Budget provision needs to be made for the necessary law enforcement in our Town to ensure safety and security 7. The upkeep of roads, pavements and public ablutions be implemented 8. NPO's like revive- Sedgfield is already doing Councils job because our town is falling apart 9. Do not increase rates so more funds can go missing	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/Randal Bower/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure
119	Budget@knysna.gov.za	21-Apr-23	D Barnard F5, Spinnaker Drive, Knysna	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
120	Collab	24-Apr-23	S.F Du Toit Erf no: 201487000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
121	Collab	24-Apr-23	The Bain Family Investment Trust Erf no: 3-00197-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
122	Collab	25-Apr-23	G and A Hindle Erf no: 457, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
123	Collab	25-Apr-23	A Reynders Erf no: 1291, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. 5. The roads that borders my property are sand roads with huge potholes, my rates and taxes should be less due to an ill maintained road. 6. Sedgfield gets it's own municipal offices that functions like a professional business and not close every Friday at 13h00 7. An end to corruption and misappropriation of funds which has resulted in our own residents starting projects to do the maintenance of areas etc that should by done by the municipality 8. Budget provision must be made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security 9. The upkeep of roads, pavements and public ablutions be implemented. 10. We should be paying less due to an inadequate and useless municipality and government leadership	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure/Shau Maree
124	Collab	26-Apr-23	The Bain Family Investment Trust Erf no: 1-13068-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
125	Collab	25-Apr-23	H.E Werth Erf no: 1349, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. 5. Sedgfield gets it's own municipal offices that functions like a professional business - we refuse to pay towards Knysna - Spend our hard earned funds in our own town where we reside 6. An end to corruption and misappropriation of funds which has resulted in our own residents starting projects to do the maintenance of areas etc that should by done by the municipality 7. Budget provision must be made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security 8. The upkeep of roads, pavements and public ablutions be implemented. 9. We should be paying less due to non-delivery of services	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure/Shau Maree
126	Collab	25-Apr-23	N Valentim Erf no: 1426, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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127	Collab	26-Apr-23	J Greyling Erf no: 14, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
128	Collab	25-Apr-23	C.P Demetriou Erf no: 2562, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
129	Collab	25-Apr-23	H.P Venter Erf no: 203939000051 6 Cycad str, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
130	Collab	25-Apr-23	A Linder Erf no: 1739, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
131	Collab	25-Apr-23	M Hardy Erf no: 2-03608, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
132	Collab	25-Apr-23	W.M Ruscoe Erf no: 200902000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
133	Collab	25-Apr-23	J.F Dunn Erf no's: 2-03021-000-15-7 2-03029-000-04-5 2-04396-000-45-9 Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5.1 Two of my properties rates and taxes were raised respectively 40% and 80% which on it's own is ridiculous as it also is not compared with the market value increase. 5.2 As a pensioner and senior rate payer we did not even receive a 5% pension increase 5.3 Because of loadshedding we had enormous expenses to ensure alternative power and to make serious security upgrades to our premises because of the illegal squatters camp growing on the dune in Sedgfield less than 300m from our properties.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO / Busi Kova
134		01-May-23	Budget@knysna.gov.za J.C Dunn Erf no's: 2045656000,11 Village Mews Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
135	Collab	25-Apr-23	J.A Wood Erf no: 4531, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
136	Collab	25-Apr-23	M.J.M and P.Y Jeanrenaud Erf no: 201327000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
137	Collab	26-Apr-23	P and J Rossiter Erf no: 867 and 1115, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. We would prefer to manage our own resources and allocation as we feel it is being unfairly allocated and abused by Knysna Municipality	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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138	Collab	26-Apr-23	D Wilbraham Erf no: 164, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
139	Collab	28-Apr-23	J and A Möller Duwelaan 12, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As senior ratepayer and pensioner we attach our own comments on the document attached to this, on behalf of myself and my wife, as we are mutual owners 6. As a norm; Our social pension has only increased from R 2010 to R 2100 per month = 4.47% Therefore: The proposed increased valuation of properties means that the Municipality will receive a higher income from ratepayers. Increases in rates are then not needed. 7. Electricity tariffs cannot increase because the load shedding has effectively disrupted the economy and we as consumers have to pay the price, increasing the cost of our daily bread. The utilising of our local fast flowing mountain streams for hydro-electric-power should be seriously contemplated. Each stream could be used several times as it cascades down the mountain. Low input cost Technology is available and used in other parts of the world. 8. Operating expenditure of the Municipality should be checked to increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary personnel and high salaries and external contracts prices where possible. 9. Care should also be taken not to make any loans to make ends meet. It will be totally impossible to repay the loans in the future, and the lenders will take over the municipality and assets including ratepayer's properties. The burden of interest rates on loans will complicate the future. 10. As senior citizens and pensioners we suggest the following minimum meaningful adjpment to our rebate privileges. Monthly income Rands; % rebate on taxes 0 - 5000 100 5001 - 7000 80 7001 - 9000 70 9001 - 11000 60 11001 - 13000 50 13001 - 15000 40 Senior Citizens 80 years and older with income higher than R 13000 remaine on 50% rebate.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
140	Collab	28-Apr-23	J and A Möller Duwelaan 12, Sedgefield	A "good" financial setup and budget would be compiled of: 70% of the income used to directly run the works to supply the services to ratepayers. 20% should be allocated as "savings"... like emergency equipment and staff and disaster funds as well as requirements for unforeseen happenings, and planning for future developments and improvements. 10% for "tithing" where help in community care, health services, training and education is supplied Close cooperation with the SAP and other safety and security activities should be maintained to secure our area and prevent happenings like the N2 from being blocked by minority groups and vandals damaging the roads by burning tyres and take sharp measures to stop the disruption.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
141	Collab	26-Apr-23	L Grace Erf no: 131, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/Randal Bower/CFO Busi Kova
142	Collab	26-Apr-23	TD Scott Erf no: 4715, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. We would prefer to manage our own resources and allocation as we feel it is being unfairly allocated and abused by Knysna Municipality	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
143	Collab	26-Apr-23	B.J Dominy Erf no: 5224, Sedgefield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
144	Collab	26-Apr-23	C and N Hardnick Erf no: 2575, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
145	Collab	26-Apr-23	C.J Dobie Erf no: 3953, Sedgefield	As a pensioner who has planned carefully for my retirement, I strongly object to the draft budget for 2023-2024 and would like it noted that I reject it completely. It is preposterous that there is a proposed increase in operating expenditure, when there are many people in our poorer communities that don't even have toilets in their homes and we get barely adequate service delivery.	Financial Services /Infrastructure Services	CFO /Busi Kova/ N Fundi/Director Infrastructure

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146	Collab	26-Apr-23	M Enslin Erf no: 1720, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
147	Collab	26-Apr-23	Van den Heever Trust Erf no: 2-04677-000-13-9 Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
148	Collab	26-Apr-23	R Nay Erf no: 4490, Sedgfield	1. The evaluator did not visit the properties to reassess those specific homes that objected to the proposed property valuations to discuss and finalise before the end of March 2023 as promised in a community meeting held by KM. In February this year, therefore it is unfair to impose rates based on incorrect information. 2. After the disastrous 2018 fire that destroyed many homes many have not been rebuilt as of a result of people not having the capital to do so. I ask that property valued less than R 1, 250,000 be zero rated to help these people continue to live in Sedgfield and also to continue to provide employment for the poor.	Financial Services	CFO /Busi Kova/ N Fund/
149	Collab	26-Apr-23	L Ralph Erf no: 4668, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
150	Collab	26-Apr-23	T Maartens Erf no: 164, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
151	Collab	26-Apr-23	K Trusler Erf no : 200725000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. We would prefer to manage our own resources and allocation as we feel it is being unfairly allocated and abused by Knysna Municipality	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
152	Collab	26-Apr-23	J Grobler Erf no: 3173, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
153	Collab	26-Apr-23	J Grobler Erf no: 4690, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
154	Collab	26-Apr-23	C Ansell Erf no: 4497, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
155	Collab	26-Apr-23	Bailey Erf no: 2-04456, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
156	Collab	26-Apr-23	P Smith Erf no: 204695, 1552 Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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157	Collab	26-Apr-23	D vd Spuy Erf no: 20122, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
158	Collab	26-Apr-23	K Steyn Erf no: 700, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
159	Collab	26-Apr-23	N Ricketts Marigold str, Sedgefield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
160	Collab	26-Apr-23	B Sparks Erf no: 5031, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
161	Collab	26-Apr-23	A McReady Erf no: 2-04461-000, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
162	Collab	26-Apr-23	R Scheffel Erf no: 677, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
163	Collab	28-Apr-23	D Booyens Erf no: 2-01275-000-01-8 12 Protea str, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
164	Collab	28-Apr-23	N Oberholzer Erf no: 2-01275-000-01-8 12 Protea str, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
165	Collab	27-Apr-23	ML Briedenham Sedgefield	I strongly protest and would appreciate your re-consideration of all the increased calculations	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
166	Collab	27-Apr-23	E . E Pittaway Erf no: 1235, Sedgefield	1. The rate and salaries should be in line with the headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The proposed budget is unaffordable mainly to pensioners who should be supported with reduced rates adjustments 3. Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations should be adhered to i.e to lower operational expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Sedgefield urgently needs budget provision for service repair to roads, water supply, solar electrification and law enforcement.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads and water
167	Collab	27-Apr-23	B Ahrens Erf no : 1246, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
168	Collab	27-Apr-23	G van Niekerk Erf no: 1507, Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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169	Budget@knysna.gov.za	21-Apr-23	M van Niekerk Erf no: 323, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
170	Collab	27-Apr-23	A Ladeck and O Höde Erf no: 3613, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
171	Collab	27-Apr-23	M.A Pittaway Erf no: 1235, Sedgfield	1. The rate and salaries should be in line with the headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The proposed budget is unaffordable mainly to pensioners who should be supported with reduced rates adjustments 3. Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations should be adhered to i.e to lower operational expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Sedgfield urgently needs budget provision for service repair to roads, water supply, solar electrification and law enforcement.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads and water
172	Collab	27-Apr-23	H Spengler 58 Montage Village, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
173	Collab	27-Apr-23	Richard Low Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
174	Collab	27-Apr-23	I Tromans Erf no: 4487, Sedgfield	1. Sedgfield had in previous years budgets a registered housing project with just over R 38 million in national and provincial funding approved for spending over the next two years. Knysna Municipality removed this project from our budget and this is unfair on the people who have been waiting so long for housing and this will likely lead to protests 2. KM is budgeting for an increase in rates revenue of 33%, which is unaffordable to pensioners. I suggest that the first R 1 million in property valuation be excluded from the calculation of rates in respect of pensioners 3. I suggest that KM do not use the new valuation role until 2045/25 budget year which will allow time for thorough review of these new valuations 4. KM is budgeting to increase electricity tariffs by 18.6% despite NERSA's recommendation that municipal tariff increases be limited to 15%	Integrated Human Settlements/ Financial Services	Director Housing /CFO /Busi Kova / N Fundi
175	Collab	27-Apr-23	E Bain Erf no: 1-13948-000 Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations of National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
176	Collab	28-Apr-23	P.Y Jeanrenaud Erf no: 201327000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
177	Collab	28-Apr-23	B Skeyl Erf no: 201253000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
178	Collab	27-Apr-23	M Meyer Erf no: 201328000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
179	Collab	28-Apr-23	L Meyer Erf no: 201328000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
180	Collab	28-Apr-23	S De Moor Erf no: 201427000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
181	Collab	28-Apr-23	A Fichardt Erf no: 1985, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
182	Collab	28-Apr-23	G Reed Erf no: 2-01373-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable especially to a pensioner and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova

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183	Collab	28-Apr-23	M Mortazavi Erf no: 3902, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
184	Collab	28-Apr-23	D Miles Erf no: 202821000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
185	Collab	28-Apr-23	S Jackson Erf no: 1410, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
186	Collab	01-May-23	Beverley McDonald Erf no: 3010, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. Wasteful expeditures continues	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
187	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	Bruce Alexander McDonald ERF number __203010_Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Wasteful expenditure continues with lack of proper internal controls, which means ratepayers have to "supplement" the losses.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
188	Collab	01-May-23	C Henning Erf no: 2-01295-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. It is vital that the municipality understands that the total salary/total cost ratio does not lead to the improvement of service delivery to any constituent of the residents of sedgfield. It merely adds bureaucracy and no added value. 3. Looking at the lack of infrastructure and or significant lack of physical improvement to roads, sidewalks, waste reduction and general cleanliness does not correlate to a request for a budget increase 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Beyond realism by a significant level. 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 6. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 7. Residents have taken on their own cost to improve various aspects of what the municipality should provide 8. We as residents need these costs to be aligned with what is reasonable and be service delivery based 9. The proposed increase in tariffs are totally out of proportion and ridiculous	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
189	Collab	01-May-23	P Palm Erf no: 1058, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
190	Collab	01-May-23	B Edgington Erf no: 2-02775-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of deomestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. Why should the law abiding ratepayers pay for the illegal shack dwellers who have not contributed one cent to the upkeep of Sedgfield and it's surroundings	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
191	Collab	01-May-23	P Edgington Erf no: 2-02775-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance potholes in the roads and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. Why should the law abiding ratepayers subsidise the illegal squatters?	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
192	Collab	01-May-23	S.J van Zyl Erf no: 2-00912-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above inflation. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. The allocation of the budget for maintaining infrastructure in Sedgfield is not adequate as eg. most roads need urgent repair. 4.KM losing grant from Treasury / Local government of R9.4 nillion of allocated R 39 million due to not meeting the objectives from Treasury. And likely not to be spend.	Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	CFO /Busi Kova / N Fund/Director Infrastructure, Roads and water

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193	Collab	01-May-23	C Cornish Erf no: Portion 91, Farm, Knysna Road, Elandsdraal	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We have a local security group to look after each other and monitor issues in our area. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Finally a 33% increase for people like myself who own agriculture land and receive no services whatsoever from the municipality is totally unacceptable. My property runs on rain water only, solar power and I have a septic tank all of which is paid for and maintained by me. I have Eskom pre-paid which is directly paid to Eskom. The access road to my property is also maintained by the residents of this area with no aid from the Municipality. Refuse collection only occurs where the dirt road links up with Barrington road, too far to push a wheelie bin and if bags are left there they are torn apart by animals, so I drive down to Sedgfield to dispose my household rubbish.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/Randal Bower/CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
194	Collab	30-Apr-23	P Westerberg Erf no: 201272000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO / Busi Kova
195	Budget@knysna.gov.za	21-Apr-23	M Westerberg Erf no: 1272, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO / Busi Kova
196	Collab	01-May-23	G Haveman 5 Hertzog str, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
197	Collab	01-May-23	G Alexander 20 Louw Wepener str, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. I am a pensioner on a fixed income with no yearly increases. We are also not on SASSA. Me and my wife does not qualify.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
198	Collab	01-May-23	E.J Rosewall Erf no: 204450000135, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
199	Collab	01-May-23	B Eatwell Erf no: 2414, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. 5. We request budget provision is made with a focus on law enforcement and investment in infrastructure to attract tourism that contributes positively to local economy 6. Overpaid under performers not only cost residents and tax payers money but their lack of performance causes huge setbacks in the future development of Sedgfield and Knysna. 7. I strongly object to this huge and unaffordable proposed increase that is a one sided budget which don't have the future of our local economy, pensioners and residents in mind.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
200	Collab	01-May-23	W.J Rosewall Erf no: 200917000122, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
201	Collab	02-May-23	D Kay Erf no: 202564000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
202	Collab	01-May-23	D Kenmuir Erf no: 2-02515/0000, Sedgfield	1. The total increase in the proposed operating expenditure of the draft budget amounts to more than double the headline inflation rate of 5,3%.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Why, therefore has Knysna Municipality ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. These must be taken into consideration in a revised budget proposal. 2. I object strongly to the proposed increase in electricity costs of 18.65% - this for a deplorable service 3. As a Sedgfield ratepayer, I am paying for the supposed service of law enforcement in our town; however, the lack of previous allocated resources has nevertheless resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a senior citizen I request that the proposed base figure of R 700 000 for the pensioners rates rebate on the Draft budget be raised to a base figure of R 1 000 000 5. I request that the new budget only be implemented to commence in July 2024 to allow for a complete revision of the current 2023-2024 budget proposal	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi

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203	Collab	02-May-23	J.G Gillomee Erf no: 20522, Knysna	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 4. With the current technology at our disposal, it should be much easier for a homeowner to access what the proposed increases will be on their respective erf's.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
204	Collab	01-May-23	J Devenish Erf no: 201308000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
205	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	D Malyon Erf no: 201308000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
206	Collab	28-Apr-23	W Schneider The sandals, Marigold str, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
207	Collab	30-Apr-23	B Barnes Erf no: 1006, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. We are not receiving services which we already pay for like security and public land invasion on the dune now another ludicrous increase not accepted at all.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
208	Collab	02-May-23	Dr. M van der Elst 17 Hart rd, Leisur Isle, Knysna	1. We have had no feedback regarding our objections nor explanations of how the valuations were executed. The increase in property rates in line with inaccurate property valuations is criminal, unacceptable and will be legally challenged if not amended 2. Increases in rates for electricity (18.62), water (9%), and refuse (6%) are above inflation of 5.3% and should therefore be adjusted downwards to match inflation 3. The proposed budget is unaffordable and will result in economic crippling of residents and businesses 4. We object to the corrupt municipality effectively stealing rate payers' funds through wasteful expenditure, exorbitant salaries and then trying to address the deficit by taking even more money from rate payers. Transparency is requested. 5. Law enforcement should be a priority in the budget and allocation to this sector should be increased to ensure safety and security of all residents.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
209	Collab	02-May-23	S and A Benjamin Erf no: 4643, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
210	Collab	01-May-23	G.E.P van Rensburg Erf no: 23, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
211	Collab	28-Apr-23	B Anderson Erf no: 200657000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
212	Collab	02-May-23	M Robertson 183 Eastbrook road	1. The rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate as well as the consumer price index 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable for ratepayers as income are not increasing at the same rate. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. The increase is unacceptable on an agricultural property for which no services other than garbage removal is provided. The municipality are not able to provide agricultural properties with basic law enforcement left alone the specialised law enforcement required to safeguard livestock and workers. Nor are you able to maintain our roads, provide water or sewerage. Our electricity is purchased directly from Eskom. The rates levied is therefore a hefty fee to pay for garbage removal when considering that we have to cater for all other services ourselves. 5. I fail to find how the municipality is complying with the property rates act when it comes to levying rates against agricultural properties. I also fail to see why the burden is put on the ratepayer to apply for these exemptions/rebates every year as the properties are categorised on th evaluation roll.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Director Infrastructure	Director Community/R Meyer/ A Bans/CFO /Busi Kova/ N Fundi / Director Infrastructure/ Roads, water and sewer

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213	Collab	28-Apr-23	J Kotze Erf no: 200164000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
214	Collab	28-Apr-23	T Mundell Erf no: 20 4523 000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. In January 2023 My husband submitted an objection to KM regarding the revised valuation of our property, as the property area used in the valuation is incorrect. Receipt of this objection was acknowledged on Jan 23rd, Ref : GV2023/08I267. We have heard nothing further regarding this. 6. If the municipality is to use the market related value of properties in determining annual rates to be paid, the factor used together with said valuation should also be adjusted, in order that the increase in rates payable should be in line with inflation.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
215	Budget@knysna.gov.za	28-Apr-23	P Mundell Erf no: 20 4523 000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. In January 2023 My husband submitted an objection to KM regarding the revised valuation of our property, as the property area used in the valuation is incorrect. Receipt of this objection was acknowledged on Jan 23rd, Ref : GV2023/08I267. We have heard nothing further regarding this. 6. If the municipality is to use the market related value of properties in determining annual rates to be paid, the factor used together with said valuation should also be adjusted, in order that the increase in rates payable should be in line with inflation.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
216	Collab	29-Apr-23	S Fawcett Erf no: 1486, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. Please note that our property has been assessed as a double storey dwelling in error. It is a single storey. Please adjust your records.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
217	Budget@knysna.gov.za	29-Apr-23	G Fawcett Erf no: 1486, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. Please note that our property has been assessed as a double storey dwelling in error. It is a single storey. Please adjust your records.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/R Meyer /CFO Busi Kova /N Fundi
218	Budget@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	Leonie du Preez obo The development , The woods and Ridgewood	1. It is now 18 years later and this connection have not taken place so Knysna Municipality is in breach of the approval for this development that was granted in 2005 , 2. For 18 years now these homes have been billed for sewerage / sanitation which are not in place and Knysna Municipality is responsible to pay for the interim arrangement which is the honey sucker -also in breach of the approval that was granted in 2005 , 3. No maintenance have been done on the tanks for 18 years so it is filled with sediment , 4. Infrastructure in place cannot cope with the sewerage from 65 homes , 5. Sewerage overflowing during December and Easter , 6. The smell to residents in erf 697 , 698 and 699 have become unbearable , 7. Noise pollution from the honey suckers , 8. Toilets inside homes pushing up and overflowing as well as in gardens . We as residents require this project to be completed during the year 2023 – 2028 and request Knysna Municipality to ad this connection to Belvidere on the IDP list and budget with the necessary funds to complete this project during the next 5 years . Mpumelelo Nuzo -from the project management office have started with the project getting all the approvals in place and now we need it to be finalized and budgeted for in the next 5 years . We await your confirmation on the completion of the development connecting to the sewer reticulation system in Belvidere by adding it on the IDP List as well as securing the funds on the budget 2023-2028	Infrastructure Services	Director Infrastructure / M Nuzo/Sewerage
219	Budeet@knysna.gov.za	17-Apr-23	Kenmel Familietrust Erf no: 198, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/Randal Bower/CFO Busi Kova
220	Budget@knysna.gov.za	19-Apr-23	J Smith Erf no: 201322000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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221	Budget@knysna.gov.za	20-Apr-23	G Williamson Erf no: 202924000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
222	Budget@knysna.gov.za	21-Apr-23	F Rousseau Erf no: 235, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
223	Budget@knysna.gov.za	21-Apr-23	LA Winde Erf no: 4528, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
224	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	LA Winde Erf no: 216045, Brenton road, Knysna	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. This budget is way over inflation and totally unmanageable.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
225	Budget@knysna.gov.za	21-Apr-23	I van Moerkerken Erf no: 3704, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
226	Budget@knysna.gov.za	24-Apr-23	T.A Donovan Erf no 974, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
227	Budget@knysna.gov.za	24-Apr-23	C Fimpel Erf no: 4933, Sedgfield	1. KM has totally ignored the warning issued by the AG that opex be reduced by at least 20%, whereas this expenditure budget increases by 13% 2. This budget is unaffordable and will have serious affects on all paying citizens 3. KM has not grasped the fundamental that in order to balance a budget both income and expenditure lines need to be considered 4. Many services paid for are not being delivered. Many of the village's roads are in an appalling state. Of paramount concern is the complete absence of any effective law enforcement to control and prevent the rapid expansion of the illegal shacks being erected on a sensitive dune. Constant complaints about noise pollution are totally ignored by Law Enforcement	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads
228	Budget@knysna.gov.za	24-Apr-23	J and A Herbst Erf no: 203204000, Sedgfield	Now I lodge my formal objection to the Knysna Municipality Draft budget for 2023-2024 as it relates to revenue, expenditure and service delivery. More specifically, but not limited to: 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Regards Johan & Anna HERBST	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads
229	Budget@knysna.gov.za	25-Apr-23	J De Villiers Stegmann Erf no: 89, Buffelsbaai	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/Randal Bower/CFO Busi Kova
230	Budget@knysna.gov.za	25-Apr-23	Annemarie Bain Erf no: 4-00488-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
231	Budget@knysna.gov.za	25-Apr-23	Shelfcorp 79cc Erf no: 1-11159-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
232	Budget@knysna.gov.za	25-Apr-23	P.M Wilson Erf no: 203781000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security of its inhabitants.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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233	Budget@knysna.gov.za	25-Apr-23	D Tromans Erf no: 4487, Sedgfield	1. Sedgfield had in previous years budgets a registered housing project with just over R 38 million in national and provincial funding approved for spending over the next two years. Knysna Municipality removed this project from our budget and this is unfair on the people who have been waiting so long for housing and this will likely lead to protests 2. KM is budgeting for an increase in rates revenue of 33%, which is unaffordable and unsustainable given the minimal increase in the number of ratepayers. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year and has budgeted for an increase in operating costs of 12.6% 4. KM is budgeting to increase electricity tariffs by 18.6% despite NERSA's recommendation that municipal tariff increases be limited to 15%. This increase must be justified by a cost analysis to Nersa. As this is not included in the budget this increase should be rejected. 5. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Integrated Human Settlements/ Financial Services	Director Housing /CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
234	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	C.M McCarthy Erf no: 2-04461-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security of its inhabitants.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
235	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	B Wipf Erf no: 200164000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
236	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	L Moulit Erf no: 1279, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
237	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	S Russell Erf no: 201561000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. We reject all the increases and would like an extension till 2024	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
238	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	G.K and D.J Rawson Erf no: 2-04515-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
239	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	M Nadel Unit 25, Lake Pleasant, Sedgfield	I, Marius Nadel, formally object to the proposed budget increase. See attached form for my particulars. I reserve my right to elaborate on the reasons for my objections as stated on the form. The rebate level of R700 000 on property value for pensioners rebate is to low and should be increased to R1 250 000 for pensioners. I am a pensioner and receive no rebates on my current property. Please advise what I need to do to receive this rebate on my property. 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. As a pensioner I receive no rates rebate and living in Sedgfield costs far more than living in surrounding Municipalities. Too much is spend on the operational budget and very little goes to capital projects	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
240	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	L Saayman Erf no 16, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
241	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	Lynn Engraght-Moony Erf no: 204689000, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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242	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	John Peter Engraght-Moony Erf no: 204689000, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
243	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	C Waddington Erf no: 200357000, Sedgfield	I hereby lodge my formal objection to the Knysna Municipality Draft budget for 2023-2024, specifically to the failure to reduce the rates randage/rates tariff in keeping with the recent revaluations to result in a realistic average overall increase approximating to the given inflation rate - apparently 5,3% As it stands the increase, even taking into account the increased subsidy, is exorbitant and totally unrealistic. While the revaluations have greatly increased the value of residential properties on paper, in reality the residents (ratepayers) do not have a single rand extra in available cash as a result of the new valuations, and the current draft budget can only result in hardship and ultimately be to the detriment of all who live here.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
244	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	A Bartlett Erf no: 4433, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
245	Budget@knysna.gov.za	28-Apr-23	K Nell Erf no: 676, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of vandalism, illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is sufficient to provide the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
246	Budget@knysna.gov.za	28-Apr-23	A Seirlis Erf no: 847, Sedgfield	1. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 2. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. 00	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
247	Budget@knysna.gov.za	28-Apr-23	M Sessions Erf no: 4436, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
248	Budget@knysna.gov.za	29-Apr-23	Ian D McLachlan / Jane E McLachlan Erf no: 204530000 71 Island Village, Paul Kruger Street Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The condition of the roads/potholes is an ever-increasing issue that is ignored by the Council. 6. The erosion of the lagoon is now dangerous around the Charles de Water Street, and no effort is being made to make urgent repairs. 7. Whilst it's great to see the voluntary REVIVE group creating beautiful gardens and spaces around our Village, as well as the Mosaic group, surely this is also the responsibility of the local council. 8. Our Municipality Office seems to be under staffed and on many occasions closed due to staff shortages or illness, again this is a public serve and should be open daily.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads
249	Budget@knysna.gov.za	29-Apr-23	Richard Willis (ID6909305100089), as Trustee of the Willis Family Trust (IT2629/2012) ERF number 1585 Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
250	Budget@knysna.gov.za	29-Apr-23	Pieter Hendrik Roodt ERF number 204612000 Sedgfield 84 Montage Village, Wagtail Street, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Roads are in need of a planned maintenance programme.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads
251	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	D Pretorius Erf no: 203623000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
252	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	R Shaw Erf no: 1324, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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253	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	A Peet Efr no: 202739000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
254	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	M Stapleton Erf no: 1576, Leisure Isle, Knysna	1. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 2. Almost all the rates are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. 4. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
255	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	Michael Lewis. ERF. No. 117873000	Please accept this communication as my formal objection to the Knysna Municipality Tabled Draft Budget for years 2023/24. and relative to Revenue, Expenditure and Service delivery. SPECIFICALLY, BUT Limited to : 1. Property Rates increase by 32% following recent GENERAL VALUATION with no downward adjustment to the rating factor to be applied. 2. Operational costs increase by 12.7%. Without doubt this increase is unaffordable for the majority and will lead to an unacceptable cost of living crisis in the community. 3. Surely the BUDGET priorities should be: (a) Improved maintenance of roads and water infrastructure. (b) Law & Order enforcement. (c) Reduction of local government workforce and inflated salaries always aligned with accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads
256	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	S Elliott Erf no: 20445700, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. My rates have been adjusted to higher than selling price of surrounding properties, as per my objection already submitted	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
257	Budget@knysna.gov.za	30-Apr-23	Carol Ann Lewis ERF. No. 117873000	Please accept this communication as my formal objection to the Knysna Municipality Tabled Draft Budget for years 2023/24. and relative to Revenue, Expenditure and Service delivery. SPECIFICALLY, BUT Limited to : 1. Property Rates increase by 32% following recent GENERAL VALUATION with no downward adjustment to the rating factor to be applied. 2. Operational costs increase by 12.7%. Without doubt this increase is unaffordable for the majority and will lead to an unacceptable cost of living crisis in the community. 3. Surely the BUDGET priorities should be: (a) Improved maintenance of roads and water infrastructure. (b) Law & Order enforcement. (c) Reduction of local government workforce and inflated salaries always aligned with accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads
258	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	A Miskin Erf no: 1414, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
259	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	J.Y Stevens Plot F 16, Thesen Island Erf 1-12056-000-01-7		12 Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
260	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	Katherine Stevens 16 Ferry Island Thesen Islands Erf 1-12056-000-01-7	I would like to draw your attention to National Treasury Municipal Budget Circular for the 2023/2024 MTRF with particular reference to clause 7 in which accounting officers are reminded of their responsibility and that failure to comply with Section 62 9(1)(a) could result in dire consequences such as financial Misconduct procedures and resulting criminal proceedings I have noted with alarm and incredulity the proposed increases in Rates (33%), Electricity (18.75%) Water (9%), Sanitation (5.3%) and Refuse (6%). Such astronomical increases will be extremely difficult for many homeowners to absorb given the present economic difficulties experienced by many residents of our town. I find it difficult to imagine how such an increase can be justified by the municipality and I pity the person who attempts such a justification. I hereby object to your budget and believe that it should be reworked to comply with the guidelines set out by National Treasury	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
261	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	S Grenfell Erf no: 2-04510-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
262	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	J.C Rowe-Williams Erf no: 205023000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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263	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	A. J van der Merwe Erf no: 1-12116-000, Knysna	1. Property rates have increased by approximately 32% because of recent valuations & no downward adjustment to rating factor. 2. Operational Costs have increased by 12.8% yet Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury & Audit General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 3. The net effect is this budget is unaffordable & there will be consequences in job losses 4. We pay for the full service of Law Enforcement Officers yet the lack allocated resources have resulted in the continued erection of illegal structures with the result of more vagrants, increase of illegal taverns & noise disturbances to name a few of the ongoing problems. 5. We request the following priorities for the budget should be: - More Law & Order Enforcement - Reduction of local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries & making personnel / management more accountable. - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Waste & Water	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova / Director Infrastructure, Roads, water and sewer
264	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	D Cox Erf no: 1379, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. First R 1 000 000 of property value for all pensioners should be exempt from rates regardless of income would be fair	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
265	Budget@knysna.gov.za	01-May-23	S Burd Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
266	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	FIONA LONDON ERF NUMBER 202928000 SEDGFIELD	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditors General's strong recommendation regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year 4/ Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resource resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5 I also strongly request that the current valuation period be extended until July 2024 as they are such a mess and incorrect. My own was hideously incorrect and although I objected immediately I have not heard a thing from Council as to whether my objection was successful was accepted. I am a widow, living alone and cannot afford to pay inflated rates on incorrect values. 6 - In view of my request in 5 above I ask that the Pensioners Limit of 770 000.00 be extended to R1m 7. Sedgfield rate payers in general feel unfairly treated and feel they do not receive the services allocation they contribute to. We would prefer to manage our own resources and allocation as we feel it is being unfairly allocated and abused by Knysna Municipality	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
267	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	M Dean Erf no: 3766, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. We feel that this increase is far too expensive to allow for such an income	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
268	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	K Lindsay Erf no: 665, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. We feel that this increase is far too expensive to allow for such an income	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
269	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	A Heyman Erf no: 3776, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
270	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	R Sperling Erf no: 202905000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
271	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	C Godfrey Erf no: 1215, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
272	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	D Godfrey Erf no: 1215, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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273	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	G Thielemann Erf no: 1413, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. The rates increase is way above the increase of the pension.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
274	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	M Jeannes Erf no: 204636000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
275	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	E Smith Erf no: 3159, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. The current valuation is not correct, and I therefore request that valuation remains as is until the valuation has been revised and corrected.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
276	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	K.C Kay Erf no: 202564000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
277	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	W.C.H Landgrebe Erf no: 204629000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
278	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	M.A Cross Erf no: 201436000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. An extension to the existing valuation roll of 1 year	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
279	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	C Cross Erf no: 201436000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. An extension to the existing valuation roll of 1 year 6. An increase in the value of pensioners rebate to R1 K	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
280	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	R Cross Erf no: 201436000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. An extension to the existing valuation roll of 1 year 6. An increase in the value of pensioners rebate to R1 K	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
281	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	I.F & C Jansen Erf no: 204597000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
282	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	D Vermaak Erf no: 204653000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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283	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	L van der Merwe Erf no: 3142, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 5. The evaluation roll for homeowners is incorrect and the valuations should be the same.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
284	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	R.J Marais & E Marais Erf no: 2005, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
285	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	SI Theron ERF number : 3146____Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way higher than headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. This budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates must be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. 5. I also request that the valuation roll be kept the same for this year and only change in 2024 as the valuations changed way too much	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
286	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Terrance Dale Kulsen 8 Wagtail Street, Montage Village,Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
287	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Thomas PA Theron ERF number : 3146____Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. I request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Concerning the valuation roll which is already way too high should be kept as is and not to change for the next 3 years	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
288	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	M.J Reynolds Erf no: 1288, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
289	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	A.C Basson Erf no: 02963, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
290	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	L. Goddard & G.R Goddard Erf no: 3772, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
291	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Tracy Vogel 25 Woodbourne Drive Leisure Isle	1. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) a) The above tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) b) Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. c) If not aligned to inflation, the above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable, especially to those negatively impacted by Covid and battling to still recover. d) It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision into the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 2. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. a) The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. b) According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022. 3. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. Pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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292	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	S. Koen Erf no: 4682, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
293	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	A. Urquhart Erf no: 202486000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
294	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Barend J Potgieter ERF number 718 Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The valuation roll of the properties is not correct and must not be changed before it is corrected.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
295	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	P. Prinsloo Erf no: 1342, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
296	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	EARDLEY RALPH JEE ERF NO: 201622000 SEDGFIELD	1) I am concerned the combined increase in sanitation, water and rates proposed increase amounts add up to a +/- 33% overall increase which will impact yearly and is totally unacceptable. 2) This increase will seriously affect all senior and pensioner ratepayers. 3) There is a lack of allocated resources for law enforcement which is necessary for our towns safety and security. 4) The majority of the increase is going towards Municipal salaries and not towards the running of our community.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
297	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	EARDLEY RALPH JEE ERF NO: 200544000, SEDGFIELD	1) I am concerned the combined increase in sanitation, water and rates proposed increase amounts add up to a +/- 33% overall increase which will impact yearly and is totally unacceptable. 2) This increase will seriously affect all senior and pensioner ratepayers. 3) There is a lack of allocated resources for law enforcement which is necessary for our towns safety and security. 4) The majority of the increase is going towards Municipal salaries and not towards the running of our community.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
298	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	ALISON PATRICIA JEE ERF NO: 201622000 SEDGFIELD	1) I am concerned the combined increase in sanitation, water and rates proposed increase amounts add up to a +/- 33% overall increase which will impact yearly and is totally unacceptable. 2) This increase will seriously affect all senior and pensioner ratepayers. 3) There is a lack of allocated resources for law enforcement which is necessary for our towns safety and security. 4) The majority of the increase is going towards Municipal salaries and not towards the running of our community.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
299	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Roland Munro 12 Parkes Lane Leisure Isle Knysna	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll – (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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300	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Roland Munro 12 Parkes Lane Leisure Isle Knysna	9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision into the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 11. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. 12. National Treasury reminds municipalities of Section 31 of DoRA that articulates the facilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation. 13. The increase the MPRAAct value exclusion threshold to R150 000, benefits mostly properties of less affluent owners from paying rates and taxes. These property owners do not contribute to the rates and taxes. (Obviously, a political play for their voting base). 14. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. I believe pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000. 15. I feel that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 15.1 and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 16. Writing off of irrecoverable debt policy: It is proposed that The Executive Mayor has the delegated power to resolve on any amount to be written off notwithstanding the recommendation of the Sec 80 finance committee. This contradicts the delegations set out in clause 6. 17. Property rates policy: It is proposed that Accommodation Establishments be amended from "3 to 8 rooms" to "1 to 8 rooms" and in addition 6(e) the R150 000 exemption will not apply to accommodation establishments which will be rated commercial subject to a 40 percent rebate which can only be claimed if consent use has been applied for. The Tariff policy proposes that accommodation establishments now to be classified as 1 to 8 rooms and this contravenes our zoning bylaw. 18. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
301	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Roland Munro 12 Parkes Lane Leisure Isle Knysna	19. Customer care etc policy, specifically; 19.1 paragraphs 7.5.4 customers are entitled to request verification of meter readings but will be liable for any costs thereof, with True readings only at least every 6 months, and 19.2 paragraph 7.16.2 (e) accommodation establishments exempted from the R150 000 value exclusion threshold. 19.3 If you are in arrears 8.10.(a) (vii) when registering a dispute you must pay the current account and 30 percent of outstanding disputed amount. 19.4 Indigent status now valid for 3 years - this is problematic for it can easily be manipulated and impact on the municipalities annual equitable share grant. 20. Liquidity policy: Our ratios are below the legislative ratio requirements of 1.5 to 2.1 and our cash/cost coverage ratio is well below the norm. 21. Unauthorised irregular fruitless and wasteful expenditure policy is duplicated. 22. Funding and Reserves policy just worth noting we have no Capital Replacement Reserve	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
302	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Denise Patricia van Gent 29 Montage Village, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
303	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	Quintus Zenta Familie Trust Erf no: 3712, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
304	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	J. Boast Erf no: 1363, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
305	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	J. Boast Erf no: 3871, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
306	Budget@knysna.gov.za	02-May-23	K Paulsen Nr 7 Lindsay Street Hunters Home	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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307	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	02-May-23	K Paulsen Nr 7 Lindsay Street Hunters Home	9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision to the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 11. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. 12. National Treasury reminds municipalities of Section 31 of DoRA that articulates the facilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation. 13. The increase the MPRAAct value exclusion threshold to R150 000, benefits mostly properties of less affluent owners from paying rates and taxes. These property owners do not contribute to the rates and taxes. (Obviously, a political play for their voting base). 14. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. I believe pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000. 15. I feel that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 15.1 and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 16. Writing off of irrecoverable debt policy: It is proposed that The Executive Mayor has the delegated power to resolve on any amount to be written off notwithstanding the recommendation of the Sec 80 finance committee. This contradicts the delegations set out in clause 6. 17. Property rates policy: It is proposed that Accommodation Establishments be amended from "3 to 8 rooms" to "1 to 8 rooms" and in addition 6(e) the R150 000 exemption will not apply to accommodation establishments which will be rated commercial subject to a 40 percent rebate which can only be claimed if consent use has been applied for. The Tariff policy proposes that accommodation establishments now to be classified as 1 to 8 rooms and this contravenes our zoning bylaw. 18. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable,	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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308	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	K Paulsen Nr 7 Lindsay Street Hunters Home	19. Customer care etc policy, specifically; 19.1 paragraphs 7.5.4 customers are entitled to request verification of meter readings but will be liable for any costs thereof, with True readings only at least every 6 months, and 19.2 paragraph 7.16.2 (e) accommodation establishments exempted from the R150 000 value exclusion threshold. 19.3 If you are in arrears 8.10.(a) (vi) when registering a dispute you must pay the current account and 30 percent of outstanding disputed amount. 19.4 indigent status now valid for 3 years - this is problematic for it can easily be manipulated and impact on the municipalities annual equitable share grant. 20. Liquidity policy: Our ratios are below the legislative ratio requirements of 1.5 to 2.1 and our cash/cost coverage ratio is well below the norm. 21. Unauthorised irregular fruitless and wasteful expenditure policy is duplicated. 22. Funding and Reserves policy just worth noting we have no Capital Replacement Reserve	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
309	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	P Testa Erf no: 203147000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Valuation on property incorrect	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
310	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	P Brinckmann Erf no: 203147000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Valuation on property to remain as is until 2024	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
311	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	A. Brinckmann Erf no: 203147000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Valuation on property to remain as is until 2024	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
312	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	L Cremore 19 Louw Wepener rd, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Terrible roads nver budget for these priorities, the % increase is not for priority services but for increase and massive salary/benefits	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
313	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	O Strumpher Erf no: 2899 & 2911, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Resulting from above points there is actually a reduction in sales values realized.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
314	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	02-May-23	C vd Westhuizen Erf no: 201270000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
315	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	L Kruger Erf no: 4404, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
316	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	C Kruger Erf no: 20117000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /

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318	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	B.R Stewart 81 Island Village Sedgfield Erf 4540	On 26th April, 2023, I submitted my objection in connection with the above mentioned issue, but to date have had no acknowledgement of receipt. I have two more issues to add to my original submission. In February of this year Knysna Municipality (KM) held a meeting with the community, at which the question of the proposed property valuations was raised. Objections were raised and it was agreed the valuator would visit the specific properties, whose owners had objected, to re-access, discuss, and finalize valuations before the end of March 2023. This has not happened and it is unacceptable for rates to be calculated on incorrect information. I insist that the implementation of the new assessments be delayed and only implemented after the valuations have been finalized. After the disastrous fire of 2018, which destroyed a number of homes, many have not been rebuilt, because the property owners cannot afford to re-build. Many people living in Sedgfield find themselves in this position. These people live on fixed pensions and cannot afford the massive increases proposed by KM. I propose that rates on properties valued at less than R1,250,000 be zero rated. This will enable these owners to continue to live in Sedgfield and provide employment for the poor.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
319	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	W Schmidt Erf no: 575, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. 5. We are driving on pot holed, unmarked roads. Stop signs can't be seen clearly. Street names are missing. No post deliveries. Large law enforcement 4*4's, but no law enforcement	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure, Roads
320	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Y.H Coleman Erf no: 1239, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
321	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Marisa Raffinetti nee Murphy 21 Hart rd, Leisure Isle	1. The tariffs need to be reflective of affordability to residents and businesses 2. The tariffs need to be in line with recommended inflation rates of 4.7% and 5.3% 3. The increases make the holiday rental market unaffordable	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
322	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	A. Herweg Erf no: 204614000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
323	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	J Keogh Erf no: 1-00094-000, Knysna	1. With the recent increase in property valuations, and now the increase in electricity, water, sanitation and refuse, you are making it impossible for us to live and run a business in Knysna. 2. I strongly object to the increases, as the increases are not according to the inflation rate, and not in accordance with the recommendations bt National Treasury.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
324	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	D.S Shear Erf no: 4619, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The proposed increases are not in line with the act of any reasonable person or body and can be considered reckless and punitive towards a fast shrinking tax base. Your actions are directed at the minority who support the revenue base of this Municipality and can therefore be viewed as discriminatory and prejudice	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
325	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Pieter Botha Erf no: 1699, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
326	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	V . Neethling Erf no: 4678, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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327	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	F. Neethling Erf no: 4678, Sedgfield	1. Please postpone the revaluation exercise for 12 months 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Increase the Evaluation threshold for pensioners to R 1 million	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
328	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	THE JWH TRUST 9 HORISON ROAD THE HEADS KNYSNA	The intended increases in the current financial climate, to say the least are outrageous. Over the passed year food prices have increased by 14%, fuel prices by 19.6%, interest rates have climbed to 8.5%, economic growth has been abysmal, (in the coming year National Treasury expects growth af 1.6% and the unemployment rate has climbed. You now propose an increase in rates and taxes of some 33% overall. Under these circumstances you have seen fit to raise our rates by an average of 40% with some, including my own, by 50% and others as much as70 % to 300% This is in spite of the recommendation by National Treasury, that increases should be as per the rate of inflation, refer to their circular 2023/24 MTREF The current valuation Section 32 roll should be delayed until 2024 this willallow time for a realistic increase in revenue of property rates and taxes in line with National Treasury standards. I hasten to add that I have not received my Section 49 notice with regards to the rates increase, please be kind enough to provide proof that it was sent. To find the additional funds to pay the new rates may mean that the service of domestic help will have to be adjusted accordingly with a commensurate increase in the Town's unemployment. Furthermore, your proposed increase in the price of water is unacceptable, where are the weekly reports on the dam's levels and river flows.Its time the Municipality repaired the pump station and so avoid the water restrictions and the punitive rates. Inflation in 2023 is forecast tc be 4%, your budget increases should therefore not be above the NationalTreasury recommendation of 6% Ward 9 provides the biggest contribution to the Municipals coffers, yet it receives the least in terms of capital expenditure. Understandably much of the income is spent on alleviating the conditions of the poor in the townships. However, it is high time money was made available to repair Gearge Rex Drive after all it is used by the vast majority of our visitors and is not a good advertisement for the town. In a further act of commercial suicide, you now wish to change the Accommodation Establishments to 1 to 1 rooms bringing more hardship on residents trying to make ends meet and provide affordable room rates for our visitors. As a matter of fact, this contravenes our zoning by law.The Municipality is setting itself up for litigation and Section 31 of DoRA states thefacilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation. It is unlikely that the Municipality will collect all of the income that they expect from the rates increase as residents will surely object and in some cases be unable to pay, for this reason alone the budget is not wellfounded and there will be a shortfall necessitating an increase in borrowing.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova/ Director Infrastructure, Roads
329	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	M.A Prinsloo 53 Knysna Lifestyle estate, Knysna	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll – (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
330	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	M.A Prinsloo 53 Knysna Lifestyle estate, Knysna	9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 11. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. 12. National Treasury reminds municipalities of Section 31 of DoRA that articulates the facilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation. 13. The increase the MPRACT value exclusion threshold to R150 000, benefits mostly properties of less affluent owners from paying rates and taxes. These property owners do not contribute to the rates and taxes. (Obviously, a political play for their voting base). 14. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. I believe pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000. 15. I feel that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 15.1 and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 16. Writing off of irrecoverable debt policy: It is proposed that The Executive Mayor has the delegated power to resolve on any amount to be written off notwithstanding the recommendation of the Sec 80 finance committee. This contradicts the delegations set out in clause 6. 17. Property rates policy: It is proposed that Accommodation Establishments be amended from "3 to 8 rooms" to "1 to 8 rooms" and in addition 6(e) the R150 000 exemption will not apply to accommodation establishments which will be rated commercial subject to a 40 percent rebate which can only be claimed if consent use has been applied for. The Tariff policy proposes that accommodation establishments now to be classified as 1 to 8 rooms and this contravenes our zoning bylaw. 18. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
331	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	M.A Prinsloo 53 Knysna Lifestyle estate, Knysna	19. Customer care etc policy, specifically, 19.1 paragraphs 7.5.4 customers are entitled to request verification of meter readings but will be liable for any costs thereof, with True readings only at least every 6 months, and 19.2 paragraph 7.16.2 (e) accommodation establishments exempted from the R150 000 value exclusion threshold. 19.3 If you are in arrears 8.10.(a) (vii) when registering a dispute you must pay the current account and 30 percent of outstanding disputed amount. 19.4 Indigent status now valid for 3 years - this is problematic for it can easily be manipulated and impact on the municipalities annual equitable share grant. 20. Liquidity policy: Our ratios are below the legislative ratio requirements of 1.5 to 2.1 and our cash/cost coverage ratio is well below the norm. 21. Unauthorised irregular fruitless and wasteful expenditure policy is duplicated. 22. Funding and Reserves policy just worth noting we have no Capital Replacement Reserve	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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335	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	D.C Boyd 6 Thornely rd, Leisure Isle, Knysna	1. The tariff increases as proposed are above headline inflation. The recommendation by National and/or Provincial Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% must be considered. 2. In terms of MPR Act Sec 9(1)(c) the Municipal Manager MUST within 21 days of receipt of the roll - (c) serve on every owner of property listed in the Valuation Roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the Valuation Roll and pertaining to that owner's property. I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said notice and therefore was not aware of the draft Valuation Roll and its objection period and therefore did not inspect the Roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. I therefore hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft Valuation Roll 207312A28 WRT my property being: Erf: 8341 Category of property: BUSINESS AND GUESTHOUSE Residential address: 6 THORNELY ROAD, LEISURE ISLE, KNYSNA Market Valuation by the Municipal Valuer: R4 050 000 Should the Municipal Manager fail to provide proof that the notice was sent to me I submit that the objection period be reopened, or failing that the current GVR20L7 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32(2)(b)(i) 3. Tariff increases MUST be cost effective, affordable and aligned to inflation	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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336	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Mr. Hercules Erasmus and Mrs. Donne Erasmus at 6 Forecastle Road, Pezula Golf estate, Knysna, stand no: 11239	Firstly, we would like to mention that we have recently moved from JHB, Gauteng to Knysna (WC). It is no secret that majority of people who relocate from JHB to other provinces, do it due to crime and expensive living costs in JHB. When we initially relocated to Knysna from JHB, we had a clear budget in mind with regards to levies, water and electricity costs and property rates , taxes and/or tariffs. We were quite shocked when we received the first monthly statement with our property taxes / tariffs / rates as our property was grossly over-valued. We immediately went to the local Department / Council and submitted documents from the builder who was responsible for building our home and also submitted proof of the cost of the vacant land we bought. Already the rates were much higher than initially anticipated and thus the reason for submitting these supporting documents trusting that the tariff rates would be aligned to what our property is actually and truly worth. With that said, we have not received any feedback in this regard and are not sure if the request to have the property tariffs reassessed had been done. Furthermore, we were now recently informed of the budget review that is to take place during May, and were shocked when we heard that the rates might go up even higher than the original inflated rates we were already paying. We are very concerned and worried that if these rates go up even more, we will not be in a position to afford such. May I ask that you please investigate and review the supporting documents handed to the council which includes the costs of the vacant land bought in Pezula and also the building costs which all add up to no more than R 4.5 million. We are not in a position to pay exorbitant amounts towards property taxes especially if it cannot be justified considering the lower cost of the property. Secondly, we did NOT RECEIVE THE SEC 49 NOTICE and did not have an opportunity to object. An increase of 33% on average on property rates and taxes are extremely unfair and unjust. Tariff increases have to be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. Thirdly, I would like to mention that there are many people who are considering moving to the WC. If the property Tariffs and taxes are going to be inflated at such enormous rates it will make it impossible for people to relocate to these regions. There has been talk that the WC will have an influx of citizens relocating which will mean a lot for the Western Cape economy, but with such unaffordable property tariffs, the WC might not grow and flourish to the extend that was expected or anticipated. Also, there are a lot of citizens applying to become first time home owners. With high property taxes these citizens who would have been able to afford new homes, might now not be in a position to do so. Please take our request and application for fair property tariffs into consideration. We trust for fair and just implementation.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
337	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	T. Strauss Erf no: 683, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
338	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	S.P Griffiths Erf no: 04466, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a pensioner on a fixed income an increase higher than inflation is not affordable.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
339	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	H.PB Pranger Erf no: 204479000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a pensioner on a fixed income an increase higher than inflation is not affordable.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
340	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	W R Milward 35 Begonia St. Sedgfield	1. While Cape Town and other Municipalities increase rebates on rates to pensioners, Knysna quietly reduces relief offered to them; not only on the value of the property but also the percentage. Both the exclusion value of the property need to drastically increased (more so, considering the major increase in property valuations) and the percentages offered on income brackets which also need to adjusted upwards. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable; in my instance, an increase in property valuation of approximately 90% without a reduction in the applicable % rates calculation will result in a major unaffordable rates increase. 'Cents in the Rand' should initially be reduced in line with increased valuations. 3. Objection against all rates and tariffs which are well above headline inflation rates. 4. While my valuation has increased and with it my payment towards services, I feel these are either not being provided or not at least at a sufficient level. The lack of Law enforcement and allocated resources, (other than minor traffic infringements for additional Municipality income and unproductive job creation), results in continued problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance at all hours into early mornings, dog fighting etc. Major increase in erection of illegal structures and rubbish pollution continues to be an a concern for safety, security, property valuation and more. Sedgfield is no longer safe nor clean; one is hounded by layabouts, car-guards and tramps. An increased budget with enforcement by the law is required.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
341	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	J. Nattress Erf no: 2-04465-000, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a pensioner on a fixed income an increase higher than inflation is not affordable.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /

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343	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Gary Hulbert 9 Crossberry Close Lake Brenton Knysna	6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefore did not inspect the roll and neither did, I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefore this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefore hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Erf #: 4864 Knysna Category of property: Residential Residential address: 28 George Avenue, Leisure Isle Market Valuation by the municipal valuer: R6525000 vs. an FNB estimated value of R4071792, and 6.5. should the municipal manager fail to provide proof that the Sec 49 notice was sent to me I submit that the objection period be re-opened or failing that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii). 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g., Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable, and aligned to inflation.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
344	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Gary Hulbert 9 Crossberry Close Lake Brenton Knysna	11. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. 11.1 I believe that the proposed property rates tariff remaining unchanged from last year is unconstitutional and goes against the above recommendations, which is a MUST not a MAY and therefore the KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY is opening itself to protracted customer disputes wrt the billing of rates and taxes and service charges and runs the real risk of being sued for this is unlawful, and surely unconstitutional and neither is it fair and equitable. National Treasury reminds municipalities of Section 31 of DoRA that articulates the facilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
345	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	A.S vd Merwe Erf no: 1644, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
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348	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Kenneth Wheeler 4 Catherine Street The Heads Knysna	19. Customer care etc policy, specifically; 19.1 paragraphs 7.5.4 customers are entitled to request verification of meter readings but will be liable for any costs thereof, with True readings only at least every 6 months, and 19.2 paragraph 7.16.2 (e) accommodation establishments exempted from the R150 000 value exclusion threshold. 19.3 If you are in arrears 8.10.(a) (vii) when registering a dispute you must pay the current account and 30 percent of outstanding disputed amount. 19.4 Indigent status now valid for 3 years - this is problematic for it can easily be manipulated and impact on the municipalities annual equitable share grant. 20. Liquidity policy: Our ratios are below the legislative ratio requirements of 1.5 to 2.1 and our cash/cost coverage ratio is well below the norm. 21. Unauthorised irregular fruitless and wasteful expenditure policy is duplicated. 22. Funding and Reserves policy just worth noting we have no Capital Replacement Reserve	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
349	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Greater Knysna Business Chamber	Introduction We object to the Draft tabled budget as the increases proposed are totally unrealistic. The ratepayers in Knysna have been battered recently by Covid, load shedding (with increased costs and less business) and then high inflation applying further pressures. This budget will exacerbate business closures and increase the already high unemployment in our town. We appeal to the municipality to redraft the budget with increases of revenues and costs more in line with inflation Rates The general valuation resulted in an overall increase in value of 39%. The adjusted rating factor applied to these new values should drive a rates increase closer to 5%. The 33% increase proposed in the budget will drive existing and new business away from Knysna to the detriment of the community and is rejected. Electricity The imposed tariff increase of 18.7% will result in more and more consumers investing in off-grid solutions to the detriment of municipal finances. Water The 9% proposed tariff increase is poorly planned, accompanied by ongoing water restrictions. The municipality will be better served fixing the problems and supplying more water, with volume providing the increase in revenue. Refuse No plans indicated to move the waste transfer station. No indication given of the future increase in costs likely to arise from the new landfill site. Financial Excessive Bad debts are built into the budget almost as an acceptable norm. Staff and other cost increases are not warranted. No budget plans to build the unfunded Capital Replacement Reserve. Rates: The proposed Rates increase of 33% is not acceptable. One option is to adjust the existing rating factor down to arrive at a rates increase of 5% A second option is to defer the implementation of the latest general valuation for a year and use this time to investigate the acknowledged inconsistencies between the old and the latest valuation. Electricity: The Knysna Municipality has its hands tied on the electricity price increase of 18.7% imposed. The Budget is at risk as there is no certainty that Eskom will provide the same supply as it did in the prior year. This is a serious issue because of the dependence on the operating surplus from this source In the tabled Budget report there is reference to this situation with the comment that a penalty will be introduced where customers do not notify the municipality that they have gone off the grid. This is not the correct attitude and in direct contrast to the National Government motivation of residents and business owners to invest in off-grid solutions.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
350	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Greater Knysna Business Chamber	Recent press reports indicate that George has begun the process to reduce dependence on Eskom by establishing a solar farm. Why is Knysna not investigating other energy options to introduce sooner? The Audit report for the 2022 year indicated electricity losses of 9% versus a norm of 7-10%. There is no comment in the Budget on addressing these losses. At the new rate, 18.7% higher in financial terms, this equates to R35m based on 9% of the budgeted revenue. Putting this in financial terms highlights the waste and there need to be measurable plans put in place to reduce these absolute losses. Employee costs increasing by 16.3% is not acceptable in the current economic climate. Contracts are budgeted to increase by an unacceptable 50.5%. Despite the investments in prepaid meters bad debts continue to increase and this is not a realistic Budget assumption. There is a line described as DIFF Internal that reflects R26616K in both the Adjusted Budget & the Draft Budget. This makes no sense. Water & Sanitation: Ratepayers are delighted to note that the Knysna Municipality has embarked on a long-term solution to the water challenges by investigating a storage dam at Kruisvallei. However the Budget makes no comment on the current shortages and unacceptable losses in the system The rate increase is not acceptable as it implies just a rate increase. What should take place is a combination of a rate increase of 5% together with a volume increase that together should be more than 9% Back in 2018 the municipality invested over R70m in the Charlesford water pipeline. No information is provided in the budget but there must be limitations on pumping with the load shedding. What are the costs of temporary generators to pump more water that can then be sold to ratepayers? Central government provided grants to assist local government to purchase and run generators to enable water to be pumped to reservoirs. What happened to the funding for this emergency opportunity? The Giebe Dam is full but delivering no water to the distribution system. It is reported that vandals have broken the pumps, etc. Again what is the cost to replace, offset by the additional water that can then be pumped on a regular basis in to the system? The Audit report for the 2022 year reported significant and ongoing water losses. For 2023 the loss was reported at 44%. This was changed to 27% in 2022 using a different calculation. This is a significant and ongoing loss with no comments on how it will be reduced. To put this into perspective, at 27% of the budget revenues will amount to R23m. As for electricity, there needs to be a measurable plan to reduce ongoing and costly losses. Both Sedgfield and Knysna have desalination plants. Neither of these plants produce water on a consistent basis. The cost of electricity may make the running of these plants uneconomic. These assets need to be impaired rather than depreciated.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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351	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Greater Knysna Business Chamber	With the funds that have been invested on prepaid meters, it is worrying to see that debt impairment is still accounted for in the budget at 9.48% (R11m) The costs of materials increasing by 18% and contract by 24% with flat water volumes are not acceptable. Comment is made on the high cost of chemicals. Fix the problem rather than resorting to expensive chemicals It is not acceptable to budget for a loss of R10m in the provision of water. With increased volumes and improved cost controls we expect this segment to contribute a positive surplus Refuse Budget comments noted that the new landfill site will significantly impact future costs. Ratepayers would like to understand what these costs are likely to be. It is expensive to transport the waste & it is hoped that council is looking for more effective ways to handle both recyclables and waste The waste transfer station near the railway line is a total disgrace in relation to its health and other impacts on a key part of the town's commercial activities. What are the plans to relocate to a more practical area and free this land for much needed commercial use? Operating Expenditure The increase of 12.69% in total expenses is not realistic. Ratepayers have been battered by Covid, load shedding and inflation. The municipality should recognize this reality and produce a budget with overall cost increase of no more than 6% Fines Table 2 reflects the Final Draft Revenue from Fines at R99 090 019. The detail of this is not provided, but the amount for traffic fines is needed. In the detail of the costs under Note 6 it is noted that a provision has been made for bad debts for traffic fines of R89 181 017. This means that just R10m flows to the municipality, less the costs of administering. No detail is indicated of the costs of generating the debts but it seems like an exercise in futility. The focus should move from Revenue to Road Safety and an appropriate budget prepared. Cash Flow and Financial Ratios Note 5.3.2 of the Tabled Budget refers to an operating budget surplus of just R1 432 000 after the excessively high costs included in the budget. The consequence of this is that cash flows from operations are reported at just R108 311 in Table 1A. It is also reported in 6.2.3 that the Capital Replacement Reserve is largely not cash backed. The Audit Report for the year ended June 2022 indicated that the financial sustainability had sharply deteriorated. The same report indicated that Creditor payment period had deteriorated from 71 days to 91 days. The policy states that all creditors are paid within 30 days of receipt of invoice. It would seem that creditor payments are already being stretched and the consequences of not improving cash flow are extremely serious.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
352	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Greater Knysna Business Chamber	Audit Reports In 17.4 of the Tabled Budget Report it is stated that the Municipality has a newly appointed Audit Committee, which is fully capacitated and functional. Can it be confirmed that the Audit Committee have reviewed the Budget and any comments raised have been addressed to their satisfaction? Both the Auditor General and the Internal Auditors refer in their reports to IRREGULAR expenditure. The formal Financial Statements reflect the amounts as R63 844 975 in 2022 following R67 700 043 the prior year. Getting a grip on this would dramatically improve the finances of Knysna Municipality Summary The Draft budget is built around the unacceptable assumption that Rates can be increased by 33%. This needs to be revisited as a matter of urgency. With revenues under threat, clearly the costs built into the budget need to be reduced. In addition, no account is taken of the significant risk to the Revenues and Surplus of the uncertainty of the supply of power from Eskom. It is essential for our municipality to now start building independence from Eskom. 1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
353	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Fizantakraal Trust, Erf no's: 1895 & 1897, Knysna	9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 11. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. 12. National Treasury reminds municipalities of Section 31 of DoRA that articulates the facilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation. 13. The increase the MPRA Act value exclusion threshold to R150 000, benefits mostly properties of less affluent owners from paying rates and taxes. These property owners do not contribute to the rates and taxes. (Obviously, a political play for their voting base). 14. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. I believe pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000. 15. I feel that the current CVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 15.1 and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 16. Writing off of irrecoverable debt policy: It is proposed that The Executive Mayor has the delegated power to resolve on any amount to be written off notwithstanding the recommendation of the Sec 80 finance committee. This contradicts the delegations set out in clause 6. 17. Property rates policy: It is proposed that Accommodation Establishments be amended from "3 to 8 rooms" to "1 to 8 rooms" and in addition 6(e) the R150 000 exemption will not apply to accommodation establishments which will be rated commercial subject to a 40 percent rebate which can only be claimed if consent use has been applied for. The Tariff policy proposes that accommodation establishments now to be classified as 1 to 8 rooms and this contravenes our zoning bylaw. 18. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundu
354	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Fizantakraal Trust, Erf no's: 1895 & 1897, Knysna	9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 11. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. 12. National Treasury reminds municipalities of Section 31 of DoRA that articulates the facilitation of personal liability for unnecessary litigation. 13. The increase the MPRA Act value exclusion threshold to R150 000, benefits mostly properties of less affluent owners from paying rates and taxes. These property owners do not contribute to the rates and taxes. (Obviously, a political play for their voting base). 14. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. I believe pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000. 15. I feel that the current CVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 15.1 and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 16. Writing off of irrecoverable debt policy: It is proposed that The Executive Mayor has the delegated power to resolve on any amount to be written off notwithstanding the recommendation of the Sec 80 finance committee. This contradicts the delegations set out in clause 6. 17. Property rates policy: It is proposed that Accommodation Establishments be amended from "3 to 8 rooms" to "1 to 8 rooms" and in addition 6(e) the R150 000 exemption will not apply to accommodation establishments which will be rated commercial subject to a 40 percent rebate which can only be claimed if consent use has been applied for. The Tariff policy proposes that accommodation establishments now to be classified as 1 to 8 rooms and this contravenes our zoning bylaw. 18. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundu

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356	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Malcolm Goldhill Owner of ERF number: 4518 Sedgefield	1. All rates (apart from the tariff for sanitation) are proposed to be set way above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The current draft budget expects pensioners to pay 21% more on their monthly municipal invoices, while property owners will pay between 9,4% and 30% more year-on-year. 3. The Auditor General and National Treasury warned Knysna Municipality, in March 2021, to reduce operating expenditure by 20% but ratepayers are presented with a draft budget that increases annual expenditure by 13%. Thus, expenditure is still to be reduced by 33%. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase and is therefore to be rejected in its entirety. 5. It is the Ratepayers who provide the main source for Knysna Municipality's income. Yet, law enforcement remain under-resourced to police illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. Budget management is required in order to have safety and security adequately enforced. 6. I propose that senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners should be excluded from paying rates on the first R1,000,000 (one million rand) of their property valuations. 7. The motivation behind the municipality's propensity to negatively burden the ratepayers and pensioners in the above manner must be thoroughly investigated; especially with regard to senior municipal salaries and other unnecessary expenditure.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
357	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Malcolm Goldhill Owner of ERF number:1268 Sedgefield	1. All rates (apart from the tariff for sanitation) are proposed to be set way above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The current draft budget expects pensioners to pay 21% more on their monthly municipal invoices, while property owners will pay between 9,4% and 30% more year-on-year. 3. The Auditor General and National Treasury warned Knysna Municipality, in March 2021, to reduce operating expenditure by 20% but ratepayers are presented with a draft budget that increases annual expenditure by 13%. Thus, expenditure is still to be reduced by 33%. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase and is therefore to be rejected in its entirety. 5. It is the Ratepayers who provide the main source for Knysna Municipality's income. Yet, law enforcement remain under-resourced to police illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. Budget management is required in order to have safety and security adequately enforced. 6. I propose that senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners should be excluded from paying rates on the first R1,000,000 (one million rand) of their property valuations. 7. The motivation behind the municipality's propensity to negatively burden the ratepayers and pensioners in the above manner must be thoroughly investigated; especially with regard to senior municipal salaries and other unnecessary expenditure.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
358	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	M Goldhill Family Trust No IT 190/2003 Owner of ERF number:1663 Sedgefield	1. All rates (apart from the tariff for sanitation) are proposed to be set way above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The current draft budget expects pensioners to pay 21% more on their monthly municipal invoices, while property owners will pay between 9,4% and 30% more year-on-year. 3. The Auditor General and National Treasury warned Knysna Municipality, in March 2021, to reduce operating expenditure by 20% but ratepayers are presented with a draft budget that increases annual expenditure by 13%. Thus, expenditure is still to be reduced by 33%. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase and is therefore to be rejected in its entirety. 5. It is the Ratepayers who provide the main source for Knysna Municipality's income. Yet, law enforcement remain under-resourced to police illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. Budget management is required in order to have safety and security adequately enforced. 6. I propose that senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners should be excluded from paying rates on the first R1,000,000 (one million rand) of their property valuations. 7. The motivation behind the municipality's propensity to negatively burden the ratepayers and pensioners in the above manner must be thoroughly investigated; especially with regard to senior municipal salaries and other unnecessary expenditure.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
359	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	M Goldhill Family Trust No IT 190/2003 Owner of ERF number: 1523 Sedgefield	1. All rates (apart from the tariff for sanitation) are proposed to be set way above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The current draft budget expects pensioners to pay 21% more on their monthly municipal invoices, while property owners will pay between 9,4% and 30% more year-on-year. 3. The Auditor General and National Treasury warned Knysna Municipality, in March 2021, to reduce operating expenditure by 20% but ratepayers are presented with a draft budget that increases annual expenditure by 13%. Thus, expenditure is still to be reduced by 33%. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase and is therefore to be rejected in its entirety. 5. It is the Ratepayers who provide the main source for Knysna Municipality's income. Yet, law enforcement remain under-resourced to police illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. Budget management is required in order to have safety and security adequately enforced. 6. I propose that senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners should be excluded from paying rates on the first R1,000,000 (one million rand) of their property valuations. 7. The motivation behind the municipality's propensity to negatively burden the ratepayers and pensioners in the above manner must be thoroughly investigated; especially with regard to senior municipal salaries and other unnecessary expenditure.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /
360	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Lothar Hoefle 3 Barview Cr Knysna	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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361	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Lothar Hoefle 3 Barview Cr Kynsna	6. "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 7. "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. 10. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 11. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 12. I feel that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 13. and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 14. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable, particularly since: 14.1 it can only be implemented if the Akkerkloof dam capacity of below 30% and the river flow is below 200l per second, which are never checked, confirmed or reported on, AND 14.2 We have the Glebe Dam at full capacity but due to vandalism of the pump station, which has not been reinstated, the water cannot be pumped through to the water treatment works, so residents are being penalised with the below proposed tariffs due to the incompetency of Municipal Officials. 14.2.1 Stage 3 up from 25 percent to 100 percent 14.2.2 Stage 2 from 15 percent to 75 percent and 14.2.3 Stage 1 from 10 percent to 50 percent.	Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fund/ Director Infrastructure; R Parry
362	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Bernard & Claudia Richards	Dear Kynsna Municipality We are in receipt of the draft budget for the forthcoming financial year 2023/24. The implications for the pensioner population of Kynsna who mainly live on fixed incomes are horrendous. We understand that the RSA Treasury has indicated to municipalities that any increases in charges are to be fair and equitable and in line with inflation. All fixed charges, water/electricity/sanitation in Kynsna are in excess of inflation. In particular by fixing the rate in the Rand at 2022/23 levels means that property owners are particularly hard hit. The valuation in 2017 was R22473m and the current valuation at 2022 is R31436m, an increase of 40%. In the intervening 5 years rates have increased at the approximate rate of inflation. To be fair and equitable expenditure and rates in the forthcoming year should also match inflation as suggested by Treasury. The gross billing in the draft budget is R343m an increase of 33% on the latest projected income of R258m. This is unachievable and will result in massive problems in the pensioner rate-payer base. My understanding is that all increases in excess of inflation can raise an objection which must be dealt with within a two-year period. The ratepayer cannot be subjected to punitive action provided he/she pays 30% of the amount to which they are objecting. I strongly suggest that this budget be referred back to the RSA Treasury for guidance as to how to achieve their recommended instructions.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fund
363	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	C Holder Erf no: 3139, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Kynsna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
364	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Paul Charlton Wentzell ERF Number 102469000	1. All rates apart from the sewerage increase are way above-target inflation rate of 5,3%. With the national increase on Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to 33% increase. 3. Kynsna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations to lower Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, miss appropriation of funds has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We demand that provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste and of the town its self • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. • Increase the maintenance on infrastructure of the town	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fund/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry
365	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	03-May-23	John O'Neill ERF 1441.	Municipality property valuations have substantially increased property values in Kynsna. In my case it is proposed to increase the rateable value by 50%. How is this justified? In the draft budget it is further proposed to use these as yet un-ratified valuations to set the new rates and taxes. This alone would result in a huge increase in my rates and taxes. On top of all of this it is also proposed to increase Municipal services well above the headline rate of inflation e.g. Water 9% and Electricity 18.5% to name but two. Municipalities are meant to be reducing their costs by 20% not increasing them by these huge amounts. I wish to object most strongly to these outrageous increases which amount to extorting money from the property owning residents of Kynsna.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fund
366	budget@kmysna.org.za	03-May-23	Lester Day <lesterday@me.com>	1. The charge is excessive from the recently general valuation. It is noted that the budget highlighted: "undervalue and omission which need to be addressed. I contend that the work remains outstanding, and that roll should be suspended for the year while thorough evaluation is carried out. The e old rates should be charged with 5% increase to cover inflation. 2. The water increase of 9% is not justified the increase should be halved, and the municipality should focus on efficiencies by lowering the excessive ater losses. 3. Cost increase of 12.7% in operating expense it is no justified and flies in the face of Traesury guidelines to lower the cost and to eliminate waste. 4. Service delivery continues to worsen with inadequate road maintenance.	Financial Services, Community Services,Infrastructure Services	CFO,Busi Kova,N Fund-Director Infrastructure, Director Community Services
367	budget@kmysna.org.za	03-May-23	Kim Goldhill	1. All rates (apart from the tariff for sanitation) are proposed to be set way above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The current draft budget expects pensioners to pay 21% more on their monthly municipal invoices, while property owners will pay between 9.4% and 30% more year-on-year. 3. The Auditor General and National Treasury warned Kynsna Municipality, in March 2021, to reduce operating expenditure by 20% but ratepayers are presented with a draft budget that increases annual expenditure by 13%. Thus, expenditure is still to be reduced by 33%. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase and is therefore to be rejected in its entirety. 5. It is the Ratepayers who provide the main source for Kynsna Municipality's income. Yet, law enforcement remain under-resourced to police illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. Budget management is required in order to have safety and security adequately enforced. 6. I propose that senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners should be excluded from paying rates on the first R1,000,000 (one million rand) of their property valuations. 7. The motivation behind the municipality's propensity to negatively burden the ratepayers and pensioners in the above manner must be thoroughly investigated; especially with regard to senior municipal salaries and other unnecessary expenditure. 8. Kindly provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Financial Services	CFO, Busi Kova, N.Fund
368	budget@kmysna.org.za	03-May-23	Catherine Booysen	1.1 would like it in writing that I OBJECT to the proposed rates increase of 33%. This is absolutely unacceptable especially when you as a municipality are not delivering on the needs of this town! 2.This implementation will lead to Job Losses and business closures which is definitely something our town cannot afford to have happen.	Financial Services	CFO, Busi Kova, N.Fund

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369	budget@knysna.org.za	03-May-23	Alix Verrips	1. Unreasonable municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties and are used to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. This contravenes the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, that the tariffs must be adjusted to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. 2. The proposed budget, with a point one percent differential does not allow for a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure, to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending this: 12.7% vs 12.8%. Furthermore it translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase and is therefore UNAFFORDABLE. 3. Knysna Municipality is overstaffed and overpaid and has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in increased criminal and illegal activities, continued erection of illegal structures and increase in the numbers of vagrants on our streets. If it wasn't for private security firms like Allsoud, which is funded by their clients, Knysna would be even less safe and secure. 5. There never seems to be any accountability for the corruption that comes to light.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
370	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Peter Verheul	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation. The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 2 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I submit that the objection period be re-opened or failing that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (i). 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 8.1 My Valuation on ERF20434 has increased by a shocking 49.84% - I suspect that my property rates & taxes will increase such that it definitely will be far out from the current inflation rate! 9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision to the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. 10. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 10. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 4.7% Headline Inflation	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
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372	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Zoë Mortlock	All revenue categories, except for sanitation, are significantly above the national government's target headline inflation rate of 3% - 6%. Specifically, the proposed increase in residential, business and vacant property rates gives rise to an effective and unaffordable estimated average 33% year on year increase in revenue derived from property and related services. I believe that will tend to cripple Greater Knysna's already ailing economy, and I believe we are bordering on a recession. As a single mother, raising two children on a Knysna salary, a salary that only increases 7% year on year, it is becoming unaffordable to reside in Knysna. The valuation on my property, a very small dwelling has gone from R950 000.00 – which is a fair representation – up by 30% to R1 235 000.00. 2. SERVICE DELIVERY 1. The condition of many, if not most, of the municipality maintained roads in Knysna and Sedgefield is an embarrassment. To visit Knysna, a tourist should first enlist in an "Advanced Pothole Avoidance Course" in order not to seriously damage their vehicles. Pothole repairs / patch jobs, in the suburbs consist of dirt. No tarmac is used to seal the repair. With rain, this turns to mud, and with time potholes reappears. 2. Knysna Municipality charges a daily "availability fee" for electricity on a prepaid meter. This is ongoing and increasing by 18.65% on top of the Eskom tariff increasing 01/07/2023 for the same percentage, despite for the last year or so, not having a full 24 hours' worth of electricity available to us daily due to load shedding. 3. When reporting a water leak, or burst pipe. It can take anywhere up to 2 weeks (emails and Collab reference numbers can be provided) for someone to look at the issue. Water is lost in this time, and yet Knysna Municipality has water restrictions in place, and penalises the Knysna Municipality resident user by having a water tariff structure in place despite not having a drought. 4. The amount of burst pipes in the surrounding areas, leaves some households and businesses without water for days. The colour of the water that comes out the taps, we are told "is safe for human consumption" by the municipality, but would you drink a	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services
373	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Grace Day	1. The rates are excessive the recent General Valuation. It is noted that budget indicated significant variations for prior period. To be equitable the rating factor should be lowered in an increase of no more than 5% 2. The water increase of 9% is not motivated. The water restriction should be lifted with more water drawn and pumped from the river, and the pumping facilities at the Giebe dam restored. 3. Cost increase of 12.7% is not realistic in the current economic climate. 4. Service delivery in term providing for the homeless it takes too long to resolve especially with winter approaching	Community Services/ Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services

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	Budget@knysna.gov.za	14-Apr-23	Richard Young	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security	Community Services/ Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services
375	Budget@knysna.gov.za	15-Apr-23	Bartley Joseph	1. Alliance representatives. They were not properly consulted in this matter and given insufficient time to provide inputs to the budget. 2. Due and proper consultation was not done with our ratepayers association: Sedgefield Ratepayers & Residents Association. 3. The inputs and requests tabled by our ward representatives (Ward 1 and II) are ignored in this budget. 4. The budget is unfair and illegal as it completely ignores the requirements of Sedgefield wards, and is as such, it is unconstitutional. 5. No menCon is made in this budget, and/or no consideration is given to the undercollection of rates and taxes as detailed by the special task force that reviewed collection practices in the 2021/22 financial year. 6. The revised property rates announced earlier this year have yet to be finalised and properly agreed. 7. The strategic plan for Knysna has yet to be agreed and submitted to effect and properly constituted scrutiny. 8. The effective property rates increase is inconsistently applied and based on the valuation roll, applies exorbitant increases ranging from between 15% and 50%. This is highly irregular and unconstitutional. 9. Together with the electricity tariff increase, this represents an increase in excess of 21% in the monies due the municipality and is unaffordable for the bulk of its citizens. 10. The proposed budget increases the operational budget by 12,6%. This is more than double the headline inflation target of 5,3%. This reflects poorly on officials at Knysna Municipality as such a budget would be disrespectful of its citizens in these hard economic times. 11. The budget is silent and/or under provides for the most pressing concerns of its citizens who have written to you separately in this matter, and whose petition has been delivered to you via its ward councillors. These matters consistently point to an	Community Services/ Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services and Director Infrastructure.
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379	Budget@knysna.gov.za	19-Apr-23	Hella van zyl	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are away target from headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that his budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality ignored Treasury and the Audit General's strong recommendation regarding cutting operational expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying services for law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems: illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures	Community Services/ Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services
380	Budget@knysna.gov.za	26-Apr-23	C J Dobie	As a pensioner who has planned carefully for my retirement, I strongly object to the draft budget for 2023-2024 and would like it noted that I reject it completely. It is preposterous that there is a proposed increase in operating expenditure, when there are many people in our poorer communities that don't even have toilets in their homes and we get barely adequate service delivery.	Community Services/ Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services
381	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	J Francis Blitz	1. The proposed tariffs increases are above headline inflation and exceed the recommendation of National Treasury between 4.7% and 5.3% must be considered when preparing 2023/2024 Municipal budget. 2. Tariffs need to be reflective of tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The draft budget estimates of double digit increase in revenue and expenditure surplus are unrealistic. 4. The draft budget proposed service charge increases to meet revenue requirements - are above the inflation and unrealistic with 33% increase on rates and taxes collection. 5. Keeping the assessment rates tariffs as same as last year is contrary to Treasury advice. Furthermore, the tariffs rate in Knysna higher than any other municipalities in the western cape. Treasury has warned of the need of avoid "Rate shock". 6. The property rates increase should be delayed for a year until the valuation roll and the tariffs rate are properly reviewed. 7. There must be evidence of service delivery to the residence before implementing these proposed increases. 8. The view site off bar view road on the haeds is the major tourist destination. It is accessed via Coney Glen Road, which is unmarked, potholed and crumbling. There is no allocation in the draft budget to fix the road or George Rex. This is unacceptable. 9. The Municipality must be mindful of its duty to provide services against the rate, taxes and the charges they so readily implement.	Financial Services / Community Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi, Director Community Services
382	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Ute Lindenberg Erf: 9081	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
383	Budget@knysna.gov.za	03-May-23	Christa Cheesman Erf : 204420000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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384	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Nicola Bryden Erf no: 1-09104-000	Inflation-Adjusted Rates: I have noticed that all rates, with the exception of the sewerage tariff, significantly surpass the target inflation rate of 5.3%. The electricity tariff has risen by 18.5%, while the water tariff has increased by 9%. This disproportionate rise in rates makes the budget unaffordable for many residents and amounts to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Affordability: The aforementioned budgetary changes render it financially burdensome for the community and myself. Considering the current economic climate, it is essential to ensure that any budget adjustments remain within reasonable limits, taking into account the financial capabilities of the residents. Neglect of Recommendations: I am disappointed to observe that the Knysna Municipality has disregarded the strong recommendations provided by both the National Treasury and the Auditor General. Their advice to reduce Operational Expenditure by 20% annually has been overlooked. It is crucial to align the municipality's financial practices with these recommendations to promote responsible fiscal management. Law Enforcement and Security Concerns: Despite paying for law enforcement services, it is disheartening to witness ongoing issues related to illegal taverns, noise disturbances, the unauthorized erection of structures, and vagrancy. It is imperative that adequate resources are allocated to address these problems promptly. I request that the budget be revised to accommodate the necessary law enforcement measures required to ensure the safety and security of our town. Prioritization: I recommend the following priorities for the budget allocation: a. Maintenance of essential infrastructure, including roads, water systems, and waste management. b. Reinforcement of law and order to tackle the prevailing issues affecting our community. c. Reduction of the local government workforce, focusing on trimming inflated salaries, and emphasizing personal accountability to achieve more efficient and effective operations.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Brouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
385	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Gregory Hudson Barnes/ERF number: 40	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still must be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrated valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is well above headline inflation of 5.3% : e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
386	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Jim Mitchell/ERF no 204642000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
387	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Allen Van Gent ERF no: 204606000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
388	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Sally hallendorff/ Erf no 24310	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. In addition: The property evaluations recently conducted by the Knysna Municipality are unsubstantiated and unjustified. Some properties increased by +70% from the previous valuation period. Although numerous requests were made to Knysna Municipality (Mr Andre Wessels ? - representative conducting the revaluations), Knysna Municipality has to date failed to provide any documentation to support the proposed re-evaluation of the properties, which clearly indicates a procedural failure by the Knysna Municipality. No representative from the Knysna Municipality ever inspected my property for the purpose of re-evaluation.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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389	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Louise Ulyate	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. This is wholly unacceptable considering the level of service delivery. 4. We are paying for the service of law enforcement but the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants resultin in an unsafe environment for my community, especially the youth. 5.I request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Budget focus and priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste Law and Order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
390	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Caroline Gous	At a time when the economy is not at its best, people are battling to survive with the cost of living, this is the worst time to have such a huge increase in rates.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
391	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Carole Ann Lewis Erf no:117873000	RATES INCREASE OBJECTION	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
392	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Lizelle GenadeERF number: 105304000	1. Electricity increase at 18.5% and Water at 9% are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. With a proposed year-on year increase of 33% , this budget is unaffordable and Knysna municipality Rates % is much higher than Bitou, George, Mosselbay, Stellenbosch and Cape Town municipalities. 3. Operational expenditure should be cut by 20% year-on year, as recommended by the Auditor General and National Treasure. Through better management this should be possible especially if the municipality work closely with ratepayers and local businesses to achieve this. 4. If the increase in the budget can be justified by better service deliver, it would be fine, but we often find ourselves with no water and/or electricity (due to poor management and maintenance), increase of vagrants posing a security risk and soiling our town in site of tourists and increase of illegal structures and electrical connections with no or little presence of law enforcement. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6.Priorities to be addressed: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste and electrical substations. Law and Order enforcement. Traffic department to play an active role to alleviate traffic during peak hours at the dog unit and hospital traffic lights, every week day and during loadshedding times at ALL traffic lights throughout the day. Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. Performance rating by residents and managers can assist with this.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
393	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Peter Peck	I have heard that the knysna municipality is going to increase the rates by 33%, this is absolutely ridiculous in this economic environment. Do you really think it will be beneficial to anyone except the municipality to raise the rates to this extent ?! People that are low income earners and business owners will not be able to afford it !! You will have businesses closing at an alarming rate, do you not think ? Concerned citizen	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
394	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	R A Woolfrey M L Woolfrey Erf no 9717	• Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties .Although these still have to be ratified over the next two years, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with an increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. • The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding water was increased by 9%.The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services. • The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8% Additionally, the following priorities should be provided for within the budget: • Maintenance of infrastructure ie roads, water and waste • Improve Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries and increase personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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395	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Johan Labuschagne Farm 216 portion 46	1. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding reducing Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 2. Knysna Municipality has ignored calls from the community to reduce cost by increasing productivity & effectiveness by focusing on routing out wasteful practices as is prevalent in many service delivery functions. E.g., The teams that fix potholes effectively only work 3h a day due to poor practices. 3. This budget aims to improve service delivery by throwing money at problem areas instead of management focusing to increase services delivery through better and more effective practices 4. All rates are substantially above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 5. Municipal used unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%valuations resulting in substantially raised the values of properties. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation a maximum allowable increase linked to inflation 6. Priorities that should be attended to before massively increasing the budget: - Increasing productivity and reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability - Effective maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Increase operational effectiveness that will promote job creation and prosperity.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
396	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	M.L. Aitchison erf 4647	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic workers who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
397	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Danie Jansen van Vuuren/Farm 118	I'm appalled at the news that you've proposed a 33% increase in our Rates & Taxes. How in the world do you expect us to absorb and pay for such an increase? Worst of all, we're out in rural Rhenendal and we don't even get water or refuse removal services from you guys. We're barely surviving as it is. We live off our investment income, that only grows at 8% per annum, how are we going to afford a 33% increase in rates and taxes??? Add on top of that we have to try and deal with Eskom increases, fuel increases, food price increases, loadshedding and we will be forced to drastically reduce our other expenses, like our long serving staff from the Keurhoek area. If this continues, we will have NO OTHER choice than to let our staff go and do the cleaning and gardening ourselves. What will then happen to these poor families, who will look after them??? Surely this can not be and must be a mistake??? Very concerned Rhenendal Resident.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
398	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	J & D Labuschagne/ERF number: 4114	1. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding reducing Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 2. Knysna Municipality has ignored calls from the community to reduce cost by increasing productivity & effectiveness by focusing on routing out wasteful practices as is prevalent in many service delivery functions. E.g., The teams that fix potholes effectively only work 3h a day due to poor practices. 3. This budget aims to improve service delivery by throwing money at problem areas instead of management focusing to increase services delivery through better and more effective practices 4. All rates are substantially above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 5. Municipal used unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%valuations resulting in substantially raised the values of properties. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation a maximum allowable increase linked to inflation 6. Priorities that should be attended to before massively increasing the budget: - Increasing productivity and reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability - Effective maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Increase operational effectiveness that will promote job creation and prosperity.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
399	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Lizanne hafner	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
400	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Joan B hafner ERF 20618000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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401	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Danielle Gorman Erf 201543000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
402	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Susan Fitzpatrick Erf 635	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
403	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Reane Kunkel Erf203177000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
404	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Sherlee Taylor Erf 1518			
406	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Zoe Houghton Erf 500	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste Law and Order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
407	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Geraldine Thompson erf 1889			
408	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Erasmus and D .Erasmus erf	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 7. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl

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409	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	DANIEL & DIANE STEWIEN	The proposed rates increase of 33% is excessive & well above CPI. This would lead to excessive job losses & ultimately business closures or relocation. Personal households will also have to consider relocation which can & will affect the availability of skills in the local community as they no longer can afford to abide in Knysna. Businesses will put on "hold" or cancel expansions as they would not be able to fund the growth which means less jobs. Also of importance is that the attraction of "starting a new business" in Knysna will be expensive & alternative locations might be more practical & affordable. The proposed expense budget increase of 12.7% is also not realistic & affordable. The current economic climate is under severe pressure with households having less disposable income & certainly cannot afford such a big increase. They are currently battling to "put food on the table" for their families. Skilled labour is marketable & they will definitely move to other areas where they can find employment & enjoy affordable living. These are the people we do not want to lose. Service delivery also falls way short of expectations (and expected norms) & it is recommended that we address this by employing skill workers who can deliver the required service efficiently & timeously. We need to make Knysna an attractive destination for additional or new capital so we can all enjoy a better life in KNYSNA.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
410		04-May-23	Mandy de Jager	I live in a small one bedroom cottage and survive on a reasonable pension. However, my husband is 75 years old, is unemployed and has no pension. He has even been denied a state pension as they take the fact that I own my house and receive a pension into account. This is also grossly unfair. At this point I am battling to make ends meet and can definitely NOT AFFORD THE PROPOSED INCREASED RATES. I look forward to receiving your positive response.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
411	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	MATTHEW ELIOT GROVES ERF number: 8814	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
412	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Karl weidemann erf 204485000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
413	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Gary Boshoff Erf 227	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3.Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security"	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
414	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Keith Lindsay <keith2@telkomsa.net>	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3.Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security"	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
415	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Lucy Harvey erf 1061			

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416	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Alan and Nikki Jones Erf 1448	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
417	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Mardi Lewotton	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
418	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Carol Emmnuel erf	1. The rate increase of 33% is excessive. It is noted that the budget indicated significant variations from the prior period. To be equitable the rating factor should be lowered to result in an increase of no more than 5% 2. The water increase of 9% is well over the inflation rate. More efforts should be focused on reducing then on going and excessive water losses. 3.The employing costs increase of 13.5% is not warranted. 5. Service delivery especially in terms of response to phone calls and emails is not the required standards	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl
419	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Laurie Moulit erf1279	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
420	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Peter Emmanuel	1. The rate increase of 33% is unwarranted. The guideline increase from the Treasury is 5% and therefore the increase should be limited to this percentage. 2. The electricity increase of 18.7% is well over the inflation rate, especially availability and other charges raised by the Municipality. 3. The employment costs increase of 135% is not warranted.5. Service delivery in terms of response to phone call and emails especially related to water is unacceptable	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl
421	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	A. Muller erf 164	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
422	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	H R Trust/erf 551 ptn11/19	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
423	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Clive Battell Erf 183	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement, Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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424	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Jann Jackson /Unit 58 Erf 20432	budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue, which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: • Water 9% • Electricity 18.5% • Sanitation 5.3% 2 • Refuse 6.0% • Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPR Act when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Erf #: 20432	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
425	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Susan Dniel erf 201893000	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6 Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
426	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Christopher Isherwood ERF 7595	With the exception of the proposed sewerage tariff increase, both the electricity (18,5%) and water (9%) considerably exceed the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. This proposed budget is unaffordable as it translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. The National Treasury's and the A G's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year has not been adhered to. There is no rebate structure for properties valued above R700K. Pensioners , who form a large proportion of the rate payers in the KM region, will be egregiously affected by this, in addition to the increase in the rates and taxes. Law enforcement appears to be substantially underfunded. All Sound appear to do the majority of law enforcement in this town when it comes to vagrants, squaring and noise disturbance. The top heavy posts and inflated salaries within the KM need to be investigated as the services (roads, electrical distribution and water) are severely strained resulting in substandard repairs and maintenance. Accountability of the senior ranking officials for poor performance should be implemented and enforced to reduce wasteful labour and resources.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
427	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Toni ea ings ERF 204478000	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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428	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	I. Fouuer Erf 310041000	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
429	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Elsa Johanna Hendrina de Wet erf 13672	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement, Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement, Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
430	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	AS JONES & AF JONDES ERF2024200	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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431	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Talita van Zyl 1565	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
432	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Annelise Gerber 341	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase	Finace Services	CFO Busi Kova,N Fundi
433	Budget@knysna.gov.za	04-May-23	Bridget and Brian Kroger erf 5292	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
434	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Estelle Castelein erf: 203015000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above- target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18,5% , water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to a 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting operational expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with illegal taverns, noise disturbance and continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: maintenance of infrastructure roads, water, waste, law and order enforcement, reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
435	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	George Pavey Erf 471	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
436	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	David Nadin Erf 4413,4634	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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437	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Michelle Els ERF113817000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste Law and Order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
438	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Brian P Fitzsimons ERF 13915	- All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. - The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. If had debt was recovered there would be no need for these increases! - Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. If everyone paid their rates this can be achieved! - Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement to enforce our By-Laws made by your own proclamations to ensure safety and security, the lack of functioning resources and poor management has resulted in illegal taverns, noise disturbance, alcohol usage on Municipal braai areas and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants encroaching into town un-Policed. - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement is not happening! - Cut the local government workforce to reduce cost or reduce inflated salaries as a priority! - Collect the rates from ALL ratepayers not the few!	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
439	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Louisa Houghton ERF106144000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste Law and Order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
440	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Sue Krause ERF 1489	I strongly disagree with the 33% increase in the proposed rates We are ERF 1489 George Rex Drive The Heads Knysna	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
441	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Nora Fourie Erf 113264000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll.3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year.4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: - Maintenance of infrastructure,Road. Water and waste, Law and order enforcement, Reductionofbthe local government workforce, Reduce inflated salaries hilt increasing personal liability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
442	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Lorrain Grewcock Erf 3657	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures in Smutsville and thatop the adjacent dune. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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443	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Vaughan Palmer	Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are significantly above the target headline inflation rate of 5.3% with that for electricity at 18.5% and that for water at 9%. This translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase which is unaffordable for residents and businesses. The recommendation by National and Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023). The Draft Budget's estimated revenue of R1,217,118,289 (13% increase on 2022/2023) and expenditure of R1,215,686,185 (12.7% increase on 2022/2023), with a surplus of a mere R1 432,104 is totally unrealistic. The weak economic growth our town post Covid has put huge pressure on consumers' ability to pay and the above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Tariff increases must be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable, particularly since they may only be implemented if the Akkerkloof dam capacity is below 30% and the river flow is below 200l per second. However, these parameters are never checked so the Municipality is not in a position to implement drought tariffs. Furthermore, the Giebe Dam is at full capacity but due to vandalism of the pump station, which has not been repaired, water cannot be pumped through to the water treatment works. Therefore, residents are being penalised due to the incompetency and indolence of the Municipality and its Officials. The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. This has not been done which in my opinion is unconstitutional and unlawful and makes the Municipality vulnerable to customer disputes and the real risk of being sued. The lack of allocated resources allocated to law enforcement has resulted in ongoing problems with inter alia illegal taverns and the continued and increasing erection of illegal structures by vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure the safety and security of all residents. The Municipality's priorities should be the maintenance and improvement of the town's infrastructure including roads, water, and sanitation facilities and law and order enforcement. We, the ratepayers of this town, also want to see progress in reducing the inflated head count of the Municipality, a reduction in inflated salaries an increased accountability by Municipal Officials for the decisions they make.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
444	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	R Gardiner Erf 1269	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
445	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	A N URQUHART Erf 202486000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
446	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Belinda Lewis Erf 1269	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
447	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	FC SPARKS Erf 1338	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. The maintenance of all roads in Sedgfield are neglected and some need to upgrade.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
448	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	NANETTE SCHAEFFLER	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. 5. The electrical amp rates do not allow for an option were there is extremely low usage and/or very low amps drawn which are then rated a no cost. There is no provision made for homes that are used sporadically as holiday homes or homes with single occupants or pensioners were usage is so low that no charge should be levied. This provision is made in neighbouring municipality of George. 20 Amp usage attracts no basic cost. This must be addressed urgently particularly because Sedgfield is traditionally a holiday coastal town. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
449	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	N.P.J. Gordon Erf 595	1.The raised valuation of properties of 32% is not acceptable and will be the beginning of the end for growth in Knysna 2.The price increase of municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%.This will create hardship for pensioners and lower-income earners and will lead them to leave Knysna 3.The norm of a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure is not allow by the .1% differential	Finance Services	CFO Busi Kova,N Fundi
450	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Chantal and Simon Guassardo Erf 4049	I hereby object to your intention to increase my rates and taxes by a completely unrealistic and unfair percentage. The national CPI index was 6.9% for the year. You should use an inflation indicator which is acceptable to all concerned. Please remember that you work for me as a rate payer.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova,N Fundi

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451	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	LANI GROVES Erf 8814	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratiifed valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova,N Fundi
452	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Keith MüllerErf 9096	1. Recent Municipality valuations, yet to be refitted, have sustantially rased the value of Knysna properties.Yet the Municipality uses these unratiifed valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. 2. The law state that these rates should not increase more than the CPI based on the Municipal property rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariffs must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase,i.e. 5.3% Headline inflation. 3. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services e.g Pay as you go boxes and the availability. 4. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increases. 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 6. Although we are paying for law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with illegal taverns, noise disturbance and continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants.We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: - Reduction of the local government workforce - Reduction of inflated salaries- Maintenance of infrastructure, e.g Road and waste. - Law and order enforcement, eg Contro of un-authorized car guards. As a town which is heavily expends upon tourism, visitors are being accosted by vagrants posting as car guards. This has become a detrent to our tourists - Removal of vagrants who are setting up temporary shelters in town and along the N2, Having no provisions for washing or toilet facilities.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
453	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Andre isherwood Erf 53	- Except for the proposed sewerage tariff increase, both the electricity (18,5%) and water (9%) considerably exceed the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. - This proposed budget is unaffordable as it translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. - The National Treasury's and the A G's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year has not been adhered to nor action. - There is no rebate structure for properties valued above R700K. Pensioners , who form a large proportion of the rate payers in the KM region, will be egregiously affected by this, in addition to the increase in the rates and taxes. - Law enforcement appears to be substantially underfunded. All Sound appear to do the majority of law enforcement in this town when it comes to vagrants, squaring and noise disturbance. - The top heavy posts and inflated salaries within the KM need to be URGENTLY investigated as the services (roads, electrical distribution and water) are severely strained resulting in substandard repairs and maintenance. - Accountability of the senior ranking officials for poor performance should be implemented and enforced to reduce wasteful labour and resources.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
454	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Neil Mott Erf 9058	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. I request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste Law and Order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services
455	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	John Knight Erf115345000	1.The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3%. 2.The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties.4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and areabove headline inflation. 4.This contradicts the delegations set out in clause 6. It can only be implemented if the Akkerkloof dam capacity of below 30% and the river flow is below 200l per second, which are never checked, confirmed or reported on, AND We have the Giebe Dam at full capacity but due to vandalism of the pump station,which has not been reinstated, the water cannot be pumped through to the water treatment works, so residents are being penalised with the below proposed tariffs due to the incompetency of Municipal Officials. 1 Stage 3 up from 25 percent to 100 percent 2 Stage 2 from 15 percent to 75 percent and 3 Stage 1 from 10 percent to 50 percent.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services
456	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Kriel Erf 2774	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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457	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	JJ Trust Erf 2438	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
458	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Willem G Jordaan Erf 2427	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
459	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Jennifer Barbara Rennie Erf 785	1. The enormous inflated rate of daily electricity charges. Shortly I will only be able to pay for the facility without actually buying any usable electricity. 2. The increase of rates since I moved here in 2017 is not acceptable and works out at a 33% increase. 3. Knysna Municipality does not seem to have heeded any recommendations from the Auditor General going forward. 4. Senior ratepayers such as myself are in dire straights. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1m. Furthermore, the rateable amount for pensioners be ONLY the difference between the threshold and YOUR valuation of the property. ie. If you have valued a property at R1,5m rates only payable on the R500 000 should the threshold be increased to R1m. 5. Budget priorities should be as follows: More streamlined office procedures and management in order to improve general service delivery at all levels – particularly pertinent refuse removal and hygiene. The appointment of people who have a proven track record of SUCCESS and excellence, not just via qualifications and previous places of employ. 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
460	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Brett Orwin Erf 204610000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
461	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Nikki Tait	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18,5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste Law and Order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
462	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Raf Martin Erf 201697000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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463	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Philip & Flora Caveney	(1) The increased Municipal property valuations and rates there-on indicate an increase far ahead of inflation. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendations, the tariff must stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. (2) The Rebate structure has been steadily reduced over the past years and has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. As pensioners this will create further hardship. (3) The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%: viz. the water is 9% and the budget also indicates an increase in Eskom supplied electricity of 18,7%. This is totally unacceptable. We recommend that the Municipality examine its cost base instead of passing excessive cost increases on to the user.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova, N Fundi
464	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Bruce van Halderen Erf 15292	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of our properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrati ed valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Massive Rate increase of 32%. According to our knowledge, the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation, which is not proposed in the draft. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our Small businesses and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. We are struggling to survive and these massive above inflation increases are devastating for us in an already punitive environment, our municipality should do more for the businesses and employers in our town and at the very least with keeping costs down and increases to well below inflation	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
465	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	A. Koch Erf 201887000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
466	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Roelof J.L Burger Erf 203743000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Biyela
467	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	M VAN HEERDEN ERF 1313	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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468	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Bruce van Halderen Erf 1726	The proposed rates and taxes for the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Massive Rate increase of 32%, Ours has been more than 40% increase which is just abusive to be fair According to our knowledge, the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation, which is not proposed in the draft. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our us as we have struggled to make an income as we lost our hospitality business due to government regulations in Covid. 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Plus the more than 40% on our Property Taxes 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 5. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal dumping, crumbling and potholed roads, and littering left uncleaned and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants in the bushes on George Rex and Surrounding the Lagoon. 6. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 7. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 8. We are struggling to survive and these massive above inflation increases are devastating for us in an already punitive environment, our municipality should do more for the businesses and employers in our town and at the very least with keeping costs down and increases to well below inflation	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
469	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	GJ Hiton Erf 16078	1. All account the proposed draft budget will be burden and other Knysna ratepayers of Ward 9 with 35% increase 2. Property valuation increase the rate to which objections have not yet benn processed and are likely to be anytime soon.3. You impose level 3 restrictions on our water consumption however have fullidam containing millions of litres of food water that are unable to use because of you have negleed to fix its pump station. 4. Ward 9 pays by far the highest rates in this town but seems to get the thae least service from the Municipality. 5. Our rates and other Municipal service costs appear to be among the highest in the country , but Knysna get grubbiy by the yaer and our service level have dropped considerably. 6. I am led to believe that your budget proposal are illegal because you have not followed due process and that this matter will end up in court .	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
470	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Bruce van Nierop	No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. The 33 % average increase in property rates for residents is certainly not affordable. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll – (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Erf #: 108343000	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
471	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Ian Ballantine Erf 1927	My property value has been increased by over 20% - this means the rates payable are based on a much-increased value and subsequently I will be paying a much higher amount for the municipal rate. 2. No noticeable maintenance is done on the infrastructure – water, sanitation, refuse removal, roads and seawall – finance which is supposed to be allocated from portion of the rates payable to be used to fund this maintenance. 3. The increase in the amount payable on the property valuation and adding increases to the specific areas of the infrastructure without seeing resulting improved maintance is becoming alarming. 4. In terms of the legislated increase thresholds, Knysna Municipality have surpassed those and it is believed this action is unlawful. 5. The increase in electricity is aligned with the ESCOM increase which is expected, howecerto apply the same increase across the board to all electricity related tariffs is way above inflation.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova,N Fundi
472	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	J H Cooper Erf 104973000	1) None of the proposed increases are within the National and Provincial Treasury recommendations (Sanitation excluded although at the top of the range) 2) We have not received either by Email. or post the new valuation of our property therefore we object to the Draft Valuation Roll 2023/2028 3) At the moment we have limited access to our property due to continued flooding of Howard St (Near Golf Course), Baboon raids and brown water. These factors render your valuation totally inaccurate as properties in this area are declining in value	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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473	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Roger Boughton erf 12641-000	1) The proposed tariff increases are way above headline inflation. Such increases need to be affordable and should reflect relevant increases in cost. 2) It is wholly unreasonable not to adjust downwards the cent rate in respect of the recent excessive increase in valuation of properties. 3) There has been no indication of what steps have been taken within the budget to contain or drive down cost increases or any benefits that may be derived from such steps. 4) The Municipality appears to be penalizing homeowners with this proposed unfair and 'way above' inflation increase in rates. This will have a serious and detrimental impact on inward investment in the town which relies so heavily on tourism. The town must be attractive to existing and potential residents through offering value, including the cost of municipality rates/levies.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova, N Fundi
474	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	David Cant Erf 1753	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
475	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Heidi De Oliveira Erf 1753	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
476	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	M Conradie	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
477	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	IAN EDWARD STEWART Erf 2699	1. I have made a formal objection to the new "valuations" on the above properties, as the increased "values" of 126.36% and 99.71% are nothing short of ridiculous. No improvements were made to these properties over the past 5 years. Since the new "valuation" roll came out there has been an outcry from all quarters of the town, where value increases ranged from a few percent to well over 100% (like mine) with an average increase for the town reportedly at 32% odd. Who knows what the increased value is? How flawed is the roll? 2. For the municipality to accept such widely ranging value increases, where other properties had negligible increases in value, suggests a total lack of insight into the valuation process. The flawed valuations are the basis for determining the rates of the properties, and following that the basis of rates income that the budget is based on. How many properties are NOT on the roll? Municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. With no reduction in the cents in the rand? 3. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. 4. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. 5. The electricity price increase of 18.65% has been extended by municipality to cover all electrical services, which is not the level of inflation on costs other than electricity. Furthermore, Eskom has raised their charge by 18.65% - on the basic cost of electricity to wholesale users like municipality. That does not mean the retail price must go up by 18.65% too (for example, if the base cost is say 100, and retail is 150 now - when your cost goes up 18.65% that is 18.65 on 100 - so add that increase of 18.65 to 150 = 168.65. This is a far cry from adding 18.65% to 150 = 177.98. This is indicative of the fact that whoever drafted the budget is oblivious of the fact that money does not grow on trees. 6. Knysna and Sedgefield are towns catering for retired people, on very limited budgets. The budget proposed by the town management seems to be oblivious of this fact. 7. The income in the budget is based on "I would like to receive" rather than "this is what we may receive" - so to budget expenses based on "I would like to receive" income is ludicrous. Furthermore, this proposed budget needs to have a far greater expected surplus than proposed. You cannot just keep borrowing to meet expenses not covered by income - someone has to repay the loans, and interest gobbles up income with no services return evident to the ratepayers. If you don't have the money, don't spend it. If there is not enough money to pay the costs, cut the costs, and stop wasting money. 8. We have been told that it costs R140,000 per month to send out municipal bills. Lots of wasted paper, ink, plastic and postage. Most residents have internet access, and receive emailed bills. The posted bills arrive very late and are binned anyway. Get the software people to advise residents who receive emailed bills that in order to "go green", postal mailed bills will stop. And when all bills are emailed, pass that savings onto residents by crediting them with R5.60 "green savings" per month (This is based on the reported R140,000 divided by an estimated 25,000 posted accounts !!) You get the idea - save costs !!! 9. Knysna Municipality seems to have ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. Stop just increasing costs - find ways to cut them. 10. The salary packages of municipal employees is way in excess of those paid in the real world. Businesses and business owners are struggling to make ends meet, and the pensioner community have it even worse. 11. I am a retired accountant well versed in Annual Financial Statements, Budgets and the like. I find that the way that the financial statements / budgets of municipality are set out makes it almost impossible for the laymen to understand what is being presented. So do NOT take the relative silence on the request for comments on the budget to mean that people are happy. THEY ARE NOT !. <i>Social media is abuzz with uncorroborated residents' and this will call once to their employers and those that depend on residents for their livelihood (employer, household staff etc.) When</i>	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova, N Fundi

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478	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Stefanus Brink 748	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) where it specifically reminds municipalities of the setting of cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 2. The Draft Budget proposes an estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on last year) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the market value of properties reflected in the new valuation roll which is completely unrealistic, with some properties experiencing a 50% to 100 % increase in value with others at a 300% increase in market value. NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 3. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation with only sanitation falling within the recommended Treasury range of 4.7 % to 5.3%, albeit at the top scale! 4. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 4.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" (as Knysna Municipality is with the Draft Valuation Roll 2023 to 2028 published for inspection earlier this year), 4.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 4.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 4.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 4.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date." 5. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, with many residents moving to towns that are more affordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN!	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
479	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Beryl MacLachlan Erf 5310	The Property Valuation Roll for the period 2023 to 2028 is seriously flawed as many properties were greatly over valued and then others with a full view of the heads only valued at erven value. It appears as if the roll was a total thumb suck. The ruling governing party then increases the rate in the rand applied which means the residents and businesses could be paying up to 300% or more for general rates with the increase of 32% in this rate. This is an increase on the unratified valuations which should be in line with headline inflation of 5.3%. Our town has the highest rate in the rand applied in the Western Cape. I will not be able to afford this and neither will most of the other residents in our town which the governing party is bringing down to its knees. There will be hundreds losing their jobs and tourism the life blood of our town will die. Is this what you guys want to do, you are rapidly killing the economy. You have people in jobs that they are not qualified to do and on top of that are grossly overpaid and consultants are employed to do the work. Nepotism is rife. You have ignored National Treasury by applying a ridiculous rate way over and above inflation. No rebate is going to be applied to properties with a valuation exceeding R700 000.00. Rates rebates which Senior Citizens, Indigent and People with Disabilities could have applied for have also been reduced greatly. From 2015 to 2019 if your monthly income was less than R12000.00 you qualified at least to get a 20% reduction currently it is R8975.00. So instead of this base amount increasing due to inflation it has decreased. The ruling party appears to have mismanaged and misappropriated public funds. This is embezzlement. The town's infrastructure is not properly maintained and cuts in salary should be made across the board especially to the Mayor and Senior Directors. Only employ people that can do the job with employing consultants. Please reduce the rate in the rand applied to the inflation rate. The exorbitant property valuations need to be adjusted.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova, N Fundi
480	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Theodor Robert Torsten Bohlmann	1. The proposed tariff increases are above headline inflation, which is unacceptable. The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of tariff increases between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be taken into account when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer to circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023). 2. Tariffs need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budget's estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must, within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefore did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefore this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the Sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Demarcation Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova, N Fundi

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481	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Brenda Newberry Erf 7942	In reviewing your budget I note that the increase in the various recovery or expenditure categories is: 1. Rates 33% 2. Electricity 18.75% 3. Water 9% 4. Sanitation 5.3% 5. Refuse 6% Rates Absolutely unacceptable. A large portion of the rate paying residential homeowners in Knysna are pensioners on fixed income or inflation adjusted pensions. There is also a large portion of homeowners who live month to month. There is no way for them to meet the astronomical increase above inflation. Such significant rates increase can only result in an exodus of residents and act as a disincentive to prospective new investors. This will result in a reduction of property values and ultimately revenue reduction for the Municipality. Nowhere can I find an explicit explanation for this significant variation as required. In order to formalise the accountability of the Municipality the rate factor should be benchmarked against neighbouring Municipalities such as Plettenburg Bay and George. Electricity I accept that the National situation of ESCOM is dire and that an increase in excess of 18% may be forced upon the country as a whole. What is unacceptable is that basic services such as meter installation, basic charge etc. should not increase in excess of 4.7%. Water The increase of 9% is unacceptable. The Municipality should rather focus on fixing the infrastructure problems thereby increasing the water supply which will result in increased revenue. Sanitation Acceptable Refuse Acceptable General	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
482	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Ashley Burns Erf	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5.3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;- R Parry;-T Biyela
483	Budget@knysna.gov.za	05-May-23	Das Meyer P36	Your municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, you as municipality uses these unrated valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. The price increase of your Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8% I am extremely disappointed in your approach towards our community, especially after the fires and Covid, where we should all stand together to assist each other in uplifting our village to sustain for the future.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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484	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	05-May-23	S Bridget Erf 1277	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
485	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	05-May-23	J Pretorius Erf 1426	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
486	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	05-May-23	S Kinsley	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) where it specifically reminds municipalities of the setting of cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 2. The Draft Budget proposes an estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on last year) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the market value of properties reflected in the new valuation roll which is completely unrealistic, with some properties experiencing a 50% to 100 % increase in value with others at a 300% increase in market value. NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 3. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation with only sanitation falling within the recommended Treasury range of 4.7 % to 5.3%, albeit at the top scale! 4. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 4.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" (as Knysna Municipality is with the Draft Valuation Roll 2023 to 2028 published for inspection earlier this year), 4.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 4.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 4.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 4.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date." 5. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, with many residents moving to towns that are more affordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN!	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
487	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	06-May-23	David Burns Erf 720	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
488	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	06-May-23	Anthon Wessels Botha Erf 12894	1. Rates apart from sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing increase in crime and failure to provide a safe environment for all. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement, Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. 7. Failure to collect arrears rates and taxes from commercial business owners. Well documented on various forums 8.0 Property Valuation roll that contains various errors and anomalies. Properties of exact same size, location, orientation has been incorrectly evaluated with large discrepancies in valuations to the detriment of certain home owners.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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489	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	John Frederick Warner Erf 17875	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN/NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "Municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023." 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll." 5.1.3 "To identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "This process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date." 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget – (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice and forward to the municipality for its review with an annex of the valuation roll and notice to that owner's property."	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bana/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
490	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Stephen Kimber Erf 60	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the rate in the Rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal structures, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement input to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
491	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Florence Vosloo Erf 1801	1. All the rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above the inflation rate of 5.3%. For example electricity 18.5% and water 9% 2. An annual 33% increase is ridiculous and unaffordable for most of our community. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational expenditure by 20%. 4. Why are we paying for the service of Law enforcement, when they do not fulfill their duties? For example noise disturbance and illegal structures. 5. It is our right as Rate Payers to have our Law enforcement make our town one of safety and security 6. Priorities should be the following: Law and Order enforcement Roads, water and waste maintenance infrastructure. Fewer local government workforce who are overpaid for the work they do	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
492	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Andrea Crawford Erf 456	The newly calculated rates and taxes are based on the recently raised but still unratified property valuations, and have resulted in a potential rate increase of up to 32%. This is significantly more than the CPI. According to law rates should not increase more than the CPI. The municipality should therefore bring the tariff into line with the CPI figures. Municipal services have increased by more than the inflation rate of 5.3% There is no indication that the Knysna Municipality has made any attempt to cut operational expenditure as recommended by the Auditor General, neither has it addressed the issue of inflated local government salaries nor prioritised maintenance of roads and infrastructure, water and waste and law enforcement. This budget is not sensible or acceptable in that it does not have a sufficient buffer to allow for what is budgeted and what is spent, which will inevitably have disastrous consequences. Please provide me with a Collab reference number for this submission.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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494	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Lynda Burns Erf 746	valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes. Furthermore, a rate increase of 32% is both unrealistic and unaffordable. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. 2. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, which makes no sense and lacks validity. 3. The Rebate structure is to be nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 4. The municipality further intends to change the rule for owners with two rooms or less for rental which is their inherent right, to now have to pay commercial rates and taxes which is in direct violation of the municipal bylaws. Not only that, those people provide a vital infrastructure to support the tourism market. They will simply not be able to afford to continue and as a result will have serious consequences for the tourism industry, which is the life blood of Kysna. This will result in significant job losses and already add to the number of unemployed people in the town. This is absolutely ludicrous. Not only that, it will have dire consequences for the pensioners who let out one or two rooms to supplement their pension, and who will now simply have to leave or face extreme hardship as a result of it being unaffordable. 5. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. The proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 6. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18,5%, Water 9% 7. How does the municipality expect pensioners let alone anyone else to take a net effect increase of 33%. It is totally unaffordable for everybody. 8. There has been a total disregard for Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting of Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year to make municipalities more sustainable. 9. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 10. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 11. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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495	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Anita du Preez Erf107297000	1. Inflation rate Currently at 5.3% makes the following increases excessive: water 9% (almost double the inflation rate); electricity 18.5% (more than three times the inflation rate) 2. Affordability This massive increase will make it unaffordable especially for many struggling families and small businesses. It could tip small businesses into unprofitability leading to failure and even more unemployment and distress. The proposed increases could be as high as 33.3% which is a failure of social and economic responsibility on the part of the Municipality. 3. Fiscal prudence Bear in mind that National Treasury and the Auditor General actually strongly recommends cutting operational expenditure by 20% year-on-year through greater efficiency which can be achieved through workforce rationalisation, salary and benefit review of senior management whose remuneration should be based on levels of accountability. 4. Expenditure Priorities which need urgent attention are continually improving law enforcement, further upgrade and maintenance of roads and infrastructure. A lot of good work has been done in these areas but it needs a sustained and accelerated emphasis to provide the highest possible standards of service. 5. Community Knysna has a well motivated and committed community which deserves a safe and socially responsible environment for all law abiding citizens. I trust the leadership of Knysna Municipality will choose the path of rationalisation, greater efficiency and a budget affordable to the loyal Knysna Ratepayers	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
496	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	J. Koch	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. As a relief measure , for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R 750 000 to no less than R 1 000 000 reducing your budget more and the increase in the Rand recovery for expenditure categories is: 1. Rates 33% 2. Electricity 18.75% 3. Water 9% 4. Sanitation 5.3% 5. Refuse 6% I deal with the above as follows: 1. Rates Absolutely unacceptable. A large portion of the rate paying residential homeowners in Knysna are pensioners on fixed income or inflation adjusted pensions. There is no way for them to meet the astronomical increase above inflation. Such significant rates increase can only result in an exodus of residents and act as a disincentive to prospective new investors. This will result in a reduction of property values and ultimately revenue reduction for the Municipality. Nowhere can I find an explicit explanation for this significant variation as required. In order to formalise the accountability of the Municipality the rate factor should be benchmarked against neighbouring Municipalities such as Plettenburg Bay and George. 2. Electricity I accept that the National situation of ESCOM is dire and that an increase in excess of 18% may be forced upon the country as a whole. What is unacceptable is that basic services such as meter installation, basic charge etc. should not increase in excess of 4.7%. 3. Water The increase of 9% is unacceptable. The Municipality should rather focus on fixing the infrastructure problems thereby increasing the water supply which will result in increased revenue. 4. Sanitation	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
497	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	HH Kanwischer Erf 13958	1. Rates 33% 2. Electricity 18.75% 3. Water 9% 4. Sanitation 5.3% 5. Refuse 6% I deal with the above as follows: 1. Rates Absolutely unacceptable. A large portion of the rate paying residential homeowners in Knysna are pensioners on fixed income or inflation adjusted pensions. There is no way for them to meet the astronomical increase above inflation. Such significant rates increase can only result in an exodus of residents and act as a disincentive to prospective new investors. This will result in a reduction of property values and ultimately revenue reduction for the Municipality. Nowhere can I find an explicit explanation for this significant variation as required. In order to formalise the accountability of the Municipality the rate factor should be benchmarked against neighbouring Municipalities such as Plettenburg Bay and George. 2. Electricity I accept that the National situation of ESCOM is dire and that an increase in excess of 18% may be forced upon the country as a whole. What is unacceptable is that basic services such as meter installation, basic charge etc. should not increase in excess of 4.7%. 3. Water The increase of 9% is unacceptable. The Municipality should rather focus on fixing the infrastructure problems thereby increasing the water supply which will result in increased revenue. 4. Sanitation	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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498	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Angela Bax 622	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
499	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	Christopher Kay and Susan Kay erf4688	1. The tariff increases are well above headline inflation and are SIGNIFICANTLY above Cape Town, Stellenbosch or other towns, similar in size to Knysna , in the Western Cape. 2. There is no downward curbing of the cent in the Rand , despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 3. Tariff increases have been applied across all trading surfaces and are above headline inflation. 4. The draft Budget ignores the advice of Treasury in the MFMA circular No. 122 for the 2023/2024 MTREF , where Municipalities MUST compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll. 5. Although we receive our monthly Municipal a/cs via email, we did not receive an extract relating to the value of the property. 6. As there are GROSS inaccuracies and unrealistic proposals in the 2023/2024 Budget , we demand that the current GVR17 should be extended by a further year as allowed for by Sec32(2)(b)(ii) , in order for more realistic , affordable proposals be submitted. 7. Needless to say , Knysna will be faced with multiple, very costly , legal actions which will be a HUGE waste of resources and detriment to the WHOLE Community . 8. Knysna depends to a large extent on Tourism and this industry will be badly threatened if the Budget is implemented. 9. Drought water tariffs are unacceptable as we are not under drought conditions . Available water is abundant and in excess of the needs of Knysna Town . The Knysna Municipality is obliged to ensure that there are no punitive charges for water usage.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
500	Budget@knysna.gov.za	06-May-23	MDS.Master Erf590	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
501	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Shane van Blerk Erf 2527	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The budget allowance for housing in Sedgfield which was determined last year has been removed. No formal housing has been built in the Smutsville area of Sedgfield in many years, whilst housing is being built at a great rate in Knysna suburbs. All permissions are in place to construct much needed housing in Smutsville area, the budget allowance needs to be re-instated. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
502	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Lynette Newnham	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Besides all the above points, I feel that the entire Sedgfield is being neglected by Knysna Municipality as a whole. I feel there is no need for us to pay any rates and taxes as we seem to get absolutely no benefit from it! 6. My mother is the current owner of the above property, she is a pensioner, who certainly DOES NOT fall under the wealthy pensioners of this world, she cannot afford an increase of this proportion. 7. Personally, I see no benefit at all to paying Knysna Municipality anything, because you do nothing for us – as they say in Afrikaans – “ons suig op die agterste speen!” 8. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
503	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Alex Walters Erf 4608	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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504	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Deborah Bird ERF 4625	In particular to all rates, apart from tariff for sanitation, all the other rates are way above the target headline inflation rate. The net effect of this budget is unaffordable and translates to a 33% year on year increase. These rates will for a lot of people not be affordable and also will not be an incentive for others wishing to relocate here. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's Auditor Genrals strong recommendations of cutting operational costs by 20% year on year. Budget priorities should be Maintenance of infrastructure Road Water waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of local government workforce Reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO:- Busi Kova:- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
505	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	A Walters Erf 4608	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. _____ 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
506	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Martin Hatchuel	We appeal to the municipality to redraft the budget with increases of revenues and costs more in line with inflation. Rates The general valuation resulted in an overall increase in value of 39%. The adjusted rating factor applied to these new values should drive a rates increase closer to 5%. The 33% increase proposed in the budget will drive existing and new business away from Knysna to the detriment of the community and is rejected. Electricity The imposed tariff increase of 18.7% will result in more and more consumers investing in off-grid solutions to the detriment of municipal finances. Water The 9% proposed tariff increase is poorly planned, accompanied by ongoing water restrictions. The municipality will be better served fixing the problems and supplying more water, with volume providing the increase in revenue. Refuse No plans indicated to move the waste transfer station. No indication given of the future increase in costs likely to arise from the new landfill site. Financial Excessive Bad debts are built into the budget almost as an acceptable norm. Staff and other cost increases are not warranted. No budget plans to build the unfunded Capital Replacement Reserve. The draft Budget MUST be redrawn taking note of these comments and further suggestions that follow below. The Draft budget is built around the unacceptable assumption that Rates can be increased by 33%. This needs to be revisited as a matter of urgency. With revenues under threat, clearly the costs built into the budget need to be reduced. In addition, no account is taken of the significant risk to the Revenues and Surplus of the uncertainty of the supply of power from Eskom. It is essential for our municipality to now start building independence from Eskom.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl
507	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	S Brighton Erf 1412	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owner\$ are being padicularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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508	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	CHRIS CANNON Erf P 90	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We have a local security group to look after each other and monitor issues in our area. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our area to ensure safety and security. I am a retiree residing on a small holding in Sedgfield Rural and should be taxed as such. The Knysna Municipality, erroneously in my opinion, have classified my property as residential for which I have lodged a grievance and require it to be reclassified as agricultural. I have submitted photographs in support of this. The proposed increase in rates and taxes on the revised valuation I totally object to. I derive minimal benefits in the way of services. I pay my own Eskom landline, I have my own septic sewerage System, all my water is rainwater, I maintain my access road. I will only accept an increase linked to the inflation rate which is 5,3%.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
509	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Michael J Hubberstey Erf P 4546	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
510	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Graig Erf 3670	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
511	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	C. Raubenheimer Erf 201289000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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512	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	07-May-23	Lochart Barker Erf 204405000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation mte of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
513	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	07-May-23	GA & CJ Maucheline Erf 4700	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.34%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
514	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	07-May-23	Martin Gilchrist Erf 200593000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.34%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
515	Budget@kmynsa.gov.za	07-May-23	Helen Pahl Erf 4645	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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516	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Archers Erf 201443000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
517	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	IB HOLTZHAUSEN Erf 1400	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3o/o 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33oh y ear-o n-year i n crease. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20o/o year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
518	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	REDDAN, DS Erf 109610	Our property rates and other service costs have more than doubled since we have been residents in Knysna. We are pensioners who have taken care of our hard-worked for savings who are now finding it harder to meet the rates now being imposed on us. The public road on the way to our residence is continuously full of potholes. Minor repairs are done from time to time, a wasteful operation as the whole area should have been done with suitably qualified and experienced road repair company/s. Local power outages are a routine occurrence and again, this is due to lack of maintenance and suitable qualified personnel. There is no accountability for "unaccounted expenditure" that appears in the annual financial reports. In my opinion there are insufficient qualified people in the municipality's finance department. If the rate payers' funds were not abused, there would not be the necessity to greatly increase rates as proposed. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	CFO: - Busi Kova; - N Fund/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
519	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	C Hammann	2. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation. The recommendation of National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% must be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 1. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 7. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 8. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 9. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 10. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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520	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Nick Hall P 60	budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 1. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 7. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 8. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision i/o the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 9. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 10. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
521	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	P. Hatfield	1. I is not feasible to raise the rates as you are proposing, to the extent that they will not be affordable to many/most people. 2. It appears that the allocations of the funds are also totally out of line. An example is the budget to repair/re do one of the busiest roads in Knysna, being George Rex. This road is heavily used also by tourists who are a huge source of revenue and it is in shocking state and has been for more than 20 years. 3. There is a long list of ill conceived allocations which appear to be an attempt to drain as much as possible from the home owners.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
522	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Saskia Verschoor ErI201704000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
523	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Alostar Gibb	Re Property Rates, The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly, such as mine by 300% in the new valuation roll 2023/2028. I have submitted my objection personally to your department in February 2023 under reference GV2023\08\172. To date I have not received any correspondence from your department > after having contacted them on numerous occasions. The Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendations , the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. The proposed tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a ghost town. The weak economic growth our town has experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on consumers ability to pay. The Tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation. The recommendation by National/ Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3% must be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget. Tariff set, needs to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. I believe that the proposed property rates tariff remaining unchanged from last year is unconstitutional and goes against the recommendations stated, which is a must not a may, and therefore the KNYNSNA MUNICIPALITY is opening itself to protracted customer disputes with the billing of rates and taxes and service charges and runs the real risk of being sued for this is unlawful, and surely unconstitutional and neither is fair and equitable. As a result the municipality runs the risk of an ever increasing debtor book and unpaid bills will impact service delivery.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova

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524	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	C.D. Kay Erf 103568000	1. The tariff increases are well above headline inflation and are SIGNIFICANTLY above Cape Town, Stellenbosch or other towns, similar in size to Knysna , in the Western Cape. 2. There is no downward curbing of the cent in the Rand , despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 3. Tariff increases have been applied across all trading surfaces and are above headline inflation. 4. The draft Budget ignores the advice of Treasury in the MFMA circular No. 122 for the 2023/2024 MTREF , where Municipalities MUST compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll. 5. Although we receive our monthly Municipal a/cs via email, we did not receive an extract relating to the value of the property. 6. As there are GROSS inaccuracies and unrealistic proposals in the 2023/2024 Budget , we demand that the current GVR17 should be extended by a further year as allowed for by Sec32(2)(b)(ii) , in order for more realistic , affordable proposals be submitted. 7. Needless to say, Knysna will be faced with multiple, very costly , legal actions which will be a HUGE waste of resources and detriment to the WHOLE Community . 8. Knysna depends to a large extent on Tourism and this industry will be badly threatened if the Budget is implemented. 9. Drought water tariffs are unacceptable as we are not under drought conditions . Available water is abundant and in excess of the needs of Knysna Town . The Knysna Municipality is obliged to ensure that there are no punitive charges for water usage.	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova/N Fundi
525	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Alastair Fraser	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,30/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. By law, the recommendations of both national and provincial treasury must be considered when preparing a municipal budget (I refer to circulars of National Treasury MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023). These increase recommendations of between 4.7 % and 5.3 % appear not to have been considered in the Knysna Municipality Draft Budget for 2023 / 2024 as the increases for electricity (18.5%), for water (9%) and for refuse (6%) are above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3% making the presented budget unconstitutional and illegal. Further, together with the rates increases, this translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase which is unacceptable and unaffordable. Also the tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services which should not happen. I object strongly to these high percentage increases. Furthermore, increases of up to 300% have been made on property rates in the new draft valuation roll of properties 2023-2028, many of which increases are surely not related to market value. Worse, assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, again against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate appears to have taken place, despite the exorbitant increases in the market value of properties on the roll. This is unacceptable, it is patently not fair or equitable as the Municipal Property Rates Act instructs it should be. I believe it to be unconstitutional and I fear it will result in massive litigation against the municipality which will equate to wasteful expenditure as the municipality is not operating within the tenants of the law. It will also result in many people not being able to afford to live in Knysna, they will move away and the town's economy will suffer negatively, translating into job losses which no area in the country can afford to let happen. The Rebate structure for pensioners has also effectively been nullified for those whose properties are now ,with the hugely inflated valuation roll valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income households. I believe pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to at least R1 500 000. In the light of the above, I request that the current General Valuation Roll of 2017 be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec32 (2)(b) (ii), as this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above and allow time for the valuations and tariffs and services increases to be sensibly reconsidered within the stipulated guidelines of National Treasury and the provincial Department of Co-operative Governance. There are also a number of other points that I feel need more logical and sensible consideration in order to be beneficial to the greater Knysna community as a whole. These include; That the rates Tariff policy proposes that accommodation establishments now be classified as 1 to 8 rooms instead of the old 3 to 8 rooms. This I feel will severely impact on Knysna's ability to accommodate both South African holidaymakers and International Tourists, for it will make the holiday rental market unaffordable and result in tourists merely visiting for a day rather than actually staying in Knysna. As our local economy relies heavily on tourism this could be catastrophic. A decline in our economy, businesses shutdowns, job losses and increased unemployment will surely result if we implement this amendment. A residential home used for rental for residential purposes is not against the law – thus we are further opening ourselves up for litigation, as all this contradicts our zoning by laws. In the spirit of doing what is best to promote and grow our beautiful town and to avoid costly litigation which will surely follow if this unlawful budget is passed I request that you seriously consider these objections and any others that may be submitted	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
526	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Sharon Barbara Walker Erf 6191	1. Our Knysna Business Chamber has done some extensive calculations on the Municipal valuations and it is obvious that property values have substantially raised in the valuation roll. These still have to be ratified over the next two years but initial calculations show an average rate increase of 32%. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, this is simply unaffordable. 3. The proposed expense increase of 12.7% is not realistic in the current economic climate. All these increases are proposed despite Service delivery falling way short of expectation. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 5. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
527	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Jaco Montgomery	1. Our Knysna Business Chamber has done some extensive calculations on the Municipal valuations and it is obvious that property values have substantially raised in the valuation roll. These still have to be ratified over the next two years but initial calculations show an average rate increase of 32%. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, this is simply unaffordable. 3. The proposed expense increase of 12.7% is not realistic in the current economic climate. All these increases are proposed despite Service delivery falling way short of expectation. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 5. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
528	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Ann FL Stambolie Erf 201542000	2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. 3. Although we are paying for this service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources have resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continuing erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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529	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	V. McCowan	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,30/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
530	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Alan Smith Erf 2863	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The annuity that we depend on has not increased and is a fixed amount. My medical expenses and frequency of consultations has increased alarmingly as a 95 year old senior citizen and its impossible such radicle increases.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
531	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	June Willmore Erf 204476	2. The effect of this is that a 33% year-on-year increase which is unaffordable. 3. This is way above the National Average and is also above other Municipalities including Cape Town, Bitou, Mossel Bay, George and Stellenbosch, amongst others. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored the recommendations from both Treasury and the Auditor Generals Office regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20%. 5. The tariff amount on the highly increased valuation which is 33.33% on my property translates into the same increase in rates. I would like to remind you that this property increase is only realised once the property is sold	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova
532	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Lindsay Anne Smith Erf 1-08595-000	1) The increase of basic service charges: water 9%, refuse collection 6% and sewer 5,3 %. These are above inflation. 2) Electricity 18,5% when at times up tp 10 hrs a day electricity is unavailable 3) Property rates increase based on the new valuation roll of between 15% - 50%. Municipality valuations have substantially raised the value of properties where these increases still have to be ratified over the next two years. The law states that the rates should not increase more than the CPI .	Financial Services	CFO Busi Kova

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533	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Frank de Kock	be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget. I suggest you refer to the following circulars from National Treasury: MFMA Circular No. 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and the WC Provisional Treasury Circular Mun No. 5/2023. 2. The tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents and to attract new residents that are looking to settle on the garden route. 3. The Draft Budgets revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY) with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties – I bring to your attention that NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Service Charges as follows: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 6% Refuse 6% Property Rates & taxes average of 33% These rates have been applied across all trading service charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dates 9 December 2022, where it states: Municipalities that are implementing a new valuation roll on 1 July 2023 MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality where applicable and this process should also identify outliers and shifts in market values by category and area so that the tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks. Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date. 6. The MPR Act sec 49 (1) (c) states that the municipal manager must within 21 days of the receipt of the roll (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and thereafter did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. The fact that I receive my municipal bill by email is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated email address for receipt and correspondence. I therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the Sec. 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49 (1) (c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPR Act when implementing a new valuation roll. Should the Municipal Manager fail to provide proof that the Sec 49 notice was sent to me I submit that the objection period be re-opened, or failing that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bani/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
534	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Rory Stuart M Lidstone Erf 2055	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of my Property. I own Erf 2055 Sedgfield, a property I bought in 2001. The previous Municipal valuation was R685 000 (attached). The new valuation, as shown on the 2023 valuation roll, is R1,380 000 (attached). That is over a 100% increase & therefore I can expect my Municipal Rates to more than double, without any notable improvements having been made in the past decade. Having barely survived the nonsense that was the Covid lockdowns, with 5 months of no salary, 28 months of less salary than before Covid, & no annual salary increases to date because of the effect on Tourism of the Diesel Fuel Price hikes after the Ukraine/Russia fiasco - I am still deep in credit card debt with both Nedbank & FNB. This extraordinary increase would likely result in tremendous hardship & I object thereto & request this be reconsidered in light of Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation of maximum permitted increase of less than 5.3% & not 110% as is likely in my case. 2. Most Sedgfield internal roads now show sloppy patch-repair work & every internal Sedgfield tar road shows Potholes. Internal Roads, and repair & upkeep thereof, are essential & I therefore request the proposed budget be amended to reflect this necessity. 3. Knysna Municipality is, according to social media, over-staffed, and offering inflated salaries, if accurate this should be trimmed to reflect the current economic climate. 4. Knysna Law Enforcement receive little support from Municipal Directors & Municipal Departments & Municipal Law Enforcement – this I know for a fact - are woefully under resourced in the proposed Budget. I therefore must request that adequate budget provision is made for greater support of law enforcement in Sedgfield to ensure safety and security of Sedgfield ratepayers.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services
535	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	BJ Engelbrecht Erf 2929	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the rate in the same unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal dumping, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement input to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services

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536	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Frik van Niekerk Erf	The tabled budget is unwarranted and unrealistic. The planned increases are spiralling out of control and have the potential of estranging tax payers and upsetting communities – generating the income to sustain our community. You have to seriously calculate the potential consequences. - I do not see plans to circumvent increases by increasing efficiencies and effectivity. - I do not see innovative mechanisms to infuse technology and the acumen available in our communities to reduce cost – let alone allow unaffordable increases. - You seemingly want to continue to milk tax payers, which are under duress due to the recent pandemic (and concomitant influence on i.a. the tourism industry), load shedding (a direct consequence of incompetence, corruption), and high inflation (due these factors and international influences). - With resources and the confidence in (local) governments depleted, these unwarranted increases are out of line. This budget will exacerbate business closures and increase the already high unemployment in our town. I appeal to the municipality to redraft the budget with increases of revenues and costs more in line with inflation. - A 33% rates increase is unacceptable and tantamount to abuse of power. - The imposed electricity tariff increase of 18.7% is a direct consequence of multiple years' corruption, mismanagement and incompetence in Eskom (and other organs of state). - The water increase does not rest on innovative improvements, e.g. desalination or other technologies, to ensure quality of water supply. - There are seemingly no plans to circumvent the power crisis and ineptitude of ESKOM – please learn from municipalities such as that of Cape Town. - No plans are indicated to move the waste transfer station. No indication is given of the future increase in costs likely to arise from the new landfill site. - Financial Excessive Bad debts are built into the budget almost as an acceptable norm. - Staff and other cost increases are not warranted. I am convinced that the entire community of Knysna, from all walks of life, have a lot to give in terms of goodwill, know-how and the will to build our community. Please do not let that go to waste. Please do not hesitate to create opportunities to involve citizens to advise / assist regarding sustainable solutions for our community.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
445	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	JD Adams Erf 202432000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way abovetarget headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
446	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	PAUL LANCELOT BANNER Erf	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. 7. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 8. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 9. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly (mine has been increased by over 100%) in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. 11.1 I believe that the proposed property rates tariff remaining unchanged from last year is unconstitutional and goes against the above recommendations, which is a MUST not a MAY and therefor the KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY is opening itself to protracted customer disputes wrt the billing of rates and taxes and service charges and runs the real risk of being sued for this is unlawful, and surely unconstitutional and neither is it fair and equitable. As a result the municipality runs the risk of an ever increasing debtors book and unpaid bills will impact service delivery.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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447	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Barry Newman	The proposed increase is wholly unacceptable and unrealistic and this is supported by SA Government: Policy, Governance and Administration of The Department of Cooperative Governance - viz: 'Significantly high increases in the market values of properties require that the municipality reasonably reduces the cent in the Rand rates to curb excessive rate payable by property owners' . . . rates tariff remaining unchanged from last year is unconstitutional and goes against the above recommendations, which is a MUST not a may . . . the practice of reducing the cent in the Rand Rates when a new valuation roll is implemented and where property market values increase significantly, must be institutionalised, and become best practice TARIFF INCREASES MUST BE COST REFLECTIVE, AFFORDABLE AND ALIGNED TO INFLATION	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova
448	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Pierre Gouws Erf 109044	1. Increase in Rates The proposed rates, applied to the increased valuations now results in an average increase of 33% to the normal average household. I recall very clearly that two years ago when the rates were significantly increased, we raised this issue specifically (via the Greater Knysna Business Chamber). I recall stating in a meeting with the Mayor and Municipal Manager at the time that adjusting the rates was not the correct procedure, but adjusting the valuations were the correct way of addressing the lagging collections. It seemed at the time as if they were attempting to bring specific undervalued property rates in line, but I specifically told them adjusting the rate will partially fix a problem at that instance but will create a big problem once valuations in general have been fixed, which is now exactly what happened. So, if the previous regime was still in control, I would have been in the position to say, "I told you so". But as things stand, I am not against amending the valuations in general to a fair value, but then a fair rate should also be applied to that. I think this drastic increase is not only unconstitutional and morally wrong, but the general household can simply not afford an increase of 33% if average salary increases were only around 5 – 7%. I therefore urge you to reduce the rates back to a fair and equitable level. Knysna needs to be comparable to other similar towns in the country. As it is on these proposed levels, Knysna will probably be the most expensive town to live in and that will lead to lots of people leaving the town resulting in job-losses etc. 2. Water & electricity costs increase. The planned increase of 9 % to water costs and 18.5% on electricity costs are both way above inflation and adds to the general household problem described above in point 1. Life in Knysna is just becoming unaffordable. I don't see any plans in the budget for income from individuals generating power in line with the national governments plans to incentivise those assisting in power generation. I urge you hereby to look into that, not only to assist in generation capacity for the country, but also help reducing the cost to the consumer and perhaps create income streams for both municipality and to those who will be able to generate. This can create more business in town and thereby creating more much needed jobs. As a town, we need to work together and stimulate the economy by creating an environment that is attractive to investors to set up business which will create jobs for those in need. I do appreciate that costs need to be covered, and all 3 items above contributes greatly to the income of the Municipality. But I feel that just bleeding the current contributors more and more, is simply not the answer. Rather attract more businesses and residents to the town in order to grow the base. That way the income will come. I do understand the infrastructure also needs to grow in line with the planned growth but all this need to be done in conjunction. That is in my view the only way that we can make this town prosper. This budget is in my view a deterrent for any aspirant business owner or Knysna resident and will have the exact opposite result. I urge that this budget be reconsidered and significantly amended before approved.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
449	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Elizabeth Dafert Erf no 111199000	I hereby wish to lodge my objection to the proposed rates increase. I am a pensioner of limited means and this increase is way above the inflation rate of 5.3%. Apparently the National Treasury has recommended that Municipalities cut their operational expenditure by 20% year on year. How are you proposing to do this? I propose that the municipality seriously looks at resurfacing George Rex Drive as this road is used by residents but also very importantly by tourists who bring revenue to our poor town. The cleanliness of our town is appalling and having vagrants sleeping on our main road which is the N2 is such a bad reflection on our municipality and their lack of interest in the welfare of its residents.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova
450	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Peter Azzie Erf 115283000 Area 567	In particular but not limited to 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above the target -headline inflation rate of 5.3%. ---- Electricity 18.5% and water 9% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. 3.We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. The lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems , and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants 4.The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create problems for our pensioners and lower income earners already affected by Covid and loadshedding, 5.Budget priorities should be as follows Maintenance of infrastructure,roads,water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce(cutting Operational Expenditure by 20 % year on year) 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
451		07-May-23	R.A. Fechter ERF 3248			
452	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Madalene Delgado Erf 4630	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. My salary was not increased in 2022 and only had a 4.5% increase in 2023 The potential increase in rates of 33% is wildly inflationary and will simply be unaffordable by many residents and businesses in the area. It could result in many businesses ceasing to trade and therefore a fall in the economy and future rates income for you. I encourage you to go through the budget again and look for the savings necessary to bring the budget back to what is realistic	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
453	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Richard Pirouet		Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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454	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	E.A. Massardo Erf 853	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3.Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
455	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	CRAIG BAX Erf 622	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
456	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	Ursula & Peter Pickering P177 Farm		Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Brouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
457	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	M. Branstamp Erf 0473	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way abovetarget headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Road are disgrace in Sedgfield	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Brouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
458	Budget@knysna.gov.za	07-May-23	JD Jordaan Erf 1033	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way abovetarget headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Road are disgrace in Sedgfield	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Brouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
459	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	John & Sally Osborne	1. I understand that overall property rates will increase between 15% and 300% without any real justification from the Council. My location has no street-lights, no main sewerage, roads are in need of resurfacing specifically Ceans Drive (as well other roads on the island and leading to the island). The surface of George Rex Drive is in a very serious state of decline. Also, the sea wall around Leisure Isle requires overall strengthening. None of these issues appear to be covered in the budget or receive the attention of the Knysna Municipality. 2.How is it that the Governance & Administration expenses increase 22.7% which includes the Executive Council yet Public Safety declines by almost 5%? During the past three years Governance & Administration has only averaged a 4.4% increase which is prudent and justified yet the proposed budget calls for 22.7% increase for the next twelve months. 3. I sincerely trust that your Council Members will appreciate the financial hurt the draft budget will have on many residents in this town. Additionally, the Council Members should agree to dramatically lessen the serious impact it will have, not only to the present residents but potential future investors in this town. Your personal intervention in this excessive draft budget will be gratefully welcomed.	Integrated Human Settlements/ Financial Services	Director Housing /CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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460	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	JD Simons Erf 8509	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. EXAMPLES 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO:- Busi Kova:- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
461	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	MS Simons Erf 8509	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
462	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Belinda David Erf 5218			
463	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Penny Rice	The increase in rates tariff is exorbitant and on top of this our properties have been revalued and in some cases the values have gone up by more than 100%. It is totally unacceptable that our property values have increased therefore rates will increase and on top of this you propose an enormous hike it rates. In addition to owning property in Knysna in my personal capacity my business involves the buying and selling of real estate in Knysna. If we increase municipal rates so dramatically we will discourage people to buy property in Knysna which will be totally counter productive to what you are trying to achieve. I implore you to rethink your budget and let good sense and financial management principles prevail.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova
464	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Tim Pentz Erf	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 2 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec. 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 with my property being:	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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465	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Janine Williams Erf	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 2 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefore did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefore this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefore hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 with my property being:	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
466	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Brendon Robson Parsons Erf2921			
467	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Louis Fechter ERF 12634	The 32% rates increase is 6 times that of the inflation rate 5.3% The proposed increase is unaffordable and will lead to radical job losses	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova
468	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Tyinda Calder Erf5340	1. All rates, with exception of the tariff for sewerage, are higher than the headline inflation rate of 5.3%. Electricity 18.5%, & Water 9% 2. This is effectively a 33% year-on-year increase budget, which is unaffordable to hard working Knysna citizens earning a fixed income. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Priorities should include: • Proper maintenance of existing infrastructure such as Water & Waste • Planning and budgeting for an "Off-grid" Town, producing its own power by making use of wave power, wind power and solar energy solutions. • Immediate reduction of the local government workforce, reducing inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Biyela
469	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Izak Jacobus Lessing ERF number: 512	1. The municipal valuations have significantly increased the property values, which are yet to be ratified over the next two years. Despite this, the municipality is using these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, resulting in a 32% rate increase. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3% headline inflation. Additionally, the rebate structure for all properties valued over R 700,000 has been nullified, causing hardship for pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of municipal services is higher than the headline inflation of 5.3%. For instance, despite the poor management, vandalism, and maintenance during load shedding, the water price has increased by 9%. Moreover, the budget extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, such as Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to have a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. However, the proposed budget with a 0.1% differential (12.7% vs. 12.8%) does not allow for this. I kindly request the Knysna Municipality to address these concerns and adjust the Draft budget accordingly	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
470	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	christopher Charles Smith erf: 1-020095-000	1) The proposed increases of sanitation 5%, water 9%, refuse 6% are all above inflation and thus too high. 2) The electricity tariff increase of 18,65% is unacceptable as we are not even being supplied with power, with sometimes as much as 10 hours per day, and this is set to increase during the winter months. 3) They are set to raise the property values, these still have to be ratified over the next 2 years, but the Municipality is using these unratified. valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase around 32% 4) The law says that the rates should not increasemore than the CPI and we request that the Municipality bring the tariff inline with CPI figures for the actual rates increase %) Based on the Municipality Property Rates Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards yo stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5,3% Headline inflation.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
471	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Gavin Dutton of ERF number: 472	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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472	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Michelle Gouws Erf109044	1. Increase in Rates The proposed rates increase of 33% to the normal average household. As my salary was only increased by 6%, I simply cannot afford this kind of increase. It seems very unlikely that other households in our town have had an increase in income of more than 7% so it would put an unbearable strain on households considering other detrimental factors like the ever-increasing cost of living, the additional costs due to load shedding and the constantly depreciating Rand against the dollar affecting our fuel prices and many more household items needed. 2. Water & electricity costs increase. The planned increase of 9% to water costs and 18.5% on electricity costs are both way above inflation and this combined with the increases in rates will push consumers over the edge financially. The municipality urgently needs investigate other ways of funding as bleeding the households and businesses dry is just not sustainable in the long term. Your proposed course of action will damage the economy of this town beyond repair. Should the trend of unaffordability continue I will have no other choice but to leave as I cannot continue to fund these outrageous increases anymore. Your urgent action on this matter is of utmost importance	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova
473	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Saskia Quirk Erf 5221	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
474	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	UTA LISELOTTE WERTH Erf349	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33o/o year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20o/o year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures 5. The condition of our roads are shocking - on the island there are huge potholes - not a single Paedestrian walkway or cycle pathway is available in Sedgefield 6. I demand that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 7. If anything we should be paying LESS due to an inadequate and useless municipality and government non performance 8 PLEASE PROVIDE A COLAB REFERENCE NUMBER FOR THIS SUTS/MISSION	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
475	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Anke Liselotte Reynders erf1291	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20o/o year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures 5. The roads that border my property are sand roads with huge potholes - my rates and taxes should be LESS due to an ill maintained sand road. 6. Sedgefield gets its own municipal offices that function like a professional business and NOT close every Friday at 13h00 . 7. I demand an end of CORRUPTION and misappropriation of funds. This has resulted in our own residents starting projects to do the maintenance of areas etc that should be done with the funds we pay as rates and taxes. 8. I demand that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 9.The upkeep of roads, pavements and public ablutions be implemented 10. If anything we should be paying LESS due to an inadequate and useless municipality and government leadership		Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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476	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Sven Paterson erf	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3yo 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 330/o y ear-o n-yea r i n c rease. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 200/o year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures 5. Walkways , cycle tracks and properly tarred roads are ltlssing in this town - potholes are literally present in every single street on the island 6. I demand that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 7. We get our own municipality for Sedgefield - the rates we pay are allocated to our town 8 PLEASE PROVIDE A COLAB REFERENCE NUMBER FOR THIS SUBTUITION	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
477	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	UTA LISELOTTE WERTH	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3oh 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 330/o y ear-on-yea r i n c rease. 3. Knysna tt/unicipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 200/o year-on-yeat. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures 5. The condition of our roads are shocking - on the island there are huge potholes - not a single Paedestrian walkway or cycle pathway is available in Sedgefield 6. I demand that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 7. If anything we should be paying LESS due to an inadequate and useless municipality and government non performance	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry
478	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	S.Harbm erf 2012.10000	1* All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above*target headline iflation rate of 5,30/0. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 330/o yedr-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in fre rand unc*ranged vyhen property marfret values have inereaeed since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resourceeS has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disatrbance and the contin:red erection of illegal structures. We request*rat budget provision is made for the neceS\$ary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security . 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Drafi Budget. As a relief measure, for properS owners of domestic properties who are peneioners, I request that the value of properties exduded fom tre payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry; T Biyela
479	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	P. Booysen ERF number 4448	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
480	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Carol Ferguson ERF number: 41	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratiied valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding and still trying to recover from the fire in 2017. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services. Pensioners can no longer afford to keep the lights on when there is no loadshedding. 3. From 2017, after the fire which left many people in distress, the Knysna Municipality has consistently been increasing rates at their discretion. Homes that are in, what is perceived as affluent areas, automatically get taxed higher. This is a discriminatory practice. It is not for the Municipality to decide who can afford increased rates. 4. Good business practice requires a balance between income and expenditure. Should expenditure exceed income, start by restructuring the organisation to meet modern day requirements and reduce expenses instead of increasing income to pay exhorbitant salaries. 5. Set the example of good governance by not increasing the Municipal services to above headline inflation of 5.3. This will send the message that Knysna is reasonable and encourage investment in the area.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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481	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	DJ van der Merwe ERF Number:112116000	1.Property rates have increased by 32% because of recent valuations & no downward adjustment to rating factor. 2.Operational Costs increasebV 12.7% Knysra Municipality has ignored Treasury & Auditor Gmral's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 2A/o year on year. 3.With the above, the nett effect for the budget is unaffordable & there will be job losses as a consequence. 4.Although we are paying for the service of Law Enforcement Officers the lack allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of continuing erection of illegal structures & vagra nts, il lega l taverns, noise d istu rba nce etc. 5.We request the following priorities for the budget should be: r Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Waste & Water r Reduction of local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while making personnel more accountable r More Law & Order Enforcement	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
482	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	J SMITH	1. Tariff increase above inflation and not in line with guidelines: 1.1. The tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 1.2. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to 5 remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 1.2.1. "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 10 1.2.2. "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 1.2.3. "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 15 1.2.4. "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can bemodelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 1.2.5. "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept 20 up to date". JS Page 2 of 4 1.3. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation. The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3%MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer 25 circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 1.4. I feel that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for 30 by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 1.4.1. and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
483	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Terence Norman Cockcroft Erf1730	a) All proposed new property rates & tariffs apart from the tariff for sanitation. These tariffs are all way above the target rate of headline inflation in South Africa, which is 5.3%. b) The nett effect of this budget is that it is generally unaffordable and translates to an effective increase in Property Rates, year on year, of over 33%. It is normal practice in Municipalities to revise the valuations for properties in its area on a periodic basis, but to then adjust the Tariff that is applied to these revised valuations, such that the nett total income increase is about a maximum of headline inflation, above the previous rates income. c) Although we are paying for the services of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources for this purpose has resulted in an ongoing problem of illegal taverns, noise disturbance for many residents & the continued erection of illegal structures in our area. We request that a specific budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our area, to ensure the safety & security of all residents. This item is lacking in the draft budget. d) Senior ratepayers, residents, and pensioner homeowners are being particularly hard hit by the provisions in the Draft Budget relating to proposed Property Rates. I request that the value of domestic properties owned by pensioners, and currently excluded from the payment of rates, be increased from the current figure of R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. e) It is understood that NERSA have already proposed an increase in the tariff paid for electricity supplied by Eskom to the Municipalities. It appears, from the Draft Budget addressed in this email, that Knysna Municipality are proposing the same percentage increase in both the Availability & Usage charge for electricity distributed by them. In addition, at the moment, we are without Eskom power for up to 10 hours every day due to Loadshedding. From what we are told in the media, this situation is likely to continue for at least the rest of this year. Consequently, there is even less justification for there to be the same increase in the Availability Charge for Electricity, as for the Usage thereof. f) Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this objection.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
483	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	A Rademeyer Erf 4748	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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485	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Clive Mark Bouwer Erf 1354 A & 1355	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
578	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Declan Andrew Nurse Erf 1937	1. The municipal council of Knysna has been using the same rates for my property. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8% 4. My erf 1937 has a proposed 88% increase which is out of line with all erf's in the same street. Example 1 - Erf 4688 has 300m more property and is valued at R5 920 000.00 as opposed to my valuation of R 7 200 000.00 Example 2 - Erf 1938 valued at R 1 000 000 less however with a 45% increase as opposed to my 88%. House next door. Example 3 - Erf 4688, 3houses away. 350m larger than my erf, yet a devaluation of - 8% with a valuation of R 5 920 000 which is R 1 300 00 less than mine. Example 4 - Erf 16376 house next door with business/residential zoning. 1190m so that's 600m larger than mine. This is a new house BUT valued at R 5 400 000 that's	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
579	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Clive Mark Bouwer Erf 5026 & 5030	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Tariff increases must be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. Not making Knysna/Sedgefield impossible to live in and ruin the local economy. 6. Unjustified increase will destroy businesses and tourism in our towns	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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580	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Layla Bouwer & Clive Mark Bouwer Erf 5026	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The Draft budget does not serve any of the people of the greater Knysna area. 6. The increase must be based on inflation rate and should not exceed 10% per annum	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
581	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Louise Reij Wilson-Hermes ERF	1. All rates, except for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity (sic) given the current state of affairs at Eskom especially, of 18.5%, Water 9% 2. An expected 33% year-on-year increase. Is an attempt at legalising thievery, especially given the substandard current service delivery 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. EXAMPLES Ngoma Main road mess every weekend. It should be shut DOWN, or the owners held liable to clean up the space if its patrons so blatantly disregard the environment and the disrespect fellow community members. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. And that the law applies equally to EVERYONE. 6. I suggest priorities should be: • To maintain infrastructure such as roads waste and water • Law and Order enforcement – we pay double for private security AND SAPS???? • It is essential that staff is employed based on MERIT, and that the workforce and salaries are reduced whilst simultaneously increasing personal accountability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
582	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Clive Mark Bouwer ERF5209 & 5229	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. These proposed increases are not nearly in line with inflation, especially the proposed increase in electricity. If we go ahead with this it will lead to more unemployment and hardships for the residents of the greater Knysna area. 6. The proposed rates and other utility increases are not affordable and out of line with the suggested guidelines laid down by the government	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
583	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Manfred Kusterer ERF 1769	19. Customer care etc policy, specifically; 19.1 paragraphs 7.5.4 customers are entitled to request verification of meter readings but will be liable for any costs thereof, with True readings only at least every 6 months, and 19.2 paragraph 7.16.2 (e) accommodation establishments exempted from the R150 000 value exclusion threshold. 19.3 If you are in arrears 8.10.(a) (vii) when registering a dispute you must pay the current account and 30 percent of outstanding disputed amount. 19.4 Indigent status now valid for 3 years - this is problematic for it can easily be manipulated and impact on the municipalities annual equitable share grant. 20. Liquidity policy: Our ratios are below the legislative ratio requirements of 1.5 to 2.1 and our cash/cost coverage ratio is well below the norm. 21. Unauthorised irregular fruitless and wasteful expenditure policy is duplicated. 22. Funding and Reserves policy just worth noting we have no Capital Replacement Reserve	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
584	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Gillian Dyer Erf no. 4245	Increases should be in the region of 5% which would be far more affordable. The proposed expenditure for the Municipality is too high in various areas and not enough in others. Priority should be the homes for the homeless, maintain and fix/replace the aging infrastructure and increased law enforcement in certain areas. Also the Municipal salaries appear to be very high. Is there any possibility of investigating the generation of alternate electricity energy suppliers?	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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585	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Paula Frasco UNIT 101	1. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) a) The above tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) b) Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. c) If not aligned to inflation, the above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable, especially to those negatively impacted by Covid and battling to still recover. d) It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision into the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 2. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. a) The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. b) According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022. 3. The Rebate structure for pensioners has been nullified for owners whose properties are valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. Pensioners should be extended relief, and property values for pensioners claiming a rebate should be increased to between R1 200 000 to R1 500 000.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
586	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Brad Colloty	1.1 An operating revenue budget, excluding capital grants, of R1.217 billion, and operating expenditure equates to R1.215 billion for the 2023/2024 financial year. This leaves an operating surplus of merely R1.432 million. 1.2 The total capital expenditure budget is R126.7 million for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. This expenditure will be funded through government grants of R82.6 million, external loans of R38.8 million and own internal reserves of R5.2 million. 1.3 Year-on-year the Rates Operating Revenue for the new financial year reflects a 32.9% increase on the current 2022-23 financial year (From R258 519 581 for 2022-2023 forecast to increase to R343 446 646 for 2023-24) What does this all mean for ratepayers/residents/business owners/tenants? 1.4 We ran 9 different scenarios using models for vacant land, pensioners, indigents, guest houses, domestic households, businesses, and agricultural property. We were shocked to see that the combined effect of the new property rates (together with the proposed water, sanitation and electricity tariffs) results in us paying anything between 9.4% and 30% more year-on-year! Pensioners could expect to pay 21% more. On an R2.2 million property, the net effect of the increased electricity tariff and the increased property rates alone would mean an increase of 21%. The Way Forward 2.1 We have until the 10th of May, 2023, to table objections and comments. You are welcome to use the letter below as a guide. Also feel free to use your own wording and add your submission after point 4 and onwards. If you are a pensioner look specifically at point 4. Each ratepayer/resident/ interested party needs to make an individual submission.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
587	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	08-May-23	A.J. WHATLEY ERF1715	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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588	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	AJ Koch ERF 201887000	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
589	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	NOEL KEMP ERF 204593000	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
590	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Andre' Gauche' Erf 3092 Sedgfield Erf 1135 Sedgfield Erf 3186 Sedgfield Erf 187 Portion 2 Rondevlei Erf 12974 Knysna Erf 12953 Knysna Erf 12954 Knysna			
591	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Malcolm Boyle ERF 3501	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
592	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	W.H. van Aswegen	As with high municipal rates, we decided to sell our previous property and buy a smaller unit to curb property evaluation costs and minimise use of water and electricity. With the new proposed increases, it will become practically impossible to afford the services. Existing property is a mere 75 square meters, with monthly basic cost R1757. With the proposed increases the cost will be R443.33 more. With the abnormal increase of food etc. and the fact that we are pensioners, wit a low monthly income, without annual increases, we request a re-evaluation on above. Please send us a COLAB reference.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
593	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	David L & Pamela M Vine erf4714	1) All rates apart from the tariff for sewage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2) The nett effect is that as both of us are pensioners this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase when our pensions remain static. 3) Knysna Municipality has ignored the Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4) Looking at the state of our roads in Sedgfield we are forgotten when it comes to maintenance of these services. 5) Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly

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594	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Christopher Frank Melonas erf 5	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
595	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Kim Gess erf 1870	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
596	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Y.C.H. van Aswegen	As we are pensioners, with a low monthly income and no yearly increases, I want to ask that the proposed increase be re-evaluated. We won't be able to pay the increased cost.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
597	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Bryn van Vuuren ERF number: 95	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
598	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Marylou Newdigate	(I am going to talk openly and use simple language here, as enough other objectors will be providing the legal facts and figures) Even before the unnecessary business killing 2020 lockdown, Knysna's economy has been in recession, the lockdown and the loadshedding has caused a huge decrease in our income, and it has been a major struggle to stay self employed, or to find employment - for most homeowners. The Municipality has done a very poor job thus far, despite being one of the greediest, and charging the most rates, even more than in cities like Cape Town, or holiday towns like Plett and Mossel bay. I dont know why Knysna Council thinks they can squeeze more money out of taxpayers. We are all squeezed to death already.. Knysna is in very bad shape, compared to 30 years ago. This proposed 2024 budget is rejected in its entirety.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
599	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	PETER VOGEL ERF 102890000),	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. EXAMPLES 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: - Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
600	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Virginia Fry ERF number: 201542000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. 3. Although we are paying for this service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources have resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continuing erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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601	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Amanda Cloete-Davidson Erf 2163)	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflaCon rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effecVe 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored NaConal Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendsCons regarding coOng OperaConal Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the conCnued erecCon of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. PrioriCes should be: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement, ReducCon of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. We feel extremely strongly about this issue and will be monitoring the response of the municipality to the rate payers to whom they are accountable.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biy
602	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	S A Robinson Erf No: 108595000	Property rates The Knysna draft budget plan provides for a 32.9% increase in income from property rates. This is six times the rate of inflation on which the budget was based (5.3%) and is unreasonable. It is roughly three times the rates increase for George and Cape Town. No explanation has been given to justify the exceptional Knysna increase. In addition, the new General Valuation means that many residents will face even greater increases. In my own case the value of my home/flat/ has gone up by 73% despite the fact that it has not been improved in any way. As a pensioner on a fixed income, a 73% rate increase will simply not be affordable. Many residents are in an even worse position and could be forced out of their homes. General valuation roll The new valuation roll contains some serious anomalies which have drawn more than a thousand objections and these should be resolved before the roll can be fairly implemented. In some cases properties are so over valued that many will face a doubling of their rates account and not be able to pay until the valuations have been corrected. An example of bad valuations can be found in the retirement complex in which I live, Hunters Estate Retirement Centre (Medical). The complex consists of both cottages and a row of near identical flats. The cottages, on average, have fetched about R1.5m in recent sales yet they are now valued at R1.14m (there are slight variations depending on the number of bedrooms garages etc) while the flats are valued at R1.6m despite several recent sales at R1.2m. This means the units which fetch the highest prices on the market have the lowest municipal valuations while the units which fetch the lowest market prices have the highest municipal valuations. This is blatantly unfair and to base property rates on these valuations is unjust. Electricity Tariffs The proposed electricity tariff increases are three times the rate of inflation and this is unacceptable. The increase for the energy charge recommended by NERSA is 15.1%. In my own case the energy charge accounts for only one third of my electricity purchases (I do have a gas stove). The other two thirds of the sum listed on a recent purchase slip is an "availability" charge which I have to pay whether I use electricity or not. The availability charge has nothing to do with Eskom and is a purely local charge related to local distribution and service costs. Increases in local costs should be in line with inflation. To apply the 18.5% increase in the energy price granted to Eskom to the local availability charge cannot be justified. It is an example of a municipality using an unrelated Eskom tariff as an excuse to increase local charges. Water Tariffs The 9% increase in the water tariff is well above the inflation rate and therefore unacceptable. The Council blames the drought, but Knysna has a good and regular rainfall and the provision of clean water should not be difficult. The evidence indicates that the problem is more related to the state of the water infrastructure than the climate. This is clear from the Auditor General's report of a 44% loss of clean water (the figure has now been recalculated to a 27.8% loss). This is a huge loss by any standards and it is clear that if this problem was solved (not by recalculating) there would be no reason for a tariff increase greater than the inflation rate. Secondly, the quality of the water is unacceptable. Evidence of poor quality can be seen in the fact that Knysna has three water shops and most supermarkets offer a refill service for 5-litre containers. Sometimes the water has a brownish colour and dirty deposits accumulate in kettles. This is something one does not find in other towns. Personally I find that I cannot drink the water and spend an average of R20 a week buying drinkable water. I have asked the water shops how they treat municipal water and their answer is that they filter it and use UV light to deal with any possible bacterial contamination. In other words, they are simply doing what the municipality should be doing. I would remind the Council that access to clean water is a "right" in our Constitution. Management and service delivery It is clear from the potholes in the roads, the leaking water pipes and sewers that service delivery falls well short of acceptable standards and that the Council provides very poor value for our already high rates. <i>The point is best made by quoting from the latest Oversight Report on the performance of the municipality:</i>	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
603	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Mark Stephenson ERF number 13321	1. The cost increase relating to Municipal Services is significantly above headline inflation of 5.3% (water +9%, electrical services +18.7%). 2. Municipal valuations have significantly increased the values of properties, and these are yet to be ratified over the following two years. However, the KM has used these unofficial and unratified valuations to calculate new rates and taxes, with an increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3%, being the rate of headline inflation. Properties valued over R700,000 will lose their rebate creating additional hardship for low-income families who are already affected following Covid and due to load shedding. 3. The proposed budget is not affordable, and the Km has ignored the national Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding reducing the cost of operational expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. KM must immediately review the local government workforce and associated salaries whilst assessing rateable values. I look forward to receiving your response.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundu
604	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	S.Shelton erf6	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not effective to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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605	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Werner MoolmanERF number 864	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These will have to be raised over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unraised valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. 2. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. 3. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 4. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. 5. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 6. The Municipal management seems to me to be of a poor standard. Should we not rather try to appoint staff that are better qualified. The municipality is involved in court cases arising from bad decisions by council members, This wastes further resources and takes the focus away from the true task of council.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
606	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Johann Smidt erf12	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
607	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Stephen James O'Brien erf 167	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of noise disturbance, theft, illegal parking and damage to public toilets and other municipal property. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
608	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	JM de Bruyn Erf Number: 5131	A. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. B. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. C. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. D. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. Pensioners do not get annual increases in salary and is hard hit with high inflation and especially food inflation. E. F. Budget should be priorities to cater for the following: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Brouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
609	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Frances Brand ERF number: 100	1. All the proposed increases is far above the targeted headline inflation rates, set by South African Reserve Bank. 2. Instead of increasing the rates and taxes, Knysna Municipality should focus in getting more building plans approved quicker and therefore increase the revenue base. There are some people that are waiting for building plan approval for more than 6 months. 3. These tariff increases are becoming unaffordable, the majority of the people staying in Knysna is pensioners who moved to Knysna to retire and find it already difficult to pay the current tariffs for Rates and taxes, Electricity and Water. The proposed budget increase the tariff with 33% year on year which is totally unacceptable in the current economical financial climate. 4. The municipality should invest/spend the money in the same area where they obtain the revenue from. Currently we don't see that the water infrastructure and the roads are maintained in the areas where the large portion of the revenue has been obtained from. This should be corrected before these areas get slammed with more increases. 5. Priority should be given to a) reducing the local government workforce. b) reduce salaries values, by taking no increases, as been done in the private sector. c) limit unnecessary cost expenditure. For example the large amount that was paid to destroy the rat population in Knysna. d) Eliminate corruption. e) Visible service delivery!!!	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Brouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly

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610	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Stuart Neill erf 8882	A. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. B. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. C. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. D. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. Pensioners do not get annual increases in salary and is hard hit with high inflation and especially food inflation. E. F. Budget should be priorities to cater for the following: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biy
611	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	BA KRUGER ERF 920187052	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
612	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Paul van Wyk ERF247410000	1.All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3.Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 001	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
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614	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Christiane von Kentzingen ERF13069	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: - Water 9% - Electricity 18.5% - Sanitation 5.3% - Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
615	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Sandra Norval	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: - Water 9% - Electricity 18.5% - Sanitation 5.3% - Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
616	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Tarryn Edkins	Municipal valuations have been substantially raised to calculate the new rates and taxes, with an increase of 32%. This is in direct violation of the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, which must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3%. By nullifying the rebate structure for all properties valued over R700 000, this will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by covid and load shedding. The price increase of Municipal services is above the headline inflation of 5.3%. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electric services. The proposed budget with 0.1% differential does not create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. Therefore, I urge the Knysna Municipality to reconsider the tabled draft budget for 2023 - 2024 and make the necessary changes to ensure the revenue, expenditure and service delivery are fair, equitable and reasonable.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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617	Budget@kmsna.gov.za	08-May-23	M.H.Kannenber Pr Eng	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Kmsna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Kmsna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Fd # -112679000	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
618	Budget@kmsna.gov.za	08-May-23	Adrian Hodgkinson ERF14029	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
619	Budget@kmsna.gov.za	08-May-23	Colin Lynn Brings	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff sets need to be cost-reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Kmsna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 2 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Kmsna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being:	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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620	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Cecil & Colleen Harding Erf No 3532	1. The General Valuation has taken place and we have been revalued at R5,800,000.00 from R5,000,000.00 – a 16% increase. As we trade as a 7 roomed Guest House, we would like confirmation that we will continue to receive the 40% rebate. We note that the rebate has changed from 1 – 8 rooms to 3 – 8 rooms. Please advise reason for the change. 2. We note that all rates, with the exception of sanitation, are above the headline inflation rate of 5.3%. Electricity is 18.5% and water 9%. We are well aware that the electricity monies fund the town! We are on both prepaid electricity and prepaid water and both utilities vary depending on the number of guests staying at the guest house. We would respectfully request that we would not be penalised with increased costs as a result of increased consumption of one or the other utility. There should be NO punitive charges in the event that Council decide that the town is short of water! 3. As Knysna currently survives as a result of both local and international tourists visiting the area, it is essential that Knysna Municipality budgets for increased law enforcement to ensure the safety of visitors to the town. Vagrants should not be permitted to sleep and make temporary homes within the town precincts. 4. It is our opinion that the Knysna Municipality has a bloated workforce and this should be seriously reduced in order to make more funds available for improving the infrastructure of the town such as maintenance of infrastructure, improving our roads and ensuring our water and waste is correctly handled. Waste has a value – Knysna Municipality could be saving large sums of money for the transportation of the areas' waste to the landfill area outside Mossel Bay. Waste could be used for energy or it could be used to make bricks in order to build pavements and homes in the local communities. Councillors should be looking to improve the environs of all residents of the Greater Knysna Area.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
621	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	thomas Grobler ERF number:7985	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline Inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
622	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Victoria Ter Morshuizen Erf 1912	We put it to you that tariff increases should not be above headline inflation and need to be affordable to residents. Your proposed budget is neither! Treasury recommends that inflation be pegged at between 4.7% and 5.3% whereas the Knysna Municipality property valuation increase is up to 300% and the rates increase for the 2023/2024 budget period is between 33% and 47%. Tariffs as high as these proposals will result in further, likely crippling, financial pressure on residents and ultimately disinvestment in Knysna, which will affect the earning potential for all stakeholders in the city. We are certainly not in a position to afford these massive increases. We appeal to you to re-adjust the tariff downwards to a reasonable, appropriate figure.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
623	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	M Ward ERF9-20187-076-04	1. This budget is a y-o-y increase of more than 30% and is therefore significantly more than inflation. This will significantly impact seniors (such as myself). 2. Furthermore, there has been a noticeable decline in the benefits we expect to receive from the Municipality (especially maintenance of roads, crime prevention and electricity). Since there is no justification for these increases, I reject this budget. Please provide me with a reference number for this submission.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
624	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	M Ward erf9-20187-076-04-8	1. This budget is a y-o-y increase of more than 30% and is therefore significantly more than inflation. This will significantly impact seniors (such as myself). 2. Furthermore, there has been a noticeable decline in the benefits we expect to receive from the Municipality (especially maintenance of roads, crime prevention and electricity). Since there is no justification for these increases, I reject this budget. Please provide me with a reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Mareer;-R Parry;-T Bly
625	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	JAN H. VAN DER WALT erf1613	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
626	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Dominique Brits	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement, Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Mareer;-R Parry;-T Bly

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627	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	William Richard & Stephanie Amelia Cunliffe	1. All rates increases, apart from the tariff for sanitation, are way above the headline inflation rate of 5,3%: ie electricity 18.5% and water 9% and property rates that vary wildly. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable for the majority of Knysna Ratepayers and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality appears to have ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has exacerbated problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance, the continued erection of illegal structures and an increasing number of vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Pensioners, such as ourselves, and senior rate-paying home-owners are being particularly impacted by the recent 'property revaluations' and resultant proposed rates increases. We have submitted a formal objection in respect of our own property's valuation (but not yet received a revaluation figure so have no idea on what basis our rates will be calculated). These revaluations have not been applied even-handedly. In our particular case, our small retirement house has been built by ourselves from the ground up just 2 years ago so we know its real valuation in terms of the land purchase and building costs. Proper on-site valuations should be conducted to determine a fair and equitable valuation. It makes no sense to calculate valuations on 'recent sales' between a willing buyer and a willing seller. The property itself, and it's finishes (which vary widely from basic to luxurious), should always be taken into account when calculating a value. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce - inflated salaries should be reduced and personal liability should be enforced Please provide us with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
9628	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Suzanne Velloza	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
629	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Colin DittmerERF number: 8345	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties resulting in substantial increase in rates to all ratepayers with the proposed tariff. I have separately objected by the due date, to the proposed increased valuation of the abovementioned property. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards so that increased rates stay within headline inflation of around 5%. 2. The price increase of Municipal Services should not be above headline inflation of around 5%. 3. The net effect of the draft Budget is that it is unaffordable to most ratepayers and consumers of Municipal Services. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 5. The current level of service delivery by the Knysna Municipality is lacking in the following: - Dealing with vagrants and erection of illegal shelters; - Dealing with sanitation and pollution of the Knysna Lagoon; - Attending to required road repairs; - Reinstating George Rex Drive; and - Making efficient use of Municipal employees.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
630	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	P.J. Pettit erf5210	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1,000,000. The municipal valuations have increased on average by 32%. According to Treasury the tariffs must be adjusted downwards in order to remain in line with inflation of 5.3% at maximum.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
631	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Cheryl Mulder erf12065	Ward 9 seems to bearing the brunt of these increases. The demographics of Knysna appear to have been ignored by the politicians. Knysna has a large contingent of pensioners who have saved all their lives to retire at the coast. Pensioners have limited income and very little scope to change their income. This makes it impossible for them to absorb the absurd increases in rates and taxes proposed by your municipality. Going forward I will be paying rates and taxes at last years rates plus 5,3% as recommended by Treasury.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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632	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Andrew Wolff	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 7. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
633	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	D.Fraser Erf 5226	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 5. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. Signed:Gne	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
634	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Kevin Charles Smith Erf 102095000	1. The tariff of 0.0083571 to the R1.00 is much higher than that of other towns in the Garden Route. While the Municipality are not increasing the tariff from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024, the amount that some of our rates are going up, calls for either a reduction in tariff rates or a downward tiered tariff for properties over a certain value.. Would the Knysna Municipality consider delaying the implementation of the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028, to July 2024 in order to give themselves time to go through the various objections and comments and come back with a more affordable tariff? 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water increases by 9% despite poor management, and poor maintenance. Hunters Home water will run down roads from Monday to Friday and then suddenly work crews will arrive when overtime costs kick in late Friday afternoon and Saturday. Refuse is 6% and due to the bin pickers and baboons much is left for owners to pick up as the refuse collectors say it is not their job. Sanitation 5% despite poor management and poor maintenance, Sewage is flowing into the lagoon and the manhole covers are constantly missing. 3. Electricity is 18,65% which is unacceptable as we are paying this availability fee, which is entirely dependent on Eskom's ability to provide the service, and with us having up to 10 hrs a day without power and even more hours of outages expected this winter, they are clearly expecting payment for something they cannot provide. 4. After attending the Ward 9 Budget/IDR meeting on 3rd of May it concerns Is the fact that so much overtime must be paid part of the problem? In	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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635	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Jaco D du Plessis Erf 4943	1. It is clear that KM did not take the guidelines stipulated in the "Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act No.6 of 2004: General Guidelines (March 2020)" dealing with new valuation rolls and annual increases in property rates into consideration. The guidelines clearly state that: • The alignment of the property rates budget to the new valuation roll is also a significant process that the municipality must undertake. • Significantly high increases in the market values of properties require that the municipality reasonably reduces the cent in the Rand rates to curb excessive rates payable by property owners. • The practice of reducing the cent in the Rand rates when a new valuation roll is implemented and where property market values increase significantly, must be institutionalised and become best practice. • Keeping the cent in the Rand rates constant for the property categories whose market values increased significantly will not protect the property owners from significant increases in the rates payable. In fact, the rates payable, which is the cent in the Rand rate multiplied by the market value of the property, will also increase in a scenario where the cent in the Rand rate is kept constant. Rates payable will increase by exactly the amount by which the market value of the property increased. Therefore, it is not sufficient to keep the cent in the Rand rate unchanged when property market values have increased significantly. The CFO of George Municipality made the following public statement regarding the cent in the rand ratio: "Generally, the fear is that the municipality would keep the rate in the rand constant, thus increasing the property tax to be paid by owners in direct correlation with the increase in the market value valuation. This is an incorrect assumption and will not be allowed by the National Treasury or the Department of Cooperative Governance, both of which oversee the new general valuation roll process," said Du Plessis. He said the municipality is currently proposing a significant reduction in the rate in the rand for residential and agricultural properties. The property rates on my Erf 4943 will increase by 29.6% from the previous financial year due to the increased value in the new valuation roll (and yes, I have subtracted the R150,000 rebate), which is totally unacceptable and illegal. Come on KM, this is not rocket science, all other municipalities know how to deal with implementing a new valuation roll and property rates' increases. 2. NERSA's 2023-24 consultation paper on guidelines for municipal electricity tariff increases proposes an average guideline increase of 15.10%. Instead of calculating the real cost of electricity provision using cost parameters such as repairs & maintenance, salaries, finance costs, general expenditure, etc., it seems that KM just ignored these guidelines and applied an increase that exceeds even the NERSA approved Eskom increase of 18.49%, i.e. 18.65% which is illegal and will not be approved by NERSA. 3. Knysna's Draft Tariff Policy 2023/24 states on Par 9.1(b) & (c) which categories within the operating budget will be included as a basis for calculating the basic and unit charges for the supply of electricity (and water). KM must indicate how these four categories affected the calculation of the basic and unit charges for electricity and how these calculations added up to an annual increase of 18.65%, which is more than the increase approved by NERSA. It is clear that KM does not apply its own Tariff Policy. 4. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are above the core inflation rate of 5.3%, which is unacceptable in these current challenging economic times. 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 6. Opposition councillors were not involved in budget deliberations which is a process and policy fatal flaw. 7. Although ratepayers are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance, the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security for residents and tourists. 8. IDP Priorities should be maintenance of infrastructure (especially sewage infrastructure), roads, water, waste, law and order enforcement, reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. Please provide me with a formal acknowledgement of receipt of this submission. 1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. The Tariffs set needs to be cost reflective that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budget estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 000 is unrealistic. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3%. Refuse 6.0%. Property rates & taxes 33% (on average). The tariff increases have been applied across all trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023 MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must deliver within 21 days of receipt of the roll serve, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 We wish to state that as property owners we have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore were not made aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period 6.2 We receive our municipal bill by email and therefore this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has our updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 We therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to us the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 We therefore hereby take the opportunity of making written submission that we object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 with our properties being: Now lodge our formal objection to the Knysna Municipal Tabled Draft budget for 2023-2024 as it relates to revenue, expenditure and service delivery. Our valuation has increased 48.5% and if our rates rise accordingly, and not at 5.5% Headline inflation, then we will not be able to meet our monthly rates bill. Added to this is the increase in electricity by 18.7% and 9% water increase. These increases will certainly instigate putting our house up for sale and moving out of Knysna. We believe, from information on various platforms, that Knysna Municipality is acting against treasury's guidance and increasing the rates to an unacceptable percentage unlawfully.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
636	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Peter & Marilyn Rowntree	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. The Tariffs set needs to be cost reflective that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budget estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 000 is unrealistic. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3%. Refuse 6.0%. Property rates & taxes 33% (on average). The tariff increases have been applied across all trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023 MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must deliver within 21 days of receipt of the roll serve, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 We wish to state that as property owners we have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore were not made aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period 6.2 We receive our municipal bill by email and therefore this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has our updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 We therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to us the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 We therefore hereby take the opportunity of making written submission that we object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 with our properties being: Now lodge our formal objection to the Knysna Municipal Tabled Draft budget for 2023-2024 as it relates to revenue, expenditure and service delivery. Our valuation has increased 48.5% and if our rates rise accordingly, and not at 5.5% Headline inflation, then we will not be able to meet our monthly rates bill. Added to this is the increase in electricity by 18.7% and 9% water increase. These increases will certainly instigate putting our house up for sale and moving out of Knysna. We believe, from information on various platforms, that Knysna Municipality is acting against treasury's guidance and increasing the rates to an unacceptable percentage unlawfully.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
637	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Lynn and Paul WelshERF 104257000	Now lodge our formal objection to the Knysna Municipal Tabled Draft budget for 2023-2024 as it relates to revenue, expenditure and service delivery. Our valuation has increased 48.5% and if our rates rise accordingly, and not at 5.5% Headline inflation, then we will not be able to meet our monthly rates bill. Added to this is the increase in electricity by 18.7% and 9% water increase. These increases will certainly instigate putting our house up for sale and moving out of Knysna. We believe, from information on various platforms, that Knysna Municipality is acting against treasury's guidance and increasing the rates to an unacceptable percentage unlawfully.	Financial Services	CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
638	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Henrico Knoesen erf 194	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored the strong recommendations from Treasury and the Auditor General, regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although the property owners' of Sedgfield are paying for the services of law enforcement and general municipal service delivery, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems with regards to illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provisions are made available for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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639	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Paul Burchell.	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Fid #:-112679000	Financial Services	CFO: - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
548	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	T Holten erf 201593000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
641	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Dirkia Robertson	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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642	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Barbara Mills	1. The proposed tariff increases are way above headline inflation and are out of line with those recommended by the National Treasury. 2. The proposed tariff increases will be unaffordable to the majority of residents, business and hospitality institutions. Tariffs put forward by the municipality need to be in line with inflation and need to be affordable to residents or they simply cannot be paid by such residents and ratepayers. 3. Furthermore, the proposed revenue source increases for water, electricity, sanitation and refuse are also way above headline inflation and too will not be affordable for residents. 4. The municipality has to do extensive research, communication and comparison to ensure that any rates increases do not come as a shock or surprise to residents. 5. I as the homeowner of the above address have not received a copy of the Section 49 notice that the Municipal Manager is obliged to send out and therefore I was not aware of the draft valuation roll and it's objection period and therefore I did not submit an objection in the required period. I do get my municipal bills and therefore the municipality do have my contact details. The municipal valuations of properties increased exorbitantly and 6. The municipality has not applied the proper formulas for the downward curving of the tariff increases as per the Municipal Property Rates Act and so the whole process of the valuation roll and the proposed tariff increases fall into question. The proposed property rates tariff remaining unchanged from last year is unconstitutional and the KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY is opening itself up to being sued for unlawful behaviour Because of this, I hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation role 2023/2028 in respect of my property: Erf # : Residential property 19 Thornely Road, Leisure Isle, Knysna and should the municipal manager fail to provide proof that the Section 49 notice was sent to me, I submit that the objection period be reopened, or failing that, that the current GVR 2017 should be extended for a further year as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b)(i) 7. I submit that tariff increases be realigned to the recommended inflation by the National Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3%. Tariff increases must be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation 8. I submit that pensioners should be extended relief.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
643	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Derrick Coetzer of ERF116	1) I purchased an ongoing guesthouse at the above address in 2010. Rates and taxes have been steadily increasing over the years exceeding any increases I am able to pass to our rates in order to counter the municipal and water and electricity increases. 2) Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. 3) I am a pensioner (75 years of age.) I purchased this 6-room guesthouse to contribute to my pension. However, after suffering from the effects the 2017 Knysna fires then two years of Covid and then load shedding. Our room fulfillment rate has dropped dramatically. 4) The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g., Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. 5) The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services. 6) Should these unfair property valuations and rate increases be implemented, I will have to seriously consider cease operating as a guesthouse and sell this property. This will mean cutting back on staff. By the way, I have paid my staff every single day throughout the Covid years as they also have families to feed and school. 7) Although I purchased this guesthouse in 2010 as an ongoing concern, I am now informed that I must pay a consultant approx. R40k for a temporary departure certificate. Not happy about this at all. I do not have R40k anyway. I trust you will find good reason and sense and not kill this town we all love.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
644	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	JM Jones	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll – (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Erf # : 112670000	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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645	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	André & Monique Vercueil Portion 47 of Farm 216	1. Municipal Valuations. These still have to be ratified over the next two years but have substantially increased the values of properties. The Municipality will be using these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes by increasing with a rate increase of 32%. Looking at the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendations the tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase. In addition to this the Rebate Structure for all properties valued over R700 000 has been nullified. For some of us our property investment is part of our pension and this will impact heavily on this. 2. Municipal Services. The increases in services also appear to be above-target headline inflation of 5,3% of which for example electricity is 18,5% and water at 9%. These increases in services are despite poor management, poor maintenance and vandalism. 3. Cutting of Operational Expenditure. It appears that Knysna Municipality has not headed the Auditor General's strong recommendations with regard to cutting of Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Law enforcement. If we are paying for the service of law enforcement we expect that the resources be allocated to addressing the ongoing problems of homeless sleeping in Main Street in particular with the associated hygiene and pollution etc. We now await your response.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
646	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Susanna Elizabeth Erasmus ERF 5326	1. It has come to my attention that the Knysna Municipality, apart from substantially increasing the valuation of my property by almost R 1 million, the Knysna Municipality wants to increase the rates per annum by 32%. It is imperative that according to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5,3% Headline inflation. As I am a pensioner with limited income, this will certainly create hardship for myself and other pensioners as well as lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. The backlash from this action will be devastating to the Citizens of Knysna and to Knysna Municipality. Rates not being paid, properties sold on Auction at very much lower prices than the valuations. Folk will lose their jobs as the extra cost to the Knysna Municipality will not be sustainable. Poorer citizens in Knysna, more crime, joblessness. I urge those making these terrible and unthinkable decisions will rethink this budget and think of the repercussions that are staring us in the face by not making practical decisions going forward.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
647	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Fiona erf2017 66 000	1. As a senior ratepayer and home owner, I expect to pay an increase within the Municipal Property Rate Act in line with the CPI, but certainly not the inflated, outrageous and unaffordable Draft Budget. 2. Municipal Expenditure, inflated salaries and over-staffing has to be in line with National Treasury and the Auditor General's recommendations 3. The road along the Sedgfield lagoon has been in terrible state for too long. 4. The Greater Garden Route deserves skilled, devoted people with a vision for the future to sustain the beauty and viability of this area	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
648	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Lauren erf 200575000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
649	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	AM Ansley erf5236	1) All rates apart from the tariff for sewage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2) The net effect is that as both of us are pensioners this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase when our pensions remain static. 3) Knysna Municipality has ignored the Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4) Looking at the state of our roads in Sedgfield we are forgotten when it comes to maintenance of these services. 5) Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
650	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	David & Mary Baker	6. "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 7. "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 8. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 9. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision ito the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. 10. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 11. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 12. I feel that the current GVR 2017 should be extended by a further year, as allowed for by Sec 32 (2)(b) (ii), for this will mitigate many of the issues I have raised above, 13. and that the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 only be implemented effective 1 July 2024. 14. Drought water tariffs are not acceptable, particularly since: 14.1 I can only be implemented if the Akkerkloof dam capacity of below 30% and the river flow is below 200l per second, which are never checked, confirmed or reported on, AND 14.2 We have the Giebe Dam at full capacity but due to vandalism of the pump station, which has not been reinstated, the water cannot be pumped through to the water treatment works, so residents are being penalised with the below proposed tariffs due to the incompetency of Municipal Officials. 14.2.1 Stage 3 up from 25 percent to 100 percent 14.2.2 Stage 2 from 15 percent to 75 percent and 14.2.3 Stage 1 from 10 percent to 50 percent.	Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-R Parry
651	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Ryno Wilson ERF 33 Brenton	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5,3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5,3, e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12,7% vs 12,8%	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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652	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Alison Collier ERF1692	1. The proposed price increase for the Municipal services in the budget is far higher than 5.3% inflation as per SA Treasury recommendation. For example: a. water is 9% even though us Knysna rate payers in ward 9 have experienced poor water management, vandalism, and below par maintenance during loadshedding. b. Likewise, Eskom price increase of 18.7% is proposed in the Knysna Budget to all electrical services. This is over 3 times the recommended increase from SA Treasury and is far above what is reasonable for ratepayers. 2. The Knysna Budget for 2023-2024 year is based on a significantly higher revenue collection driven by significant (absurdly) increases in valuations of properties, particularly in Ward 9. These recent absurdly high valuations have not yet been ratified, a process that Knysna Municipality has confirmed will take place over the course of the next 2 years. The budget is proposing to use unrattified valuations to determine new rates and taxes for the 2023/2024 year and onwards, and hence proposing a rate increase of 32%. 2 As per the Provisional Treasury and the Municipal Property Rate Act, the rate and taxes increase must be revised to be at the maximum allowable increase of which is SA's headline inflation i.e. 5.3% 3. Finally – the buffer in 2023-2024 Knysna municipal budget is far too narrow and does not have sufficient buffer to be able to protect itself from possible overspend. Municipal budgets typically have a buffer, i.e. the positive difference between the revenue and expenditure, that is well above 1%. This buffer needs to create a reasonable amount between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between the actual revenue collected and actual spending, compared to budgeted revenue collection and budgeted spending. The proposed budget with a point has a 0.1% differential does not allow for this: The numbers proposed are: 12.7% vs 12.8% respectively. Look forward to receiving my collab number to confirm that Knysna Municipality has received my comment regarding the 2023-2024 Knysna Budget and my reasons for objecting to this. As well as the Knysna Municipal preparing a revised budget to address all the issues I've raised above.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
653	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Marina Smuts:99 Bayswater Rd Leisure Isle	The National and Provincial Treasury recommends that increases should be between 4.7% and 5.3%. The Treasury states (MFMA circular no.122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9December 2022): " Municipalities must compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll to identify any anomalies and errors of property values so that tariffs can be modelled to avoid rate shocks". The proposed increase in rates will have a negative impact on growth, businesses will have to close as they will be unable to survive in the present economic climate and unemployment will increase. It should also be noted that the proposed municipal rates for Knysna municipality is the highest in the Western Cape. The increase in electricity cost of 18.6% can not also be applied to availability and other electricity fees. Those should be according to inflation.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
562	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	D. Shawof eft 485 Brenton	1. Municipal valuations have been substantially raised on the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. According to the municipal property rate act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% headline inflation. The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3% e.g. water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-go boxes and availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8% How can we view increases for other areas of Knysna, namely Rheendal, Hornlee and Concordia?	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
655	Budget@knysna.gov.za	45054	Sally Dazeley ERF1885	Municipal valuations have increased dramatically thus causing pressure on households and businesses, in a town reliant on tourism. It will cause an exodus of valuable ratepayers who will not accept rates increases of around 32%.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
656	Budget@knysna.gov.za	45054	Heather Cawood ERF 2530 Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%.2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to support the town's infrastructure and the health of the community.	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
657	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Michael Noel Renou 38a Fraser Street, Hunters	1. Your tariff increases as proposed in your draft are excessively above inflation. In the MFMA circular no 122 dated Dec 2022, MRMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023, and the WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN no. 5/2023 the recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury is between 4.7% and 5.3%, which according to them MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/2024 MTREF municipal budget. 2. These tariffs as set by you are totally unaffordable by us. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1.2 billion is totally unrealistic. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6% Property rates and taxes 33% on average ALL OF THESE TARIFF INCREASES ARE ABOVE HEADLINE INFLATION. 4. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain the same as last year as according to advice stated clearly in the MFMA Circular No 122 for the 2023/2024, MTREF dated 9 Dec 2022, that tariffs on the new roll as compared to the last roll must be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rate shocks. 5. In terms of MPR Act sec 49 (1) (c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll - (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed on the roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the calculation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 5.1 I did not receive said Sec 49 notice and was unaware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period, I did not inspect the roll neither did I object to it in the required period. 5.2 Knysna municipality sends my municipal bill by email, so you have my email address. 5.3 My conclusion is therefore that the Municipal Manager failed to send me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates act sec 49 (1)(c) THEREBY FAILING IN HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT MEETING THE LEGAL REAQUIREMENTS AS SET DOWN BY THE MPR Act. 5.4 I therefore take this opportunity to of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Erf # 102929000 Category of property: Residential Residential Address: 38a Fraser Str, Hunters Home Market value by the municipal valuator: R2 700 000 (2017)	Finace Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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658	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Nelia Parmaklieva Erf: 8882	1. Municipality valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32% which is way above the CPI. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget we request the muni to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5.3% Headline inflation. 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase which is unacceptable. 3. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding. 4. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%. 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 6. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security 7. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Cleanliness of the town centre Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement in the Town Centre Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
659	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Anuska Viljoen ERF 501	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. I hereby formally request that the Knysna Municipality postpones implementation of the new valuation role for 1 financial year and considers amending tariff increases as explained above. 5. I have not received acknowledgement of or a reference number for my original objection letter handed in at the Sedgefield Municipal Hall on the 22nd January 2023.	Finance Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
660	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Robynne Svelka Sharpof ERF: 16541	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 8. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. Thanking you in advance for reading my formal objection.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biy
661	Budget@knysna.gov.za	08-May-23	Jill Seabra	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services /	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova /

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662	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Albert Lombaard erf 8590	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. There is no reason to justify such an absorbent increase as all other municipalities find it necessary to increase the rates by such a massive amount. 2. The net effect is that the budget translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. With the economy on its knees and people being retrenched on a daily basis due to unaffordable service delivery charges and no power in order to run a business, it is impossible to maintain this and we will have to close our business. 3. Knysna Municipality has failed in all fields and completely and utterly ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. You are only interested in fattening your own pockets and have no interest in the consequences of your actions on the town of Knysna and surrounds. You are only interested in yourselves and could not be bothered about those trying to just keep their heads above water. Your disinterest in the people of this town is against all human rights and you have an obligation as a municipality to service the town and not only your own pockets. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. If we phone the police station the calls go unanswered day and night and the traffic officials only pull over the vehicles which they know can afford to pay the fines and let the others pass without any regard for their suitability to be on the roads. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. The vagrants are everywhere and breaking into shops all over town. They have set up camp along the lagoon road near the Welbedacht turnoff and when we phone to report them and their fires which are incredibly dangerous, no one is ever sent out to remove them or even put the fires out. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure and more specifically water pumps (which is a results of your OWN mismanagement and obviously without any accountability whatsoever. Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement – vagrants around town are at an all time high and when we ask for them to be removed you couldn't be bothered – just like your failure to be bothered with anything in this town. Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS. This is clearly not happening as you as a municipality could not give a dam about the people of this town.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
663	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Philip Townsend Erf 176	• Overall Rates Tariffs: the Municipality is using unrated valuations to calculate new rates and taxes, with an overall rates increase of 32%. The Municipal Property Rate Act, as well as the provisional Treasury Recommendation, state that the tariff should stay within the maximum allowable increase, which currently is 5.3% headline inflation. If Plettenberg Bay can use a more realistic rates factor, why not Knysna? In addition, the rebate structure has been revoked for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will just create additional hardship for many people. • Water & Electricity: also relating to headline inflation, the price increase for municipal services is above the recommended 5.3%. Water is budgeted for a 9% increase and electricity for 18.9%. Admittedly the electricity increase is out of our hands, but urgent attention should be paid to alternative energy options. • Operational Expenditure: Treasury and the Auditor-General have strongly recommended cuts to operational expenditure of 20% year-on-year. These recommendations have been ignored, despite the reality that the Municipal Budget is becoming out of balance between the needs of the town and the ability of rate-paying residents to pay. • Insufficient attention is being paid to the balance between revenue and expenditure: the current budget contains a 0.1% differential, which is inadequate. • Priorities: o Insufficient attention is being paid to the maintenance of infrastructure, such as roads, water and waste management. Maintenance appears to be haphazard, with road resurfacing being applied to lesser-used road while some major arteries are left to deteriorate. o Insufficient attention is being given to bad debts o The Capital Replacement reserve is either unfunded or underfunded and this has to be addressed. o Law and Order enforcement is way below standard in many areas. Vagrancy, illegal structures, protests and burning tyres blocking national roads are just some examples of an increasing breakdown. o Staffing levels and salaries, particularly at higher levels, are far above what is required or sustainable for a town of our size, while some very necessary positions remain vacant. There appears to be no proper performance management policy or implementation, and selection policy and procedures are clearly amiss when positions are filled by persons with proven records of criminality and/or poor performance. o Knysna appears to be becoming a less-favoured destination for both business and tourism. This is obviously bad for municipal revenue, and should be addressed. o Greater attention should be paid to submissions and comments by the Grater Knysna Business Chamber, which has the financial and business interests of the town as a primary concern. The experience and knowledge of this group should be considered as a primary input to the budget process, not relegated to be merely considered as objections.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
664	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	M Pretorius ERF 3692	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way abovetarget headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33o/o year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20oh year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. There is no benefit for what so ever for Sedgfield in this budget yet we paying rate and taxes to K.M 6. Roads are full of potholes, There is no maintenance	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
665	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Bruce Beswick Erf 101957000	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrated valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The budget also applies to the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services but we have had to invest heavily in back up alternative power source just to keep lights on and cook meals cannot afford this additional increase. 4. Municipal budget need to create buffer between income and spending but this proposed budget with a 0.1% difference does not do so i.e. 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly

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666	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	_Brian Zondagh ERF 920187087	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
667	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	JR Kockott Erf 12545	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefore was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefore did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefore this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefore submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRA Act when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefore hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 wrt my property being: Erf # - 112679000.	Financial Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
668	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Grant Bailback-Pledge square 48 main Road	I would like to formally object to the new proposed budget, we are all trying to run business and employ local people, the new budget is totally ridiculous.	Financial Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
669	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Karen Kohler Erf 9-20187-771.	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The proposed increase in no way relates to the guidelines provided by National Treasury and is completely unacceptable. 6. Trail's End receives NO municipal services apart from weekly garbage collection. Thus to increase these rates to this degree is ludicrous. 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
670	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Colest Pretorius Erf 4602	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
671	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Catherine Boosyen	I would like it in writing that I OBJECT to the proposed rates increase of 33%. This is absolutely unacceptable especially when you as a municipality are not delivering on the needs of this town! This implementation will lead to Job Losses and business closures which is definitely something our town cannot afford to have happen.	Financial Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi

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672	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Sulani Schoeman ERF: 108869000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Bly
673	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	GJR Kotze ERF 200890000	1. The municipal valuations have significantly increased the property values, which are yet to be ratified over the next two years. Despite this, the municipality is using these unrated valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, resulting in a 32% rate increase. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3% headline inflation. Additionally, the rebate structure for all properties valued over R 700,000 has been nullified, causing hardship for pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of municipal services is higher than the headline inflation of 5.3%. For instance, despite the poor management, vandalism, and maintenance during load shedding, the water price has increased by 9%. Moreover, the budget extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, such as Pay-as-you-go boxes and Availability. 3.) The law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and we request that the Municipality bring the tariff inline with CPI figures for the actual rates increase % Based on the Municipality Property Rates Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within	Financial Services	CFO/ Busi Kova/ N Fundi
674	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Barend Adriaan Zeeman ERF: 8868	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years while I'm personally still waiting for a response to my objection of an increase of 172% with no valid reason. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. Which will inevitably have a knock on effect on businesses as the costs will need to be carried somehow. This will see more business closing and unemployment rising. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 5. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
675	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Iain Paton ERF: Ptn 40 of 191	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrated valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
676	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ypie Kingma erf 8798	- With a targeted inflation rate of 5.3%, an increase of 9% on water and 18.5% on electricity are exorbitant and unrealistic; - While expenses may go up, it is only logical to look at cutting expenditures to balance the budget. National Treasury and the Auditor General strongly recommended Knysna Municipality to cut Operational Expenditure by 20% compared to last year. Why is this being ignored? - Residents and business owners - especially those in tourism, which is a big portion of Knysna's economic activity - are still recovering from the effects of travel bans and economic depression caused by covid and will not be able to afford or compensate for over-inflated rates and taxes; - Knysna Municipality's officials, staff and contractors should prioritize maintenance and growth of infrastructure, roads, waste management, water works and enforcement of law and order, while reducing inflated salaries, reducing the workforce, and increasing personal accountability. Should the current Draft Budget be implemented, Knysna will become even less attractive as a town and visitor destination, accommodation establishments (and all businesses in the value chain) will close doors as prices will (have to) go through the roof and the bulk of the visitors will seek more affordable alternatives elsewhere, and businesses and residents will look at settling at more reasonably priced and effective municipalities to establish their business and homes. As you can see, I have copied in the Greater Knysna Business Chamber, knowing they will be making a concerted effort keeping greater Knysna businesses' and residents' interests in mind. As a member of the Business Chamber I fully support their comments and recommendations, which can be found on their website.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Bly

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677	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Marina Smuts erf 1962	The budget is unrealistic and not aligned to inflation. It is based on revenue to be received that is based on an average increase of 33% in property rates. The draft property valuation roll reflects exorbitant increases in the value of properties. The rates have to be adjusted to keep it in line with inflation. The previous valuation roll could be used for the next year till the new roll has been finalised. The National and Provincial Treasury recommends that increases should be between 4.7% and 5.3%. The Treasury states: (MFMA circular no.122 for the 2023/24 MTREF, dated 9 December 2022) 'Municipalities must compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll to identify any anomalies and errors of property values so that tariffs can be modelled to avoid rate shocks.' The proposed increase in rates will have a huge negative impact on our town. Growth will be curbed, businesses will close as they will be unable to survive in the present economic climate and unemployment will increase. It should also be noted that the proposed municipal rates for Knysna municipality is the highest in the Western Cape. The increase in Eskom cost of 18.6% should not also be applied to availability and other electricity fees. These should be applied in line with inflation.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
678	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	GK & D TANNER ERF 1928, 4263, 4251, 577, 5109 & 1915	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
679	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Kelly and Jonathan Webb ERF 573	Furthermore, we believe the new Municipal valuations still have to be ratified, yet the municipality is using the unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9%. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. Please could you be so kind as to register our objection and also provide us with a reference number for our objection to keep on our files.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
680	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	DL CANNY ERF 1894	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
681	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	P & V Stevens ERF 920187774	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The only service we are provided with at Trails end, is refuse removal. There is no contribution towards ewages removal services and the road is in poor repair, We supply our own water from bolchhole on our property. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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682	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Alistair and Angelique KnockErf 1-01850-00	1. The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury for increases in municipal tariffs are between 4.7% and 5.3%, and these MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023). The proposed tariff increases are well above headline inflation and the increases allowed by Treasury. 2. Tariffs need to be cost effective, and affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), are exorbitant given the fact that the number of residents paying rates and taxes is seen to be in decline, as few new properties have been constructed and the proposed threshold for exemption has increased by 300%. It should also be noted that in the draft budget, a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is proposed. This is clearly unrealistic. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. This is also clearly unrealistic. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases for electricity have been applied across ALL related service charges and are well above headline inflation. Although the actual cost per unit of electricity is not in the control of the municipality, the related charges are, and should therefore not be above the treasury figures for inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date".	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
683	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Lionel Howson Willmore erf 1564	1. The proposed rates increase unreasonably exceeds the current inflation rate of 5.3%; 2. An increase in excess of 146% on the Trust's property value, when no improvements have been made on the property since 2010, is totally unreasonable and unacceptable, and requires amendment and/or explanation; 3. The tariff amount on the excessive 146% increase in valuation, even if realistic, translates into a similar increase in Rates on the property.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
684	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gillian and Graham Maskell Erf: 9711	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. We have already submitted a revision of our new valuation which is totally and absolutely unrealistic with a 72.41% increase but have had no reply to this what so ever other than confirmation of its receipt to your offices According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. With the present HUGE COST OF LIVING INCREASE AND NO INCREASE. PENSIONS HAVE NOT INCREASED ACCORDINGLY 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) AND THE DAILY AVAILABILITY RATE WHEN THERE IS LITTLE OR NO AVAILABILITY DUE TO LOADSHEDDING 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8% - IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BUDGET IS TO COVER UN NECESSARY SALARIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN COUNCIL WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED AND TOP HEAVY. Now lodge my formal objection to the Knysna Municipality Draft budget for 2023-2024 as it relates to revenue, expenditure and service delivery. Specifically, but not limited to: 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. EXAMPLES 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. Employ people with the correct qualifications to do the job and not 3 non qualified people in the field to do one job. One person one job one salary. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. We have already submitted a revision of our new valuation which is totally and absolutely unrealistic with a 72.41% increase but have had no reply to this what so ever other than confirmation of its receipt to your offices According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. With the present	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
685	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Jan Hendrik Brand erf no 112459000	• All rates other than that from the tariff for sewerage, are higher than the headline inflation rate of 5.3%. • An example of the above is our own property rate. The value per the new valuation roll has increased by 49% thus increasing our property rate and taxes by 49% as well.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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686	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Brian P Fitzsimons ERF 13915	- All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. - The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. If bad debt was recovered there would be no need for these increases! - Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. If everyone paid their rates this can be achieved! - Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement to enforce our By-Laws made by your own proclamations to ensure safety and security, the lack of functioning resources and poor management has resulted in illegal taverns, noise disturbance, alcohol usage on Municipal braai areas and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants encroaching into town un-Policed. - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement is not happening! - Cut the local government workforce to reduce cost or reduce inflated salaries as a priority! - Collect the rates from ALL ratepayers not the few! - All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. - The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. If bad debt was recovered there would be no need for these increases! - Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. If everyone paid their rates this can be achieved! - Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement to enforce our By-Laws made by your own proclamations to ensure safety and security, the lack of functioning resources and poor management has resulted in illegal taverns, noise disturbance, alcohol usage on Municipal braai areas and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants encroaching into town un-Policed. - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement is not happening! - Cut the local government workforce to reduce cost or reduce inflated salaries as a priority! - Collect the rates from ALL ratepayers not the few! - All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. - The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. If bad debt was recovered there would be no need for these increases! - Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. If everyone paid their rates this can be achieved! - Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement to enforce our By-Laws made by your own proclamations to ensure safety and security, the lack of functioning resources and poor management has resulted in illegal taverns, noise disturbance, alcohol usage on Municipal braai areas and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants encroaching into town un-Policed. - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste, Law and Order enforcement is not happening! - Cut the local government workforce to reduce cost or reduce inflated salaries as a priority! - Collect the rates from ALL ratepayers not the few! - All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. - The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. If bad debt was recovered there would be no need for these increases! - Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. If everyone paid their rates this can be achieved! - Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement to enforce our By-Laws made by your own proclamations to ensure safety and security, the lack of functioning resources and poor management has resulted in illegal taverns, noise disturbance, alcohol usage on Municipal braai areas and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants encroaching into town un-Policed.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
687	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Robyn Paton Erf 3548	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. (Please feel free to add your examples when you submit.) 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
688	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	PG Pienaar erf: 15297 & 13622	a) The budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase b) All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% c) Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year d) We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security – tourism depends on it e) Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste; law and order enforcement requires attention f) Please reduce inflated salaries and increase personal accountability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Bly
689	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ann MacGregor ERF 201214000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a pensioner this exceptionally high increase in rates will be unsustainable for us. Please reconsider 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
690	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Paul Kerr	1. Knysna Municipality property rates tariff It was highlighted in the presentation that the tariff rate % per Rand has not been increased from 2022/23 and will remain at 0,008357 per Rand in the new budget. However, the property rate tariff % for Knysna is significantly higher than other key Municipalities in the Western Cape. Added to this, the amount deducted from property value before the above rate is applied is significantly lower than other comparable Municipalities in the province. The resulting property rates payable are significantly higher. An example has been circulated based on the property value of R4,5m. The property rates payable to a property valued at this amount averages at 40% higher in Knysna compared to other Municipalities. Clearly this is unrealistic and must be reassessed unless a clear and comprehensible reason can be provided to explain this significant difference. In other words, if this cannot be explained, the property rates tariff should be reduced for 2023/24 and not remain the same. 2. Capital projects 2023/24 Brenton on Lake to Belvedere Sewer link A budget of R500k has been allocated to this project for 2023/24. It was raised at the meeting that in previous years a substantially higher budget had been allocated to this project, although the project had been shelved due to presumably expenditure cuts or overspend on other projects. That being said, residents strongly indicated that R500k will not be sufficient to address this serious risk as a health hazard to paying residents. Has the Municipality conducted and completed a full investigation into this project prior to the budget allocation? 3. 2022/23 Budget audit I would like to assess the Budget 2022/23 audit and whether the Municipality had delivered on its performance objectives and budget allocation. This is not available on the Municipality's website. In the draft budget for 2023/24, an audit committee is mentioned. Presumably, this is an internal audit committee? Is the Municipality's annual performance subject to external auditing scrutiny? The context is that the Municipality, as a public service, spend the budget provided by the rate payers and, as with any reputable business, should account for all expenditure and	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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691	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Mark & Elzette Bennett ERF 3559	1. Municipality valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrati ed valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget we request the municipality to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted to stay within the maximum allowable increase, that is, 5.3% as per headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700,000. This will create further hardship for our pensioners and lower income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. We request that the rebate limit is increased. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water is 9% despite the poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, for example, pay-as-you-go boxes, which is simply unaffordable. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%. We humbly request that these objections are taken into consideration and further ask that we are provided with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.1. Municipality valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrati ed valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget we request the municipality to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted to stay within the maximum allowable increase, that is, 5.3% as per headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700,000. This will create further hardship for our pensioners and lower income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. We request that the rebate limit is increased. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water is 9% despite the poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, for example, pay-as-you-go boxes, which is simply unaffordable. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%. We humbly request that these objections are taken into consideration and further ask that we are provided with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
692	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Florio & NC Franceschi Erf 204598000& 200721000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
693	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Martin Simonic erf1571	1. The rate increase, apart from the tariff for sanitation, is well above the target inflation rate of 5.37o. This without any increase in service delivery and the disproportional allocation of resources away from Sedgfield is un-acceptable. 2. The method of calculating the rates revenue inthe 2073/2024 budget must be reviewed, especially with regard the formula relating to cent in the rand which, in this budget, is not according to best practice and inflates the increase payable. 3. It appears that there are inaccuracies in the new property evaluations and it is requested that the validity of the existing valuation roll be extended. 4. As a pensioner, the proposed increases are unaffordable and if the current proposed increases are kept, some of this windfall should go to introducing a subsidy or increase the value of properties excluded from rates to assist the aged and the low income households. 5. The lack of allocated resources for law enforcement results in the continued erection of illegal structures, illegal taverns and noise disturbance. The latter can be heard throughout the whole of sedgfield. 6. Large housing allocations by Provincial and National Departments in prior years to alleviate the acute and on-going low cost housing shortages in Sedgfield have been re-directed to other areas in this budget. This has to be corrected with immediate effect as Sedgfield's need is as great as the northern areas and it goes against previous promises made to the community. 7. Provision of a generator or alternative source of energy for the Sedgfield Municipal Office is urgently required as it is doubly affected by load shedding. The systems are off line during the load shedding in Knysna and again when Sedgfield is without power. 8. The costs allocated to salaries and the use of consultants has to be reduced as the ratepayers cannot continue to pay for losses due to lack of controls evidenced by qualified audits, managerial turnover and lack of accountability.1. The rate increase, apart from the tariff for sanitation, is well above the target inflation rate of 5.37o. This without any increase in service delivery and the disproportional allocation of resources away from Sedgfield is un-acceptable. 2. The method of calculating the rates revenue inthe 2073/2024 budget must be reviewed, especially with regard the formula relating to cent in the rand which, in this budget, is not	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela

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694	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Derek Fregona Erf 533	1. The increases in the Knysna property valuations are as yet unratified and are the highest amongst the regional municipalities 2. Simultaneously, the tariff percentages, also the highest in the region, are being raised 3. Needless to say, the combination of these two factors will result in much higher rate payments and the increase will far exceed the already high South African inflation rate. This is an unacceptable situation 4. Again, if these excessive increases are implemented and, even if future increases are restricted to the inflation rate, the high starting base will maintain future rates above an acceptable level which will have a negative effect not only on individuals but businesses as well. The business effect could potentially result in business closures and resultant job losses and also turn investors away from Knysna 5. Knysna Municipality has ignored the recommendations by the Treasury and the Auditor General to cut operating expenditure by 20% year on year. Attention needs to be given to reducing the local government workforce and inflated salaries I therefore hereby lodge my formal objection to these budget proposals	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
695	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ragilema Williams Erf:300728000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. The draft budget regarding to a medium size house hold and increase of 82% to rates is massive and unaffordable. This will have a devastating result in attracting investors to Knysna. 4. Although we are paying for the services like sewerage removal, we unfortunately do not get what we pay for. We are still using a bucket system by means of a septic tank. The budget of 2023-2024 should include the connection of the sewerage line to the main municipal line as per previous drafts and planning. It is totally ludicrous that in today's day and age that a prestige area like Brenton on lake has sewerage coming up into their houses, overflowing drains running in the yards down the driveways into the roads. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. The draft budget regarding to a medium size house hold and increase of 82% to rates is massive and unaffordable. This will have a devastating result in attracting investors to Knysna. 4. Although we are paying for the services like sewerage removal, we unfortunately do not get what we pay for. We are still using a bucket system by means of a septic	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry
696	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Catherine Ann Simonic ERF 1571	1. The rate increase, apart from the tariff for sanitation, is well above the target inflation rate of 5.3% 2. The method of calculating the rates revenue in the 2023/2024 budget must be reviewed, especially with regard the formula relating to cent in the rand which, in this budget, is not according to best practice and inflates the increase payable. 3. It appears that there are inaccuracies in the new property evaluations and it is requested that the validity of the existing valuation roll be extended for another year until all anomalies are resolved. 4. As a pensioner, the proposed increases are unaffordable and a request is made to increase the value of properties excluded from the proposed Draft budget from R750 000 to one million Rand. 5. The lack of allocated resources for law enforcement results in the continued erection of illegal structures, illegal taverns and noise disturbance. The latter can be heard throughout the whole of Sedgfield. 6. Large housing allocations by Provincial and National Departments in prior years to alleviate the acute and on-going low cost housing shortages in Sedgfield have been re-directed to other areas in this budget. This has to be corrected with immediate effect. 7. Provision of a generator or alternative source of energy for the Sedgfield Municipal Office is urgently required as it is doubly affected by load shedding. The systems are off line during the load shedding in Knysna and again when the offices are without power during Sedgfield's load shedding. The two schedules do not correspond which doubles the closure of the office. 8. The costs allocated to salaries and the use of consultants has to be reduced as the ratepayers cannot continue to pay for losses due to lack of controls evidenced by qualified audits, managerial turnover and lack of accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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697	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	M Mitchel, ERF 920187089 SEDGEFIELD	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,30/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 330/o year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The only service we provide with at Trails End Estate, is refuse removal. There is no sewage removal service provided. 6. The road is in poor repair and does not get maintenance regularly 7. We supply our own water from a borehole on the property. 6.P.p A with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
698	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Johannes Lodewikus Kruger ERF 3-00551-000	- Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste. The roads in Mountain Rose Drive and Steenbras Avenue in Brenton-on-Sea are in dire need of re-surfacing. The community has been trying to get the Knysna Municipality to fix the roads (re-surfacing) for a number of years with no success. - Law and Order enforcement. The lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes. The proposed budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5,3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid-19 and load shedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability, although government and Eskom are unable to provide the required uninterrupted power supply to citizens of South Africa. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
699	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Massado Erf 853	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,30/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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700	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Martin Franklin	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WIC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariffs set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth, our town, as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%/a 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. This is not sustainable or affordable for us as pensioners!! 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. You are urgently requested not to exceed normal inflation rate increases !!! 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 3. 4. 000 to no less than R1000 0 5. No consideration has been given to this Draft budget	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
701	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	TL & SPretorius Erf 4440	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%/a 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. This is not sustainable or affordable for us as pensioners!! 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. You are urgently requested not to exceed normal inflation rate increases !!! 1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 3. 4. 000 to no less than R1000 0 5. No consideration has been given to this Draft budget	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
702	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Linda ERF 1467	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 3. 4. 000 to no less than R1000 0 5. No consideration has been given to this Draft budget	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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703	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Christo de Klerk: Erf Number: 3-00692-000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3a/o, electricity 185% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% Year-on-Year increase' 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting operational Expenditure by 20% Year on Year' 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. we request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security' 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no le[than R1000 000. The valuation of my property nearly doubled from the previous valuation. How is that possible? 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: I bought my house in August 2015 because I was so impressed with the beautiful surroundings and the good service delivery' Since I moved into the house, I have had to contact the Knysna Fire Brigade on numerous occasions to report that the water in the toilets in my house is not dissipating to the normal level. Normally the liquid waste removal truck (honeysucker) will arrive and the problem will be solved. The last few years the problem has escalated and occurred on a more regular basis' The situation seems to be worse over school holidays and long weekends when more people visit the area and make use of the sewerage infrastructure. During December 2022 I had family visit for the festive season' one morning at 06H30 I	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry
704	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Robert Williams Erf 72 P9	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a pensioner this exceptionally high increase in rates will be unsustainable for us. Please reconsider 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
705	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Rodney Norman Gray Erf No.: 113707	1. The proposed tariff increase is above headline inflation, and the recommendation by National/Provincial Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% that should be applied. 2. Tariffs should reflect costs and be affordable to residents. 3. The draft budget is flawed, with exaggerated increases in the market value of the properties. 4. Revenue sources proposed; water 9%, electricity 18.5%, sanitation 5.3%, refuse 6% and property rates and taxes 33% are all above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are expected to remain the same as last year as advised by the treasury in the MFMA circular No.122 dated 9/12/2022. 6. I confirm that as a property owner I have not received the Sec 49 notice and was unaware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period. I receive my municipal bill via email which serves to confirm that my email address on record is correct. 7. I therefore make my written submission that I object to the entry of the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 with regards to my property; Erf No.: 113707 Category of property: freestanding house Residential address: 56 Thesen Island, Knysna Market value by municipal supplier: R5000000 8. If the municipal manager cannot provide proof that section 49 has been sent to me, the objection period must be extended by one year as allowed by sec 32(2)(b)(ii). 9. These above inflation tariff increase will result in disinvestment in Knysna due to affordability. 10. Tariff increase must reflect cost, be affordable and in line with inflation.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
706	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Nikki Nicholson	I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed inflation for the 2023-2024 budget period. As a resident of this municipality, I strongly object to the proposed increase in inflation due to the lack of justification for such an increase based on the services provided by the municipality. While I understand that inflation is a natural part of any economy, I believe that it is unreasonable to increase the burden on taxpayers without a clear explanation of the services that justify the increase. The municipality must be transparent in its decision-making process and provide residents with a clear understanding of why such an increase is necessary. As a taxpayer, I am deeply invested in the services provided by the municipality, but I do not believe that the proposed inflation increase is justified. I urge the municipality to reconsider this decision and provide more transparency in its decision-making process.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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707	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Wayne Meyer ERF 3177	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
708	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gail Rossini	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, we request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
709	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Penelope Houreld erf no 386	1. The rates apart from sewerage are WAY ABOVE inflation rate of 5.3%, as well as Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. This budget is totally unaffordable and equates to a 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. EXAMPLES 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability Looking forward to a favourable outcome for ALL concerned.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
710	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Richard Laubscher Erf No 101489000	1. The proposed tariff increases exceed both headline inflation and National Treasury's recommendations of 4.7% to 5.3%. 2. The Draft Budget's projected double-digit tariff increases could potentially be unaffordable for many Knysna residents. 3. The tariff increase for Knysna is greater than that of numerous other Western Cape municipalities. 4. The Treasury has advised against "rate shocks," rendering the proposed 33% increase questionable. 5. There is a lack of service delivery in Wards 9 and 10, with issues such as potholes, George Rex Drive surface problems, and inconsistent sewerage treatment. Adequate services must be ensured before increasing tariffs. 6. The Draft Budget does not allocate funds for fixing George Rex Drive, which poses a serious safety risk for pedestrians and cyclists on the Leisure Isle causeway and the last kilometer to the NSRI at the Heads. 7. The municipality must be conscious of its obligation to provide services in exchange for the rates, taxes, and charges collected. 8. For Knysna to flourish as a tourist destination with benefits for all residents, Knysna must be seen as an attractive and safe destination for visitors. Our lack of service delivery in the widest context is increasingly allowing Knysna to become less sought after as a prime destination.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry

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711	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Roelien Kapp	Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be targeted over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these untargeted valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. (This is unreasonable increase to all homeowners) According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid as well as bond repaying residents who needs to adjust bond payments every time the interest rate goes up, and this has a dramatic effect on our economy as all other expenses also increase due to interest rates and the increased fuel price! 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance. Refuse is not being collected on schedule times/days therefore our streets are filled with and not to mention that the municipality has not been doing any maintenance on our town to accommodate the growth and better the infrastructure, but all remain untouched. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,7% to all electrical services, e.g., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. Yet we are faced with 6 plus hours of loadshedding each day. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. I urge the municipality to reconsider the proposed budget and most importantly the Rates increase. (I feel that the proposed increases are unrealistic as the majority of Knysna are residents who are working and only face if lucky a 4% increase per year or every second year to cater for inflation and rising cost)	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
712	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ashleigh Smith	I would like to add my voice to the MANY that are objecting to this absolutely ridiculous proposed hike in rates to 33%. How exactly does the Knysna Municipality expect lower to middle working class families to afford this? As if my retrenchment during Covid 19 was not enough, I was then forced to apply for jobs that pays way lower than what I can afford. It is common knowledge to everyone except the privileged few amongst us, that the salaries paid in Knysna are not on par with the price of rentals and utilities and the general price of living, taking into account fuel hikes, electricity hikes, water hikes and inflation of food prices. I have had to make huge adjustments to my budget including cancelling insurance and medical aid just to be able to afford the small home that my children and I are currently living in. My children and I live without any luxuries, even having fruit in our home is a luxury. I am a single mother of two children under the age of 18 and am solely responsible for their expenses such as schooling, doctor bills, medication, clothing, food, extra murals, birthdays etc. I am already under debt counselling and if my rent goes up due to the increase in rates I will literally drown and I despair for the future of my children and myself. The proposed 2023/2024 municipal budget will effectively cripple the working class people that keep this town alive. Without the working class in Knysna, Knysna will become a ghost town except during tourist season, and even then, who will be left to run the restaurants, shops and hotels that the tourists come to our town for? I beg you, please do not cripple us with this increase in rates? My rent will be increased and my children and I will have nowhere to go as there is simply no more room in my budget to pay anymore.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
713	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Jennifer Barbara Rennie Erf :785	1. The enormous inflated rate of daily electricity charges. Shortly I will only be able to pay for the facility without actually buying any usable electricity. 2. The increase of rates since I moved here in 2017 is not acceptable and works out at a 33% increase. 3. Knysna Municipality does not seem to have heeded any recommendations from the Auditor General going forward. 4. Senior ratepayers such as myself are in dire straits. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1m. Furthermore, the rateable amount for pensioners be ONLY the difference between the threshold and YOUR valuation of the property. ie. If you have valued a property at R1,5m rates only payable on the R500 000 should the threshold be increased to R1m. 5. Budget priorities should be as follows: More streamlined office procedures and management in order to improve general service delivery at all levels – particularly pertinent refuse removal and hygiene. The appointment of people who have a proven track record of SUCCESS and excellence, not just via qualifications and previous places of employ. 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry
714	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Jonathan Lown Erf P120 of Farm	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. _____ 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
715	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Roy Raymond ERF Number 1566	Municipal valuations: These have increased dramatically. These still have to be ratified. However these are used to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32% Price increase of Municipal services are above inflation of 5.3%. Water at 9% - there has been poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance. Electricity 18.5% The effect of the budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. This budget will be crippling to homeowners and especially all the pensioners who have settled in Knysna.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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716	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Dr AJ Brough	1.1 An operating revenue budget, excluding capital grants, of R1.217 billion, and operating expenditure equates to R1.215 billion for the 2023/2024 financial year. This leaves an operating surplus of merely R1.432 million. 1.2 The total capital expenditure budget is R126.7 million for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. This expenditure will be funded through government grants of R82.6 million, external loans of R38.8 million and own internal reserves of R5.2 million. 1.3 Year-on-year the Rates Operating Revenue for the new financial year reflects a 32.9% increase on the current 2022-23 financial year (From R258 519 581 for 2022-2023 forecast to increase to R343 446 646 for 2023-24) What does this all mean for ratepayers/residents/business owners/tenants? 1.4 We ran 9 different scenarios using models for vacant land, pensioners, indigents, guest houses, domestic households, businesses, and agricultural property. We were shocked to see that the combined effect of the new property rates (together with the proposed water, sanitation and electricity tariffs) results in us paying anything between 9.4% and 30% more year-on-year! Pensioners could expect to pay 21% more. On an R2.2 million property, the net effect of the increased electricity tariff and the increased property rates alone would mean an increase of 21%. The Way Forward 2.1 We have until the 10th of May, 2023, to table objections and comments. You are welcome to use the letter below as a guide. Also feel free to use your own wording and add your submission after point 4 and onwards. If you are a pensioner look specifically at point	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
717	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Mae Claassen ERF number: 3-00198-000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9%. 2. This budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase which will lead to economic hardship for businesses and the man on the street. 3. Residents are paying for the service of law enforcement, however due to a shortage of enough human resources there are grave concerns over ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: ☐ Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste ☐ Law and Order enforcement ☐ Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. In particular to all rates, apart from tariff for sanitation, all the other rates are way above the target headline inflation rate.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;
718	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Debbie Bird ERF 4625	The net effect of this budget is unaffordable and translates to a 33% year on year increase. These rates will for a lot of people not be affordable and also will not be an incentive for others wishing to relocate here. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's Auditor Genrals strong recommendations of cutting operational costs by 20% year on year. Budget priorities should be - Maintenance of infrastructure - Road Water waste - Law and order enforcement - Reduction of local government workforce - Reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;

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719	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Cindy Hoffmann erf 702 Brenton on Lake	1) All rates apart from sanitation are above inflation and the Treasury guideline – I cannot afford an above inflation increase on water, sanitation etc. – already the electricity increase is unaffordable. 2) The property rates" rate in the rand" has remained unchanged, but due to the huge increase in my property valuation, my proposed rates adjustment is unaffordable – I have objected to the valuation, but as yet received no reply. 3) How do you justify that property rates in Knysna are higher than Cape Town, George, Bitou, Mossel Bay etc – I could not find a single municipality in the Western Cape that charged higher rates than Knysna 4) The "rate in the rand" should be reduced and the exemption amount increased to at least R1 million. 5) Lack of Service delivery: Sanitation – we live in the Woods which is serviced by a communal septic take that serves the Woods and Ridgeway There is no budget for the linking of Lake Brenton to the main sewage line. This is an ecological and humanitarian health crisis. The existing tank is so silted up that it cannot contain the sewage from these 2 developments. Pending the linking of LB to the main line: - The existing tank needs to be thoroughly emptied of the silt and sand deposits - The tank needs to be emptied regularly to prevent sewage back up - When this does not happen, the tank overflows and ends up in the lagoon - The sewage backs up into our toilets and sometimes overflows into our home - The sewage also overflows the sewage manholes in our gardens resulting in impossible living conditions and possible health issues for human and pets Storm Water drainage system – this has been budgeted for, but it is obvious that the amount of R1.4 million is too little. The project also needs to be fast tracked, as this is adding to our septic tank and sewage problems. Law enforcement – due to lack of either resources or political will, nothing is done about the erection of illegal living structures along the lagoon, main roads, as well as the vagrants that plague our town – a homeless shelter and other interventions are required. Fixing of the Brenton Community Hall – it is shocking that this community asset has been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair that it is not safe for use, yet NOTHING has been budgeted for its repair – this needs to be remedied urgently and the repairs commenced. Picking up of litter down Dolly Raats and along the lagoon – we see numerous workers along the Brenton main road, picking up litter, when there is little to be picked up, yet they are not instructed to come down Dolly Raats and along the lagoon, where there are copious amounts of litter that need to be picked up – please allocate this resource better to ensure that this is taken care of. We as Ward 5 contribute substantially to the coffers of the municipality, yet our issues are continually overlooked.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;- R Parry;
720	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Melanie Page Erf: 3102	1. All intended rates increases apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target - headline inflation rate of 5.37%, ...electricity 18.50 and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% a year on year, therefore running into losses, and being unable to deliver proper services to the community. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of careful allocation of resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegality and general lawlessness, which cause increased crime. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security to all residents. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget, as they do not earn salaries, but live off 'M saving\$. As a relief measure, for proper owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. If jobs are to be created for the local Knysna community, then businesses must grow and be encouraged to open in a town which is properly governed and cared for. Therefore Municipal Budget priorities should be as follows, Maintenance of infrastructure - keeping roads good, water supply and hygienic waste removal. Effective Law and Order enforcement to deter crime and lawlessness. A morally decent, efficient, effective local government workforce, who are accountable to the town folk and responsible to its people. ~~Reduction in pensionable and Municipal salaries whilst increasing~~	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
721	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gaynor Azzie Erf 115283000 Area 567	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above the target - headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. Knysna Municipality has disregarded the recommendations of cutting Operational Expenses by 0% year on Year 3. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. The lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems , and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 4. The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create problems for our pensioners and lower income earners already affected by Covid and loadshedding, 5. Budget priorities should be as follows Maintenance of infrastructure, roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce (cutting Operational Expenditure by 20 % year on year) 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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722	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Michael John Pretorius and Lynn Yvette Pretorius Portion 41 of the Farm 203	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the services of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, we request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R10000 000 5. We reside in Elandsdraal, and receive very few services from the municipality, we rely on rain for our water, compost our rubbish, maintain our own farm servitude roads. We are not residential, and do organic farming here. After the huge increase in rates after the Knysna Fires and the loss of our business due to this, with no compensation which was promised by the municipality, as pensioners we have found it very hard to pay the extremely high rates that have been billed to us directly after the fire/devastation of our farm in 20217.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
723	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gaynor Azzie Erf 115283000 Area 567	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above the target -headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2.The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year on year increase. Knysna Municipality has disregarded the recommendations of cutting Operational Expenses by 0% year on Year 3.We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. The lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems , and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 4.The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create problems for our pensioners and lower income earners already affected by Covid and loadshedding. 5.Budget priorities should be as follows Maintenance of infrastructure,roads,water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce(cutting Operational Expenditure by 20 % year on year) 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
724	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MARIANNE RICHARDS erf 10205800	1.Municipal valuations have raised the values of properties that still have to be ratified over the next 2 years. The Municipality has used these unrattified valuationsto calculate the new rates and taxes with a rate increase of 10.5%. The tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum permitted increase, 5.3% Headline inflation. (Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation) The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700,000 ,creating enormous burdens for pensioners and low income earners. Everyone is affected by Covid and load shedding as well. 2. Municipal services price increase is above Headline inflation of 5.3 eg. Water was 9% The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7 %to our EasyPay box. Normal municipal budgets are formed to create a cushion between income and expenditure, in anticipation of the difference between budget and actual amount spent. The proposed budget does not allow for this :12.7 o/ows 12.8	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
725	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	PAULING FAMILY TRUST erf 108337000	1.Municipal valuations have raised the values of properties that still have to be ratified over the next 2 years. The Municipality has used these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes with a rate increase of 10.5%. The tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum permitted increase, 5.3% Headline inflation. (Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation) The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700,000 ,creating enormous burdens for pensioners and low income earners. Everyone is affected by Covid and load shedding as well. 2" Municipal services price increase is above Headline inflation of 5.3 eB- Water was 9% The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7 %to our Actaris Meter. Normal municipal budgets are formed to create a cushion between income and expenditure, in anticipation of the difference between budget and actual amount spent. The proposed budget does not allow for this :12.7 %vs 12.8 %	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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726	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ewa SZEWEZENLO Erf 5230	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
727	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Rene Ingrid von platen Erf 1394	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
728	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Michael Kaplan ERF 1528	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
729	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	JANE BEVERLEY WIGG Erf 1934	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation. The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4-7oA and 5.3% needs to be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury - MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO.5/2023) 2. The tariff set needs to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 586 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432104 is unrealistic. The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 7023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Sanitation 5.3% 2 Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average). The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2073/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" - "Must also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" - "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" - "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." - "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll, (c) send, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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730	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	S P Garner Erf 1536	INEFFICIENT EXPENDITURE: My concern is that in the last few years so much warning news has circulated about the inefficiencies of our municipal departments. This is where either performance assessments or personal accountability must be made with possible retrenchment of inefficient workers or some sort of merit-based employment put into action. The budget should shrink by reducing both personnel & salaries. It's time for elected officials to start working for the citizens & not for personal power & reward. INFLATION ISSUES: The inflation rate is less than 6%, so anything greater than this is just not fair or equitable. Already the increased electricity costs & the decreased electricity service has forced many of us to finance alternative power. My business cannot afford further costs without considering whether to discontinue operation. PROPERTY VALUATION ISSUES: The proposed increases in property rates on the basis on increased property values is actually out of step with the realities on the ground. Although the Garden Route has experienced an increase in housing demand in George & Plett, Knysna has dissuaded potential buyers due to overvaluation of individual properties & already high rates. A property's value is connected not only to a "desirable sense of place" but also to the stability of the local governing body regarding its sustained vision & efficient progress of its elected officials. Thus far, the last few years (decades actually) are APPALLING due to infighting for power & political control in Knysna as well as nationally! The track record of provision of good governance, good security, good infrastructure (roads, water, sewage, etc) is completely missing... so to ask for more money simply perpetuates the existing "human resources" problem & feeds into the poor grass-roots reputation of Knysna itself. Also, recent property values & both new & existing business ventures have lost their appeal due to the recent EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS limiting the export of currency. Less interest in investment overall has occurred within the last few weeks... Proposed property valuation increases of up to 39% are unrealistic. More realistic is DEVALUATION! IN CONCLUSION: I am certain that there are many more questionable budget increases of which I am not qualified to quantify, but with respect, I strongly object to the Knysna Municipal Draft Budget 2023-2024 for the reasons stipulated above.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
731	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Derek Fregona Erf 533	- The proposed increases in the Knysna property valuations are as yet unratified and are the highest of the regional municipalities - Simultaneously, the tariff percentages, also the highest in the region, are being raised - Needless to say, the combination of these two factors will result in much higher rate payments and the increase will far exceed the already high South African inflation rate - Again, if these excessive increases are implemented and, even if future increases are restricted to the inflation rate, the highly inflated starting base will maintain future rates above an acceptable level which will have a negative effect not only on individuals but businesses as well. The business effect could potentially result in business closures and resultant job losses and also turn investors away from Knysna - Knysna Municipality has ignored the recommendations by the Treasury and the Auditor General to cut operating expenditure by 20% year on year. More attention needs to be given to reducing the local government workforce and to inflated remuneration packages	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
732	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Penny Costley-White ERF 1958	1.Rates I am particularly concerned about the municipal valuations of properties. These appear to be substantially raised and the rates and taxes calculated based on these raises. This results in a 32% rates increase. This is not acceptable. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation the tariff should be adjusted to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3% Headline inflation. On top of this raise I noted when I saw the Municipal Roll in January of this year that my house had been listed as a business. I have owned ERF number 1958, 1 Recreation Road, Leisure Isle since 2003 and it has never been a business. It is a private home. I submitted an objection to this categorisation in January of this year. Since then I have heard nothing from Knysna Municipality with regard to this objection. 2.Municipal Services The price increase of Municipal services is also above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water is at 9%. Electricity has been increased by 18.7% for all electrical services with a very inadequate and 'disruptive' supply. This too is unacceptable and needs to be reassessed.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
733	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Francois Carstens ERF: 102316000	- All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. - Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. - Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. - We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. - Priorities should be: - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;

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734	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Maria David Roberts 463 Mountain Rose Drive	Rates Ratable value The objections to the process, method and errors was commented on in the objection to that process. Rate cents in the rand The applied rate of ,0083571 had not been changed from the rate used in the 2022/2023 budget, even though the properties were revalued at resale value and higher. The general practice is to value the property just below market value, then reduce the value of the cents in the rand and increase the rate in the balance of the years covered by the valuation. Examples of rates used by other municipalities in the Western Cape for 2022/23 year Bitou 0,0056 Mosselbaai 0,0039 Cape Town 0,006344 George 0,008219 Both George and Cape Town have done a revaluation of properties this year, Cape Town are reducing the cents in the rand by 1,12%, George by about 25% to ,005846 for the 2023/2024 year (from ,008219 to ,005846). Income from rates The income from rates will increase by 13.5% (adjusted to give the municipality the benefit of the increase in the properties by category) which exceeds the guidelines issued by Government of just under 7%. This guideline	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova /N Fundi
735	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	BRIAN DAVIDSON Erf : 216	L. Municipal valuations have been significantly raised for properties in Brenton Park and in Brenton in general. The Municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate average increase af 32%. I have not been informed of how these new valuations have been arrived at and what calculations or formula have been used. Some Units within Brenton Park which have lagoon views for example have not been rated higher than those that have no views hereas they should have been. My unit is at a low level and has no view at all. This demonstrates that valuations seem to have been done purely on house size and nothing else. tf the Brenton Park properties were undervalued previously the Municipality cannot and should not in one swoop suddenly increase the rates in 23124 Budget to compensate for previous years. As pensioners we simply cannot afford to pay these increases in one go. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget I request that the municipality bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700,000. This will create significant hardship for us. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water supply has beenincreased by around 9% despite poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding.The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of t8.7% to all electrical services, e.g. Pay-as-you-go boxes and availability. It is significant to note that we at Brenton Park have our own bespoke Sewerage Treatment Plant and internal sewer reticulation network over which the Municipality has no jurisdiction and therefore they incur no maintenance costs whatsoever. The cost of sewerage treatment is covered in our levies. Has this been taken into account? This is important and should be taken into account when the ratable values of the houses within Brenton Park are calculated. 3. The room for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Marree;- R Parry;

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736	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Steven Adamson: ERF: 113023000	1. COVID had a disastrous financial toll on our finances. We used up all our savings. There was no financial help from Government. Overseas tourist numbers are still not back to pre-pandemic levels. We simply cannot afford the increase of: - o Electricity - 18.65% - o Water - 9% - r Sanitation - 5.30/o - o Refuse -6% - r Rates-From 15% Increasing room prices to cover the municipal increases is not going to work as South African households are currently in dire financial stress and do not have the money for travel. Over the last 2 years we've cut costs to the bare essentials. We cannot cut anymore, and we certainly can't absorb these exorbitant budget increases. Our only option is to close down the business and dismiss our staff. I therefore object to these increases and further request that increases are not more than the official CPI (5.3%). 2. I also object to the property rates increase specifically. There seems to be numerous errors with the valuation roll and basing a budget on an incorrect valuation roll is fool-hardy and irresponsible. I recommend that the new valuation roll be suspended for a full calendar year and / or until the roll is ratified as being complete and accurate. The old valuation roll has to be used for budget purposes. 3. The table A below shows property rates for towns/cities in the Western cape. Table A: Residential property rates comparison As per 2023 budgets, excluding charges for services and rebates. Municipality Rates % Exclusions ** Property Rates Payable Cape Town 0.006273 R435 000 25 500 Stellenbosch 0.005100 R250 000 2L 675 Mossel Bay 0.003633 R125 000 15 903 George 0.005846 R230 000 24960 Ymsna 0.008357 8150 000 36.3x3	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
737	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Suzanne Barnes	1. Municipal valuations have raised the values of properties that still have to be ratified over the next 2 years. The Municipality has used these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes with a rate increase of 42Yo. The tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum permitted increase, 5.3% Headline inflation. (Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation) The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700,000 ,creating enormous burdens for pensioners and low income earners. Everyone is affected by Covid and load shedding as well. 2* Municipal services price increase is above Headline inflation of 5.3 eB- Water was 9% The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7 %to our Actaris Meter. Normal municipal budgets are formed to create a cushion between income and expenditure, in anticipation of the difference between budget and actual amount spent. The proposed budget does not allow for this :12.7 %vs 12.8 %	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
738	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	SA COOK ERF 202415000	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 534/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
739	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	R G Bohmer & L S Bohmer ERF 915	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 534/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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740	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gill Celliers	I must object to the current budget as the examples while random * caused confusion as to how you assessed property values * required greater depth of explanation as your examples conflicted. The budget figures when compared to Cape Town along Garden Route to Plettenberg bay are * the highest percentage ratio * lowest base exemption This equates to a very high rates adjustment. To date the area no street lights, two suburbs have no sewerage security, outstanding property exchanges have stalled between municipality and one complex due to municipality failure to complete Roads degrading fast. A speaker stood up and declared we were " the best payers". The backbone of rates compliance I guess. Yet the majority of the attendees last night were pensioners- fixed incomes with little excess. Knysna isn't Cape Town or George or Plett. It is a retiree destination and a tourist point except due to collapse of the Tourist initiative in Knysna, it lacks strength and direction there. I gather it's leaderless. Knysna isn't beautiful, energised, industrialised, employment focused and so cannot retain the young and cannot attract the private businesses in any capacity to change that. I venture Knysna is in decline. There is no obvious growth. The tourist who do come, come for private ventures like skydiving, whale watching etc. This is not a municipality that drives the attractiveness the way Cape Town can	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
741	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Karin Noeline Ritchie erf_____	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
742	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	P vd Merwe Erf 126	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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743	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Colette Erdis Erf Number: 90965300	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o, electricity 18.5o/o and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20o/o year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o, electricity 18.5o/o and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20o/o year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
744	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	LI Bailey Unit 358	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Brouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Marree;-R Parry;-
745	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	C EASTWELL ERF 2414	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
746	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Lynne& T Kay Erf 2569	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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747	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Mark Tunner	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
748	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	A. Duvenage ERF 201348000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
749	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	J. ESSEDRUP ERF 201582000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
750	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Vanessa & M EIBIG Erf 1449	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. We are still waiting for our building deposit to be paid out (almost 2 years) and on thunaaffordable rate increase is unacceptable	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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751	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Wilhemina ve Lange erf 201602000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
752	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	B. Randall ERF1286	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
753	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Hans Werner Erich Funke Portion No 98/203	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to at least R1 000 000. 4. Please take note that I am NOT objecting to my property valuation increase of 300% for the period 2023-2028. My concern is that my property, formerly zoned as "Agricultural", then later changed to "Non Urban Domestic", is now categorized as "Residential". 5. I am a 77 year old retired bona fide farmer living on my 5.2865 Ha sub-division of my former farm Por 39/203 Elandskraal, district Knysna. Having no son to take over the farming from me, I sold the original farm in 2004. Since several years ago my neighbour is hiring my old shed on my sub-division Por 98/203 to do mushroom farming, thus some farming is still being done on my property, (I submitted photographs as proof of this to Knysna Municipality on 15 February 2023 when I handed in completed form C: AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS OR FARMS together with motivations letter). 6. As a retired farmer too old to continue farming personally, I hope and expect to receive the same rebate on my property that a bona fide farmer receives, and I should not be penalised by my age for not being able to continue farming personally. I request that my property be categorized as "Agricultural/Rural". 7. I do not receive municipal services such as water, electricity, refuse removal, road maintenance etc that urban residents enjoy. We get rainwater from our roof into tanks, electricity direct from Eskom, very minimal road maintenance, and our organic waste is composted. I appeal therefore that my new rate be determined in line with reasonable statutory inflation	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
754	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gill Celliers	How do you justify 32% increase for salaries? You don't need more people- you need better people who are target motivated, hard working and committed to the town. I recommend you ask everyone to re- apply for their jobs and streamline the waste out. Some areas are excellent- but in this budget engagement that is not the underlying sentiment, This is a criminal increase and with inflation under 10% you are self serving more than civil servant I will use this word- it's shameful.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova /N Fundl

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755	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	SIMON Erf 201541000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 00 5. We had a stroke cant work and have a small pension every month cant afford these price hikes the unrealistic	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
756	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	B.Levendal ERF 4538	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 00	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
757	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MK PELSER ERF 1335	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 00	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
758	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	R I Vermulen Erf 4529	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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759	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	R H LOMBARD ERF 1300	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
760	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Chris Vn Der walt erf 1613	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
761	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	JE BRITTON ERF 1439	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
762	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	JC LOMBARD ERF 1299	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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763	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	E POVEY ERF 201541000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
764	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MANDY PELSER ERF 1370	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
765	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	SYBIL M BENNETT ERF200933000	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
766	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	J Lurie Erf 204548000	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
767	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	A J VAN JAARSVELDT ERF 1294	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
768	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ann Felicity Louise Stambolie	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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769	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	L Berner Erf 204520000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
770	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Mark Pretorius Erf 3692	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
771	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Sylvia Twine Erf 201505000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
772	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	OLIVIA ERF 1307	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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773	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	AMANDA THOMAS ERF 1339	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
774	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	L DE BEER ERF 201508000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
775	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Jang ann wood ERF 4531	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
776	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	H SPENGLER ERF 204622000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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777	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Y J KERR ERF 201229000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
778	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	H JOHAN ERF 202892000	1. All rates apart from E778:G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
779	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Chris de Jager ERF1339	1. All rates apart from E778:G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
780	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Daniel Williams Erf 1517	1. All rates apart from E778:G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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781	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Maureen E . Stoman ERF 201407000	1. All rates apart from E778-G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. As A PROPERTY OWNER I DONT AGREE WITH THE HIGH RATES INCREASE AS ITS HARD TO COPE WITH ALL THE INCREASES. THE SERVICE DELIVERY HARDLY	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
782	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	C.D BILLET ERF 4486	1. All rates apart from E778-G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
783	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Christa M. Oesch ERF 201508000	1. All rates apart from E778-G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
784	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Kathleen V. Graam(Adams) JERF1509	1. All rates apart from E778-G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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785	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Justin Croucher Portion 75	1. All rates apart from E778-G778m the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. wWe used to get sewerage removal and now only get garbage removal for our monies please can you readdress thi	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
786	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Marc Anton Conradie and Debra' Elaine Conradie19 and 26 SS Seabreeze Villas 82 259/2005, Erf 2077, Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above target headline infla on rates of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effec ve 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor-General's strong recommenda ons regarding the reduc on of Opera onal Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the con nued errec on of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. An insufficient amount has been allocated in the budget to the repair and rehabilita on of the parking area at the mouth of the Sedgfield lagoon, despite this area being damaged by flood waters many years back and this area being the prime recrea on area of the town for residents and visitors to the town. 6. No specific alloca on has been made in the budget for the rehabilita on and repair of roads in Sedgfield that are severely potholed and a disgrace to drive on. 7. The budget reflects an insufficient amount of municipal expenditure in Sedgfield as compared to the total amounts of rates that are collected by the municipality from the ratepayers of Sedgfield.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
787	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23				
788	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gerrit Brits ERF 23	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. This will increase our rent and make it unaffordable	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
789	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	AJ Schrenk Unit 4, Erf 3177	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
790	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	LORRAINE COULSON erf1579	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
791	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Janice Gibson ERF 414	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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792	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Paul Van de Sande Erf 414	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
793	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	FRANCETTE VAN DER WESTHUIZEN ERF 201270000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
794	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	BH GARNER ERF201325000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
795	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	SALLY ANN RUSSELL ERF 201861000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
796	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	WENDY OLDFIELD ERF 1317	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
797	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	GLORIA D . SCOTT ERF 204517000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
798	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MILTON ERF 2002590000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
799	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	ISHERWOOD A.W.E & M ERF4464	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova
800	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	FREEMAN - WILLIAM EDWARD ERF20445	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/ Ivan van Wyk/CFO Busi Kova

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801	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	CORNELIUS M DU PLOOY ERF 2816	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
802	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Charmain Eatwell Erf 164	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a retired Sedgefield residence the proposed budget for Knysna Municipality is and will be unacceptable and unaffordable. I hereby object t budget	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
803	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	M . Harris ERF 4529	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
804	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	K J MOSTERT ERF 1353	1. All rates apart fr+E804.G804om the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
805	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	PG VURGARELLS ERF201294000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
806	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	ALICE E. VORSTER ERF 204526000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
807	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Darryl Greyer Erf 1276	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Vagrance living in the envirogarden not evicted by law enforcement,pothold gravel road no maintained	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Marree;-R Parry;

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808	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	D Bredell ERF 2015	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Servive delivery poor	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
809	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Andre murray Julian ERF 1481	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
810	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	BERNARD PAKES ERF 202404000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
811	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	SIMPSON ERF201205000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
812	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Roma de Bruyn ERF 1390	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
813	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	NOBLE ANN- MARIE ERF202410000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Increase is just too much for pensioners no service delivery. non existance!!!!	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
841	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Peter Winter F17 Fairmile Drive, Thesen Island	1. All rates apart from the for sewerage increase are way above-target inflation rate of 5,3%. With the national increase on Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to 33% increase. 3. You have ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's recommendations to lower Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Budget Priorities should be as follows: • Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste and of the town its self • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability. • Increase the maintenance on infrastructure of the town	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouswer-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry
815	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	B.P GERBER ERF204412000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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816	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	CP DEMETRIU ERF2562	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-T Biyela
817	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Daniel Motzouris Erf 1520	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. We all already struggling with loadshedding and overall cost of living price hikes. The proposed increase in rates is consider high than interest, property valuation or salary	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova
818	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Juliet Perkin ERF 201494000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. We the ratepayers and residence of Sedgfield employ. you work for us however you are not doing your jobs of providing services and maintaining infrastructure	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova
819	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Clarke Claire Erf 1603	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova
820	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	M.V HARRIS ERF 4539	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova
821	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Lillian Nerville Erf1519	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. We are pensioners and are struggling to pay rates as it is. The increase is significantly higher than the inflation rate	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova
822	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Amanda Jane Nel ERF 2015	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As a widow and the pensioner it is becoming more difficult	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova
823	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Delia Levendal Erf 4535	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFD Busi Kova

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824	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Clive Neville ERF 1519	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. We are objecting to the increase in rates as the property has increase in value	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
825	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Shirlane Mostert Erf 1411	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Annually we see these increase in fees but have never seen improvement in service delivery	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
826	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Susanah V. Jaarsveld Erf 1294	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
827	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	B. Gerard 18 van Niekerk Street	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
828	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	H. Fourie ERF 409	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
829	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Daleen Schooling Erf 201505000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
830	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MYNHARDT TE & LE ERF 4524 Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
831	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	KLURKOW ERF 2404	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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832	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	D.W. Tomlinson ERF82	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
833	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Caroline Harris ERF 204521000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
834	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	HAROLD STUART DOUBELL ERF 2015	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
835	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Barbara Mulcahy Erf Number: 817 Lake Brenton	1. Municipality valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget we request the municipality to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5.3% Headline Inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water was 9% despite the poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, e.g. Pay-as-you-go boxes and availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this: 12.7% vs 12.8%. 4. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-
836	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	G & R NANCARROW ERF 4583	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
837	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Melissa van der Westhuizen	1. The Municipality has significantly increased property valuations, which have not yet been ratified. Despite this, the Municipality is using these unrattified valuations to calculate new rates and taxes, resulting in a rate increase of 32%. This is in contravention of the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, which suggests that the tariff should be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3% headline inflation. Furthermore, the rebate structure for properties valued over R700,000 has been nullified, which will cause significant hardship for pensioners and low-income earners, who are already struggling due to Covid and load shedding. 2. The Municipality has increased the prices of municipal services above the headline inflation rate of 5.3%. For example, the price of water has increased by 9%, despite poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during load shedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, including Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability. 3. The proposed budget does not provide for a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. With a difference of only 0.1%, i.e., 12.7% vs. 12.8%, the proposed budget does not allow for any unforeseen expenses that may arise during the fiscal year. In light of the above, I urge the Municipality to reconsider its proposed budget and take corrective actions to address the issues highlighted in this objection.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;- T Biyela
838	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	GLYNIS CHRISTINA VOGEL :91 Bayswater Drive, Leisure Isle, KNYSNA	strongly object to the proposed tariff increases, namely: water, electricity, sanitation, refuse and RATES AND TAXES, which are not fair to ALL consumers. I have already objected to the proposed enormous increase in my rates and taxes. These proposed increases are completely unaffordable and SHOULD be based the same as the inflation rate which is between 4.7% and 5.3%. The proposed increase, I believe, is unlawful and unconstitutional.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
839	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Helen Angela Jakoby Erf # 1716	make my submission regarding above as follows, we are both pensioners in our 70's with a fixed monthly pension income. I fail to understand why Knysna Municipality does not stick to recommendations as laid down by national treasury, our friends, left a few years ago for George, where they enjoy first class services at affordable prices we live a frugal life, collect as much water as we can, so there is more available for other people we have a septic tank, cut our grass on pavement and park, recycle, and resort, our refuse. Knysna Municipality is sending my monthly statement by e-Mail and we have always paid on time, you do have our e-Mail address. But we have not been notified of a new valuation roll to date, which is unconstitutional and we therefore object in the strongest manner, as the Municipal Manager failed in his duty to do so. Our property is at Erf 1716 25 Tidswell Avenue, Leisure Isle, Knysna, Private Dwelling, current Value R 4400000. I strongly recommend that you stick to national recommendations as this town cannot afford many residents leaving, also Knysna depends on events and tourism and we need to attract more tourists not chase them away, lets get Knysna going forward and not kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Knysna	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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840	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	M H Franklin : 16 Hamock Island. Thesen Islands	budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: - Water 9% - Electricity 18.5% - Sanitation 5.3% - Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. The above tariff increases will result in disinvestment in our Town, due to services and rates and taxes being unaffordable. Knysna will become a GHOST TOWN! The weak economic growth our town as experienced post Covid, has put huge pressure on the consumer's ability to pay. 7. Tariff increases must be realigned to the recommended inflation by Treasury of between 4.7% to 5.3%. 8. It is well known that SALGA have a legal application against NERSA tariff decision to the Constitution of RSA which is being heard in the High Court of South Africa Gauteng Division early in May 2023. It is unacceptable to expect residents to pay the proposed electricity increase of 18.65% on all electrical services, e.g. Pay as you Go boxes, Availability etc. 9. Tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 10. Property Rates The Municipality's valuations of properties have been increased exorbitantly with many increased by 50% to 100% and some even as much as 300%, in the New Valuation Roll 2023/ 2028.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
841	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Tennant at Erf Number 201267000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.30/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 330/o year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 Please me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Sans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
842	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Clive and Priscilla Watson ERF 1-1 1312-000	1/ The tariff increases proposed are above inflation. We understand that the recommendation by Treasury, of increases between 4.7 and 5.3%, MUST be taken into account when preparing the 2023/2024 MTREF municipal budgets. (refer to circular 122 dated December 2022 and circular 123 dated March 2023 respectively). It is clear that there is not an option here. The word MUST in the official documents, reflects a compulsion and not a choice. 2/ We believe that the Tariff increase needs to be affordable to residents. 3/ Proposed increases in the Draft budget MTREF 2023/2024, effective from 1 July 2023, are mostly above Headline inflation eg. - Electricity services @18.5%. We understand that the price for electricity itself is going up but this should not include ALL electricity services. The government recommended a price hike of 150/o - on what grounds are you putting it up 18.5% - Water @ 9/o - Is this just for the water or for all service charges and what would be your justification? - Property rates at an average of 33% 4/ Assessment Rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the Same Tariff as last year, according to circular 122 dated 1 Dec 2022. This circular states that "Municipalities implementing a new valuation roll on 1 July 2023 MUST apply tariffs on the new roll in an EQUITABLE MANNER to avoid rate shocks. We find the proposed increase in property rates to be illegal in terms of official directives of the State, and untenable. 5/ We have not yet received a Section 49 notice pertaining to our property, as is required of your municipality, according to the MPR Act sect 49(1)(c). Our residential property is Erf 1-11312-00A. We therefore submit and object to the entry of our residential property on the draft valuation roll for 2023, as it currently stands. I believe that the current GVR 2017 he extended by a further year as allowed by s 2j.(p)(t)(f), as this will allow for valuation and tariff increase issues to be resolved equitably. The draft valuation roll 2023-2028 would therefore only become effective 1 July 2024	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova

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843	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Concannon A & B ERF 201345000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resource\$ has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being pa(icularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000" 5. THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES IS SCANDALUOS AND TATALLY OUTSIDE THE COST OF LIVING ANNUAL INCREASE 6. Please e me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
844	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	ROB LOGAN ERF 4605	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resource\$ has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being pa(icularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000" 6. Please e me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
845	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MAYS MG & LO Erf 201433000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way abovetarget headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33oh year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Pensioner will not be able to afford year to year exhorbitation tariffs and reject the object to 2023/2024 draft budget 6. Plea p me with a COLLAB reference num this SSION	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
846	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Louise Calder	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way abovetarget headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is rmade for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. I am a widow pensioner and these increase are way above my affordability 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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847	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Alexa George,	The price increase of Municipal services is above the headline inflation rate of 5.3%. For instance, water prices have risen by 9%, despite poor management, vandalism, and inadequate maintenance during load shedding. Furthermore, the budget extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, such as Pay-as-you-Go boxes and availability. The Municipal valuations have significantly increased property values, which are yet to be ratified in the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, resulting in a rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase of 5.3% Headline inflation. Additionally, the rebate structure has been eliminated for properties valued over R 700,000, which will cause hardship for pensioners and lower-income earners who have already been affected by Covid and load shedding. Municipal budgets typically create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the difference between the budget and actual spending. However, the proposed budget has a 0.1% differential, which does not allow for such a buffer. For instance, the proposed revenue increase is 12.7%, while the expenditure increase is 12.8%.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova
848	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Fernando Seabra ERF 3564	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
849	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	June Cattell& Tarryn Bentley ERF 126	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. Recycle bags not supplied lack of funds for public toilets unreliable water supply (blue water meter) 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
850	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Martin Hatchuel at 5A Fraser Street	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6. Priorities should be: • Maintenance of Infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste • Law and Order enforcement • Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-
851	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Helen Hill ERF 203/40	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are well above the target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Housing for low income households should be a budget priority for 2023/24. 4. We request that adequate budget provision is made for necessary law enforcement across the region to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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852	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	D. Fenner ERF 1238	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
853	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Sharon Brown ERF number: 1-03604-000	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for our pensioners and lower-income earners already affected by Covid and load shedding. 2. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9%. 3. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 4. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 5. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. (Knysna cannot afford to find itself in a situation like that which Graskop finds itself in) 6. Although we are paying for amenities and services, there is an abysmal record of maintenance. Our household has complained about sewerage leaking from the infrastructure that runs downhill from the Garden refuse site for a number of years. Letters, meetings and even meetings with Sanparks and the Green Scorpions has had no positive impact. The pipes block and raw sewerage leaks into the streams that form the Ouplaasspruit. The result is a stench and danger to health. There are days when we cannot open doors or windows because of the stench. 7. Road and verge maintenance: although teams, both municipal and sub-contracted, have cut the pavement grass recently, there is no clearing of the cut grass or cleaning up of the grass and weeds growing into the streets. However, of greater concern are the missing stop signs and traffic lights that have globes not working. The intersection at the N2 and Old Toll has had no amber lights since January 2023. A traffic officer mans that point on a daily basis and yet no action has been taken to replace the bulbs. 6. Priorities should be: - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry:-
854	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	N.L van Aswegen and L. du Preez ERF1495,2568 & 1357	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
855	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Anne Munro	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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856	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Martin te Groen ERF 1389	As residents of Sedgfield it has become more and more clear that our funds are being misappropriated and being spend or stolen on projects outside our community and further that things done are not aligned in Budget In your proposal to Ward 1 you have also declined to show the increase in Municipal tariffs being in some cases in excess of 400% being ludicrous and non aligned in any manner...even when taken on an average through inclusion of electricity, water and RT this average being of more than 60% increase is preposterous and ridiculous The continued increasing of residents taxes in more affluent areas on properties that are in effect "their old age homes" to "cross subsidise" indigent and other householders cannot be justified nor is it sustainable. Further this subsidise and the continued "Robin Hood" policy should be curtailed as you will eventually kill the goose that lays the golden egg. People require employment and that in turn will allow payment of taxes so that ALL people of reasonable income are paying taxes within our area, and at least for water and electricity.. I do not believe that by "giving" people free electricity, water and rates and tax free on cheaper ground that you are doing anyone a favour, hence having to hike the rates in order to feed the politicians and government employees and whatever left rolled out to projects where additional funds can be stolen with shocking service delivery. Instead: STOP the land grabbing, alienation of land and dune destruction through proper policing and removal of illegal immigrants and outsiders to allow job creation for locals and resulting jobs and taxes vs. providing "free" services and attracting more and more persons to our area and resulting in a lower average income to all of us but good for votes to the Governing party? Identify land and provide ownership and services where owners will build their own technology houses suitable for our Geotek and at their own cost (NOT RDP) Your Budget is all just smoke and mirrors and aligned to votes....it should be strongly reconsidered as well as accountability done on where the funds have been misappropriated to for Housing and electrification past projects that have simply now fallen away and then require to be funded from elsewhere? You and your MM, Mayor and Ministers (including housing) lie to us and expect us to just accept what is fed to us..... Your residents are not fools, we are simply wanting service delivery and politicians and government officials that want to WORK and SERVE and NOT steal and Misappropriate. Please go back to the drawing board and align your budgets with National directorate, I can assure you that continued "milking" of Sedgfield (and greater Knysna) residents rates and taxes will be withheld similar to other towns as ratepayers are fed up with you!	Integrated Human Settlements/ Financial Services	Director Housing /CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
857	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Robyn Patz ERF number 4661	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. The municipality should focus on decreasing its spending. Through a decrease in the number of excessively high paying jobs at the municipality. Especially, Political appointees. We need a small function group of technical competent people running our municipality. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
858	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Lalage Viljoen ERF 1665	1. The proposed rates for leisure Isle ward 9 surpass the headline inflation rate of 6.3% This is exorbitant 2. This budget is in effect a 33% year on year increase 3. I am 85 year old widowed pensioner on fixed income and these rates are unaffordable	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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859	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Deline Baker Erf	L. Municipal valuations have been significantly raised for properties in Brenton Park and in Brenton in general. The Municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate average increase of 32%. I have not been informed of how these new valuations have been arrived at and what calculations or formula have been used. Some Units within Brenton Park which have lagoon views for example have not been rated higher than those that have no views whereas they should have been. My unit is at a low level and has no view at all. This demonstrates that valuations seem to have been done purely on house size and nothing else. If the Brenton Park properties were undervalued previously the Municipality cannot and should not in one swoop suddenly increase the rates in 23124 Budget to compensate for previous years. As pensioners we simply cannot afford to pay these increases in one go. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget I request that the municipality bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5.3% Headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700,000. This will create significant hardship for us. 2. The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.3%. Water supply has been increased by around 9% despite poor management, vandalism and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services, e.g. Pay-as-you-go boxes and availability. It is significant to note that we at Brenton Park have our own bespoke Sewerage Treatment Plant and internal sewer reticulation network over which the Municipality has no jurisdiction and therefore they incur no maintenance costs whatsoever. The cost of sewerage treatment is covered in our levies. Has this been taken into account? This is important and should be taken into account when the ratable values of the houses within Brenton Park are calculated. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
860	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Kirsty Kate Hunt Erf 701	Pertaining to revenue, expenditure, service delivery and capital expenditure. PLEASE NOTE – I am self employed. My business has already been hugely affected by Covid and the downturn in the economy. I certainly cannot afford the increases proposed by the Knysna Municipality 1) All rates apart from sanitation are above inflation and the Treasury guideline – I cannot afford an above inflation increase on water, sanitation etc. – already the electricity increase is unaffordable. 2) Property rates in Knysna are higher than Cape Town, George, Bitou, Mossel Bay to name but a few – our service delivery in Knysna has become below standard yet the proposal is to increase them. 4) The "rate in the land" should be reduced and the exemption amount increased to at least R1 million. 5) Lack of Service delivery. Sanitation – The Woods which is serviced by a communal septic in serves the Woods and Ridgeway. The number of house occupants has far exceeded the infrastructure set up for the area. It is appalling that we have toilets just about overflowing often and once overflowing into a bedroom, seepage into our Garden from the manhole. Constant pleading with the Muni and Counsellor Stroebel (who always always tries to assist us) but to no avail. There is no budget for the linking of Lake Brenton to the main sewage line. What happened to the budget?? This is an ecological and humanitarian and health crisis. We are at risk of contamination and illness from sewage in our gardens and houses. The existing tank is never cleaned or emptied properly and cannot cope with the amount of sewage. You, the Municipality have approved the developments but not kept up the infrastructure. Pending the linking of LB to the main line: - The existing tank needs to be thoroughly emptied of the silt and sand deposits or there needs to be a linkage to a second tank to cope with the sewage until the permanent solution is in place. - The tank needs to be emptied regularly to prevent sewage back up. If there is no truck then a plan needs to be made from another municipality. - When this does not happen, the tank overflows and ends up in the lagoon - The sewage backs up into our toilets and sometimes overflows into our homes. - The sewage also overflows the sewage manholes in our gardens resulting in impossible living conditions and possible health issues for human and pets Storm Water drainage system – this has been budgeted for, but it is obvious that the amount of R1.4 million is too little. The project also needs to be fast tracked, as this is adding to our septic tank and sewage problems. Law enforcement – due to lack of either resources or political will, nothing is done about the erection of illegal living structures along the lagoon (railway line), main roads, as well as the vagrants that plague our town. Fixing of the Brenton Community Hall – At last night's meeting we were unable to all be seated in the community hall. A hall that is used for voting and many other community functions. It is shocking that this community asset has been allowed to fall into such a state of disrepair that it is not safe for use, yet NOTHING has been budgeted for its repair – this needs to be remedied urgently and the repairs commenced. Please supply me with a COLLAB reference for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
861	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	CHRISTINE JANE	1. Municipal valuations have substantially and disproportionately raised the values of properties, which needless to say, have legally got to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. This is exploitation and unwarranted. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff has to be adjusted downwards to stay within the 'maximum allowable increase', i.e., 5.3% headline inflation. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for me, as I am already directly affected by post-covid business decline and much more severely the ongoing exorbitant costs of load shedding wrt transport, food, taxes, diesel, water etc, etc. 2. The price increase of the Knysna Municipal services is way above headline inflation of 5.3: e.g. Water was 9% despite us living daily with poor management, ongoing vandalism, undrinkable water and poor to zero maintenance during loadshedding The budget also extends the already exorbitant Eskom price increase of 18.7% to all electrical services. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending, and to allow its citizens to continue living and contributing to the fabric of society. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow the figures as indicated. Rather prioritise waste water, clean water, road infrastructure, park maintenance and estuary conservation. I will fight this unlawful, unwarranted, blatant exploitation of honest tax payers, tooth and nail.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Biyela

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862	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Jane Ramsay Erf 698	1. The Municipality valuations have drastically increased the value of properties. These valuations have not been confirmed, but municipality uses these unconfirmed valuations to calculate the new property rates and taxes, with a rate increase of on average 33%, purely based on the draft valuation roll of properties. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the property rates and taxes should not increase more than CPI, we request the municipality to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. All service charges/tariff increases MUST be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. 2. Regarding the Sewerage Connection from The Woods and Ridgewood, Lake Brenton, to Belvedere. One of the conditions for approval of the development approved on 4 November 2005 under your ref E.HILL. KNV216/96, was that the sewerage connection be carried-out by KM. A) It is now more than 18 years since this approval was granted by KM, and the connection still has not been carried-out. Therefore, Knysna Municipality is in breach of the approval for this development that was granted in 2005. B) For 18 years now the property rates and taxes have included a charge for sewerage and sanitation. Such services are not in place. Knysna Municipality is responsible for the payment of the interim arrangement, which is the honey sucker. This is also in breach of the approval that was granted in 2005. The honey sucker currently being used (when it actually does come) is belching out smoke – air pollution. C) No maintenance has been carried-out on the tanks for 18 years. The tank is now filled with sediment, effluent and ground water. D) As the tank was a temporary measure and was only for a few properties, the infrastructure that is in place CANNOT COPE WITH THE SEWERAGE OF 65 HOUSES. /Z. E) The sewerage... 2 E) The sewerage was overflowing during December and Easter as obviously the properties were full to capacity. This seems to be happening more and more, obviously because there isn't enough capacity in the tank. F) The smell to the residents, of most especially even 698, 697 and 699 has become unbearable and is absolutely putrid. G) Toilets inside homes is overflowing into the houses and gardens. H) All of this is environmentally illegal and unacceptable!! 3. Our rates and taxes are supposed to be paying for services – this is barely being provided. If KM obtained the services of a private contractor who could flush the tank and carry-out the necessary maintenance, then perhaps the tank would be workable for the next few years, whilst you get your act together to carry-out the necessary project of coupling the area up to the Belvedere sewerage plant. If the honey sucker was in correct working order, and if the honey sucker actually had a set schedule, e.g., twice a week at an acceptable time of day, then it may not overflow and run into the road, which runs into the Lagoon. All these suggestions would at least give the residents, who are paying for services, some relief and hope!! If KM is incapable of doing such things as mentioned above, then perhaps the residents stop paying the sewerage/sanitation fee and utilise the money to obtain the services of a private contractor themselves.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Biyela
863	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ian McEwan Erf 200652000	All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,304 The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 337% year-on-year increase. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
864	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23				
865	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Liesbeth Marjolein Mebus- WoutersERF 13464	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18,5% and water 9%. There is no reason to justify such an absorbent increase as all other municipalities find it necessary to increase the rates by such a massive amount. 2. The net effect is that the budget translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. With the economy on its knees and people being retrenched on a daily basis due to unaffordable service delivery charges and no power in order to run a business, it is impossible to maintain this and we will have to close our business. 3. Knysna Municipality has failed in all fields and completely and utterly ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. You are only interested in fattening your own pockets and have no interest in the consequences of your actions on the town of Knysna and surrounds. You are only interested in yourselves and could not be bothered about those trying to just keep their heads above water. Your disinterest in the people of this town is against all human rights and you have an obligation as a municipality to service the town and not only your own pockets. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. If we phone the police station the calls go unanswered day and night and the traffic officials only pull over the vehicles which they know can afford to pay the fines and let the others pass without any regard for their suitability to be on the roads. 5. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. The vagrants are everywhere and breaking into shops all over town. They have set up camp along the lagoon road near the Welbedacht turnoff and when we phone to report them and their fires which are incredibly dangerous, no one is ever sent out to remove them or even put the fires out. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure and more specifically water pumps (which is a result of your OWN mismanagement and obviously without any accountability whatsoever). Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement – vagrants around town are at an all time high and when we ask for them to be removed you couldn't be bothered – just like your failure to be bothered with anything in this town. Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS. This is clearly not happening as you as a municipality could not give a damn about the people of this town.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- T Biyela

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866	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Anne Marie Cousins Erf 3/10 Belvidere	I hereby lodge an objection to the proposed Knysna Municipal budget for 2023/2024 in particular to the rates. Although the level of rates has remained unchanged with the proposed new valuations circulated earlier in the year the rateable value of properties in the Knysna Municipality has risen by 40%, giving an effective 40% increase in rates to be collected. As the National Treasury has advised that rates should not increase by more than the level of inflation, a proposed 40 % increase is iniquitous. Personally my property value increased by 100%. I have, of course, objected to this increase but as I have heard nothing in respect of this objection, I must assume that that value stands and I will be faced with a 100% increase in rates. If that is the case I may well have to sell my property as my rates will be unaffordable to a pensioner with a fixed income. As many residents of Knysna are pensioners I am sure that there will be many in the same situation. On the other hand many of the residents of Knysna support the tourist industry which is still struggling to overcome the ravages of the Covid lockdown and for them this increase will be crippling. I think that the economic repercussions in the town will be massive with many domestic workers and lower level labourers laid off to compensate for the increased costs. As my property Erf 3/10 Belvidere is owned by my company I have signed this objection in my capacity as a director of said company.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community: R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;- T Biyela
867	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Ansgar von Oertzen ERF number: 89/203 Sed	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova
868	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Priscilla Fleischer ERF 115307000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. I also wish to enquire whether an exemption of the first R150000 has been applied to my property value for those residence that do not rent out their properties, this is because we have not and do not plan to rent out our properties 6.5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community: R Boucher;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-
869	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	G.M.Pama ERF 1367	* the suggested rate and taxes increase of 32% is brutally out of proportion, considering that the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation advises that the tariff must stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3% Headline inflation. In consideration of the fact that we already pay more than we can reasonably afford, there is far too little delivery performance from your side: eg. - our streets still look like a patchwork quilt and many street signs and poles have simply disappeared; - the garbage suddenly gets collected at irregular hours or not at all; - because of this, the monkeys, birds and garbage searchers make an enormous mess on our streets; - water is still being wasted and often running freely in the streets; - proper police protection is hard to come by; Prior to a demand and or entitlement to any kind of increase, please first consider your civic duty and deliver! to the depot as it might or it might not be collected, and the time is always changing making the garbage available to monkeys, birds and garbage searchers and making a mess on the streets.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova

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870	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Nancy Rosendahl ERF 1471	I submit that the objection period should be reopened or extended by a further year allowed for by Sec32 (2)(b)(i) Taxes and tariffs are proposed to be quite high and homeowners and businesses will struggle to pay their property taxes. Tariff increases must be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. With that in mind, increases must be between 4.7% and 5.3%, which is much lower than the proposed increases. Proposed water and electricity tariffs are exorbitant and really unaffordable especially among those of us who are on fixed incomes of retirement. I would hate to see homes sold at discounts because they are no longer affordable as they are now priced. In addition, I would hate to see more store fronts empty. It is a very sad look for our town. Finally, I hope that the city will find room in its budget to fix the roads, especially George Rex and the roads on the Heads. They get worse and worse by the year, while there is irregular and wasteful expenditure on many other budget items. Thanks for considering my letter.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-
871	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Dr Z J de Beer Erf 1691	Municipal valuations have substantially raised the perceived values of properties. These still have to be ratified over the next two years. However, the municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a Rate increase of 32%. According to the Municipal Property Rate Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e., 5.3016 Headline inflation. Failure to do this will antagonise ratepayers and may result in legal challenges and extend the culture of non-payment which has become so prevalent in our country. The Rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R 700 000. This will create hardship for pensioners and lower-income earners who are already affected by Covid, load shedding and inflation (The price increase of Municipal services is above headline inflation of 5.30/o: e.g. Water is 9% despite poor management, vandalism, and poor maintenance during loadshedding. The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18,70A to all electrical services, e.9., Pay-as-you-Go boxes and Availability (despite electricity being unavailable for large periods every day). Municipal budgets are normally constructed to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allow for this (12.7% vs 12.8	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova/N Fundi
872	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Lea Downing Erf 382	An increase of 31.8% is not acceptable and does not relate to the guidelines by the National Treasury which states an approximate 5.8% increase.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl
873	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gert & Charlotte Van der Merwe Erf no6104	1. We are both well over the age of 85, and are recipients of SASSA. 2. Our only other income is a small rental from property on which we would, with difficulty, be allowed an annual increase of 10% maximum. Taking the inflation rate of 5.3% into consideration, we would not be able to afford the exorbitant increases you propose, and we are sure there are many others in a similar situation. 3. Urgent attention should be given to the upgrading of George Rex Drive. 4. All of the various proposed increases are totally unacceptable as all are above the inflation rate. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl
874	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Alan Crocker ERF 12574	1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury - MFMA Circular No L22 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2022) The Draft Budgets estimated revenue increase is 2.5% Services charges: - Water 9% - Electricity 15.5% - Sanitation 5.3% - Refuse 6.0% - Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) For many years property rates tariff increases in Knysna have exceeded the rate of inflation. This is in blatant disregard of directives which demonstrates contempt for central and provincial government authority. On top of those increases, properties are revalued every 4 years. That revaluation will contain a component that reflects the inflationary increase over the period. That equates to a double adjustment for inflation. The other component of the revaluation will be due to other factors. There is no justification for this component to result in increased gross rates collections. According to the Municipal Property Rates Act and the Provisional Treasury recommendation, the tariff should be adjusted downwards to bring rates increases in line with inflation and ensure that the tariffs are both fair and equitable across all consumer bases. This practice leads to exponential increases in rates charges. The situation is unsustainable. Many Knysna residents are retired. They depend on pension incomes that are fixed or at best adjusted by inflation. For many of these residents, rates will become unaffordable. Default levels will increase. Residents will be forced to sell their homes resulting in unacceptable financial and emotional hardship. The excessive increases in rates do not result in a commensurate increase in benefits. The increased revenue is drained away on unnecessary and wasteful expenditure. The council	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundl

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875	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	De Wet Venter ERF202425000 Sedgfield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. This increase is particularly unaffordable considering the currently economic situation in the country. 3. The roads in Sedgfield with high traffic volumes are in a terrible state. Specifically Paul Kruger, Dr Malan st, Kwartel st, Flamingo and Kingfisher dr. These roads are used by many tourist to Sedgfield. The roads are littered with potholes and merely patching the road is no longer a viable solution since these roads are so bad that as one pothole is repaired another develops. This is also a danger to motorist. I therefor request that these roads are retarred as a matter of urgency (and not merely patched up) 4. Ratepayers and home owners are being hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;- R Parry;-
876	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	J & H Groves ERF 552	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. As pensioners we live on a tight budget and find it unaffordable and difficult to survive month to month. We lack the income to support the increase asked. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community/ Anthony Bans/R Meyer/CFO Busi Kova/N Fundi
877	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Hester J. Nortje ERF number 300551000	My reason for objection is that your proposed rate hike is way above the inflation rate of 5.3%. You are also totally ignoring the instructions by the Auditor General to cut down on operational expenditure. One way in which you can do this is to cut down on inflated salaries and the amount of your work force. Your proposed budget is unaffordable and translates to a 33% year on year increase. You are forcing citizens who have invested thousands of rands in your area over the years to seek other alternatives.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
878	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	MZvN and SJ Pienaar ERF 2473	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, we request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
879	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Wilma Wardale	The budget also extends the Eskom price increase of 18.7a/a to all electrical services, e.g. Pay-as-you/o boxes and availability. 3. The norm for municipal budgets is to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and to anticipate the differential between budget and actual spending. This proposed budget with a point one percent differential does not allowforthis: 12.7o/o vs 12.8%. 4. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability Please provide me with a COLLAB reference numbqr for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;- R Parry;-
880	Budget@knysna.gov.za	09-May-23	Gianfranco De Grandis	1) The proposed increase in property rates by an average of 33% makes Knysna rates the highest in the Western Cape. How is that possible? A close study of the new valuation role (I have done this for Costa Sarda and for the Industrial area) shows a great number of inequalities in the values of properties. Many properties have been overvalued and many properties have been undervalued. The overvalued property owners who were made aware of these valuations will probably have objected to the valuations, but it is unlikely that owners of undervalued properties will have objected so the inequalities will continue. The valuation roll, in my opinion, is greatly flawed and should be scrapped and a new more accurate valuation roll should be drawn up. Knysna property rates should then be brought in line with the rest of the Western Cape. 2) The increase of 18,5% in the cost of electricity is unacceptable. Even though Escom have increased their supply cost by that amount, the payment to Escom is only 50% of the Knysna Municipality cost. The balance is made up of infrastructure costs, maintenance costs and profit to the Municipality. These are costs that should not have increased by 18,5%, but by the cost of inflation. With this increase, the Municipality are increasing their profits in electricity sales by well over 20% - totally unacceptable. As we are talking of public money, one should look at the expenditure side of the budget as well. In a spirit of being completely transparent in the spending of public money, the Municipality should publish the current salaries and the budgeted increase for all the public officials and then do a comparison with their counterparts in the rest of the Western Cape - a decrease in that expenditure would certainly go a long way in trying to balance the budget.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;- R Parry;-
881	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Deon du Plessis ERF 204400000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored National Treasury's and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year on year. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, we request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi

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882	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	LC Ormond ERF 1023 SEDGEFIELD	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
883	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	R.J.C. Du Toit PTN 74	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5. In addition, No service are supplied by Municipality except refuse removal	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
884	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Kevin Barnes	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
885	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Leonie du Preez erf 697 Brenton on Lake	1) All rates apart from sanitation are above inflation and the Treasury guideline – I cannot afford an above inflation increase on water, sanitation etc. – already the electricity increase is unaffordable. 2) The property rates "rate in the rand" has remained unchanged, but due to the huge increase in my property valuation, my proposed rates adjustment is unaffordable – I have objected to the valuation, but as yet received no reply. 3) How do you justify that property rates in Knysna are higher than Cape Town, George, Bitou, Mossel Bay etc – I could not find a single municipality in the Western Cape that charged higher rates than Knysna 4) The "rate in the rand" should be reduced and the exemption amount increased to at least R1 million. 5) Lack of Service delivery: There is no budget for the linking of Lake Brenton to the main sewage line. This is an ecological and humanitarian and health crisis. The Woods and Ridgewood Development in Lake Brenton was approved on the condition that the development connects to the Belvidere plant . This approval was on 4 November 2005 under your ref E.HILL KNY216/96 . 1. It is now 18 years later and this connection have not taken place so Knysna Municipality is in breach of the approval for this development that was granted in 2005 , 2. For 18 years now these homes have been billed for sewerage / sanitation which are not in place and Knysna Municipality is responsible to pay for the interim arrangement which is the honey sucker -also in breach of the approval that was granted in 2005 , 3. No maintenance have been done on the tanks for 18 years so it is filled with sediment , 4. Infrastructure in place cannot cope with the sewerage from 65 homes , 5. Sewerage overflowing during December and Easter , 6. The smell to residents in erf 697 , 698 and 699 have become unbearable , 7. Noise pollution from the honey suckers , 8. Toilets inside homes pushing up and overflowing as well as in gardens . We as residents require this project to be completed during the year 2023 – 2028 and request Knysna Municipality to ad this connection to Belvidere and budget with the necessary funds to complete this project during the next 5 years . Mpumelelo Nkuzo -from the project management office have started with the project getting all the approvals in place and now we need it to be finalized and budgeted for in the next 5 years . Storm Water drainage system – this has been budgeted for, but it is obvious that the amount of R1.4 million is too little. Please supply me with a COLLAB reference for this submission. 1) All rates apart from sanitation are above inflation and the Treasury guideline – I cannot afford an above inflation increase on water, sanitation etc. – already the electricity increase is unaffordable. 2) The property rates "rate in the rand" has remained unchanged, but due to the huge increase in my property valuation, my proposed rates adjustment is unaffordable – I have objected to the valuation, but as yet received no reply.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;-

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886	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	10-May-23	DB Holton (620728 5221 086) 082 572 5183 brett@tuskconstructions.co.za Erf 505 (Business) – 114% Erf 13680 (Thesen Islands) – 63% Erf 2141 (Hunters Home) – 50%	Taking all the above into account please record my strong objection to proposed end-cost rates increases due to non-downward adjustment of assessment rates and/or increase in the exclusion amount, and rather look after your ratepayers with respect and investigate ways to cut operational costs without affecting important service delivery. Please provide me with an acknowledgement of receipt of this objection.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
887	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	10-May-23	ERF number 45/203 SEDGEFIELD	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
888	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	10-May-23	CAROL EMMANUEL ERF 100557000	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
889	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	10-May-23	PAUL MICHAEL MCKAY ERF 2475	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
890	Budget@kmysna.gov.za	10-May-23	W & L BOONZAIR ERF5191	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Boucher;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi

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891	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	PJ MARSHALL ERF 204483000 SEDGEFIELD	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
892	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	DAY CFW ERF201306000	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
893	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Leatitia du Toit ERF 1487	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
894	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	DR & VM JANSEN ERF 200575000	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3% The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Knysna 2023-24 Draft Budget. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
895	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Cecile Lewis	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFD; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi

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896	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	WILSON-FORBES Erf Number 8586	1. Municipal valuations have substantially raised the value of my above property. This being without any alterations, additions or improvements being made to the said property. These valuation increases have still to be ratified over the next two years. However, that being the case, the Municipality uses these unrattified valuations to calculate the new rates and taxes, with a rate increase of 32%. With this substantially huge increase in property values, the law states that the rates should not increase more than the CPI. With the proposed budget I request the Municipality to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provincial Treasury recommendation, the tariff must be adjusted downwards to remain within the maximum affordable increase. In other words at 5.3% headline inflation. The rebate structure has been nullified for all properties valued over R700 000. This will create a huge hardship for pensioners and lower income earners already affected by the burden of load shedding. I am a pensioner. 2. It is proposed there be a 9% increase for water services. This despite ongoing vandalism, continued poor maintenance and mismanagement resulting in constant burst pipes. The damage caused to domestic appliances, geysers, taps, toilets with continued dirty and contaminated water once the water is switched back on, has to be continually managed by the ratepayer. Resulting in more equipment to be purchased to protect such domestic equipment. A further burden for the ratepayer due to mismanagement. 3. The budget also includes a NERSA approved electricity tariff increase of 18.65%. This despite the continued burden of load shedding. Customers are being charged this daily rate by the Municipality for the benefit of receiving Eskom electricity. The Municipality has a responsibility to refund or credit customers for those lost, but charged for, daily hours. There cannot be any acceptable reason for an increase with the present and ever increasing load shedding. Once again, due to poor maintenance and mismanagement, there have been breakdowns at substations once the power is restored. This resulting in hours and often full days of no power. However, the daily rate for Eskom services due to the Municipality is still claimed. The ratepayer has been forced to purchase equipment to secure some normality for daily life. 4. There is a proposed 5% increase in sanitation services. Due to load shedding and burst pipes, in the Welbedacht area, we have to constantly endure overflowing sewage drains. This increase in sanitation services cannot be claimed to be justified as we, the ratepayers are constantly exposed to a health hazard because of overflowing sewage drains. 5. There is a proposed 6% increase for refuse services. The refuse is collected in an area in the town centre where it rots. This rotting aroma permeates the town, and has attracted a large colony of rats which have invaded the town. This is out of control, mismanaged and a health hazard. Refuse is also collected and burnt on the outskirts of our town. This presents a fire hazard and the smoke descends upon the town. None of the above promotes our town as a holiday destination. In conclusion, I object as there is no justification for these rates and service increases. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Bouwer;- A Bans/CFO;- - Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;-
897	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Jane Perkins residing at 10 Lagoon Ridge	1. Sec 49 notice for erf 7525 was not received, so we are unaware of the details of the new valuation roll pertaining to my property. 2. Services in our area have been haphazard and shoddy and clearly the new budget is not going to improve any of the services we are paying for. The municipality does not seem to have the will or the capacity to deliver on what we are currently paying for. 3. Infrastructure of water, sanitation and roads are not being upgraded to keep up with the ever increasing population in Knysna. 4. Therefore we object vehemently to the 2023/2024 draft budget and propose that no changes are made until a fair and competent budget is put before the ratepayers of Knysna.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
898	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	R.H. Speight ERF 13268	A budget on the intended increases shows an average increase of 40 to 45 % on service and rates. This is insane when one considers that the National inflation is sitting at 7%. The unrealistic hike in property valuations is largely to blame for this and may well result in out pricing the property market in Knysna. It appears that with the proposed budget, Knysna will have the highest rates in the entire province. As a Lessee of Knysna industrial property we can expect to have these huge costs passed on to our rental bill. The good people of Knysna have managed to survive the Fire 5 years ago and kept their businesses going through the Covid epidemic, now facing power outages, and now even expected to face absorbent Municipal increased fees. It appears that the financial position of the Town is in serious trouble. Poor debit control and poor mismanagement of the municipality is obvious, and it seems the residence are expected to finance the management out of debt. The proposed increases may well double or treble your level of unpaid rates and service. Many businesses may now be considering a move to affordable towns and any new investor will seriously have to consider Knysna as nonviable option. I strongly request you consider some adjustments to your proposed budget for the sake of Knysna.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
899	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Shandin Thompson Erf 4533	I note that in terms of the latest valuation roll there has been an average increase of close to 10% on properties in Knysna. If the rates charged are based on the same rate per rand of value as last year, there will effectively be a 50% increase in rates on an average property in Knysna. We are reliably informed by our Government that inflation is running at 5% to 6% per year. All wage negotiations, rental increases and most tenders are based on increase of 5 to 6% for the year. It would make no sense and is indeed probably illegal for the Knysna Municipality to raise rates by an average of 50%, against this background. The rates charged per rand of property value must be adjusted down to give the Municipality an effective increase in rates income of 5% to 6% in line with Government inflation figures. Any increase in rates will adversely affect the rental I pay on the premises and the viability of my business which employs Knysna residents.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi

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900	Budget@knysna.gov.za	11-May-23	Jones Catharina (Rina) ERF 201106000	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
901	Budget@knysna.gov.za	11-May-23	GCJ DE LEUR ERF 201343000	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5,3o/o. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegaltaverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 6.Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
902	Budget@knysna.gov.za	11-May-23	Andries Adriaan Fourie of ERF number 2944; 3556; 4653	1. The current inflation rate is 5.3% and electricity rates have been proposed to rise by 18.70%, water by 9%. We understand and accept that the electricity rate increase is a national requirement, however the water increase is unacceptable. 2. An increase of 33% year-on- year of the nett budget is unacceptable. Nobody can afford these increases. We have only recently begun to recover from Covid, with tourism only picking up in the past few months and loadshedding that hampers business. Knysna is already one of the most expensive towns, in terms of rates and taxes, and such an increase will definitely have a negative impact on the towns economy. 3. Recommendations to cut operational expenses have been ignored. 4. Illegal structures and vagrants are not being addressed by law enforcement. Even though we are paying for law enforcement, we are not receiving the service that we deserve. The vagrants are vandalizing property and deterring potential customers, which in effect negatively impacts business owners. We are a tourist destination and yet the Municipality is not creating a safe town where tourists can walk around safely without being harassed by these people. This situation needs to be addressed immediately.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
903	Budget@knysna.gov.za	11-May-23	Tersia van Rensen Erf Number: 3138	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5,3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget we request the muni to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, water and waste Law and order enforcement Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries whilst increasing personal liability 7. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;- Tholi Biyela
904	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	D.F. Scheffel Erf No : 2017 66 000	1. As a senior ratepayer and home owner, I expect to pay an increase within the Municipal Property Rate Act in line with the CPI, but certainly not the inflated, outrageous and unaffordable Draft Budget. 2. Municipal Expenditure, inflated salaries and over-staffing has to be in line with National Treasury and the Auditor General's recommendations 3. The road along the Sedgfield lagoon has been in terrible state for too long. 4. The Greater Garden Route deserves skilled, devoted people with a vision for the future to sustain the beauty and viability of this area	Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundil/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry

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905	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Beryl Maciachlan Erf No. 5310	The Property Valuation Roll for the period 2023 to 2028 is seriously flawed as many properties were greatly over valued and then others with a full view of the heads only valued at erven value. It appears as if the roll was a total thumb suck. The ruling governing party then increases the rate in the rand applied which means the residents and businesses could be paying up to 300% or more for general rates with the increase of 32% in this rate. This is an increase on the unratified valuations which should be in line with headline inflation of 5.3%. Our town has the highest rate in the rand applied in the Western Cape. I will not be able to afford this and neither will most of the other residents in our town which the governing party is bringing down to its knees. There will be hundreds losing there jobs and tourism the life blood of our town will die. Is this what you guys want to do, you are rapidly killing the economy. You have people in jobs that they are not qualified to do and on top of that are grossly overpaid and consultants are employed to do the work. Nepotism is rife. You have ignored National Treasury by applying a ridiculous rate way over and above inflation. No rebate is going to be applied to properties with a valuation exceeding R700 000.00. Rates rebates which Senior Citizens, indigent and People with Disabilities could have applied for have also been reduced greatly. From 2015 to 2019 if your monthly income was less than R12000.00 you qualified at least to get a 20% reduction currently it is R8975.00. So instead of this base amount increasing due to inflation it has decreased. The ruling party appears to have mismanaged and misappropriated public funds. This is embezzlement. The town's infrastructure is not properly maintained and cuts in salary should be made across the board especially to the Mayor and Senior Directors. Only employ people that can do the job with employing consultants. Please reduce the rate in the rand applied to the inflation rate. The exhorbitant property valuations need to be adjusted.	Financial Services	CFO / Busi Kova / N Fundi
906	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Dreyer ERF 920187062	All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
907	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Elizabeth Jennifer Nel ERF200659000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. This net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation role. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1 000 000. 5. There has been an ongoing battle between the residents of Smutsville and the Knysna Municipality as regards the promised provision of low cost housing. Once again, the Smutsville community are being pointedly ignored and promises that have been made, are once again broken. It is time that the Sedgfield rates were utilised for the Sedgfield residents, and that includes our Smutsville community who desperately need housing. 6. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
908	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Sj Dallas	1. The tariff set must be cost reflective, affordable and aligned to inflation. The proposed tariffs are well above headline inflation and IGNORE the recommendations of the National/Provisional Treasury. A 33% increase in property rates is ridiculous and not possible. Tariff increases must not exceed 4.7% to 5.3% as recommended by Treasury. 2. I have not received, as required, the requisite 21 days notice and copy of the relevant section of the valuation roll from the municipal manager, in accordance with the MPR Act sec 49(1) (c) 3. The rebate structure for pensioners should be revised 4. The drought water tariffs are not acceptable	Financial Services	CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi
909	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Mary Jane Dacey of ERF number: 8358	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sewerage are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%, Electricity 18.5%, Water 9% 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. Knysna Municipality has ignored Treasury and the Auditor General's strong recommendations regarding cutting Operational Expenditure by 20% year-on-year. 4. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Priorities should be: - Maintenance of infrastructure Roads, Water, Waste - Law and Order enforcement - Reduction of the local government workforce, reduce inflated salaries while increasing personal accountability.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;- S Maree;- R Parry;- Tholi Biyela
910	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	STEPHENSON MA ERF 200654000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. This net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation role. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community:- R Boucher;- A Bans/CFO;- Busi Kova;- N Fundi

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911	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Sharon Richards Erf: 1-08689-000 Cell/Mobile +27 82 699 7575	Whilst I could comment on the complete budget, I would prefer to address those areas that affect me and my friends the most. 1. As a retired pensioner with a fixed monthly income, I would ask that the Municipality consider updating the Social Rebates property valuation from R700,000 to R1,500,000. A large number of the pensioners and elderly in our town bought or built their homes many years ago and whilst they may have made small alterations over time, the increase in valuation far outweighs the actual cost to them. Yes, their properties may have a higher market value, but are they about to sell? The tariff of 0.0083571 to the R1.00 is much higher than that of other towns in the Garden Route. While the Municipality are not increasing the tariff from 2022/23 to 2023/24, the amount that some of our rates are going up, calls for either a reduction in tariff for rates or a downward tiered tariff for properties over certain values. Would The Knysna Municipality consider delaying the implementation of the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028, to 1 July 2024 in order to give themselves time to go through the various objections and comments and come back with a more affordable tariff. 2. I wish to object to the increased basic charges for Water (9%), Refuse (6%) and Sewer (5.3%) on an annual basis. These are above inflation and at present these utilities are not being provided satisfactorily. 3. The increase on basic Electricity charges is unacceptable. These charges are to cover the availability, but this is entirely dependent on Eskom's ability to provide the service. If we are to pay anything, then let the basic charge remain as it is for 2022/23. 4. I further object to the increased tariffs on consumption of Electricity and Water as they are above national average and inflation. You consideration of the above points would be appreciated and I would ask you to let me have a Collab reference number for this submission.	Financial Services	CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
912	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	GJ LESUE ERF 200687000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target - headline inflation rate of 5.3%, electricity 18.5% and water 9%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. 3. With the huge increase in property values the law says that the rates should not increase more than the CPI and with the proposed budget we request the muni to bring the tariff in line with CPI figures for the actual rates increase. 4. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures and vagrants. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
913	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Lenise and Nicholas Potts ERF200358000	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. This net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation role. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 5. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
914	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Nicolette Brouwer ERF 1333 _Sedgefield	1. All rates apart from the tariff for sanitation are way above-target headline inflation rate of 5.3%. 2. The net effect is that this budget is unaffordable and translates to an effective 33% year-on-year increase. It is not sufficient to keep the cent in the rand unchanged when property market values have increased since the last valuation roll. 3. Although we are paying for the service of law enforcement, the lack of allocated resources has resulted in ongoing problems of illegal taverns, noise disturbance and the continued erection of illegal structures. We request that budget provision is made for the necessary law enforcement in our town to ensure safety and security. 4. Senior ratepayers and pensioner home owners are being particularly hard hit by the proposed Draft Budget. As a relief measure, for property owners of domestic properties who are pensioners, I request that the value of properties excluded from the payment of rates be increased from R750 000 to no less than R1000 000. 5.	Community Services/ Financial Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi
915	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Ronel Pieterse Erf 201754000	1. This exorbitant Municipality valuation still has to be ratified, yet this unratiifed increase will be used as basis to calculate new rate & taxes, with an average rate increase of 32%, of the highest in the country. 2. Based on the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation, rates should not increase by more than the CPI and so the tariff should be amended downwards so as to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5.3% Headline inflation. 3. The Rebate structure for properties valued over R700 000 have been nullified, creating hardship for our pensioners and lower income earners. Many, including myself, are already severely affected by the impacts of Covid, load shedding, and having to spend money on own provision of services that should be provided without fail by the municipality, but isn't. 4. Looking more closely, the price increase above headline inflation of 5.3% is even worse at a granular level: Water increased 9% despite the poor management, vandalism and sub-par maintenance. Eskom price increase of 18.7% will extend to all electrical services, e.g. Pay-as-you-go boxes and availability. 5. The accepted norm and strategy for municipal budgets is (or should be!) to create a healthy buffer between revenue and expenditure and to anticipate a healthy differential. This proposed budget offers a measly 0.1% buffer which is grossly insufficient in these uncertain times: 12.7% vs 12.8%. 6. Budget priorities should be as follows: - Maintenance of infrastructure, especially roads, water and waste - Law and order enforcement - Right-sizing bloated local government workforce and salaries d. Increasing personal liability and serious consequences for not performing to standard, or worse, breaking the law. Please provide me with a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry;- Tholi Biyela

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916	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Martin Knysna Framers and Print Shop 21 Cove Street, 0746918628	We appeal to the municipality to redraft the budget with increases of revenues and costs more in line with inflation. Rates The general valuation resulted in an overall increase in value of 39%. The adjusted rating factor applied to these new values should drive a rates increase closer to 5%. The 33% increase proposed in the budget will drive existing and new business away from Knysna to the detriment of the community and is rejected. Electricity The imposed tariff increase of 18.7% will result in more and more consumers investing in off-grid solutions to the detriment of municipal finances. Water The 9% proposed tariff increase is poorly planned, accompanied by ongoing water restrictions. The municipality will be better served fixing the problems and supplying more water, with volume providing the increase in revenue. Refuse No plans indicated to move the waste transfer station. No indication given of the future increase in costs likely to arise from the new landfill site. Financial Excessive Bad debts are built into the budget almost as an acceptable norm. Staff and other cost increases are not warranted. No budget plans to build the unfunded Capital Replacement Reserve. The draft Budget MUST be redrawn taking note of these comments and further suggestions that follow below. 1. The tariff increases proposed are above headline inflation! The recommendation by National and/or Provisional Treasury of between 4.7% and 5.3% MUST be considered when preparing the 2023/24 MTREF municipal budget (refer circulars of National Treasury – MFMA Circular No 122 dated December 2022, MFMA Circular no 123 dated 3 March 2023 and WC Provisional Treasury Circular MUN NO. 5/2023) 2. Tariff set need to be cost reflective tariffs that are affordable to ALL residents. 3. The Draft Budgets estimated revenue of R1 217 118 289 billion (13% increase on LY) and expenditure of R1 215 686 185 billion (12.7% increase on LY), with a surplus of a mere R1 432 104 is unrealistic. 3.1 The revenue is based on an average increase of 33% of property rates revenue which is based on the draft valuation roll of properties - NO downward curbing of the cent in the Rand rate has taken place, despite exorbitant increases in the market value of properties. 4. The Knysna Municipality Draft Budget MTREF 2023/24 proposes the following revenue source increases with effect from 1 July 2023: Services charges: Water 9% Electricity 18.5% Saniternity 5.3% Refuse 6.0% Property rates & taxes 33% (on average) The tariff increases have been applied across ALL trading services charges and are above headline inflation. 5. Assessment rates levied on properties are proposed to remain at the same tariff as last year, against the advice by Treasury in the MFMA Circular No. 122 for the 2023/24 MTREF dated 9 December 2022, where it states: 5.1.1 "municipalities that are implementing a new general valuation roll on 1 July 2023" 5.1.2 "MUST also as best practice compare the current consolidated roll to the new valuation roll" 5.1.3 "to identify any anomalies and errors of category of property and market values for review and investigation and the option of lodging an objection by the municipality, where applicable" and 5.1.4 "this process should also identify outliers and shifts in markets values by category and area so that tariffs on the new roll can be modelled and determined in an equitable manner to avoid rates shocks." 5.1.5 "Municipalities should undertake this exercise as a routine practice during the budget process so that supplementary adjustments to the valuation roll are kept up to date". 6. In terms of MPR Act sec 49(1)(c) the municipal manager must within 21 days of receipt of the roll— (c) serve, by ordinary mail or, if appropriate, in accordance with section 115 of the Municipal Systems Act, on every owner of property listed in the valuation roll a copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) together with an extract of the valuation roll pertaining to that owner's property. 6.1 I wish to state that I as a property owner have not received the said Sec 49 notice and therefor was not aware of the draft valuation roll and its objection period and therefor did not inspect the roll and neither did I submit an objection in the required period. 6.2 I receive my municipal bill by email and therefor this is evidence that the Knysna Municipality has my updated address for receipt of municipal correspondence. 6.3 I therefor submit that the Municipal Manager failed to send to me the sec 49 notice as required by the Municipal Property Rates Act Sec 49(1)(c) and as a result the Municipality has not met the legal requirements as set down by the MPRAAct when implementing a new valuation roll. 6.4 I therefor hereby take the opportunity of making my written submission that I object to the entry on the draft valuation roll 2023 to 2028 with regards to my property being: <u>Ref # - 708</u> The proposed Rates increase of 33% is excessive. Background: I have owned and operated one the most well know and established hotels in Knysna for the past 22 years, establishing us in the forefront of leading accommodation suppliers in South Africa and Africa. We were recently voted into the Top 25 Best Small Hotels in Africa! Through no help of the municipality we have achieved these incredible results and have played a significant part in putting Knysna on the map, not only locally, but more importantly on an international scale! We have successfully created many job opportunities (in our support local programme) and more importantly have contributed to the financial well being of our town with our clients spending millions of rands whilst in Knysna. In my opinion our dysfunctional local tourism board/ council does not compare or come close to the work that the private individuals and companies in this town do for the sustainability of tourism not just in Knysna, but the garden Route in general. I would like to explain something to you that you are probably wholly unaware of: We have many signed contracts with suppliers in the tourism trade from all over the world. The accepted increase in the accommodation space, (hotel, guest house, lodge or similar) is 3 – 6% - Inflation. Anything higher than that needs to be explained in writing and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. I can tell you now that an increase of 10% or more in the current state of the world – Post Covid with the fears of a world recession will not be accepted by the international tourism trade. Taking into consideration that South Africa is not a leading country to visit at the moment as the current electricity crises has scared many tourists away. This has forced many of the businesses in town to take extraordinary steps (financial and other), to generate their own electricity at a huge expense, further compounding the dire financial problems we are facing. 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2023-24 MTREF BUDGET COMMENTS

No	Ward/Platform	DATE	COMMENTER	COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET	Department	OFFICIAL(S)
919	Budget@knysna.gov.za	10-May-23	Karen Elizabeth Keller Erf number: 16904	1. The Municipal valuations have raised property values significantly. The Municipality has used these unratified valuations to calculate the new rates, with an estimated rate increase of 32.0/0' Any increase in property values should not exceed the cPI. The Draft budget ignores this. The Municipality must therefore bring the tariff in line with CPI figures to determine a realistic increase in rates' In addition, the tariff must be reduced to stay within the maximum allowable increase, i.e. 5.3% Headline inflation, as per the Municipal Property Rate Act and Provisional Treasury recommendation' The decision to nullify the rebate structure for all properties valued over R700 000, will create hardship for our pensioners and lower income earners. These vulnerable people in our community have been hit the hardest by Covid and load shedding' 2. Both National Treasury and the Auditor General have strongly recommended that operational Expenditure be cut by 200/o clear on year' Knysna Municipality has chosen to ignore this' 3. Priorities of this Law and order Reduction of the Reduction of i Maintenance of i Roads, water government workforce salaries and accountability a COLLAB reference number for this submission.	Community Services/ Financial Services / Infrastructure Services	Director Community;- R Bouwer;-A Bans/CFO; - Busi Kova; - N Fundi/ Director Infrastructure;-S Maree;-R Parry

Smutsville Informal Areas Budget Petition

Honourable Executive Mayor, Knysna Municipal Council, and Municipal Manager

We as Ward 1 residents have noticed that a number of items in our IDP relating specifically to our informal areas is not reflected in your draft budget. We therefore request that you amend your budget accordingly.

We would like the following budgeted related matters to be addressed for our Informal Areas:

1. R1 Million to complete Lank Gewag and start the process in Onderstegaaitjie Extention.
2. Apply to MIG for high mast lighting.
3. Housing money approved in the MTREF budget tables in 2021/22 must be reflected in your budget because national and province approved money for our housing project for the next two (2) financial years.
4. Mbetla and Fynbos Street be prioritized for resealing.
5. Funding for retaining walls on the Dune for community safety.
6. Money to repair drains and replace existing pipes with bigger sewerage pipes.

Thank you in advance for you kind consideration.

Yours Sincerely

Smutsville Community

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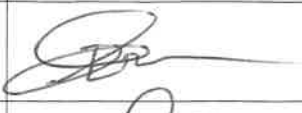
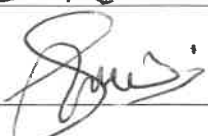
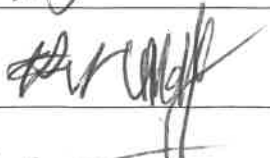
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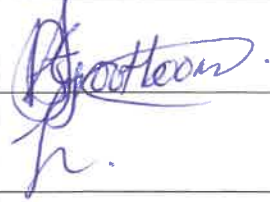
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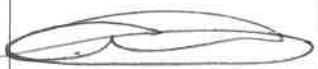
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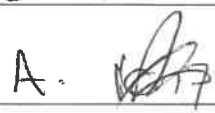
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2023 SIME ASSESSMENT KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

INTEGRATED PLANNING

It is recommended that the Municipality:

- Must adopt the IDP in line with section 34(b) of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) and also follow the process as stipulated in Regulation 3 of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations 2001 (MSA Regulations);
- Include a financial plan with a budget projection for at least the next three years in the adopted IDP as prescribed by section 26(h) of the MSA;
- Include key performance indicators and performance targets in the adopted IDP as prescribed by section 26(i) of the MSA;
- Include a macro-organisational structure in the adopted IDP as prescribed by Regulation 2(1) of the MSA Regulations;
- Reflect in the IDP, the status of all sector plans that have been developed and approved; and
- Consider the various recommendations and suggestions of national and provincial sector departments included in section 2.2.4 of this report dealing with IDP Alignment.

Environmental and Planning Analysis

- Towards monitoring the performance of Knysna Municipality, the inclusion of a succinct overview of clearing and follow-up targets and budgets would be advantageous in next year's assessment.
- Reporting on the Integrated Pollutant and Waste Information System (IPWIS)must be updated. Continuous and regular waste reporting must be submitted to the IPWIS. Waste diversion initiatives must be reported to the IPWIS.
- The Municipality is reminded to report on organic waste to the IPWIS.
- It is recommended that the Municipality consider implementing more targeted awareness campaigns that focus on recycling in low income and informal settlements which could also contribute to increasing the low participation rate for separation at source (S@S) initiatives.
- The DEA&DP is developing a reporting template to assist municipalities to meet the requirements when reporting on the implementation of the IWMP in the Annual Report.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Financial Sustainability

- Knysna Municipality tabled an **unfunded** 2023/24 MTREF budget and should take the following fundamental considerations into account when adopting and implementing the budget to maintain credibility and sustainability:
- Knysna Municipality's collection strategies should be strengthened and tightened up with the intention of improving its debtor and revenue management and ensuring a benchmark collection rate of 95 per cent is achieved. This will ensure the municipality strengthens its cashflow position, enabling the Municipality to meet its short-term obligations.

- The Municipality is projecting an overall growth rate of 12.6 per cent in total revenue and a 12.7 per cent growth for operating expenditure is projected for the 2023/24 financial year from the adjusted budget. This while the South African economy's GDP is expected to grow by 0.9 per cent in 2023, 1.4 per cent in 2024 and finally 1.8 per cent in 2025. The above growth projection for the municipal revenue may not be realistic taking into consideration the economic outlook and the Municipality's past performance.
- The increase in property rates revenue does not seem to be sustainable, whilst it is understood that the Municipality last updated its valuation roll in 2017, the Municipality must consider implementing the valuation roll over time instead of imposing the full 39 per cent increase in property values on consumers. The Municipality can consider reducing the rate in the rand for the initial year of implementation and then progressively increasing it.
- The Municipality did not actively address how it intends to deal with the continued loadshedding and the impact on the Municipality's operations, given the fact that water networks and sewerage pump still needs to be operational during loadshedding to ensure services are rendered uninterrupted. The Municipality is advised to address how it intends to be more resilient when finalising the final budget.
- The Municipality's ability to implement capital spending remains a risk to the overall credibility of the capital budget and the overall sustainability of the long-term funding model. Underspensing of the capital programme could result in the retention of the much-needed grant funding and loss of economic, financial, and service delivery opportunities. The Municipality must prioritise a consolidated approach and where necessary measures should be put in place to expedite spending as well as hold respective managers accountable for poor implementation.
- Provincial Treasury notes the Revenue enhancement project that the Municipality commissioned and would like to request the Municipality to provide and update on the project implementation stage and whether the projects has realised a positive return to enhance the Municipality revenue base. Furthermore, the capacity constraints within the revenue department to collect the revenue due to the Municipality must be addressed urgently to mitigate the potential loss of revenue to the Municipality.
- It should be noted that a key objective of the mSCOA reform is to ensure that municipalities are budgeting, transacting, and reporting directly on and from integrated ERP systems to have one version of the truth in terms of the reported financial performance. In this regard, the mSCOA segment and transactions errors should receive serious attention as perfect alignment is necessary and offers significant intelligence that should be utilised during the prioritisation and budget approval process.

Economic Sustainability

- The Municipality should prioritise maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure to prevent costly emergency repairs and replacements. It is crucial to have a comprehensive water security plan that incorporates technical, financial, and social factors to ensure a sustainable and secure water supply.
- Given that transfer stations do not cater for the sorting of waste and the level of informality, a formal waste pickers programme could be established in the municipal area. This would require mapping and registering 'pickers', establishing legal frameworks, providing training and support, offering formal contracts, providing social benefits, and raising public awareness.

Supply Chain Management

- The Municipality has Directorates that have projects with values of more than R10 million must take cognisance of NT MFMA Circular No. 62, which states that, *"Goods, services and/or infrastructure projects above the value of R10 million (all applicable taxes included) may only be advertised after the CFO has verified in writing that budgetary provision exists for the commencement of the particular project"*.
- Furthermore, it is utmost important for the Municipality to consider SCM Regulations 5 to those contracts' values expected to exceed R10 million.
- The Municipality should utilise a commodity-based strategy for standardisation of item expenditure, which will assist in determining the sourcing strategies and achieve economies of scale. This will further assist the Municipality to identify certain commodities for alternative procurement decisions such as District Transversal Contracts, framework agreements and bulk procurement.
- The Municipality is encouraged to conduct a cost analysis against the NT Transversal Contracts and SITA for the procuring of computer equipment in order to identify the cost saving to ensure that the Municipality is complying to their cost containment policy.
- To ensure procurement planning is integrated, it is recommended that the SCM unit form part of the budget process, in order to provide inputs to the overall procurement plan.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
BESP	Built Environment Support Programme
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
CBD	Central Business District
CBA	Critical Biodiversity Areas
CMP	Coastal Management Programme
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CRR	Capital Replacement Reserve
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
DCAS	Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport
DEA&DP	Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
DHS/DOHS	Department of Infrastructure
DM	District Municipality
DLG	Department of Local Government
DWA	Department of Water Affairs
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme
FBE	Free Basic Electricity
HSP	Human Settlements Plan
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
IGP	Infrastructure Growth Plan
IIAMP	Integrated Infrastructure Asset Management Plan
IIF	Infrastructure Investment Framework
ITP	Integrated Transport Plan
ISDF	Integrated Strategic Development Framework
IYM	In-year Monitoring
IWMP	Integrated Waste Management Plan
JOC	Joint Operations Centre
kl	kilolitre
KPA	Key Performance Area
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
kWh	kilowatt hour (1 000-watt hours)
LED	Local Economic Development
LTFP	Long-Term Financial Plan
LUPA	Land Use Planning Act

MBRR	Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act
MER	Municipal Energy Resilience
MI	Municipal Infrastructure
MIG	Municipal Infrastructure Grant
MIP	Municipal Infrastructure Plan
MISA	Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent
MMP	Maintenance Management Plan
MTREF	Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework
MVA	Megavolt Amperes (1 Million volt amperes)
MWh	Megawatt hour (1 Million watt hours)
NRW	Non-revenue Water
NDHS	National Department of Human Settlements
NT	National Treasury
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OPEX	Operating Expenditure
PMS	Performance Management Systems
RMP	Road Management Plan
SCM	Supply Chain Management
SDBIP	Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan
SDF	Spatial Development Framework
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SWMP	Stormwater Management Plan
WDM	Water Demand Management
WSDP	Water Service Development Plan
WTW	Water Treatment Works
WWTW	Wastewater Treatment Works

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

The 2023 SIME assessment encapsulates comments by the Western Cape Government (WCG) on the draft 2023/24 MTREF Budget, 2023/24 Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and other associated documents.

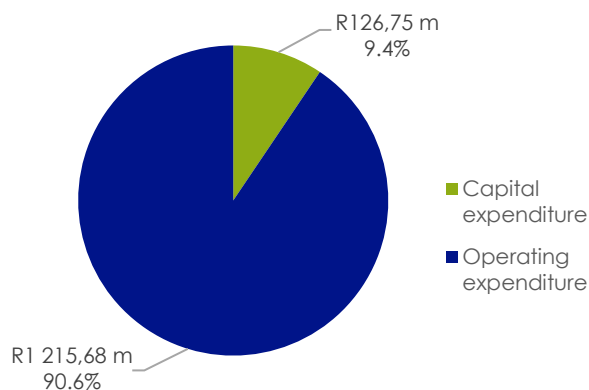
The assessment covers the following key areas; conformance with the MFMA, MSA & Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations (MBRR); an integrated, spatial and environmental Planning analysis of the IDP and SDF and the responsiveness, credibility and sustainability of the tabled budget.

The WCG plans to meet the executives of your Municipality in May 2023, where the key findings and recommendations of this report will be presented and deliberated upon. The planned engagement will contextualise the Municipality's challenges and responses as presented in the draft budget, IDP, LED, SDF and as well as other strategic matters for discussion between the two spheres of government. All the information related to the assessment and analysis of the draft annual budget, IDP and SDF are found in the report below.

The budget snapshot below provides a high-level overview of key socio-economic and financial indicators of the **Knysna Municipality** in relation to the regional economy.

BUDGET SNAPSHOT

2023/24 Municipal Expenditure



GDPR Current Prices
2021e
R6.150 billion

GDPR Growth
2023f
-0.6%

Inflation

	2022	2023	2024	2025
	6,9%	5,3%	4,9%	4,7%

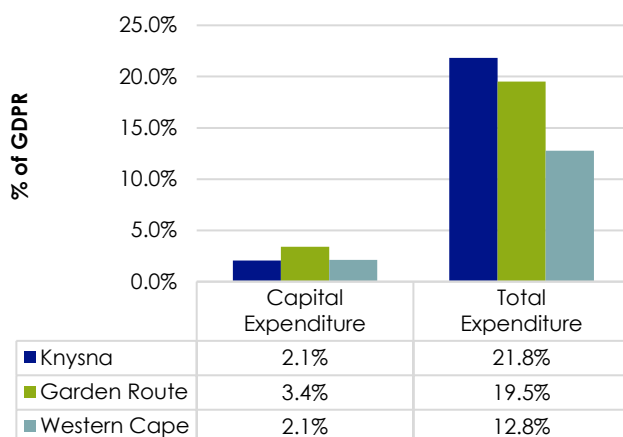


Population
2023f
77,063

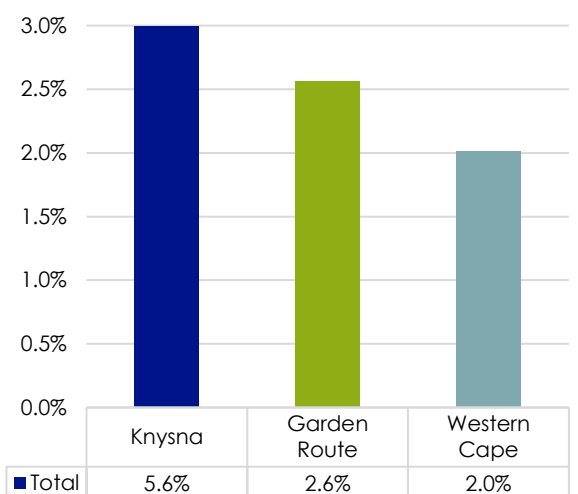
Population Growth
2023f
1.0%

Disclaimer: Population forecast subject to change upon release of Census 2022.

Expenditure as a % of GDPR



Property Rate Revenue % of GDPR



Source: Municipal expenditure and revenue estimates - Draft 2023/24 A1 schedule; Population - Stats SA MYPE base year 2022 (Feb. 2023); GDPR - Quantec, 2022.

SECTION 2: PUBLIC VALUE CREATION

2.1 INTEGRATED PLANNING

2.1.1 Introduction

An Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is the principal strategic planning instrument which guides and informs all planning and development, and all decisions with regard to planning, management and development in a municipality. An IDP provides the strategic direction for all the activities of a municipality over five years linked to the council term of office.

Each municipal council must annually review and may amend the IDP of the Municipality. Should the review process determine that an amendment is required, a municipality should follow the process as stipulated in Regulation 3 of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations of 2001 (MSA Regulations).

Based on Council Resolution: C06/03/23, the Knysna Municipality (the Municipality) intends to adopt a new five-year IDP with a timeframe (2023 - 2028) that extends beyond Council's term of office. This is not in line with the Department's guidance issued in the 2022 Strategic Integrated Municipal Engagement (SIME) report, stating the following:

"The Department is aware of the implications of the late 2021 Local Government Elections in respect to the drafting of IDPs for the new term of office and the different interpretations of the National Treasury Circular No. 107 of 2020. Whilst section 25(3)(a) of the MSA makes provision for the new council to adopt the IDP of its predecessor, some councils may be reluctant to adopt such IDPs for the duration of the term of office of the new council especially where there is a change of political leadership. To this end, the Municipality is advised to adopt the IDP of the predecessor with amendments with no reference of the period of the duration of such IDP. Upon adoption of such IDP during May 2022, the Municipality may commence with the preparation for the drafting of an IDP for the remaining term of office which must be adopted in line with section 34(b) of the MSA and also follow the process as stipulated in Regulation 3 of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations 2001 (MSA Regulations). This is because neither the MSA nor the MSA Regulations limit the extent to which an IDP may be amended".

2.2 INTEGRATED PLANNING ANALYSIS

2.2.1 IDP Overview

A comparison of the term IDP adopted in May 2022 and the IDP tabled in March 2023, reveals that the Municipality's strategic trajectory which includes the vision, mission, strategic objectives (SOs), strategic focus areas (SFAs) and values system, remain unchanged. The tabled IDP outlines a matrix reflecting an alignment of the Municipality's SOs with the strategic policy imperatives of national and provincial government and it demonstrates how each SO translates into programmes and projects that are intended to address the development priorities of the Municipality.

The tabled IDP reflects a situational analysis based on the 2021 Socio-Economic Profile for Local Government which provides statistics and information into aspects such as the economy, basic service delivery, safety and security, education and health. These analyses reflect a synthesis of the existing level of development within the municipal area.

The tabled IDP provides an account of identified challenges, categorised according to the Municipality's SOs and associated SFAs, linked to a list of planned mitigation interventions. Some of the emerging challenges confronting the Municipality include illegal land invasions, natural disasters due to climate change and regular fires in informal settlements. To this end, the Municipality's planned interventions include the establishment of adequately resourced satellite fire stations in remote areas, a business model to share

disaster mitigation resources between neighbouring municipalities and the Western Cape Government (WCG), and the facilitation of community safety initiatives and awareness campaigns.

The tabled IDP provides a summary of the needs identified by the community in each of the Municipality's 11 wards, linked to a specific SFA and relevant Directorate. The Municipality's strategic framework and developmental agenda show a credible intention to respond to the challenges and opportunities emanating from the situational analysis and development needs identified by the community.

2.2.2 IDP process including community consultation

In terms of Sections 28 and 29 of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 (MSA), a municipality must follow a prescribed process when reviewing and/or amending an IDP. The process to be followed must allow for the local community to be consulted on its development needs and priorities, for the community to participate in the drafting of the IDP and for organs of state and other role players to be identified and consulted on the drafting of the IDP.

Furthermore, key activities and deadlines for the process must be set out in a Time Schedule tabled in terms of Section 21 of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA).

The Municipality adopted the IDP Process Plan (Process Plan) as reflected in Council Resolution: SC09/05/22, on 31 May 2022. The Process Plan indicates the stakeholders involved in the IDP process, their respective roles and responsibilities, the need for intergovernmental alignment, and the key activities and deadlines for the five-year cycle of the IDP, including annual reviews. The Process Plan and the 2022/23 Time Schedule indicate an intention to amend the IDP during the 2022/23 review process. Furthermore, the Municipality conducted its first round of public participation on the IDP during November 2022 through mechanisms including ward level community engagements, IDP/Budget and PMS Representative Forum and IDP and Budget Road Shows. A second round of public participation is scheduled to take place during April 2023, together with the publication of the tabled IDP for a period of 21 days. The Municipality has followed the prescribed process to review the IDP through consulting the community and stakeholders on their development needs and allowed them to participate in the drafting of the tabled IDP.

2.2.3 IDP compliance

The core components of an IDP are set out in section 26 of the MSA and Regulation 2 of the MSA Regulations. An assessment of the tabled IDP reflects that the following core components have not been included:

- A financial plan, which must include a budget projection for at least the next three years;
- The key performance indicators and performance targets determined in terms of section 41 of the MSA; and
- An organogram required for the implementation of the IDP and to address the Municipality's internal transformation needs as informed by the strategies and programmes set out in the IDP.

2.2.4 IDP alignment

According to Section 32 of the MSA, the MEC may within 30 days of receiving a copy of an IDP, or within such reasonable period as may be approved, request a municipality to adjust the plan or amendment in accordance with the MEC's proposal if it is in conflict with or is not aligned with or negates any of the development strategies of other affected municipalities or organs of state. Section 26 of the MSA further requires that IDPs must be aligned with and not negate the national and provincial development plans and planning requirements binding on the Municipality in terms of legislation.

The tabled IDP reflects alignment with national and provincial development plans such as the National Development Plan, Provincial Strategic Plan and the Municipality's SOs. In addition, the Municipality's catalytic projects are reflected in the Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA) Implementation Plan for

the Garden Route district. Some of the JDMA catalytic projects planned with a footprint in the municipal area include the Southern Cape Economic Optimisation, the development of Special Economic Zones/Industrial Development and the establishment of Knysna as a Smart Region. These projects demonstrate linkages to the Strategic Priority - A Connected Economy: Transport and rural-urban integration and ICT, as reflected in the JDMA Implementation plan for the Garden Route district.

Economic Development

The Municipality reflects a commitment to promote economic and tourism development through exploring niche markets, SMME development and commercial space development. To this extent, the tabled IDP indicates programmes and projects geared towards implementing the Local Economic Development Strategy, Rural and Agriculture Strategy, Growth Strategy and SMME Support Strategy. These planned developments are linked to the Municipality's SO: To create an enabling environment for social development and economic growth. The Municipality should, however, consider to critically assess linkages, opportunities and prepare for the alignment of planning, collaboration and joint delivery through the Growth for Jobs Strategy (G4J), spearheaded by the WCG. The value proposition of the G4J presents an opportunity that may assist the Municipality in maximising the economic potential of the local economy.

The tabled IDP reflects estimates of growth in the recovery of the local economy following the easing of distresses in value-chains against the background of the COVID-19 pandemic. Estimates of growth recovery are largely driven by growth in the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector. The tabled IDP however, does not provide a clear strategy and mitigation plan to address the concerns relating to the impact of the energy disruptions to agricultural infrastructure such as cold storages, packhouses and irrigation water pumps.

Municipal Infrastructure, Human Settlements and Transport

The prolonged drought in the Western Cape (the Province) in recent years has had a significantly negative impact on the well-being of the Province and poses a high risk to the livelihood of many citizens and retaining economic activity and thus job security. Water resources and the availability of water in the Province, are known to be affected by climate change. Changes in rainfall and temperature translate into increased hydro-meteorological variability and uncertainty and result in impacts on stream flows and certain demands. It is commonly known that the Province can expect more frequent, intensive, and persistent drought events, which require a holistic methodology and an integrated, collaborative, and coordinated response from all government departments and stakeholders. Water security and climate resilience has therefore become a key priority.

To address this challenge, the WCG registered water security as a transversal risk and the DLG has been designated as the coordinating department for managing the Provincial Transversal Water Risk and identified mitigation measures. A 15-year Water Resilience Plan was completed during the 2022/23 financial year following an extensive consultation process with various stakeholders. The strategic outcome of this Plan is the development of municipal water infrastructure with the purpose of enhancing water resilience through augmenting water supply, water infrastructure capacity upgrading, water source management and water demand management across the Province.

The tabled IDP reflects that water security in the municipal area has been severely compromised due to limited storage infrastructure, especially during periods of drought. To this extent, the Municipality intends to upgrade the Charlesford Pump Scheme and develop a Water Security Plan with a 50-year implementation horizon. In addition, the Municipality undertakes to continue with the maintenance of water infrastructure and installation of water management devices in indigent households. The Municipality should consider prioritising a Wetland Restoration and Rehabilitation Programme to assist with flood attenuation and improve the retention of water during dry spells. These are key ecological prospects that healthy wetlands can provide and would link to the Municipality's SO: To promote a safe and healthy environment through the protection of natural resources.

The WCG is determined to ramp up energy security and decrease the reliance on Eskom throughout the Province by implementing a comprehensive Western Cape Energy Resilience Programme. As part of the Whole of Government Approach in managing the energy crisis, the DLG in collaboration with the Provincial Energy Resilience Team will assist municipalities to pilot various energy solutions, which will include technical advice in this specialised field to find the best-fit energy options, appropriate to municipalities, as well as assistance with Municipal Energy Planning.

The DLG allocated funds to municipalities through the Emergency Municipal Loadshedding Relief Grant, as an urgent response to the increasing frequency and severity of loadshedding affecting municipalities and its impact on basic service delivery, health and the economy. The purpose of the grant is to provide municipalities with a financial contribution towards the purchase and installation of back-up energy supply, which may include generators, renewable power sources, batteries and all ancillary costs, for water and wastewater infrastructure as an immediate response to prolonged loadshedding. The tabled IDP reflects on energy challenges confronting the Municipality and to this extent will commission research into opportunities for alternative energy supply to guide the Municipality's decision-making around strengthening energy resilience.

In respect of housing, the Municipality should reflect the beneficiary selection criteria where top structure beneficiaries are prioritised and provide an indication on how the Municipality will manage the shift in the housing policy position of the national Department of Human Settlements i.e., from the prioritization of top structures to the delivery of serviced sites. In addition, the tabled IDP does not reflect that the Municipality has been declared as a Priority Human Settlements and Housing Development Area (PHSHDA) and a Restructuring Zone as published in Gazette (No. 43316) on 15 May 2020. To this end, the projects located in the PHSHDA can be described as catalytic and therefore spatially justify the development of human settlements in these areas. In addition, the tabled IDP should reflect all the proposed housing projects, the municipal budget allocated towards the projects, the Departmental funding applied for/received for the projects as well as delivery timeframes.

With regard to transport, the Municipality is advised that the Department of Mobility is in the process of developing the Western Cape 2023/24 - 2027/28 Provincial Land Transport Framework (PLTF). The purpose of the PLTF is to guide all transport and land-use related provincial-wide decision-making in respect of transport infrastructure development, management and investment, public transport, non-motorized transport, freight transport, land transport safety as well as district-wide and integrated transport planning. In reviewing the Integrated Transport Plan, the Municipality should take the PLTF into account with a view to aligning transport planning synergies within the municipal area.

Health, Social Services and Amenities

In relation to health, the tabled IDP reflects that there are five primary healthcare facilities, comprising four fixed clinics, one community day centre, four mobile/satellite clinics and one district hospital servicing the municipal area. The Municipality should consider contextualising the social factors contributing to the level of healthcare in the municipal area and reflect integration of the District Health Plan, into the adopted IDP, in a manner that demonstrates planning synergies to implementing the strategic direction and programmatic approach towards extending health care coverage.

With regard to social services, the Municipality reflects Strategic Focus Areas (SFAs) such as Youth Development, Care for the Elderly, Opportunities for women and people living with disability and HIV/AIDS that are identified to assist the Municipality in achieving the SO: To create an enabling environment for social development and economic growth. The programmes and projects emanating from these SFAs are consistent with the programmes agreed upon in the Implementation Protocol entered into between the Municipality and the Department of Social Development.

Safe and Cohesive Communities

Several community safety needs were registered as part of the Municipality's public participation processes including, adequately resourced neighbourhood watches, satellite police stations, street lighting and the installation of surveillance cameras. To this extent, some of the initiatives undertaken by the Municipality include distributing emergency contact information during door-to-door engagements, facilitating safety awareness campaigns, and conducting inspections on vehicles transporting dangerous goods. These initiatives reflect alignment to strategic elements of the District Safety Plan for the Garden Route district. However, the tabled IDP does not provide a clear strategy and mitigation plan to address concerns around rural safety. In this regard, the Municipality is advised to consider involving organised agriculture as part of finalising a safety plan for the municipal area.

In terms of disaster management, the Municipality should consider integrating aspects of the Disaster Risk Assessment commissioned by the Garden Route District Municipality's Disaster Management Centre during the 2023/22 financial year. This should assist the Municipality to reflect in the adopted IDP, a comprehensive account of its disaster management functionality and the institutional mechanisms to co-ordinate a disaster management approach and strategy.

2.2.5 Outstanding areas for improvement

The following indicates an area for improvement raised in last year's assessment report that remains outstanding:

- The IDP does not provide an indication on the status of sector plans and the anticipated timeframes for the adoption of those which are either in draft format or yet to be developed.

2.3 KEY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2.3.1 Key findings

Based on the above assessment, below is a summary of key findings:

- The Municipality intends to adopt a new five-year IDP with a timeframe of 2023 - 2028 that extends beyond Council's term of office which is 2022 - 2027. This is not in line with the Department's guidance issued in the 2022 SIME report;
- The tabled IDP does not contain a financial plan with a budget projection for at least the next three years;
- The tabled IDP does not contain key performance indicators and performance targets determined in terms of section 41 of the MSA;
- The tabled IDP does not contain a macro-organisational structure as required in terms of Regulation 2(1) of the MSA Regulations; and
- The tabled IDP does not reflect the status of sector plans in terms of when they were approved, last reviewed and when they are due for a review.

2.4 ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING ANALYSIS

2.4.1 Compliance, Performance, Implementation and Changing Circumstances

SPATIAL PLANNING

The Municipality is reminded that a Municipal Spatial Development Framework (MSDF) performance review should be undertaken annually in terms of section 34(a)(1) and 41(1)(c) of the MSA, to determine what progress has been made in implementing the MSDF, including the Capital Expenditure Framework (CEF), as a core component of the IDP. In this context the word “review” does not mean an update, but rather a “check” to see if through the budget, the IDP and other mechanisms such as development application approvals, the SDF is being implemented. It also means a “check” to see if there are any changing circumstances within the municipal space which require changes to be made to the content of the SDF. There is no evidence that a Performance Review of the implementation of the MSDF has been done. Notwithstanding this, it is understood that the Municipality intends to commence with a MSDF amendment, and this should include updating the CEF of the municipality.

In terms of alignment between the MSDF, draft IDP and draft budget, it is worth noting that the MSDF does contain a CEF and Implementation Framework. The CEF articulates spatial planning categories for guiding investment planning in the Municipality (page 92 - 95 of the MSDF) and the CEF Annexure sets out the ideal allocation of the capital budget over the 10-year period. Whilst the Knysna Municipal Capital Investment Framework maps (map 22 - 24 from page 93 to 95 of the MSDF) are useful in identifying where investment is needed, an additional step is required: to link the investment need or demand, with the type of engineering infrastructure investment required (this is generally drawn from the specific engineering master plan of the Municipality, assuming that these are aligned with the MSDF). The result would be a capital investment need project list, that is then prioritised. Although the tabled draft MTREF budget for the 2023/24 financial year is clearly articulated in the draft budget documentation, it is not explicitly clear if provision is made for the prioritised capital projects as identified in the MSDF. It is hoped that when the MSDF is amended in the 2023/24 year, the CEF will develop a prioritised portfolio of investments needed to support the implementation of the MSDF, and which can be used to inform the annual budgeting process.

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Biodiversity Spatial Plan

Please take note of the enabling of certain prescripts in the Western Cape Biodiversity Act, Act 6 of 2021, which includes legislative requirements pertinent to municipalities in terms of a Biodiversity Spatial Plan adopted by the provincial Minister. Sections 36, 37 (1), 37(2)(c), 37(2)(f); and of particular importance, 37(3) of the Western Cape Biodiversity Act should be noted by all municipalities within the Western Cape.

In addition to the above, the current Biodiversity Spatial Plan is being revised and an updated version is likely to be adopted in terms of section 36 of the Western Cape Biodiversity Act before the end of the 2023/24 municipal year.

Alien invasive plant clearing

Municipalities are reminded that the Ecological Infrastructure Investment Framework was developed for the Western Cape and speaks directly to the clearing of alien invasive plants for water gains, fire and flood risk reduction, and improved food security. Recent inclusions of ecological infrastructure in policies that pertain to municipal infrastructure should be noted. In many areas of the province, alien plants utilise considerably more water than their indigenous counterparts, and the eradication of these plants would more often than not result in downstream water gains. Additionally, alien plants are known to increase the risk and intensity of wildfires and flooding, which impact on municipal infrastructure as well as require disaster risk response. It

is important to keep these relationships in mind when prioritising interventions that aim to augment a municipality's water supply.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Climate Change Directorate within DEA&DP led the revision of the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy. The 2022 Strategy lists four guiding objectives for climate change response, namely:

- 1) Responding to the climate emergency,
- 2) Transitioning in an equitable and inclusive manner to net zero emissions by 2050,
- 3) Reducing climate risks and increasing resilience, and
- 4) Enabling a Just Transition through public sector, private sector and civil society collaboration.

Each of the Guiding objectives is supported by a preliminary list of key responses, which are detailed in an Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan adds details to the response actions outlined in the Strategy and identifies the role players required to drive actions. It also specifies timeframes for the actions and a framework within which the actions can be evaluated to measure progress and overall impact.

A new resource was released last year to assist municipalities with the most up to date climate science and projections.

The document titled "**SmartAgri: Updated Climate Change Trends and Projections for the Western Cape**" (2022) was completed for the Western Cape Department of Agriculture by the Climate Systems Analysis Group at the University of Cape Town¹. A Climate Change Adaptation Plan is currently being finalised. The plan is focussed on effectively managing inevitable climate change impacts through interventions that build and sustain Knysna's social, economic and environmental resilience. The IDP notes that managing the risks associated with climate change is one of the biggest ecological challenges faced by the residents of Knysna. The IDP also highlights the need for inclusion of climate change considerations in sector plan reviews that are going to take place in the next few years.

There are limited linkages to projects, planning and budgeting in the document. Two programmes (Waste-to-Energy Pilot) and Rainwater Harvesting Policy are specifically mentioned under the theme of climate change responsiveness.

AIR QUALITY

It is unclear whether an Air Quality Management budget is allocated within the tabulated draft budget. A budget allocation to implement/review and adopt the Air Quality Management Plan is to be secured to:

- develop (or update) the Air Quality By-law, inclusive of noise control,
- conduct awareness raising and capacity building,
- monitor ambient air quality (passive or continuous monitoring of air pollutants via either a
- fully equipped ambient air quality monitoring station or low-cost air quality sensors), and
- implement air quality management intervention strategies in its jurisdiction.

STRATEGIC RISK/ISSUE	PROPOSED ACTION
Knysna does not have an Air Quality Management By-law.	Consider adopting an air quality By-Law to assist with air quality management compliance and enforcement.
Noise complaints handling in respect of the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations P.N. 200/2013, for an activity in terms of nuisance or disturbance matters.	Must designate/appoint a Noise Control Officer, in terms of Section 9 of the Western Cape Noise Control Regulations P.N. 200/2013.

COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Coastal Risk

A Coastal Risk Management Policy is being drafted by DEA&DP in conjunction with accompanying regulations for the implementation of the Coastal Management Lines previously delineated by DEA&DP. Municipalities will be alerted/informed to the progress of the said policy and regulations as they will be engaged during the development of both the Policy and the Regulations.

The Municipality should consider identifying/emphasising the coastal risk areas vulnerable to possible sea-level rise within their municipal area that may require proactive planning and support. From a climate resilience response context, also consider CML Circular No. 004 - 2021 and the Coastal Erosion Guidelines of November 2020: https://www.westerncape.gov.za/eadp/files/atoms/files/WC_Guideline%20Informing%20Coastal%20Erosion%20Decision-Making.pdf

The second generation Western Cape Provincial Coastal Management Programme "WC PCMP" 2022 - 2027 was adopted by Minister: Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on 27 March 2023. The Municipality should please consider the content/stated objectives of the second generation WC PCMP in future relevant environmental/planning documents or updates.

The Municipality should consider the use of a CMP implementation plan to assist the tracking of progress in meeting prioritised CMP objectives/goals.

Coastal Access Land Designation

An agreement between the Garden Route District Municipality and the Local Municipalities within the Garden Route District must still be concluded to assign the designation of coastal access land function to the Knysna Municipality. Engagements to this regard have already been held. The DEA&DP is supporting the municipalities with this process.

Public Launch Sites

DEA&DP understands that currently the draft Operational Management Plans for use at the listed Public Launch Sites (PLS) are still in the process of being developed. The Municipality is therefore encouraged to as soon as possible, send the final draft PLS OPs to DEAD&DP for review and approval by the MEC.

Coastal Water Quality

The Municipality should consider promoting additional mitigation measures to avoid increasing pump station failures caused because of loadshedding, and that possibly causes polluted water to enter into coastal water, e.g., sensitive estuarine environments.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Management Licensing

The Knysna Municipality makes use of the Old Place Garden Waste Facility, Sedgefield Green waste and builders rubble Facility, Sedgefield Recycling Facility and Knysna Transfer station. All facilities in the Municipality are currently partially compliant with their waste management licences.

The general waste collected at the Sedgefield recycling facility and Knysna Transfer station is all transported to the PetroSA Facility until the regional Facility is operational.

Waste Information Management

The Municipality has four (4) waste activities registered on the IPWIS: Old Place Garden Site D04134-01, Knysna Recycling D04140-01, Sedgefield Garden Waste Treatment Facility D10963-01, Sedgefield Recycling.

For the period Jan - Dec 2022 the number of reports submitted for the Municipality are as follow: Old Place Garden Site D04134-01 (0/12), Knysna Recycling D04140-01 (0/12), Sedgefield Garden Waste Treatment Facility D10963-01 (0/12), Sedgefield Recycling

For the period Jan - December 2022, Knysna Municipality disposed 7763T of waste. The Municipality diverted 1809T and has a diversion rate of 19 per cent, which is small progress towards an ideal goal of 50 per cent within the first year.

Waste Policy and Minimisation

The Municipality has a 2014 Integrated Waste Management by-law that is aligned to National Environmental Management: Waste Act (NEMWA). They have two drop-offs, MRF, a two-bag system for domestic waste; blue bags for garden waste collection; clear bags for source separated recyclable waste. The Municipality supports a swap shop while e-waste is managed using a blue waste container that is located at the Knysna transfer station.

The Municipality also has a final organic waste diversion plan which is part of their waste minimisation plan that details their plans for diverting organic waste from landfill sites.

In terms of raising awareness, the Municipality does school campaigns; distributes leaflets and handouts at the Knysna Oyster festival; distributed flyers are available in the three official languages; they conduct door to door campaigns and waste education features in the local newspaper as well as using social media.

2.4.2 Key Findings, Recommendations

BIODIVERSITY

Towards the end of managing, controlling and eradicating alien plants, it was noted that Knysna has an invasive species monitoring, control and eradication plan that is yet to be approved by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). With the documents tabled for assessment as a reference, it was not possible to ascertain the budget allocation to clearing invasive plants or following-up on areas recently cleared for the year under review. Towards monitoring the performance of Knysna Municipality in terms of the aforementioned plan, the inclusion of a succinct overview of clearing and follow-up targets and budgets would be advantageous in next year's assessment.

In terms of spatial alignment between the SDF and the Biodiversity Spatial Plan, it was noted, with thanks, that Knysna Municipality's SDF has been aligned with the Biodiversity Spatial Plan.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste Information Management

Through IPWIS report submissions the Municipality achieved a compliance score of 0 per cent within this period. The Municipality is therefore non-compliant with respect to the National Waste Information regulations. The Municipality is non-compliant in terms of their reporting to the IPWIS and have not yielded to requests for corrective action. The Municipality is earmarked for a pre-compliance notice.

Waste Management Planning

The IWMP is integrated with the tabled IDP however budget to implement future actions have not been clearly stated. Only waste management challenges have been reported on in the Annual Report. Not all actions of the IWMP have been reported on.

SECTION 3: ECONOMIC and FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

3.1 INTRODUCTION

This section provides an assessment of key indicators related to the responsiveness, credibility and sustainability of the tabled budget.

Key to assessing the above criteria is the alignment of the Municipality's budget to its strategic objectives, where if there are gaps identified, recommendations will be provided considering the municipal areas current socio-economic challenges.

The revenue and expenditure analysis and risks section provide a gap analysis with regards to trading services, analysing the credibility, tariff structure and responsiveness of the Municipality's budget.

As capital infrastructure development is a key catalyst for economic growth and sustainability, the Municipality's capital funding mix, capital budget implementation and procurement planning assessment are critical to understand the municipal area's growth trajectory.

3.2 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Key budget priorities in terms of IDP Strategic Objectives

This section assesses whether the budget is aligned to the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) of the Municipality, specifically to the Municipality's strategic objectives. The extent to which national and provincial priorities and plans were considered is also analysed and well as progress towards reaching key national goals.

Table 1 Strategic Objectives for the 2023/24 Medium Term Revenue & Expenditure Framework

Strategic Objective	2023/24 Medium Term Revenue & Expenditure Framework OPEX				2023/24 Medium Term Revenue & Expenditure Framework CAPEX			
	Budget Year 2023/24	Budget Year 2024/25	Budget Year 2025/26	Average Annual Growth	Budget Year 2023/24	Budget Year 2024/25	Budget Year 2025/26	Average Annual Growth
To improve and maintain current basic service delivery through specific infrastructure development projects.	705 331	770 444	780 632	5.2%	114 833	118 624	125 287	4.5%
To promote a safe and healthy environment through the protection of our natural resources.	155 242	163 211	171 226	5.0%	-	600	-	
To encourage the involvement of communities in the matters of local government, through the promotion of open channels of communication.	60 378	62 087	64 298	3.2%	300	5	-	-100.0%
To create an enabling environment for socio development and economic growth.	7 304	7 662	8 022	4.8%	800	640	-	-100.0%
To grow the revenue base of the municipality	78 968	83 799	87 793	5.4%	2 340	825	3 000	13.2%
To structure and manage the municipal administration to ensure efficient service delivery.	208 463	216 569	224 596	3.8%	8 480	9 010	6 000	-15.9%
Total Expenditure	1 215 686	1 303 772	1 336 567	4.9%	126 753	129 704	134 287	2.9%

Source: Knysna Municipality, A-Schedules

- The Municipality has presented a 2023/24 MTREF budget aimed at improving the livelihoods of its residents. The strategic goals noted above are aligned to the strategic goals in the IDP and reflect financial commitments to all six strategic objectives.

- It is clear from the budgetary allocation to the strategic objectives that the bulk of the 2023/24 MTREF allocation is focused toward SO1 'To improve and maintain current basic service delivery through specific infrastructure development projects'; this comprises of an operating budget allocation of R705.331 million (58 per cent) and a capital allocation of R114.833 million (90.6 per cent) in 2023/24. SO6 'To structure and manage the municipal administration to ensure efficient service delivery' is allocated the second largest portion (6.7 per cent) of the capital budget for 2023/24.
- In comparison to the previous financial year, expenditure growth for SO1, which includes the Municipality's core service delivery areas, is 14.7 per cent in 2023/24, compared to overall operating spend growth of 12.6 per cent. For capital expenditure, overall spend in 2023/24 increases by 4.5 per cent, compared with the SO1 increase of 16.8 per cent.
- It is evident that the Municipality's 2023/24 budget has prioritised spending towards delivering its key service delivery mandate areas, for both its operating and capital budget, of which SO1 comprises the majority of the allocation. Given forecasted inflation of 5.3 per cent, real operating expenditure and capital expenditure growth for SO1 is predicted for 2023/24. There are however large projects impacting the capital budget which causes considerable fluctuation in the capital budget allocations from year to year.
- The allocations outlined above are viewed within the context of priorities of national and provincial government, as well as the Garden Route District Municipality, and clear alignment is evident. Furthermore, the socio-economic needs of residents are adequately addressed and strategically prioritised in the 2023/24 budget.

3.3 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS AND RISKS

3.3.1 Budget Overview

Table 2 Budget overview for the Knysna Municipality MTREF Budget

Knysna	CURRENT YEAR			MEDIUM TERM REVENUE & EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK					
Description	2022/23	2022/23	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2025/26
R thousand	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Treasury Calculation	Budget Year +0	Treasury Calculation	Budget Year +1	Treasury Calculation	Budget Year +2	Treasury Calculation
Total Operating Revenue (excluding capital transfers and contributions)	1 062 059	1 081 113	1 081 113	1 217 118	1 217 118	1 307 213	1 307 213	1 340 942	1 340 942
Total Operating Expenditure	1 061 275	1 078 836	1 089 523	1 215 686	1 205 096	1 303 773	1 294 051	1 336 567	1 326 348
Surplus/(Deficit)	784	2 277	(8 410)	1 432	12 023	3 440	13 162	4 375	14 594
Non Cash Items									
Depreciation & asset impairment	43 688	43 688	43 688	49 119	49 119	51 526	51 526	53 947	53 947
A4: Total Operating Budget Restated Result	44 472	45 964	35 278	50 551	61 141	54 965	64 687	58 322	68 541
A5: Total Capital Expenditure	127 124	121 211	121 211	126 753	122 253	129 704	129 704	134 287	134 286
Funded by:									
Transfers recognised - capital	46 468	54 361	54 361	82 684	78 184	73 974	73 974	86 417	86 416
Borrowing	61 190	61 640	61 640	38 805	38 805	46 000	46 000	42 870	42 870
Internally generated funds	9 916	5 210	5 210	5 265	5 265	9 730	9 730	5 000	5 000
A7 - Cash/cash equivalents at the year end:	18 505	19 216	68 386	16 024	94 755	995	116 897	(14 153)	143 676
A8 - Surplus / (shortfall) after application of cash and investments	9 411	(14 601)	(75 764)	(23 715)	(50 676)	(19 274)	(27 818)	(14 565)	3 446
BUDGET FUNDING POSITION	FUNDED	UNFUNDED		UNFUNDED		UNFUNDED		FUNDED	

Source: A1 schedules, NT funding tool, TABB data strings.

- The overview of the 2023/24 Medium Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) budget takes into consideration the current year budget implementation, current economic reality, historical data of past revenue generation and spending trends as a baseline measure to determine the impact on future budget implications and to ascertain the credibility and sustainability of the budget.
- The Municipality's tabled 2023/24 MTREF budget has been assessed to be Unfunded. The Municipality subsequently achieves a funded budget position in the 2025/26 budget year. The unfunded budget position is concerning as it suggests that the overall sustainability and credibility of the budget is compromised.
- The Municipality was cautioned that their previous adjustment budget in November 2022 was unfunded and that the main adjustment budget should make the necessary changes to achieve a funded position. Whilst there was some improvement, the Municipality failed to achieve this, and the Municipality needed to submit measures to Provincial Treasury that set out what actions will be implemented to ensure that the tabled budget for the 2023/24 MTREF is funded. The Municipality did not submit the measures with the tabled budget but indicated that it is currently preparing a document that will be tabled for councils' approval with the final 2023/24 MTREF budget.
- The total operating revenue is projected to increase significantly by 12.6 per cent from the adjusted budget to R1.22 billion in the 2023/24 financial year mainly driven by the new property rates general valuation roll to be implemented from 1 July 2023. The Municipality projected to increase the operating revenue budget from R1.22 billion to R1.31 billion in the 2024/25 financial year and R1.34 billion in the 2025/26 financial year. It is noted that the estimated growth rate in operating revenue remains steady in the 2024/25 at 7.4 per cent when compared to 2023/24, however stagnates in the 2025/26 financial year to 2.6 per cent.
- In terms of the total expenditure budget, the Municipality projected to increase their expenditure budget from R1.08 billion to R1.22 billion in the 2023/24 financial year representing an increase of 12.7 per cent and further increased the budget to R1.30 billion in 2024/25 and R1.34 billion in 2025/26. This represents an increase of 7.2 per cent in 2024/25 and 2.5 per cent in 2025/26 respectfully. This is a clear indication that municipality has taken a more conservative budgeting approach in the outer years. However, it is noted that operating expenditure is growing at a very similar rate as the revenue, over the 2023/24 MTREF period, with an operating surplus margin of 1 per cent.
- The Municipality tabled an operating budget surplus for the 2023/24 financial year and maintains this surplus over the MTREF period. However, it is evident that the Municipality is in need to augment their revenue base through major economic growth opportunities as the operating surplus growth projections remains flat.
- The aim of generating an operating surplus is for the Municipality to transfer its surpluses to its capital replacement reserved to fund the upgrade or refurbishment of its infrastructure assets, especially the revenue generating assets. This will ensure CRR is used instead of borrowings which has now become a very expensive method of financing with the continued rise in the interest rates.
- The Municipality projected a positive cash and cash equivalents in the first two years of the MTREF of R16.02 million, R995 000 for 2023/24 and 2024/25 and a negative R143.68 million for 2025/26. It is noted a year-on-year decrease on the closing cash and cash equivalents over the MTREF budget. The Municipality is indicating a steadily regressing cash flow balance.
- The analysis of table A6 (Budgeted Financial Position) projected that the Municipality has reported a negative working capital that demonstrates that it has insufficient funds to meet its short-term liabilities in over the MTREF period. This demonstrates that the Municipality has budgeted to achieve a negative

working capital over the MTREF period. It is noted that the closing cash and cash equivalents on table A6 do not reconcile with A7. This may distort the true reflection of the working capital.

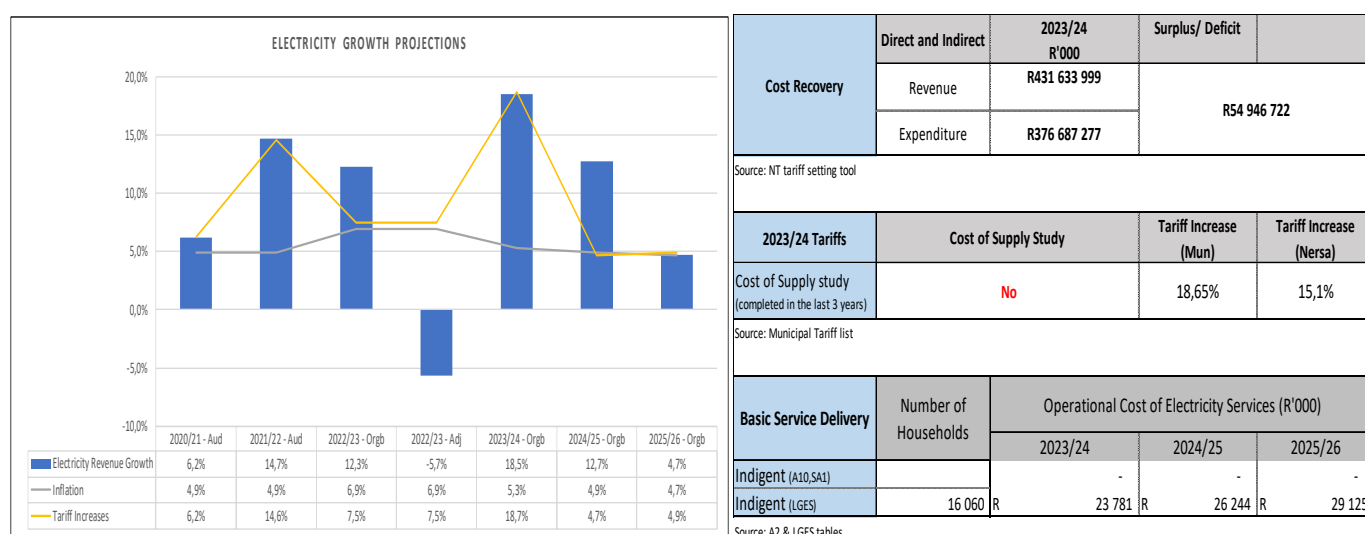
- The projected liquidity ratios are reported to be 0.06:1 (2023/24), 0.00:1 (2024/25), and -0.05:1 (2025/26) over the MTREF period. The Municipality is anticipating that it will have insufficient financial resources to settle its short-term debts when due. The Municipality is exposed to liquidity risk. This also indicates that the Municipality must convert its outstanding debtors to cash to have adequate financial resources based on the ratio.

3.4 TRADING SERVICES

3.4.1 Energy Services

3.4.1.1 Energy Services Credibility and Sustainability

Diagram 1 Energy trading service trends



Source: Knysna Municipality 2023/24 MTREF Draft Budget, A1-Schedule - mSCOA data strings

- Projected revenue to be generated from the energy trading service represents 32.5 per cent of the Municipality's total operating revenue, the revenue is projected to increase by 18.5 per cent in the 2023/24 financial year, 12.7 per cent in 2024/25 and 4.7 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year. The projected revenue growth in the 2023/24 financial year is in line with the budgeted tariff increase projected by the Municipality but above the proposed NERSA maximum electricity tariff projection of 15.1 per cent as per the consultation paper from NERSA released on 4 April 2023. The two (2) outer years reflect a declining growth rate in revenue generation which is not consistent with the proposed tariff increases for the outer years of the MTREF. Concerningly, it appears as if the Municipality is estimating that the consumer consumption rate will on average remain consistent despite continued loadshedding that is likely to encourage customers, that are able to afford it, to migrate off the municipal electrical grid. It has further been noted that the Municipality has put measures in place to protect revenue generated from the energy trading service such as introducing a penalty tariff in the 2023/24 budget for customers that are not notifying the Municipality or applying to be removed from the municipal electrical grid.
- The Municipality is encouraged to undertake a cost of supply study to determine how cost reflective the electricity tariffs are. This will assist the Municipality in identifying inefficiencies and maintain the operating surplus that is projected from the electricity trading service.

- Electricity distribution losses decreased from 11.3 per cent in 2020/21 to 9 per cent as per the 2021/22 Audited Annual Financial Statements. The Municipality is commended for reducing the distribution losses to be within the National Treasury norm range of 7 - 10 per cent. This is evident that the Municipality's provision for repairs and maintenance is bearing fruits, by eliminating losses in the distribution of electricity to consumers. The Municipality is advised to implement the recommendations from the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) revenue enhancement study to aid it in further reducing leakages and losses in the energy trading service.
- The Municipality projected a collection rate of 94 per cent for electricity revenue. Hence, a 6 per cent is anticipated unlikely to be collected.

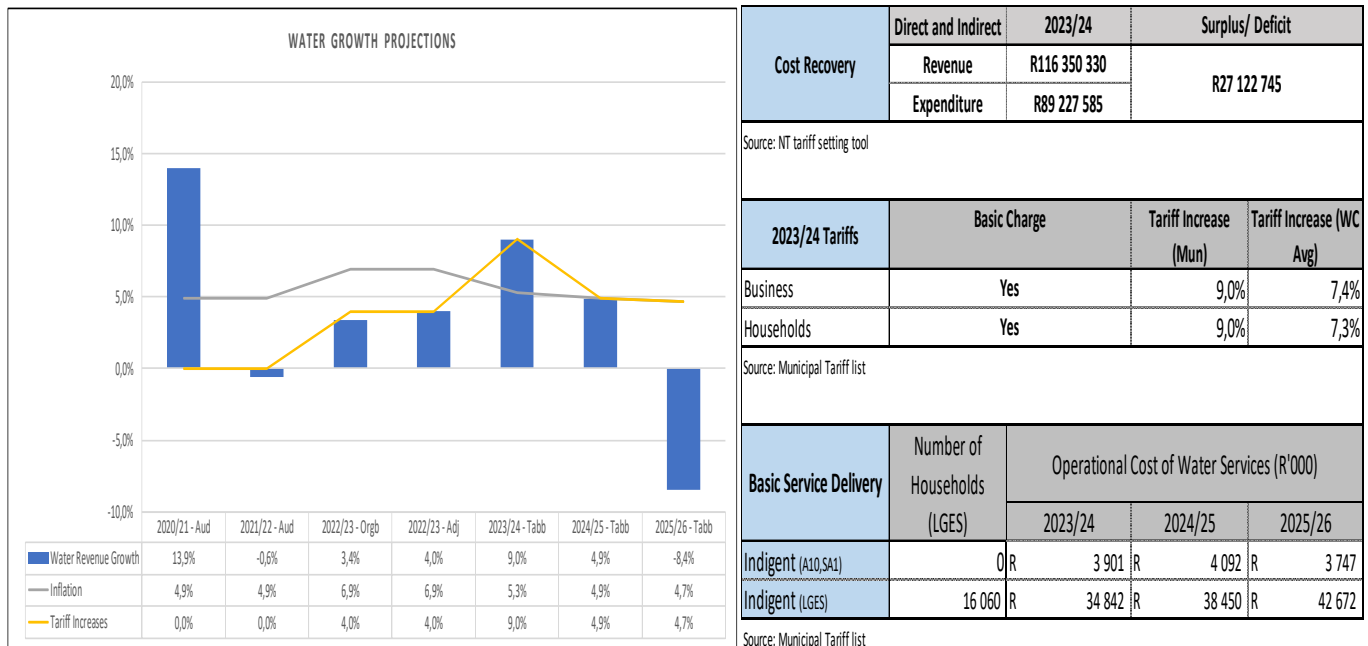
3.4.1.2 Responsiveness to Energy Services Demand and Provision

Municipal challenges	94.6% of households have access to electricity - marginally above the district average. - Loadshedding has resulted in implications for municipal infrastructure, affecting the lifespan and reliability of water, sanitation, and electricity. - There is limited availability of qualified and competent electrical technicians. - High cost of electricity for end users and potential developers. - Another challenge is the feasibility of the overhead distribution network vs. underground cabling.
Electricity Expenditure Analysis	- As was the case for the 2022/23 financial year, energy is the Municipality's primary trading services priority (64.9% of the total Trading Services budget). The operating budget allocation towards the Energy function increased by 19.9% in 2023/24 when compared to the 2022/23 adjustment budget total and will on average increase by 7.2% across the MTREF period. - From a capital expenditure perspective, the 2023/24 allocation towards Energy is a significant increase from the 2022/23 financial year, increasing from R18.015 million to R45.847 million (154%). However, a decrease is noted across the MTREF, which declines by 69.6% in 2024/25, and a further 6.1% in 2025/26. One of the highlights of the 2021/22 financial year includes the electrification of 669 houses for both informal and formal settlements within the greater Knysna area, completed at a cost of R10.2 million. Likewise, the funds for the 2023/24 financial year will largely be spent on accelerating programmes for electrification of informal settlements with INEP funding from the Department of Energy. The 2023/24 budget allocation towards these capital projects total R38.047 million and will be executed in Wards 4, 6, 7, 8 and 11. Other key projects include the Salt River switch gear plant upgrade (R2.5 million), electrification of formal housing and an RMU transformer with both projects allocated R2 million. - The tabled budget responds well to the above needs and socio-economic reality and despite the crippling effects of loadshedding, the Municipality has taken great strides with plans in place to address the energy crises as best as possible. - At PT's 2023 TIME engagements, the Municipality noted these plans, which includes the increase of funding on hire charges and water infrastructure, the launch of a public awareness programme, a limit on the use of water for recreation purposes, and the employment of additional guards to protect infrastructure where generators may be installed. Additional plans include engagement with Eskom to negotiate whether certain areas may be excluded from loadshedding, as well as the provision of additional water trucks, vacuum trucks, and fuel and diesel bowser. The Municipality has also established a Joint Operations Centre (JOC) under the instruction of the Municipal Manager. Additionally, the review of the Medium Voltage (MV) distribution network master plan will ensure that the electricity network is able to accommodate all planned developments for the next five years.

3.4.2 Water Services

3.4.2.1 Water Services Credibility and Sustainability

Diagram 2 Water trading service trends



Source: Knysna Municipality 2023/24 MTREF Draft Budget, A1-Schedule - mSCOA data strings

- In terms of water service revenue, the Municipality anticipates an increase of 9 per cent to R80.88 million in the 2023/24 financial year, a 4.9 per cent increase to R84.85 million in the 2024/25 financial year and a reduction of 8.4 per cent to R77.70 million in the 2025/26 financial year. The projected revenue growth correlates with the proposed water tariff increases for the 2023/24 financial year. This suggests that the Municipality does not anticipate and changes to consumption. The tariff increase is mainly informed by the unforeseen increase in chemical supply costs.
- The Municipality anticipates generating a surplus from the provision of water services in the 2023/24 financial year as depicted in the table above as per the submitted NT tariff tool, however an operating deficit is projected for the 2024/25 financial year. The Municipality will be part of a pilot programme for all water assets and consideration for cost reflective tariffs for water. This will assist the Municipality to realistically cost the water service and eliminate any inefficiencies identified in the process to provide the service to its residents.
- Reported water losses decreased significantly from 44.5 per cent in the 2020/21 financial year, to 27.2 per cent in the 2021/22 financial year, which is just within the NT norm of between 15 and 30 per cent. The Municipality intends to spend significantly on the refurbishment and upgrading of its water reticulation network infrastructure which will continue to reduce the water losses possible pipe bursts and leakages. The Municipality is commended for corrective measures and maintenance strategies of current infrastructure and overall water resource management in its current capital budget.
- The Municipality's estimated collection rate for water revenue is 89 per cent therefore there is a probability of 11 per cent of the receivables from water revenue likely to be impaired. The Municipality's provision for debt impairment on water revenue of R7.86 million is realistic, given the projected collection rate. The Municipality should further explore converting conventional water meter to prepaid meters, as this seen as an effective collecting mechanism for those defaulting on their payments. The Municipality should consider converting indigent consumers to prepaid meters and cap their consumption to the National standard of 6 kl for free basic consumption.

- It was also noted that the Municipality provides free water (0 - 3 kl consumption) to all consumers, this may not be sustainable given the Municipality's strained financial position.
- The Municipality must also closely monitor its indigent consumer to ascertain these consumers only consume up to the 6kl allowable water usage and should subsequently pay for any additional water consumed. Water is a scarce commodity and with the increased consumption the Municipality is urged to apply control measures to restrict usage to acceptable levels.
- In terms of budgeting for water inventory, the Municipality does not purchase any water inventory, however, the value of the natural water resources needs to be ascertained and accounted for. The Municipality needs to account for the costs necessary to purify and distribute water to its residents.
- The Municipality did not directly address how it intends to mitigate the potential risk of the continued loadshedding in its tabled 2023/24 budget on its operations and water infrastructure to provide the water service to its residents. Provincial Government has in the current financial year provided support to the Municipality to purchase generators to assist water pumps and reticulations assets to continue operating despite loadshedding negatively affecting the Municipality ability to provide the services to its residents.

3.4.2.2 Responsiveness to Water Services Demand and Provision

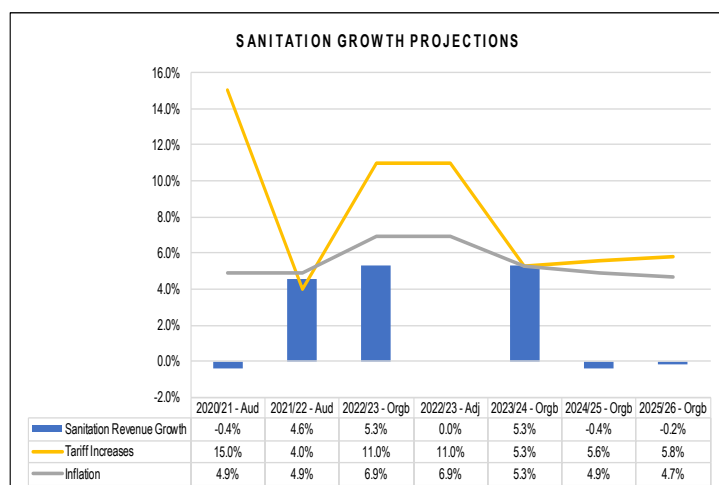
Municipal challenges	- Water infrastructure is at risk due to loadshedding - negatively impacts the production and distribution of water. - The Municipality is predominantly dependent on river and groundwater abstraction systems for water supply and face a high risk of insufficient flow volumes given fluctuating rainfall patterns. Water security has been severely compromised due to the limited storage infrastructure especially during drought situations. - Large number of households with no access to drinking water inside their homes or on their premises, especially in informal settlements. - Limited funds to alleviate water supply backlogs. - Ageing infrastructure.
Water Expenditure Analysis	- Water is the second largest priority within the Municipality's trading services operating budget, at 17% of the total trading services allocation. The allocation towards water services responds well within the Municipality's financial constraints and increases at an average of 11% over the MTREF period. - The capital budget follows the same allocation structure as the operating budget, with water management as the second largest priority area; comprising 24.7% of the Municipality's capital trading services budget. Despite a slight decline from the previous year's adjustment budget (1.5%), the allocation increases significantly across the MTREF; from R17.407 million in 2023/24 to R35.326 million in 2024/25, with a further increase to R49.238 million in 2025/26. This is a 68.2% increase on average across the MTREF period. The allocation will facilitate an upgrade of the Knysna CBD water reticulation (R3.5 million) and will be used for water services infrastructure (R2.956 million) and water demand management devices (R2 million). Other large projects include the Old Place pipe replacement - Melkhoud and a pipeline from PG Bison to Akkerkloof 600, both with an allocation of R1 million. - Migration patterns result in increased population growth in the municipal area and the uncontrolled informal settling in the road reserve and other SANRAL land places strain on the provision of basic services and infrastructure capacity. This increase in unplanned informal housing developments require the provision of basic water services in the form of standpipes, which the Municipality also makes provision for in its 2023/24 capital budget (R250 000).

- The capital projects planned for the 2023/24 financial year directly respond to the critical municipal challenges highlighted above and displays the Municipality's commitment to ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply for its residents and a sustainable balance between infrastructure maintenance and the provision of new infrastructure/infrastructure upgrades. Overall, enhancing water security in the municipal area will lead to a healthier, more resilient, and prosperous community.
- The 2021/22 Annual Report notes that the Municipality completed a conservation and demand management project which included audits of water meters and the top 100 consumers as well as the development of a bulk water meter management system and the installations and refurbishment of bulk water meters. The Municipality should continue exploring conservation measures to combat the risk of water shortages in the future and could launch a public education campaign to raise awareness of the importance of water conservation and the need to protect the water supply. Encourage the community to participate in conservation efforts and provide them with information and tools to reduce their water use. Furthermore, the Municipality should prioritise maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure to prevent costly emergency repairs and replacements. It is crucial to have a comprehensive water security plan that incorporates technical, financial, and social factors to ensure a sustainable and secure water supply.

3.4.3 Wastewater Services

3.4.3.1 Wastewater Services Credibility and Sustainability

Diagram 3 Wastewater trading service trends



Cost Recovery	Direct and Indirect	2023/24 R'000	Surplus/ Deficit				
	Revenue	R56 417 858	-R35 018 162				
	Expenditure	R91 436 020					
Source: NT tariff setting tool							
2023/24 Tariffs	Basic Charge		Tariff Increase (Mun)	Tariff Increase (WC Avg)			
Business	Yes (based on plot size)		5.3%	6.6%			
Households	Yes (based on plot size)		5.3%	7.5%			
Source: Municipal Tariff list							
Basic Service Delivery	Number of Households	Operational Cost of Waste water Services (00'0)					
		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26	
	Indigent (A10,SA1)	10 180	R	236	R	235	R
Indigent (LGES)	16 060	R	23 493	R	25 925	R	28 772

Source: A2 & LGES tables

Source: Knysna Municipality 2023/24 MTREF Draft Budget, A1-Schedule - mSCOA data strings

- In terms of Wastewater Service revenue, the Municipality anticipates an increase of 5.3 per cent to R30.86 million in the 2023/24 financial year from the adjusted budget of R29.31 million. The projected revenue growth correlates with the proposed wastewater tariff increases for the 2023/24 financial year. It was noted the revenue growth for the two outer years of the MTREF is projected to decrease by 0.4 per cent and 0.2 per cent respectively. This is not a realistic revenue growth projected as it is an indication that the Municipality won't be generating sufficient revenue to cover the cost to provide this service in a sustainable way to its residents.
- The Municipality is projecting an operating deficit for wastewater trading services over the MTREF period. This is not sustainable and adds additional pressure to other revenue streams to subsidise the losses projected by the wastewater services. The Municipality is reminded that cost reflective tariff setting is a requirement of Section 74(2) of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act No.32 of 2000) which states that tariffs must "reflect the costs reasonably associated with rendering the service".

- The Municipality indicated that it has completed a general valuation roll, the number of properties have increased by 599 properties from previous general valuation roll that was done in 2017. The increase in properties suggests that consumption or utilisation of wastewater services would have increased. The Municipality is advised to review its assumptions for the wastewater service and ensure that all properties in the valuation roll are correctly captured on the billing system to ensure completeness of billing for wastewater.

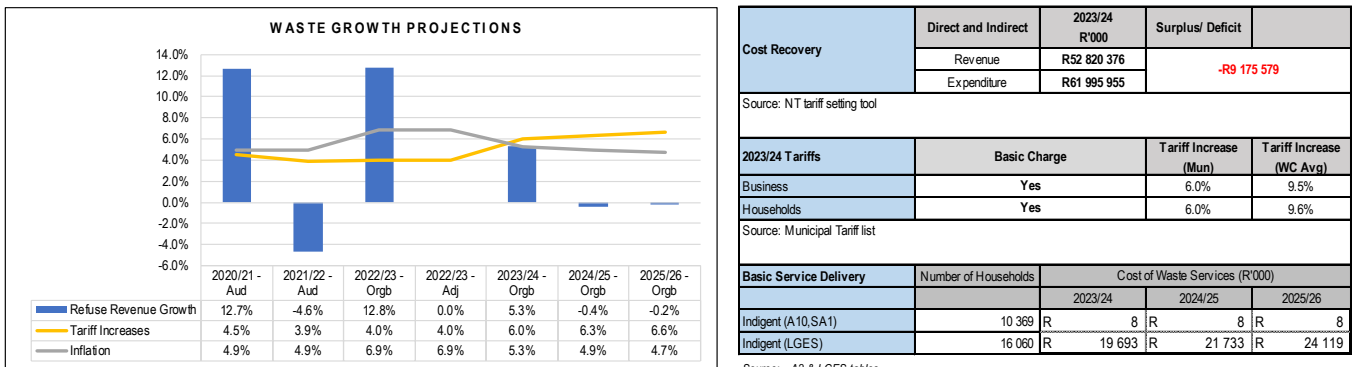
3.4.3.2 Responsiveness to Wastewater Services Demand and Provision

Municipal challenges	● Sewerage pump stations not equipped with generators overflow during extended periods of loadshedding, requiring it to be pumped out with a honey sucker. ● Leaks and blockages in sewer infrastructure or sewer pipes in close proximity to storm water pipes. ● Limited resources are available to alleviate the sanitation backlogs. ● Informal settlement areas having limited or no access to adequate toilet and wastewater disposal systems. ● Vandalism of sanitation infrastructure and public amenities. ● Illegal connections to the network have resulted in sewer blockages and increased maintenance costs. ● Sub-standard quality of effluent from WWTW's and dependency on conventional sanitation technologies. ● Operation failure and constraints at wastewater treatment plants.
Wastewater Expenditure Analysis	● The wastewater operational expenditure in terms of trading services reflects an increase of 17% from the 2022/23 adjustments budget and will continue increasing by 4.6% across the MTREF. The allocation will predominantly be used for wastewater treatment (65.4%), followed by sewerage (26.9%), with storm water management and public toilets receiving 4.9% and 2.6%, respectively. ● Capital expenditure on the other hand decreases significantly by 62.5% in the 2023/24 financial year but will increase on average by 92.4% over the MTREF period. Major capital projects include an upgrade of the main sewer pump station valued at R1 million, a MCC replacement, pump, valve and rails replacement and the rehabilitation of the sewer pipe bridge in Khayaletu South, all with an allocation of R750 000 for each project. Despite limited funds, the Municipality addresses the municipal challenges and gaps efficiently, displaying a clear alignment between the IDP and budget. Increasing expenditure on wastewater management can provide many economic benefits for the Municipality. These benefits include cost savings, improved public health, increased property values, job creation, sustainable development, and improved water supply. These benefits can help to stimulate local economic growth and provide a better quality of life for residents. ● The effect of load-shedding and power outages requires careful consideration and potential funding given the service delivery and economic risk implications should functionality of pump stations be compromised.

3.4.4 Waste Removal Services

3.4.4.1 Waste Removal Services Credibility and Sustainability

Diagram 4 Waste removal service trends



Source: Knysna Municipality 2023/24 MTREF Draft Budget, A1-Schedule - mSCOA data strings

- In terms of waste removal service revenue, the Municipality anticipates an increase of 5.3 per cent to R29.31 million in the 2023/24 financial year from the adjusted budget of R27.83 million. The projected revenue growth does not correlate with the proposed waste removal tariff increase of 6 per cent for the 2023/24 financial year. The revenue growth for the two (2) outer years of the MTREF is projected to decline by 0.4 per cent and 0.2 per cent respectively. This is not a realistic projection as it is an indication that the Municipality won't be generating sufficient revenue to cover its cost to provide this service in a sustainable way to its residents.
- The Municipality is projecting an operating deficit for the waste removal service in the 2023/24 financial year. The Municipality indicated that it will be utilising the new Garden Route Regional Landfill site in 2024, which will be at an additional cost. The Municipality is urged to determine the exact cost to of utilising the regional landfill site and to factor this cost into the tariff increase for the 2024/25 financial year, thus ensuring a cost reflective tariff is achieved.
- The estimated collection rate for sanitation services is estimated to be 99 per cent, resulting in 1 per cent being anticipated not to be collected, which does not seem realistic given the projected debt impairment for the service. The Municipality's budgeted debt impairment for sanitation services of R2.31 million is not aligned to the projected collection rate for this service.

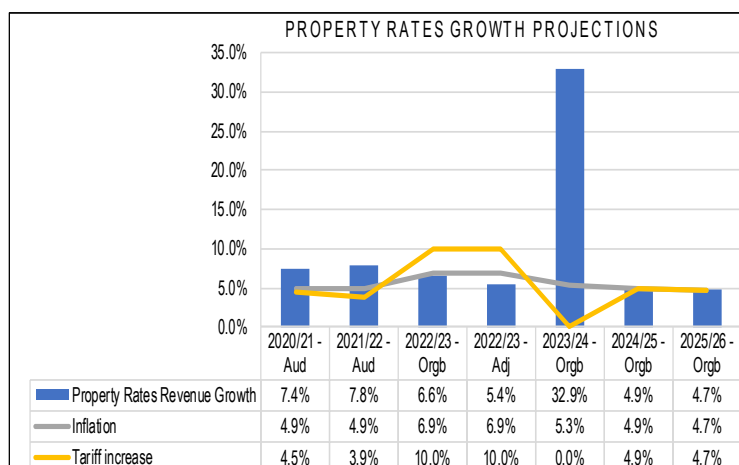
3.4.4.2 Responsiveness to Waste Removal Demand and Provision

Municipal challenges	91.6% of households have their solid waste removed at least once a week (Quantec, 2022). This is way above the district average of 88.5%. - Old Place Garden Refuse site - the only permitted green waste facility in Knysna has reached capacity and contributes toward the issue of illegal dumping. A new site needs to be developed soon. - The waste transfer facility is located on a dormant railway facility on which council continues to incur rental costs. A huge financial outlay will be required to relocate the facility to municipal owned land. - Illegal dumping in all wards which could be as a result of distances to local disposal or collection sites. - Challenge with implementation of contained waste collection to areas that are not accessible due to the topography of the town. - Transfer station does not cater for the sorting of waste which results in recyclable waste reaching the landfill.
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Waste Expenditure Analysis	- As with wastewater management, capital expenditure on waste management services also declined from the 2022/23 adjustment budget, by 66.7%. It will decrease by a further 54.5% in 2024/25, with no allocation for the 2025/26 financial year. During the 2021/22 financial year, three new refuse removal trucks were acquired. A key acquisition for the 2023/24 financial year includes a new front-end loader for waste facilities (R1.4 million). - The allocation towards operating expenditure for waste management services remains relatively consistent year-on year from 2022/23 to 2023/24, displaying a 0.2% increase, shifting from R50.163 million to R50.278 million, and will increase marginally by 0.6% over the MTREF period. - The Municipality currently implements a multi-bag system as part of its waste minimisation programme, which allows for the disposal of household refuse. The recyclable waste is collected as part of the weekly collection and is taken to the nearest recycling facility. In addition, residents may purchase blue plastic bags from the Municipality's Customer Care Centre for the disposal of garden refuse, for which transportation costs are included in the charge of the bags. It is clear that the Municipality is taking proactive measures to address waste management challenges and critical gaps by implementing effective strategies to help alleviate the backlog and ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for its citizens. - Given that transfer stations do not cater for the sorting of waste and the growing informality faced in the municipal area, another avenue to consider would be to encourage formal waste pickers in the municipal area and incorporate them into the waste management system. Formalising waste pickers can help to improve waste management as they can be integrated into the municipality's waste collection and disposal system. Additional benefits include an increase in recycling rates, reduction in costs and job opportunities. Additionally, it would assist the Municipality with its challenges of waste generation in informal settlements as the waste pickers can remove waste from the streets.
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3.5 OTHER REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE RISKS

3.5.1 Property Rates



2023/24 Tariffs	Rate in Rand (Mun)	Rate in Rand (WC Avg)	Tariff Increase (Mun)	Tariff Increase (WC Avg)
Business	R0.0084	R0.10381	0.0%	1.8%
Households	R0.0167	R0.05598	0.0%	-2.2%
Source: Municipal Tariff list				
Rebates	Number of Indigents HH	Rebates		
		2023/24 R'000	2024/25 R'000	2025/26 R'000
		R 18 935	R 19 863	R 20 796
Last GV date	07 01 2023			

Source: A1 schedules

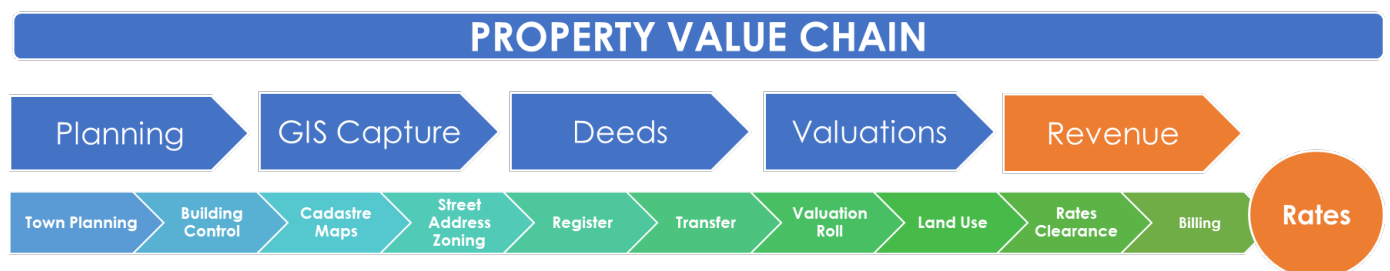
Source: Knysna Municipality 2023/24 MTREF Draft Budget, A1-Schedule - mSCOA data strings

- Property rates revenue is projected to increase by 32.9 per cent to R343.45 million in the 2023/24 financial year. The projected revenue growth is largely attributable to the new General Valuation roll to be implemented from 1 July 2023. The Municipality indicated that a zero per cent tariff increase is proposed for the 2023/24 financial as the increased value of property will significantly augment the property rates revenue for the 2023/24 financial year. The increase in property rates revenue does not seem to be sustainable, whilst it is understood that the Municipality last updated its valuation roll in 2017, the Municipality must consider implementing the valuation roll over time instead of imposing the full

39 per cent increase in property values on consumers. The Municipality can consider reducing the rate in the rand for the initial year of implementation and then progressively increasing it.

- The Municipality has also increased the primary rebate from R50 000 to R150 000 where all consumers will benefit from this rebate and subsequently translates into a R36.76 million revenue foregone.
- Properties in valuation roll increased with 599 properties from 23 070 in 2017 to 23 669 in 2023. This represents an increase of only 2.6 per cent.
- The Municipality is reminded to undertake a reconciliation between the property data on the financial system versus the valuation roll, to ensure completeness and accuracy of all properties on its billing system and property rates due to the Municipality.
- The Municipality should ensure that the Planning department and Revenue department work in close collaboration to ensure all building plans that were approved, and subsequent occupation certificates that were issued are updated onto the system for property's rates to be billed through a supplementary valuation roll.
- One of the Municipality's main sources of income is derived from charging for property rates. It is essential that municipalities reconcile their most recent consolidated valuation roll data to that of the current billing system data to ensure that revenue anticipated from property rates is realistic. Municipalities should implement a data management strategy and develop internal capacity to perform these reconciliations and investigations to improve completeness of billing. Diagram 6 below highlights the key inputs into the Property Value Chain to realize maximum revenue from property rates.

Diagram 6 Property Value Chain

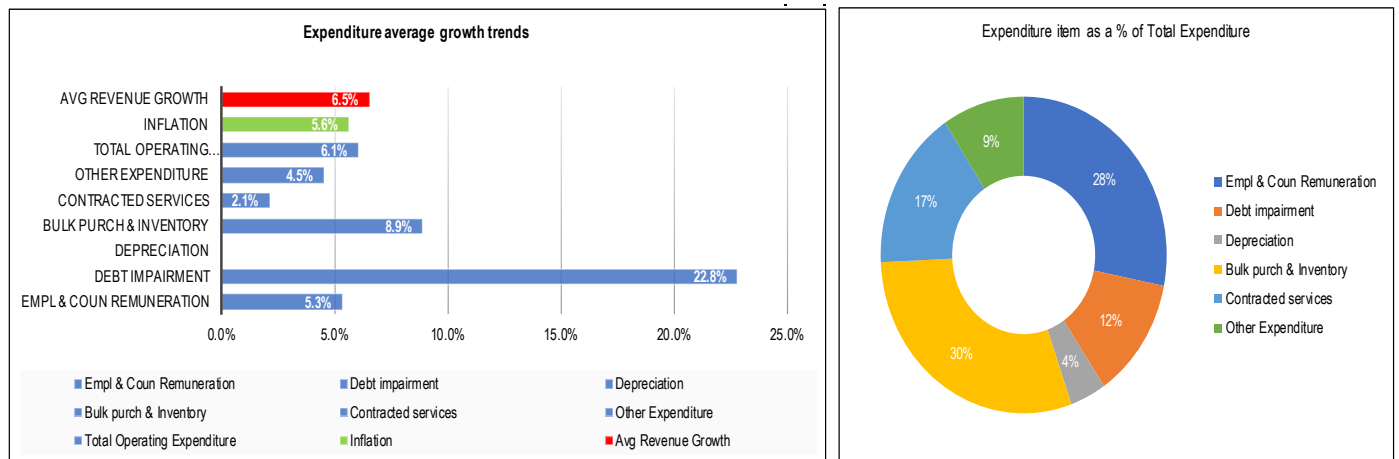


3.5.2 Other revenue risks

- **Fines, penalties, and forfeits** revenue is projected to decrease by 16.8 per cent in the 2023/24 financial year mainly because of actual traffic fines issued during the first seven (7) months of the current financial year being lower than anticipated. The Municipality must ensure the service provider tasked with collecting revenue from fines performs as per the agreed service level agreement.
- **Transfers and subsidies** are projected at R150.24 million and contribute 12.3 per cent of the total operating revenue budget. This is an increase of 10.6 per cent when compared to the 2022/23 adjustment budget.

3.5.3 Operating Expenditure

Diagram 7 Operating expenditure trends

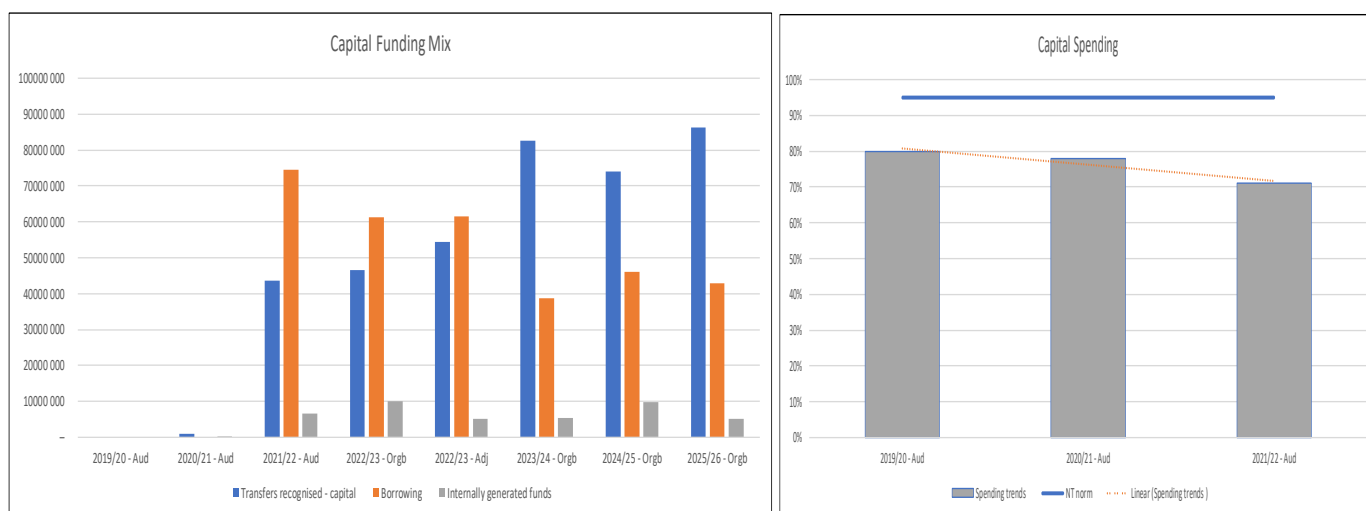


- The largest cost drivers for the Municipality in the 2023/24 financial year are Employee Related Costs (28 per cent), Bulk purchases and inventory (30 per cent) and Contracted services (17 per cent). The apportionment over the outer years of the 2023/24 MTREF remains comparable.
- Employee related costs remains one of the largest cost drivers in the Municipality contributing 28 per cent towards total operating expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year and remains constant over the entirety over the two (2) outer years of the MTREF. The Municipality is commended for maintaining its employee related cost budget within the 25 to 40 per cent NT norm. The actual performance is projected to increase by 13.5 per cent in the 2023/24 financial year, 4.8 per cent in the 2024/25 financial year and 2.8 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year respectively. The 13.5 per cent increase for the 2023/24 financial year does not seem credible or sustainable as it is almost two (2) times the agreed salary increases with the South African Local Government Bargaining Council (SALGBC) of 5.3 per cent and the 2.4 notch increase. The Municipality plans to fill positions that were delayed due to budget constraints in the current financial year. In light of the Municipality's constrained financial position, the Municipality is advised to identify and fill critical vacancies only.
- Significant increases were noted for Pension and UIF contributions, Medical Aid Contributions, Performance Bonus and Post-retirement benefit obligations at 14.3 per cent, 34.1 per cent, 9.6 per cent and 75.2 per cent respectively. However, significant reductions are noted for long service awards (100 per cent).
- NT MFMA Circular No. 122 encouraged Municipalities to perform an annual headcount and payroll verification process by undertaking a once-a-year manual salary disbursement, the Municipality indicated its intention to undertake a headcount, however, did not divulge when it will proceed with this recommendation.
- To reduce the overall employee related cost, the Municipality should consider a review of the organogram to abolish posts which have become redundant and possibly merge certain service departments to improve staff efficiencies. The Municipality could potentially offer early retirement to those employees who are near the retirement age.

- Contracted services are projected to increase by 4.6 per cent in 2023/24 financial year, subsequently increasing by 5.3 per cent for 2024/25 and then decreases by 3.3 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year. The apportionment of contract services against total operating expenditure is 16.3 per cent and exceeds the NT guideline of between 2 per cent and 5 per cent. Cost containment best practices should be implemented and enforced throughout the Municipality. The Municipality should ensure service level agreements with consultants include a provision for transfer of skills to dedicated municipal officials.
- Depreciation and asset impairment is projected to increase by 12.4 per cent in the 2023/24 financial year, 4.9 per cent in the 2024/25 financial year and 4.7 per cent in the last year of the MTREF. Depreciation is a replacement for the measurement of the rate of asset consumption and although a non-cash item it should still be factored into tariff setting and revenue projections to replace, renew or upgrade the infrastructure when the useful life thereof has been exhausted.
- Bulk purchases are projected to increase by 18.5 per cent in the 2023/24 financial year, 12.7 per cent in the 2024/25 financial year and 2.9 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year. The assumption of the 18.5 per cent bulk purchases tariff increase is in line with the latest guideline and as per the approved NERSA tariff increases. The projected increase in the 2025/26 financial year of 2.9 per cent is not realistic as this is far below the inflation projection of 4.7 per cent. The Municipality should also consider the impact of the prolonged loadshedding as this may reduce the Municipality's bulk purchases from Eskom over the MTREF period and adversely affect consumer behavior, especially consumers that are slowly migrating from the national grid to alternative energy sources.

3.5.4 Capital Funding Mix

Diagram 8 Capital funding mix



- Capital transfers represent 65.2 per cent, 57 per cent and 64.4 per cent of the capital budget funding sources over the 2023/24 MTREF. These capital funding contributions are mainly in respect of Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), Capacity Building and Human Settlements.
- The Municipality projects to fund 4.2 per cent of the R126.75 million capital budget from own internally generated funds in the 2023/24 financial year which increases to 7.5 per cent for the 2024/25 financial year and ultimately declines to 3.7 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year. The sustainability of the CRR fund and contribution towards funding the capital programme remains a risk as the Municipality is not generating and collecting sufficient revenue to replenish its capital reserves. The Municipality is advised to reconsider funding the capital programme from internally generated funds.

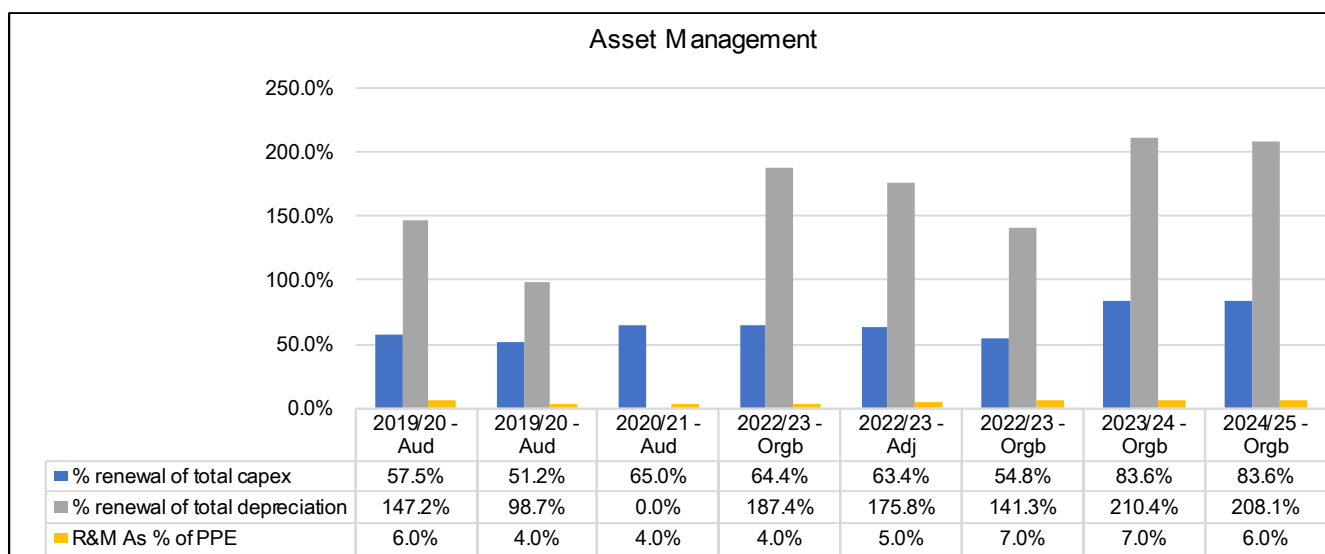
- The Municipality is projecting to take up borrowings in each of the MTREF years, amounting to R38.81 million in 2023/24, increasing to R46 million in 2024/25 and marginally declining to R42.87 million in 2025/26 or 31 per cent, 35 per cent and 32 per cent of the capital budget respectively.

3.5.4.1 Grants

- The Municipality is not reliant on grant funding to finance the capital expenditure as indicated on the A5 and is increasing over the MTREF period.
- The repayment on borrowings amounts as indicated on the A7 for the financial years are R45.36 million, R45.36 million and R45.36 million for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 respectively. A net decrease in cash held is indicated over the MTREF period. A year-on-year decrease on the closing cash and cash equivalents over the MTREF budget.
- The Municipality has a funding policy and considers the credit rating of the Municipality, if available, the financial position of the Municipality, the cost of borrowing and the capacity to repay debt.
- Municipality is aligned to the policy and may not be in contravention with any stipulations in this policy or any other approved financial policy, then it is recommended to maintain external gearing at levels not higher than 45 per cent.
- It should be noted that the Municipality's tariff structure should be set to include the capital charges of the debt obligation so that sufficient funds can be generated to meet the repayment obligations.

3.5.5 Capital Expenditure Trends

Diagram 9 Asset Management



- The Municipality's capital budget over the 2023/24 MTREF period amounts to R390.74 million with a significant focus on trading services constituting an average of 54 per cent of the total capital budget over the MTREF followed by economic and environmental services which makes up 39 per cent of the total capital budget. The Municipality's ability to implement the planned capital programme and ensure 100 per cent spending remains a risk to the overall credibility of the capital budget and the overall sustainability of the long-term funding model.
- The Municipality is currently still challenged with funding constraints due to the low available funding from the CRR and the limited ability to take up loans which negatively impacts the Municipality's ability to meet the demand for upgrading and replacing of infrastructure.

- The Municipality's capital expenditure as a percentage of total expenditure amounts to 10 per cent for the 2023/24 financial year and is within the norm as per the National Treasury guideline of between 10 and 20 per cent. This is indication that the Municipality prioritising expenditure towards current operations versus future capacity in terms of municipal services.
- The Municipality utilised straight-line budgeting or projections to estimate monthly capital expenditure, the Municipality is advised to consider the timing of transfers from National Treasury, seasonal fluctuations, actual trends from previous years and the projections as per the procurement plans to estimate the monthly capital expenditure.
- Repairs and maintenance expenditure is projected at R76.34 million for the 2023/24 financial year. This equates to 7 per cent of the total value of PPE. This is slightly below the NT norm of 8 per cent. The 7 per cent is maintained in the 2024/25 financial year and ultimately reducing to 6 per cent in the 2025/26 financial year. The purpose of the norm is so that municipalities can perform adequate repairs and maintenance to assets to ensure adequate maintenance to prevent breakdowns and interruptions in service delivery. The Municipality is advised to develop and implement maintenance plans to ensure the ongoing health of existing infrastructure and mitigate the risk against the sustainability of service delivery but also to take advantage of the efficiencies that come with planned (corrective, preventative) maintenance as opposed to the more expensive reactive maintenance.

3.5.6 Other Capital Infrastructure Responsiveness

Municipal challenges	■ Relatively poor condition of roads infrastructure especially in township areas. ■ Irregular maintenance of roads infrastructure. ■ Ineffective public transport and ITC networks in certain areas limits connectivity and subsequent access to economic opportunities. ■ Roads infrastructure backlog (estimated at R85 million) is much higher than available financial resources. ■ Absence of proper storm water infrastructure in certain areas.
Capital Expenditure Analysis	■ The municipal transport budget for Knysna indicates that R45.580 million will be allocated towards capital expenditure of road transport. This is a 12.1% increase from the previous financial year and will increase to R62.401 million in 2024/25, before decreasing to R41.285 million in 2025/26. Key roads capital projects include phase 2 of the upgrade of gravel roads funded by the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (R24.136 million), the investment in public transport facilities (R13.043 million) as well as the resealing of streets (R2.5 million) and R1 million allocated to the George Rex Drive. ■ With regards to the roads and transport challenges identified by the Municipality, these key projects unequivocally demonstrate the budget's responsiveness to the challenges highlighted above. ■ While the capital budget allocations to all key priority areas respond well to the needs of the residents within the Greater Knysna area, non-performance is of particular concern. Non spending of grant funding has also been highlighted as one of the Municipality's top risks in the 2021/22 Annual Report. This is concerning considering that the Municipality failed to spend 40% of their grants by December 2022, and has had some of their grant funding stopped by NT. This negatively hampers service delivery and in an already constrained economic environment, the Municipality will now have to plan accordingly to account for the effect that this reduction in funds will have on the implementation of current projects. ■ Although the Municipality does not have sufficient resources to immediately address all of its pressing needs, with its limited resources, it has addressed several challenges and needs identified in the IDP.

3.5.7 Utilising Strategic Procurement as a lever to enhance Local Economic Development

Demand Management and procurement planning has become a national concern, hence National Treasury issued MFMA Circular No. 94 requiring municipalities to submit their procurement plan together with the Budget, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) to address the weaknesses in the procurement planning processes, impacting on the slow spending on the capital budgets resulting into a negative impact on service delivery.

Procurement planning in the Local Government sphere is a developing process but needs to be enhanced as the absence thereof has been attributed for poor service delivery and not meeting municipal service delivery goals.

Therefore, the alignment between the IDP, budgeting and procurement planning processes has become increasingly important to ensure optimal and effective utilisation of the Municipality's budgets and to achieve this objective is to utilise procurement as a strategic tool to drive local economic development (LED).

For this reason, the development a procurement plan is so important taking into account environmental, social aspects in addition to traditional economic or financial considerations in conjunction with the demand plan to source items of a strategic nature and where possible source alternate suppliers or alternate commodities.

3.5.8 Procurement Plan

The assessment of the procurement plan can be utilised as a management tool to assist municipalities with the following:

- Determine procurement timeframes, allocate resources accordingly and identify any potential implementation risks;
- Monitor procurement processes to ensure everything is on track and concluded on time, which will lead to improved procurement efficiency; and
- Identify opportunities for strategic sourcing and bulk buying.

3.6 Based on the assessment the following analysis were conducted in terms of the criteria

Key findings

- The Municipality is applauded for the linkages between the IDP projects, budgeting and the compilation of the procurement plan and providing detailed project descriptions that is linked to accountable project leaders for each project.
- It was determined from the procurement plan submitted by the Municipality that, there are items that have the potential of being seen as splitting of an order of which the Municipality should mitigate, as the method of procurement for those items are not clearly defined in the plan which relates to items such as the **procurement of office furniture equipment, property plant and equipment and computer equipment** which is decentralised per department/unit.
- Furthermore, it was ascertained from the information reviewed that a number of the projects identified on the procurement plan does not reflect any budget allocation, which will impact of the method of procurement which needs to be identified upfront.
- The Municipality should consider linking large capital projects to the Framework for Infrastructure Delivery and Procurement Management (FIPDM), such as **Contractors for Upgrading of the Sedgfield Bulk Sewer Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation, Bulk Electricity Upgrade, Energy (MER) projects, Roads and Sport Stadiums** as identified on the procurement plan. It should be noted that these capital projects are considered long-term contracts of which **Section 33 of the MFMA** needs to be adhered to.

SECTION 4: REVIEW OF THE HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

4.1 THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS PER THE AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The assessment of the financial health and performance is an integrated process involving a review of a municipality's audited annual financial statements, audit report and ratio analysis. The results of the ratio analysis are used to support financial decisions and to identify factors which may influence the financial stability of the municipality.

Adverse ratio outcomes show potential areas requiring action to ensure sustainability. The assessment trend analysis is based on the audited financial statements for 2020, 2021 and 2022; however, the table provides a five-year time frame for analysis (2018 to 2022) to provide a more comprehensive perspective for evaluating the 2022/23 budget.

The analysis is conducted as per National Treasury MFMA Circular No. 71. Provincial Treasury has analysed these ratios and the following items are highlighted.

4.2 SUMMARY AND FINDINGS FROM HISTORICAL TRENDS

4.2.1 NT Web-based portal Status

The ratio results used are those uploaded and agreed upon per the NT web-based portal for periods 2020/21 and 2021/22.

4.2.2 Asset Management

No.	Financial ratios & norms	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	*CAGR	Projection	Overall Rating
1	Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property and Intangible Assets (Carrying Value): 0%	0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.5%	N/A	N/A	
2	Repairs and Maintenance as a % of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property (Carrying Value): 8%	5.5%	5.2%	4.9%	3.3%	3.5%	-10.7%	3.1%	

- Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment, Investment Property, and Intangible Assets (Carrying Value):** Impairment for the current financial year amounted to R7.30 million or 0.5 per cent. For the Municipality to remain rigorous in its approach to zero tolerance on impairment of assets, it should challenge its asset management strategies to improve efficiency. Furthermore, the municipality should ensure repairs and maintenance are carried out as per programme to avoid the impairment of assets as this could affect basic service delivery.
- Repairs and Maintenance to PPE and Investment Property (Carrying Value):** The level of repairs and maintenance on the PPE and Investment Properties appears to be low and are below the norm of 8 per cent per NT norm. Having said that, it is acknowledged that the Rand value spent on repairs appears to be adequate averaging at R56.61 million over the period under review, however this should always be matched with the growth in the asset base especially if there are assets that are aging. Furthermore, it is noted that new assets were acquired over the past years which do not require repairs and maintenance. However, the rate of repairs and maintenance should be improved as it may affect the

pace of service delivery. The CAGR results reflect a further deterioration to 3.1 per cent based on the historical trends for the period under review.

4.2.3 Cost Coverage

No.	Financial ratios & norms	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	*CAGR	Projection	Overall Rating
3	Cash/Cost Coverage Ratio (Excluding Unspent Conditional Grants): 1 - 3 months	1.3 Months	0.7 Months	1.1 Months	0.5 Months	0.5 Months	-21.4%	0.4 Months	

- Cash cost coverage (excl. unspent conditional grants):** The ratio results declined from 1 month to below a month from 2020/21 to 2021/22 financial years and is not within the NT norm. The Municipality has inadequate funds to meet its monthly fixed operating commitments without collecting any additional revenue during the 2020/21 financial year. The analysis of the Annual Financial Statements reveals that a significant amount of potential cash is tied up in consumer debtors, which might be the result of insufficient cash available to cover fixed monthly expenditure. In substantiating the latter statement, circa 78 per cent or R187.40 million of total consumer debtors of R237.99 million in 2021/22 are debtors that are over 90 days and 97 per cent or R182.66 million of such debtors were impaired. To continue to fund monthly fixed operational expenditure and the rendering of services, the Municipality should continue to strictly monitor the credit control policy and improve management of debtors. Furthermore, the CAGR indicates that the results will remain critical in the next financial year based on the historical trends over the period under review.

4.2.4 Liability Management

No.	Financial ratios & norms	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	*CAGR	Projection	Overall Rating
4	Debt (Total Borrowings)/ Revenue: 45%	21.2%	22.9%	31.5%	33.8%	37.8%	15.7%	43.7%	
5	Capital Cost (Interest Paid and Redemption) as a % of Total Operating Expenditure: 6% - 8%	3.6%	3.8%	5.0%	5.9%	5.9%	13.0%	6.7%	
6	Capital Cost (Interest Paid and Redemption) as a % of Total Operating Revenue: 6% - 8%	3.7%	3.8%	5.6%	6.4%	6.6%	15.7%	7.6%	

- Debt (Total borrowings) to Total operating revenue:** The ratio results indicate that debts levels deteriorate year on year and moving towards the upper limits, however these are still within the NT norm. The Municipality should consider taking additional funding as the capital repayment costs are on the upper limits especially in the last three years of the period under review, and as its cash cost coverage is below one month raising concerns on the affordability and ability to service additional debt. The CAGR indicates a further deterioration to 43.7 per cent which in the next financial year based on historical trends for the period under review. The Municipality should strengthen its implementation of revenue generating strategies and manage its credit policy before applying for any additional borrowings.
- Capital cost (Interest + Principal) to Total operating expenditure:** The ratio results reflect capital repayment which are on the upper limits and the CAGR reflect a further deterioration to 6.7 per cent in the next financial year based on the historical trends for the period under review. The Municipality should be prudent when considering additional debt financing, the liquidity ratios indicate that there is no adequate cash available to service any additional debt.

- Capital cost (Interest + Principal) to Total operating Revenue:** These results indicate that a significant amount of operating revenue is used to finance capital costs. Furthermore, it should be noted that capital repayment costs are on the rise, the Municipality should strongly consider taking additional funding as these could be unaffordable in the short to medium term. This is evident by the cost coverage which below one month. The CAGR reflects further deterioration projection of 7.6 per cent for the next financial year based on historical trends.

4.2.5 Expenditure Management

No.	Financial ratios & norms	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	*CAGR	Projection	Overall Rating
9	Remuneration as a % of Total Operating Expenditure: 25% - 40%	30.0%	28.4%	29.0%	30.0%	28.6%	-1.2%	28.3%	
10	Contracted Services as a % of Total Operating Expenditure: 2% - 5%	15.7%	19.9%	20.5%	17.4%	15.2%	-0.7%	15.1%	
11	Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful and Unauthorised Expenditure/Total Operating Expenditure: 0%	5.1%	13.4%	6.9%	12.0%	8.7%	N/A	N/A	

- Remuneration as a % of Total Operating Expenditure:** This ratio results appear to be low compared to other B category local authorities. The CAGR based on the historical trends remain constant during next financial year at 28.3 per cent. The Municipality needs to investigate the relationship between the Contracted services and this ratio as it appears that the contracted services are used to complement the low employee costs ratio. Furthermore, the Municipality in its IDP ([2023 - 2028 DRAFT IDP 31 MARCH 2023 Tabled to Council: page 54](#)) cited that the staff establishment is 80 per cent filled.
- Contracted service as a % of total operating expenditure:** The ratios results reflect year-on-year fluctuations over the period under review, the results are substantially outside the NT norm of 2 per cent - 5 per cent. It is imperative for the Municipality to continue analysing its contracted service portfolio to find ways to reduce this expenditure where necessary. The Municipality should ensure that appropriate contract management mechanisms are implemented, including the transfer of skills, and implement mechanisms to increase its ability to attract skills and ultimately reduce its reliance on contractors. The ratio results could be indicative of outsourced services that could be done internally but due to vacancy rate of 20 per cent, the services could not be carried internally.
- Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful and Unauthorised Expenditure/Total Operating Expenditure:** The ratio results reflect year-on-year fluctuations. These ratio results are not within the National Treasury norm of 0 per cent over the period under review. The Municipality should reduce the UIFW to zero by effectively implementing the National Treasury, MFMA Circular No. 111, Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure reduction strategy guide.

4.2.6 Working Capital

No.	Financial ratios & norms	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	*CAGR	Projection	Overall Rating
7	Net debtors' days: ≤30 days	65 days	71 days	73 days	75 days	66 days	0.23%	66 days	▲
8	Creditors Payment Period (Trade Creditors): 30 days	49 days	53 days	66 days	65 days	82 days	13.8%	93 days	▲

- Net Debtor's Days:** The ratio results reflect year-on-year fluctuations and are not within the NT norm of 30 days. In the 2021/22 financial year the Municipality took 66 days to collect revenue from debtors, which is an improvement when compared to 75 days in previous financial year. The result indicates that the Municipality is experiencing challenges in the collection of outstanding amounts due from debtors, and a significant amount of cash is tied up in consumer debtors. Given the cash flow challenges of the Municipality resulting in not meeting its monthly and short-term obligations, there should be a stringent strengthening of its credit control policy.
- Creditors Payment Period (Trade Creditors):** The ratio results fluctuated year-on-year over the period under review. The ratio results are not within the acceptable NT norm of 30 days. The ratio results indicate that the Municipality does not settle its payables within the MFMA legislated timeframe. According to our analysis, the Municipality has inadequate cash resources to pay its creditors timeously, and this is evident by the cost coverage ratios results. The late receipts of payment from consumers contributes negatively towards the Municipality in meeting its obligations. The Municipality should improve the management of its working capital by continuing to implement the effective controls to ensure prompt payment of their creditors. The CAGR based on the historical trends of the period under review indicates a further deterioration to 93 days payment period in the next financial year.

4.2.7 Going Concern

No.	Financial ratios & norms	2018 Audited	2019 Audited	2020 Audited	2021 Audited	2022 Audited	*CAGR	Projection	Overall Rating
12	Total Liabilities to Total Assets: <50%	29.7%	33.2%	35.1%	37.3%	40.8%	8.3%	44.2%	▲
13	Total Debt to Total Assets	11.2%	13.0%	15.7%	17.6%	19.6%	14.9%	22.5%	▲
14	Current Ratio: 1.5-2:1	1.5:1	1.3:1	1.2:1	1.2:1	0.8:1	-15.4%	0.7:1	▲

- Total liabilities to Total assets:** The ratio result deteriorated year-on-year over the period under review. However, the ratio results are within the acceptable NT norm (<50 per cent). The Municipality's net asset position is sound; however, this is moving towards the upper limits. The CAGR based on historical trends reflect a further deterioration to 44.1 per cent in the next financial year. The total liabilities are increasing at a faster rate at 13.9 per cent (R47.20 million) compared to an increase of 0.8 per cent (R13.16 million) in total assets. The Municipality should take caution in the management of its liabilities to protect its going concern position.
- Total Debt to Total Assets:** The debt levels deteriorated year-on-year over the period under review. However, the ratio results are within the acceptable debt levels. The deterioration in the ratio results is clearly due to the increasing debt levels at a faster rate than the growth in assets. The CAGR reflect a further deterioration in the ratio for the next financial year based on historical trends.

- Current Ratio:** The ratios results reflect a declining trend over the period under review and is not within the NT norm of 1.5:1 - 2.1:1. In 2021/22 financial year the Municipality's current liabilities exceeds its current assets, this indicates that the Municipality will be unable to settle its short-term obligations as they become due by utilising its current assets. Furthermore, the CAGR based on historical trends reflect a further deterioration with a projection of 0.7: 1 for the next in financial year. This ratio results also support other ratios discussed above regarding the Municipality not having adequate cashflows to meet its obligations.
- Overall, it is imperative that the Municipality to implement cash flow, credit control and liability management strategies to ensure that the entity is operating as a going concern and able to meet its day-to-day operations.

* CAGR = Compound annual growth rate is a business and investing specific term for the geometric progression ratio that provides a constant rate of return over the time period. $CAGR = [(End\ Value/Beginning\ Value)^{1/number\ of\ years\ of\ growth}] - 1$

	Favourable
	Unfavourable
	Needs Improvement

4.3 mSCOA IMPLEMENTATION

4.3.1 mSCOA Priorities

- The Municipality indicated in their 2023/24 Draft Budget document that it successfully processed and extracted their adjusted February 2022/23 budget data strings from its financial system directly to the GoMuni portal without any manual interface. The Municipality also alluded to the changes of the chart from version 6.6 to 6.7 for the 2023/24 budget.
- Provincial Treasury recommends the Municipality re-establish its mSCOA steering committee to ensure the Municipality has a mSCOA champion and roadmaps in place to ensure any changes to the chart and or changes to the mSCOA regulation is communicated and implemented timeously by the Municipality.
- The mSCOA champion promotes the use of the FAQ database for all queries and report updates via forums (i.e., MAF, AWC).
- The mSCOA champion is the contact person between the financial service provider to ensure any mSCOA system related issues are resolved.
- Ensure governance of mSCOA implemented at municipalities, i.e., roadmaps in place and adequate, SteerComs in place and functional, champions appointed and active.
- Promote the use of the FAQ database for all queries and report updates via forums (i.e., MAF, AWC).
- Perform on-site inspection and assessment of municipalities' systems and implementation to determine compliance (circulars, legislation, regulation), vulnerability and progress of mSCOA implementation.

4.3.2 Credibility of mSCOA data strings

NT MFMA Circular No. 122 states that the credibility and accuracy of the data strings must be verified by municipalities before submission as the data strings submitted will be used as the single source for all analysis and publications in the 2023/24 municipal financial year. Municipalities have been given access to the GoMuni portal in April 2022 and should use the reports on GoMuni to verify the credibility of their submissions. It should be emphasized that errors in the data can only be corrected in the next open period. e.g., errors

in the tabled budget (TABB) data string can only be corrected in the adopted budget data string (ORGB). Municipalities are not allowed to open closed periods to make corrections.

Table 3 mSCOA Segments Use Analysis

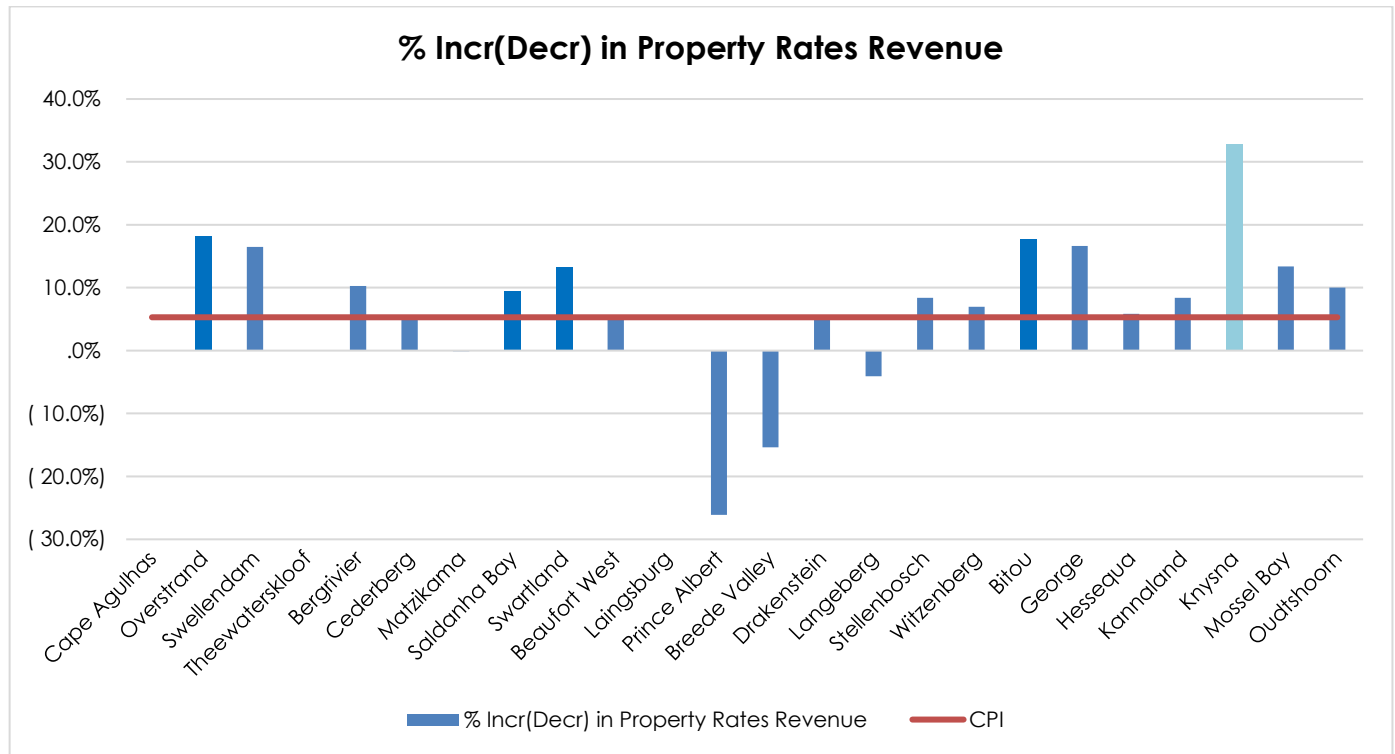
mSCOA Western Cape TABB Segment Analysis		
No	Segment	Knysna
1	Project Segment	
1.1	Maintenance	Sufficiently used the Project Operational Maintenance available options
1.1.1	Corrective Maintenance	
1.1.1.1	Planned	Budget Allocated - The reason the balance does not equal zero is that accruals and payables have not been allocated to the budgeted maintenance.
1.1.1.2	Emergency	Budget Allocated - The reason the balance does not equal zero is that accruals and payables have not been allocated to the budgeted maintenance.
1.1.2	Preventative Maintenance	
1.1.2.1	Condition Based	Budget Allocated - The reason the balance does not equal zero is that accruals and payables have not been allocated to the budgeted maintenance.
1.1.2.2	Interval Based	Budget Allocated - The reason the balance does not equal zero is that accruals and payables have not been allocated to the budgeted maintenance.
1.2	Typical Work Streams	Adequate use of available options.
1.3	Municipal Running Costs	Adequate use of Municipal running cost project.
1.4	Default	Adequate use of the available options under the Project default. Project default must be used to classify revenue and the Municipality has used this option for their revenue.
2	Fund Segment	
2.1	Use of Fund Segment	Adequate use of the funding segment. The Municipality did not use the Equitable share to fund its Free Basic Services. Its noted the Municipality used Equitable share to fund employee related cost.
3	Function Segment	
3.1	Use of Function Segment	Substantial use of available options. However, the function segment is not balancing to zero since some represent a gain and others reflect a loss.
4	Costing Segment	
4.1	Use of Costing Segment	Not compliant with MFMA circular no 112. The Municipality used default segment.
5	Region Segment	
5.1	Use of Region Segment	The Municipality predominantly used Whole of the Municipality for revenue items.
6	Item Segment :	
6.1	Property Rates	Total Revenue in A4 is not aligned to monthly billing in the A6. The Municipality used correct items under Monthly Billing in A6
6.2	Service Charges	Adequate use of the available options. The Municipality is ad
6.3	Fines	The Municipality did not adequately split the fines revenue amongst the Library Function and other functions issues fines for violating municipal bylaws.
6.4	Employee Related Costs	
6.4.1	Senior Management	Aligned with the supporting tables in under SA23
6.4.2	Municipal Staff	Aligned with the supporting tables in SA23
6.5	Councillors Remuneration	Aligned with the supporting tables in under SA23
6.6	Bulk Purchases	Appropriately used the available options
6.8	Debt Impairment	Appropriately used the available options
7.1	Contracted Services	
7.1.1	Outsourced	Appropriately used the available options
7.1.2	Consultants and Professional Services	Appropriately used the available options
7.1.3	Contractors	Appropriately used the available options
7.2	Other Materials	
7.1.2	Inventory Consumed	Inventory consumed is not reconciling with the inventory account issues.
7.1.3	Water Inventory	No budget for water inventory - The Municipality does not purchase water from the Water Authorities.

MTREF Budget Circular No. 123 highlights that the National Treasury will regulate the minimum business processes and system specifications for mSCOA by the end of the 2024/25 financial year. A new transversal tender for the provision of ERP financial systems that complies with these regulations will be put in place once the regulations have been issued. Municipalities should therefore exercise extreme caution when changing their financial systems at this stage to eliminate fruitless and wasteful expenditure by procuring financial systems that might not comply with the said regulations.

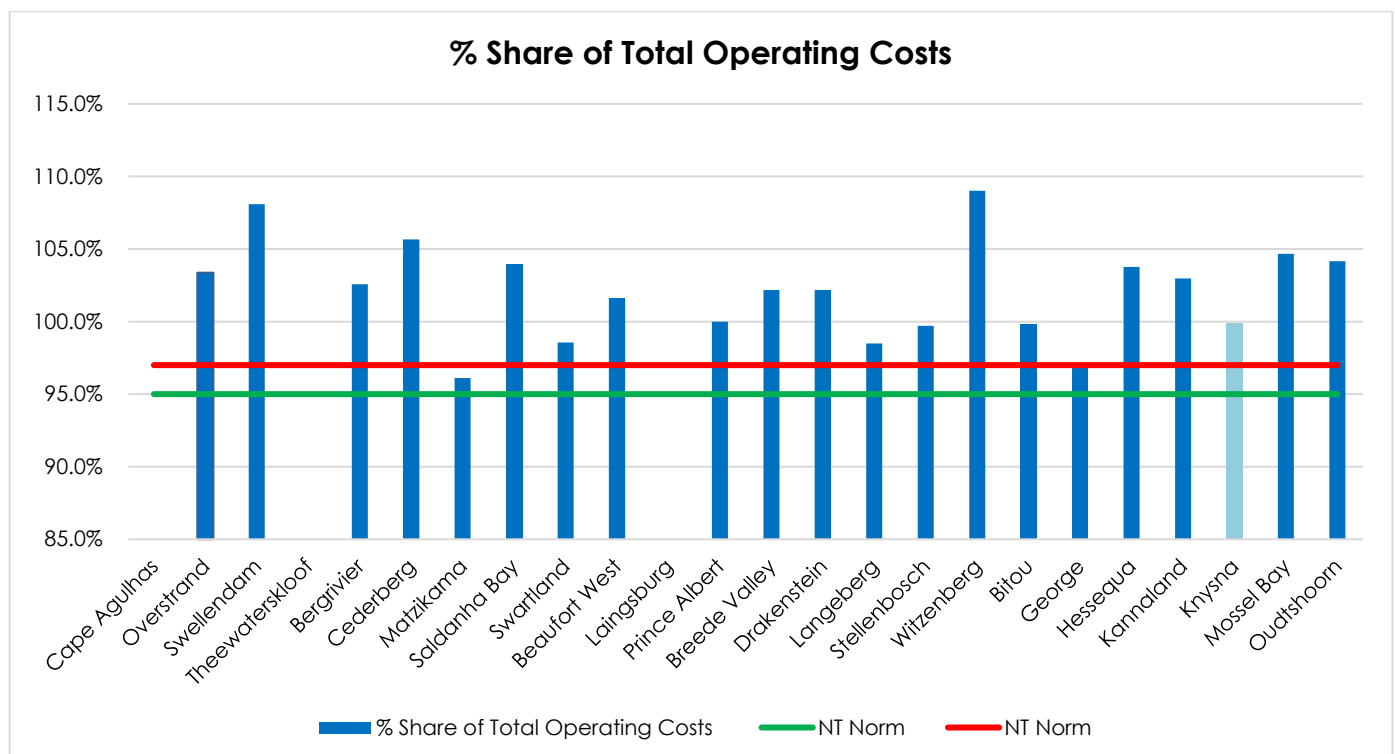
Provincial Treasury has shared the TABB segment analysis tools with the Municipality, to assist municipalities in examining their data and determining if the information is appropriately retrieved across all segments before finalising the ORGB data strings. TABB shall be rectified in the ORGB before the adopted budget is locked on the financial system and the ORGB data string is created. Furthermore, it is recommended that the Municipality avails themselves for a session (through MS Teams) on the TABB segment analysis to provide further clarification on the segment analysis tools.

Municipal Benchmarking Graphs

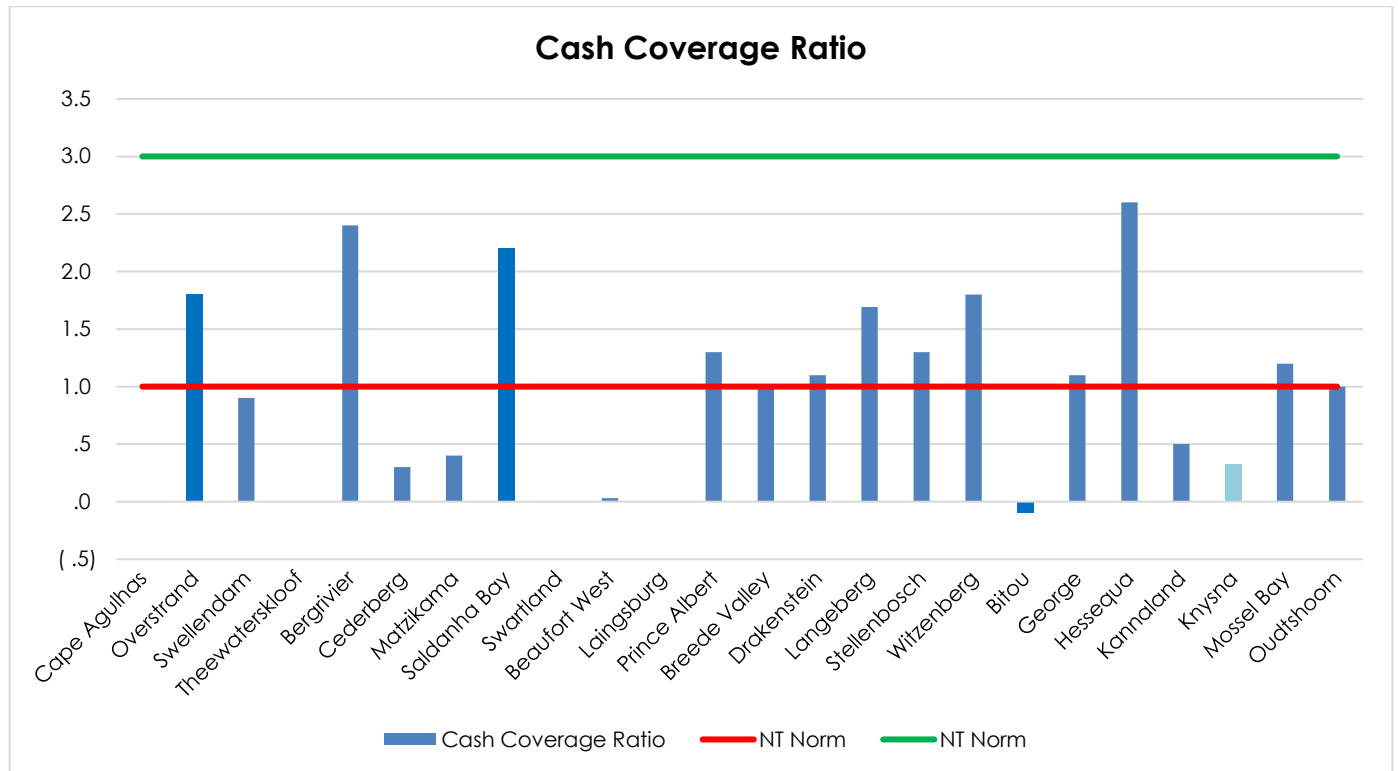
Graph 1 Percentage Increase in Property Rates Revenue



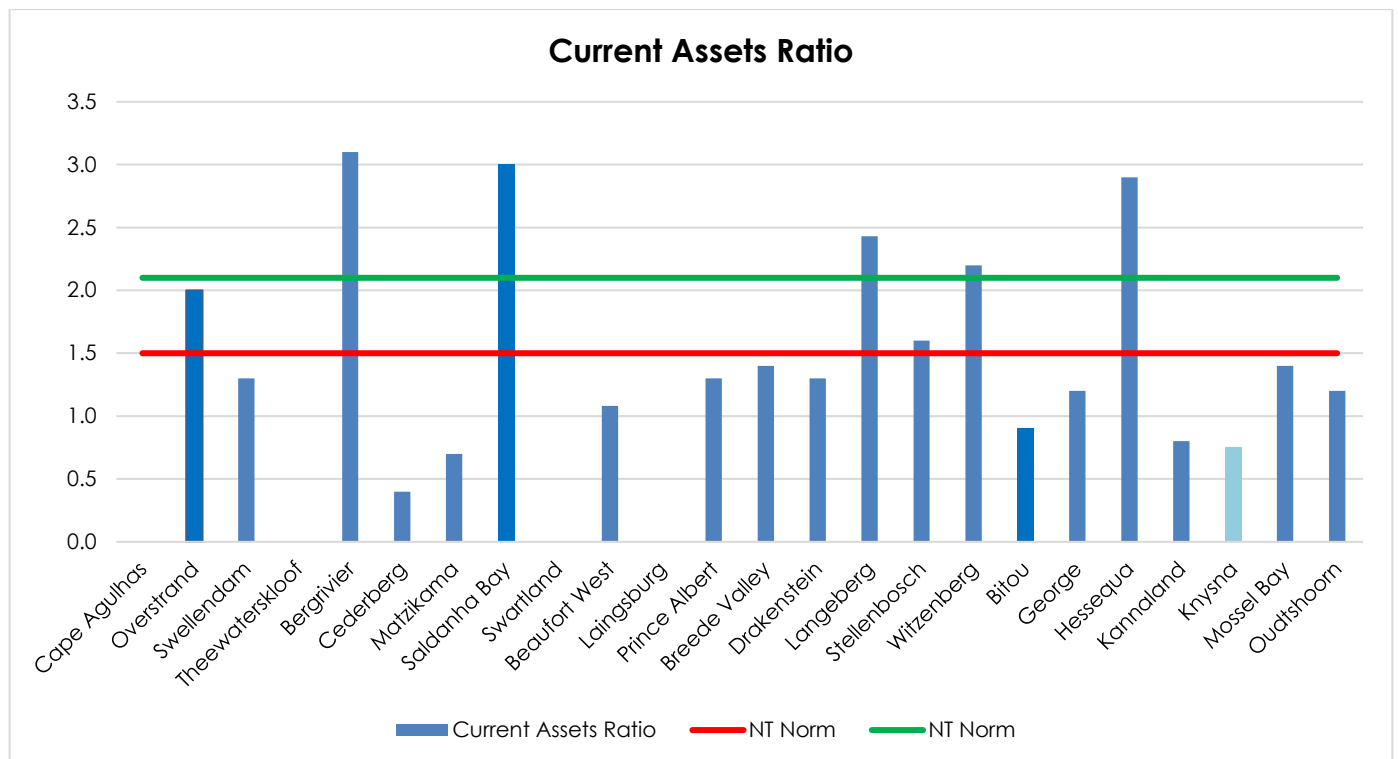
Graph 2 Percentage share of Total Operating Costs against total Operating Revenue



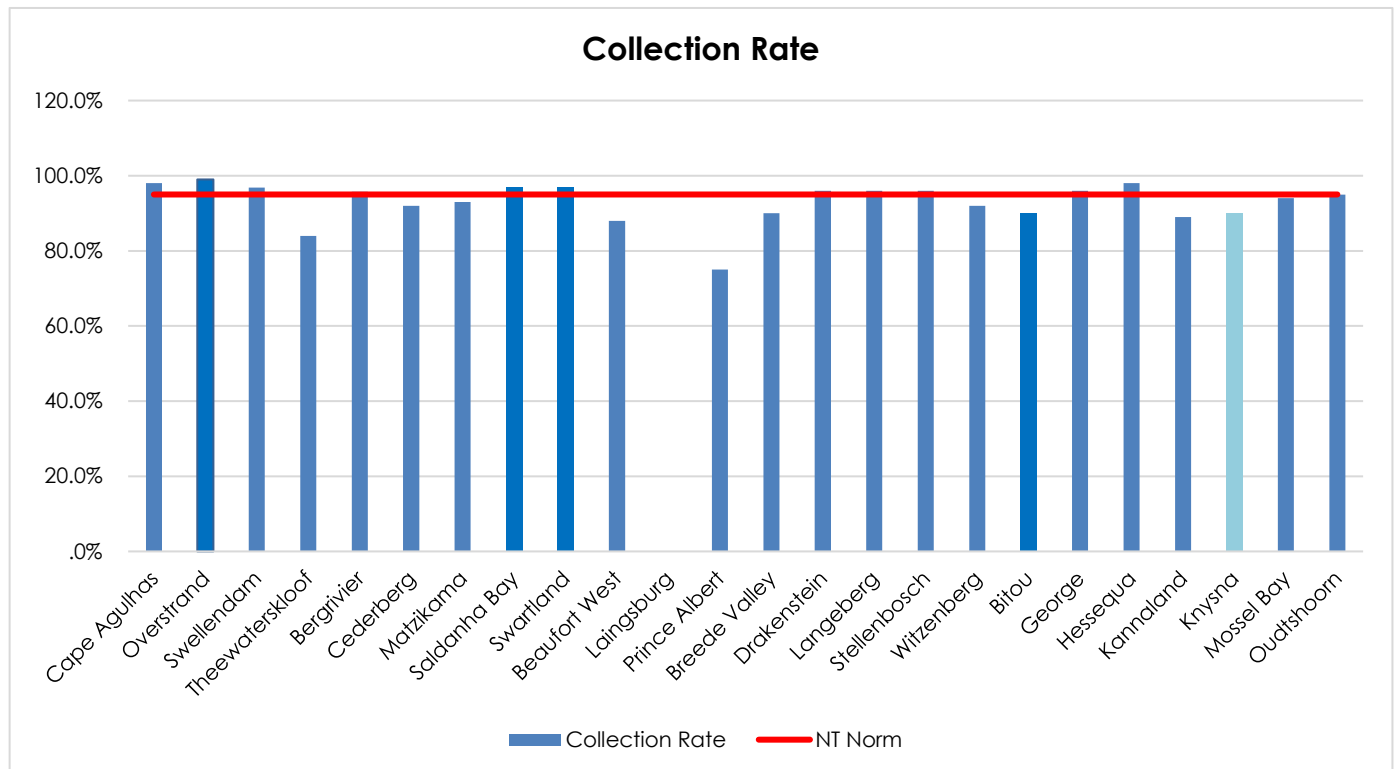
Graph 3 Cash coverage



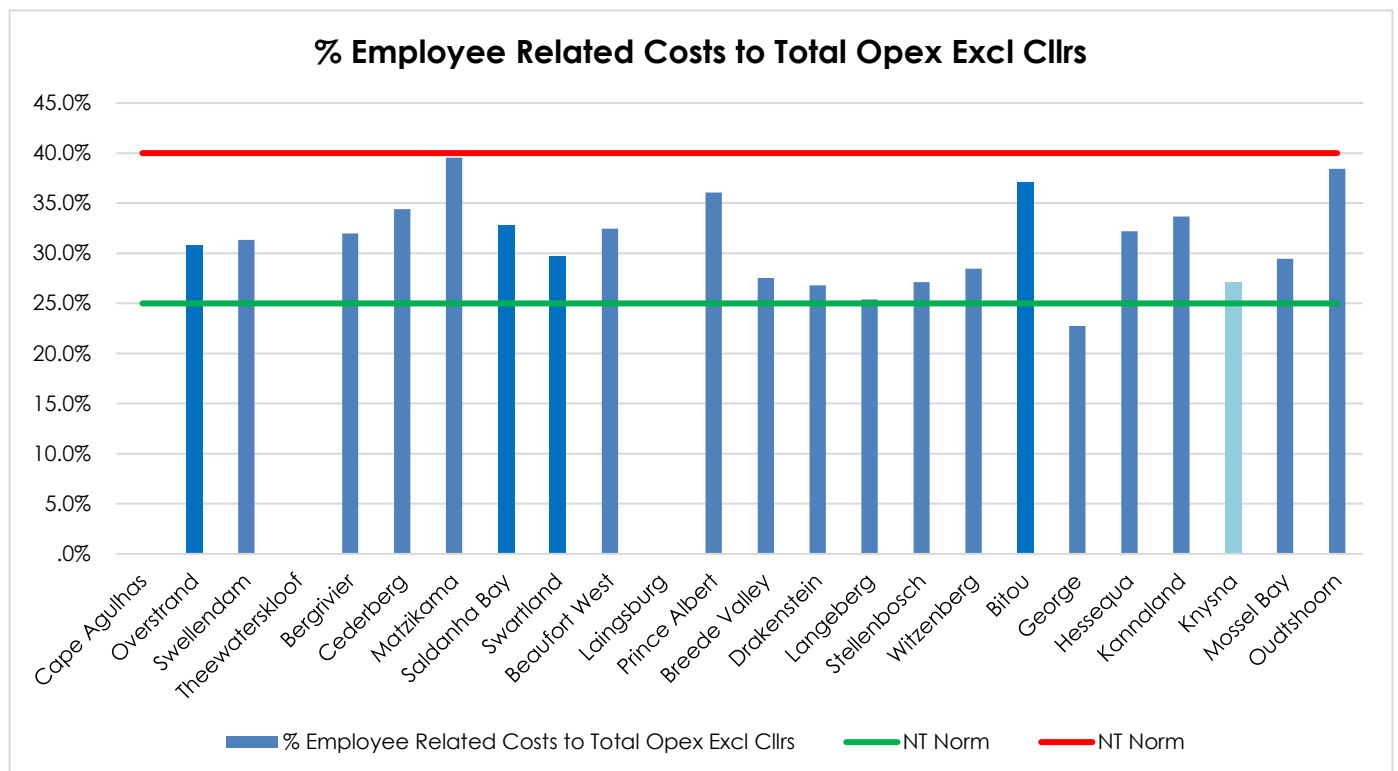
Graph 4 Current Asset Ratio



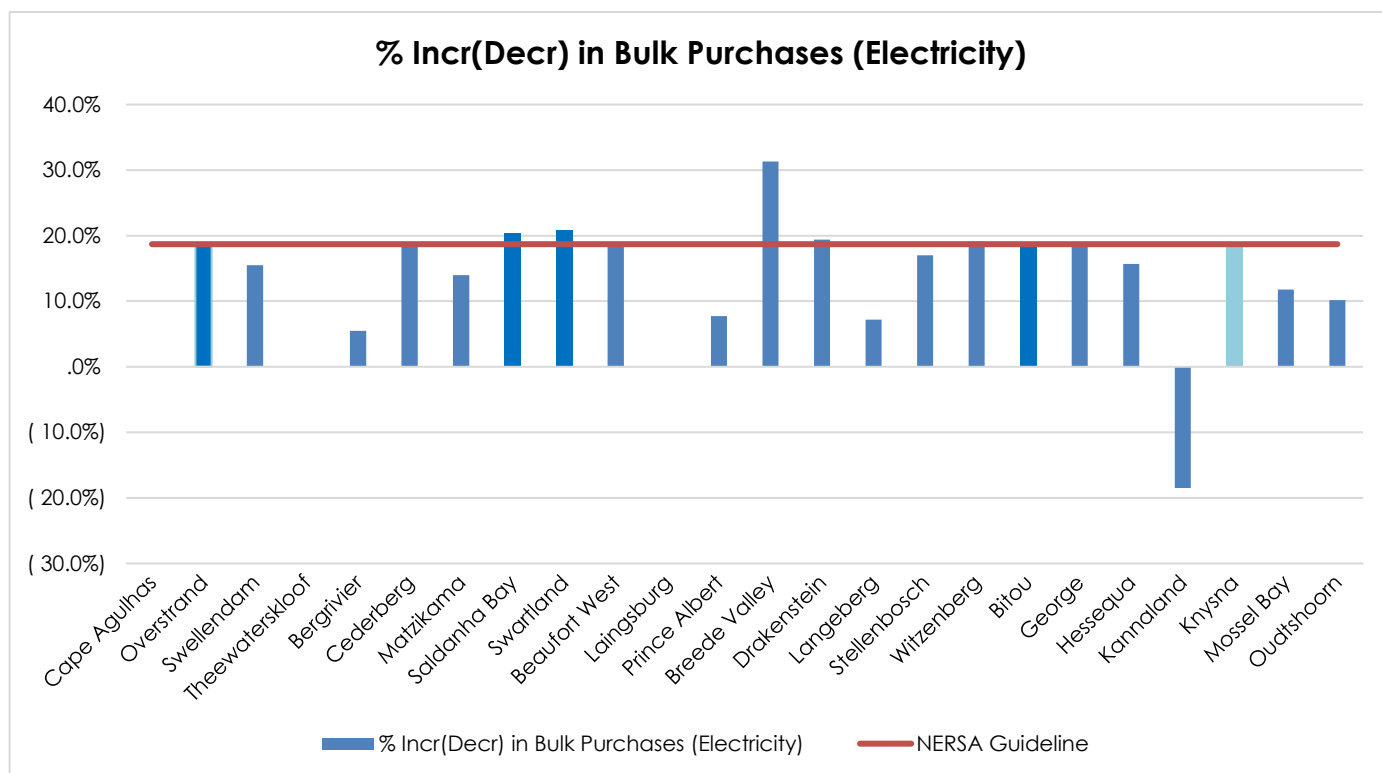
Graph 5 Collection rate



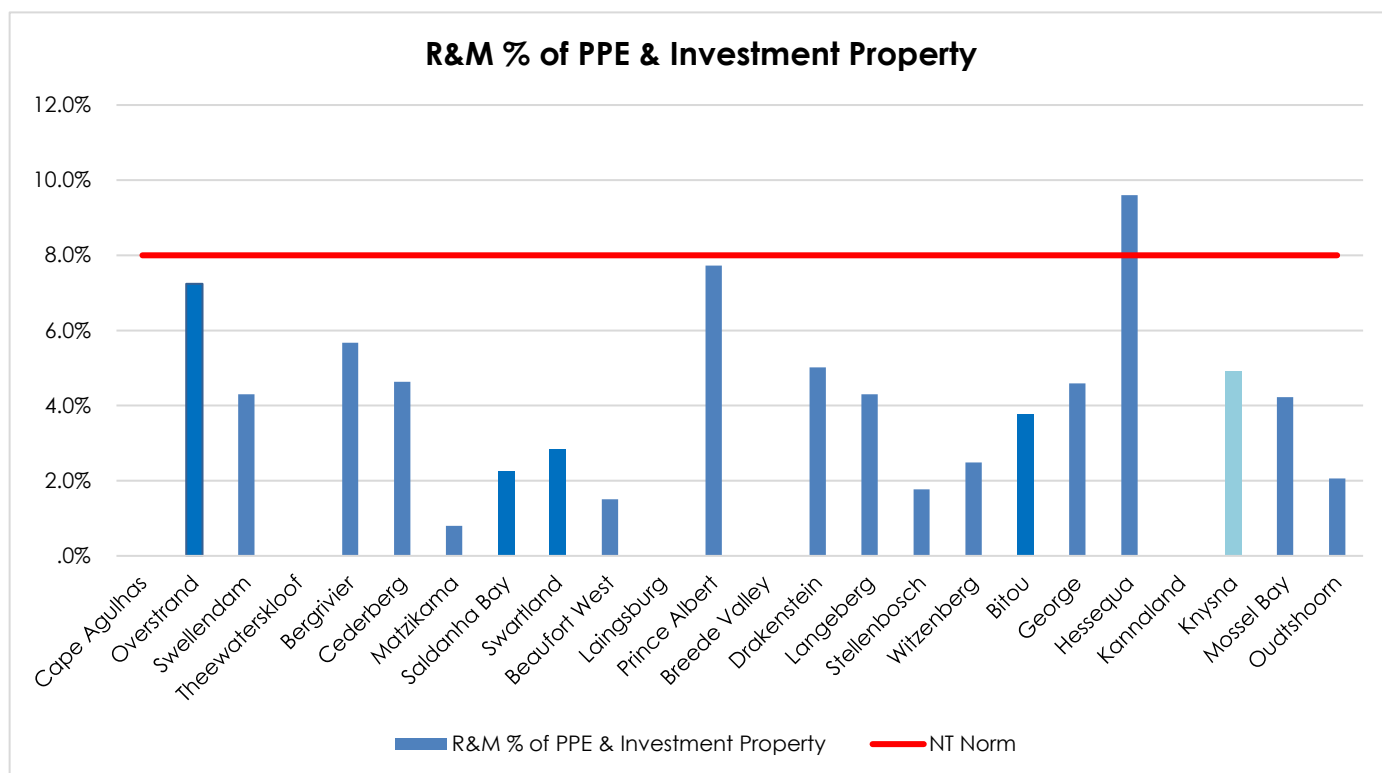
Graph 6 Percentage Employee Related Costs to Total Opex (Excl Cllrs)



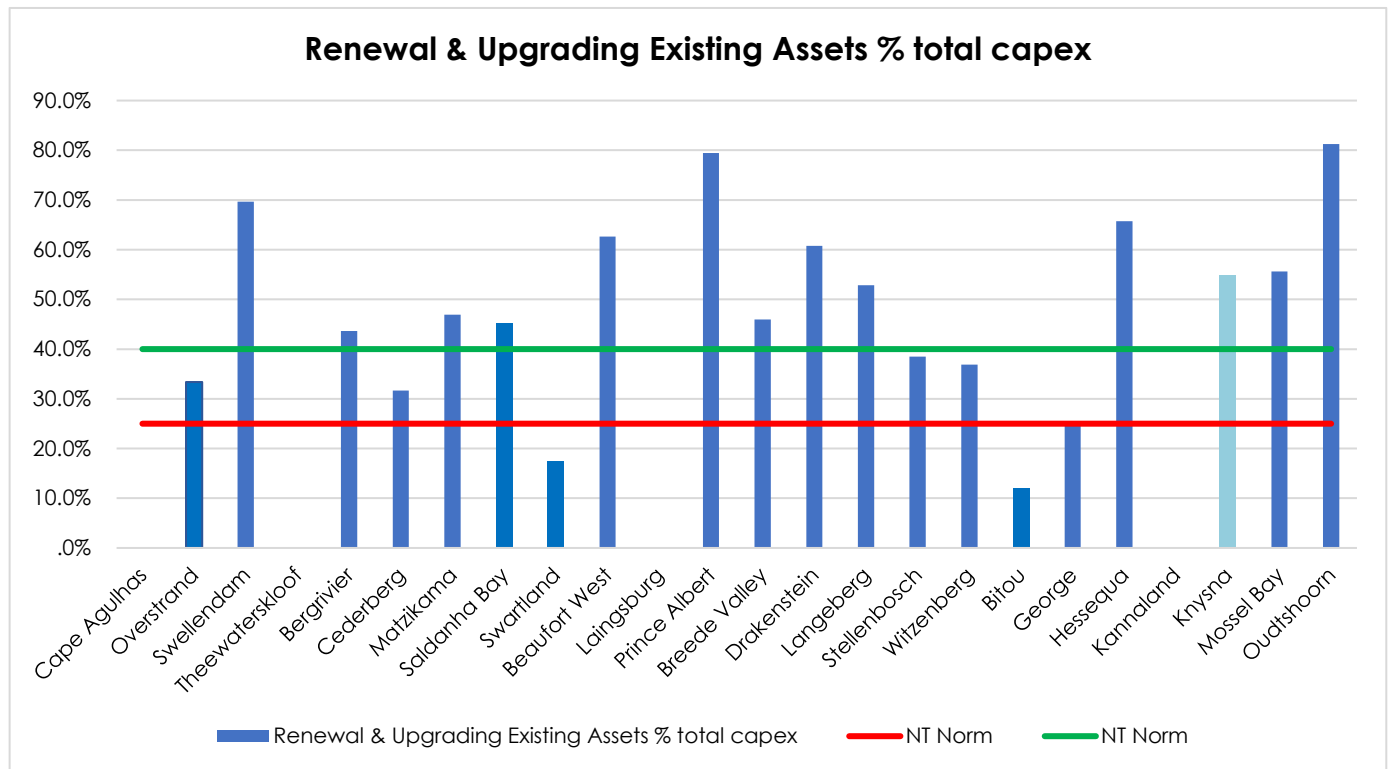
Graph 7 Percentage Increase in Bulk Purchases (Electricity) Expenditure



Graph 8 R&M as a percentage of PPE & Investment Property



Graph 9 Renewal and upgrading existing assets as a percentage of total capex

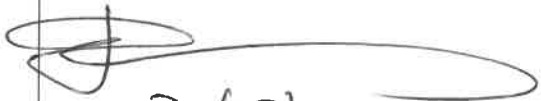


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for documentation to the Municipal Manager's Office

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DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	TARIFFS FOR PROPERTY RATES		
DATE	30 MAY 2023		
COUNCIL RESOLUTION (where applicable)	N/A		
DELEGATION (where applicable)	N/A		
DEPARTMENT	FINANCE	INITIATOR	CFO

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:	
COMMENTS BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: In order	SIGNATURE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:  DATE: 30/05/2023
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

At the end of March council tabled a draft budget with an assumption that Tariffs for Property Rates will remain the same from 1 July 2023 which then informed the revenue projection for the 2023/24 Draft Budget. This resulted to a budgeted revenue increase of 33%, which emanates from implementation of the new general valuation roll.

During public participation process the municipality received massive comments from ratepayers, objecting to the property rates increase. Also comments were received from Provincial Treasury, SALGA and Department of Corporate Governance, where they advised the municipality to consider a reduction of the cent in the Rand rates approach while phasing in the new general valuation roll to avoid excessive municipal accounts and excessive revenue increase which is considered unaffordable and unrealisable.

In light of the above the municipality therefore had to revise the tariff modeling.

The submission of the certified valuation roll to the Municipal Manager triggers a number of processes in the Act that include the inspection of the valuation roll by property owners, the lodging of objections "in respect of any matter in, or omitted from, the (valuation) roll", the lodging of appeals against a decision of the municipal valuer regarding objections lodged.

Therefore, the alignment of the property rates budget to the new valuation roll is also a significant process that the municipality undertakes. General valuations tend to result in increases in the market values of properties, sometimes significant increases.

Significantly, high increases in the market values of properties require that the municipality reasonably **reduces** the cent in the Rand rates to curb excessive rates payable by property owners.

Municipality undertook due consideration to all property categories (residential and non-residential) that are impacted by significant increases in property market values when the current and the new valuation rolls are compared. Therefore, the rate in the rand has been reduced by **10%** for residential properties and **9%** for non-residential properties.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ombali Sebola', written in a cursive style.

OMBALI SEBOLA
MUNICIPAL MANANGER