

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BLACK RIVER



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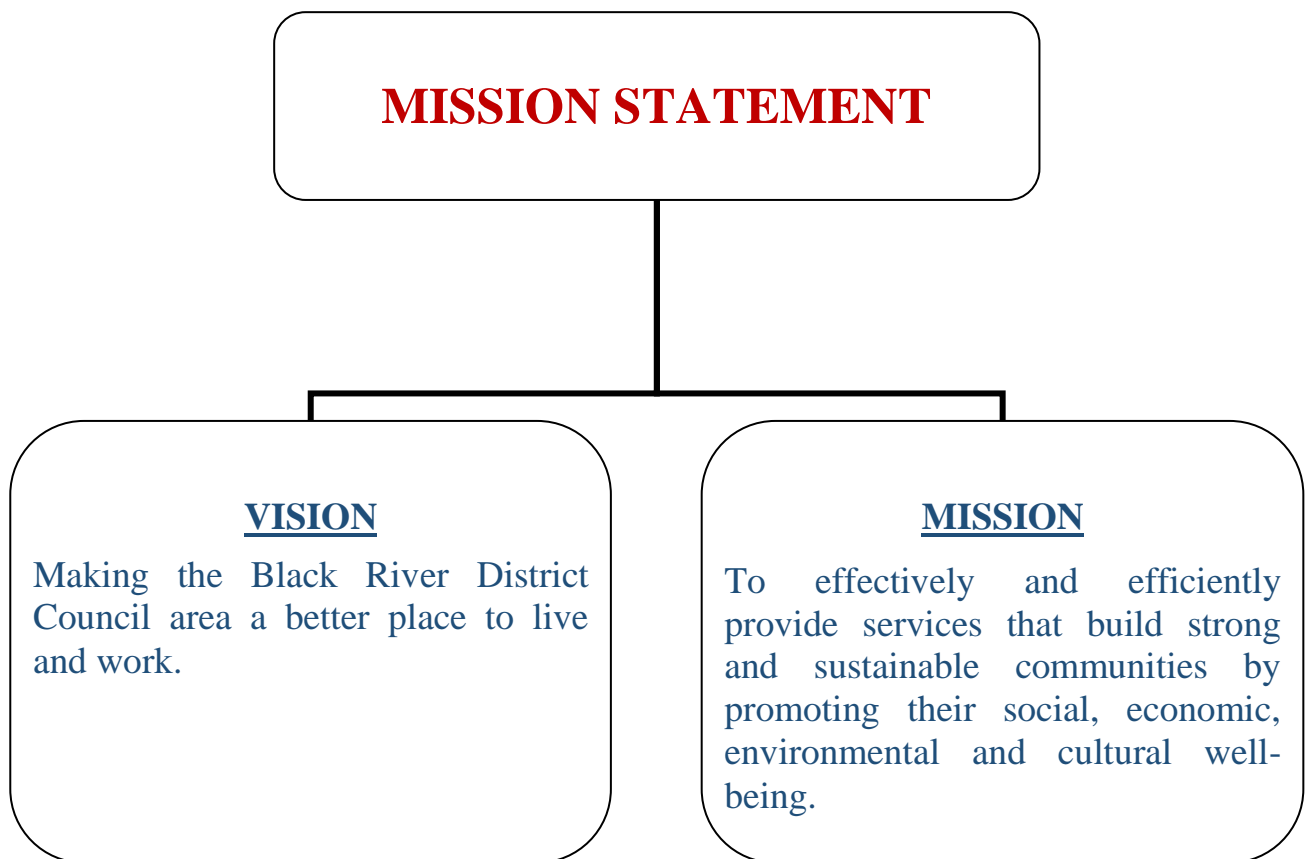
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1.0 STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The District Council of Black River has pursued its goal of ensuring value for money through the provision of efficient and effective services to its customers. In line with the Vision 2030 to achieve the second economic miracle, the District Council of Black River has been consistently striving so that the concept of ease of doing business figures prominently on its agenda. The timely processing and delivery of Building and Land Use Permits and trade fee payments advocates the Council's commitment to the above. The Council also delivers services pertaining to infrastructure, health and welfare and takes on board the social, economic, environmental and cultural aspects to better fulfill the needs and expectations of the inhabitants of the District Council area.

I take this opportunity to thank all the staff and Councillors of the District Council of Black River both for their relentless efforts and unwavering commitment to achieving the Council's purpose for the benefit of the community.

2.0 MISSION, VISION AND CORE VALUES



CORE VALUES

The District Council of Black River adheres to the following values: Commitment, Integrity and Stewardship

(1) Commitment – excellence in all that we do

- *We work with professionalism and purpose*
- *We make a positive difference in the lives of the communities we serve*
- *We provide innovation and open communication*

(2) Integrity – character first

- *We maintain the public's trust through honest and fair behavior*
- *We exhibit the courage to do the right thing for the right reason*
- *We are dedicated to the highest ethical standards*

(3) Stewardship – service before self

- *We are accountable to the public for providing value for money*
- *We accept personal responsibility for our conduct and obligations*

3.0 CHALLENGES

❖ Political

The District Council of Black River embodies the principles of inclusion, consensus building, citizen empowerment and enlightenment for local democracy.

❖ Economical

The District Council of Black River is faced with increasing demands on one hand and has to manage with limited resources on the other hand. The Council need to explore avenues for financial autonomy, albeit in the long run.

❖ Social

The District Council of Black River area has a number of pockets of poverty where households are devoid of the basic sanitation facilities. The ever growing threat caused by social evils such as drugs, alcoholism and domestic violence, is taking its toll. Poverty can be alleviated through empowerment and a culture of entrepreneurship.

❖ Technological

In this globalized world fuelled by the digitization revolution, the introduction of new web-based services is essential. The District Council of Black River is providing online services and needs to keep pace with the latest technological advents through investment in information technology as well as endowing its staff with the appropriate expertise through capacity building.

❖ Environmental

The District Council of Black River area being a predominantly coastal district has to adapt to climate change. Flash floods, beach erosion, high tidal waves, tsunamis and prolonged drought period are becoming alarmingly recurrent features.

4.0 THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BLACK RIVER

LOCATION	:	<i>Western part of the island</i>
VILLAGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF DCBR	:	<i>Albion, Bambous, Cascavelle, Case Noyale, Chamarel, Flic en Flac, Grande Rivière Noire, Gros Cailloux, La Gaulette, Le Morne, Petite Rivière, Richelieu and Tamarin</i>
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION FOR YEAR 2015

SN	VILLAGE COUNCIL	YEAR 2015
1	<i>Albion</i>	5,518
2	<i>Bambous</i>	16,265
3	<i>Cascavelle</i>	2,629
4	<i>Case Noyale</i>	1,804
5	<i>Chamarel</i>	829
6	<i>Flic en Flac</i>	2,329
7	<i>Grande Rivière Noire</i>	2,829
8	<i>Gros Cailloux</i>	3,380
9	<i>La Gaulette</i>	2,454
10	<i>Le Morne</i>	1,378
11	<i>Petite Rivière</i>	4,867
12	<i>Richelieu</i>	8,380
13	<i>Tamarin</i>	3,991

NOTE:

- (i) Estimates are based on the 2011 Census population.
- (ii) Estimates of population have been updated by allowing for births, deaths and migration. However, in case of Village Council areas (VCA), the estimates have been obtained by assuming a rate of increase of population of the same order as for the geographical district of which they form part.
- (iii) The population estimates for Village Council areas (VCA) are given according to new 2011 electoral boundaries as amended and gazetted in the Local Government Act 2011 (*Act No. 36 of 2011*) and the representation of the People Act (*GN No. 1 of 2012, 3rd of January 2012*)

4.1 COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

The District Council of Black River is composed of 14 members to represent 13 villages. The Village Council of Bambous is represented by 2 District Councillors.

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL - YEAR 2015

SN	NAME	DESIGNATION	REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL
1	LEU-GOVIND Marie Véronique (<i>Mrs</i>)	Chairperson	Case Noyale
2	MELISSE Josian	Vice- Chairperson	Bambous
3	PAPECHE Nicole Marie (<i>Ms</i>)	District Councillor	Grande Rivière Noire
4	MAGDELEINE André Gilbert Steeve	District Councillor	Albion
5	JEETUN Balmick	District Councillor	Bambous
6	RAM Aneerow	District Councillor	Cascavelle
7	LARIDAIN Mike Giovanie	District Councillor	Chamarel
8	CAULLOO Rishikumar	District Councillor	Gros Cailloux
9	DHONDEE Dayanand	District Councillor	La Gaulette
10	RAMALINGUM Rémilene	District Councillor	Le Morne
11	CALE Marie Dorise (<i>Mrs</i>)	District Councillor	Richelieu
12	BISSESSUR Anil Kumar	District Councillor	Petite Riviere
13	DANSANT Jean-Yves	District Councillor	Flic en Flac
14	CHETTY Noël Doget Oxsinice	District Councillor	Tamarin

4.2 MEETING AND COMMITTEES

4.2.1 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Council meets at ordinary meetings as often as its business may require and at least once every month.

4.2.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In line with section 47 of the Local Government Act 2011, as subsequently amended, an Executive Committee has been set up by the Council with the duties and powers to:-

- (i) *Determine applications for Outline Planning Permissions and Building and Land Use Permits.*
- (ii) *To approve Procurement of Goods and services for an amount above Rs 100,000/-.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – COMPOSITION

Chairperson	:	Mrs Marie Véronique LEU-GOVIND
Vice-Chairperson	:	Mr Josian MELISSE
Members	{	: Mrs Nicole Marie PAPECHE
		Mrs Marie Dorise CALE
		: Mr Mike Giovanie LARIDAIN
		: Mr Anil Kumar BISSESSUR
		: Mr Noël Doget Oxsinice CHETTY

4.2.3 OTHER COMMITTEES

- (i) **THE PERMITS AND BUSINESS MONITORING COMMITTEE (PBMC)**: The composition of the committee is as per Section 115 of the Local Government Act. The said committee comprises solely Officers. The recommendations of the PBMC are approved by the Executive Committee.
- (ii) **PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE**: Any procurement of goods and services is determined by the Procurement Committee.

The approval of the Executive Committee is required for procurement of goods and services for which the value exceeds Rs 100,000/=

- (iii) **ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE (ACC)**: which comprises solely of Officers of the Council was set up in 2012 to implement the public sector Anti-Corruption Framework.

The Anti-Corruption Committee guided by the ICAC worked on the system description for the issue of Building and Land Use Permit and the processing of trade fees as well as the assessment of corruption risk areas (*such as the award of contract for goods and services*) and corruption risk management.

- (iv) **THE ETHICS COMMITTEE**:

The committee comprises the following District Councillors:-

Mrs M. V. LEU-GOVIND
Mrs N. M. A. PAPECHE
Mr B. JEETUN
Mr J. MELISSE
Mr A. G. S. MAGDELEINE
Mr A. K. BISSESSUR
Mr R. K. CAULLOO

- (v) **LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** The Committee was set up in 2014 under the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategic Framework put in place by government.

OBJECTIVE: to oversee and manage disaster risk reduction activities in respect of its area under jurisdiction.

Accordingly simulation exercises were held in year 2015 as detailed hereunder:-

- *Tsunami simulation exercise organised at Petite Riviere Noire on 20 March 2015*
- *Torrential Rain simulation exercise organised at Grande Riviere Noire on 19 June 2015*
- *Flash flood simulation exercise organised at Cité La Ferme, Bambous on 04 September 2015*
- *Landslide simulation exercise organised at Chamarel on 16 December 2015*

5.0 OPERATIONAL AND SERVICES DELIVERY PLAN

Under the Programme Based Budget (PBB) adopted by the Government, the Council's functions are implemented through five distinct programmes:-

<i>Programme 1</i>	<i>Policy and Management of the Council</i>
<i>Programme 2</i>	<i>Provision and Maintenance of Community-Based Infrastructure and Amenities</i>
<i>Programme 3</i>	<i>Development Control within Council's Area</i>
<i>Programme 4</i>	<i>Sound and Healthy Conditions in the Council's Area</i>
<i>Programme 5</i>	<i>Promotion of Sports, Welfare, Education and Cultural Development</i>

5.1 PROGRAMME 1 - POLICY AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL

Under this sub-programme, Council's policies and decisions are implemented with the support of the Administration and Finance Departments.

5.1.1 ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Administration Department comprises:-

- (i) *Human Resource Management Section*
- (ii) *Committee Section*
- (iii) *Internal Audit Section*
- (iv) *IT Section*
- (v) *Registry*

5.1.1.2 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION

The District Council of Black River is operating in a dynamic environment. The demands, aspirations and expectations of its local community for an effective, efficient and better quality service have increased. The Council relies heavily on its Human Capital which is the pivot on which the wheel of any organization turns. It hence constitutes of people working together to achieve its goals and objectives. In order to manage its labour force, the Human Resource Section has a major role to play.

The aim of Human Resource Section at the District Council of Black River is to provide a fully competent, professional, well-motivated and diverse workforce capable of delivering a first class service.

The section is headed by the Human Resource Management Officer, who is assisted by only one Management Support Officer and one Senior Word Processing Operator.

At present, the Council has a workforce of over 245 employees distributed among the six different departments. Staff cost represents a large proportion of the council's recurrent budget. The gross staffing cost for year 2015 amounted to Rs 92,159,430 representing 43% of the District Council's gross expenditure for the year.

EMPLOYEES ON ESTABLISHMENT AND IN POST

As at 31 December 2015, there were 274 posts on the establishment of this Council and 244 employees in post out of which there were 188 male employees and 56 female.

DEPARTMENT	NO. IN POST	MALE	FEMALE
Administration Department	65	35	30
Finance Department	14	8	6
Public Infrastructure Department	104	101	3
Welfare Department	12	3	9
Land Use and Planning Department	12	7	5
Public Health Department	37	34	3
TOTAL	244	188	56

Capacity Building: The District Council of Black River strives relentlessly to provide training opportunities to its employees so that they may better expand their knowledge base and sharpen their skills.

LIST OF GRADES OFFERED TRAINING IN YEAR 2015

WORKSHOP / COURSES	ATTENDED BY
Training on E-Payment facilities for Trade fees	Assistant Financial Operations Officer
Training on Fixed Asset Module	Principal Financial Operations
Training on Design of Fire Hydrant and Hose Reels Systems for Building	Civil Engineer
Seminar on Occupational Safety and Health for employees in the scavenging sector	Safety and Health Officer/ Senior Safety and Health Officer
Regional Seminar on Landslide and Coastal Zone Management in the Southwest Indian Ocean Islands	Head, Land Use and Planning Department
Training Course for Trade Test in Basic Arc Welding	Handy Worker (Special Class)
Workshop on SADC Water Week 2015 from the Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities	Civil Engineer
Short Course on Occupational Noise Risk Assessment to meet the Noise at Work Regulations 2012 (12 June 2015 to 04 July 2015 – Fridays & Saturdays)	Safety and Health Officer/ Senior Safety and Health Officer
Training Course on Landscape Installations, Maintenance and Management (27.07.15 – 30.07.15)	Senior Health Inspector and Field Supervisor
Training on Basic Course in Paint Works	General Worker
ACCA Workshop – IFRS Back to Basics	Ag. Financial Controller and Accountant
Workshop on Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDCs)	Head, Land Use and Planning Department
Workshop on UNDP GEF Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Management of the Coastal Zone in the Republic of Mauritius	Head, Public Infrastructure Department
First Aid Course	Plant & Equipment Operator Driver Electrician Welfare Officer Senior Welfare Officer IT Officer Word Processing Operator Health Inspector Stores Attendant
Part-Time course on Advanced Arc Welding	Tradesman's Assistant Welder
Workshop on Adaptation Fund Project - Climate Change Adaption Programme in the Coastal Zone of Mauritius Short Course on Open Geospatial tools	Civil Engineer
Course in the programme “Spatial Information Technology for Urban Planning and Management” to Chennai, India (23.09.15 – 17.11.15)	Planning and Development Inspector
Anti-Corruption Empowerment Workshop	Ag. Financial Controller
Training on User Acceptance Testing – GPS/GIS Project for Local Authorities	Chief Inspector of Works and Senior Inspector of Works
Workshop on Disaster Laws	Head, Public Infrastructure Department
Working Session to finalise the User Requirements for the enhancements/modifications on the e-governance	Assistant Financial Operations Officer and IT Officer/Systems Administrator
Seminar on ‘Employer’s Liability under Data Protection Laws’	Human Resource Management Officer
Seminar on ‘ Policy and Measure to adapt Climate Change for Mauritius’ in Beijing, China	Senior Health Inspector
Workshop on Code of Conduct for Public Officers	Assistant Chief Executive and Principal Procurement & Supply Officer
Advisory Committee on MSc Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Management Programme	Civil Engineer

TRAINING PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED IN-HOUSE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF EMPLOYEES

Training on Occupational Safety and Health – manual grades (General Worker, Handy Worker, Mason, Assistant Mason, Roadmender/Tarman) - (05 January 2015 & 17 March 2015)

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department provides support to the administrative function by ensuring an adequate distribution of financial resources to allow the Council to achieve its objectives and implement its policies in an economic, efficient and effective manner.

The main functions of the Finance Department are, amongst others:

- ~ *to collect all revenues accruing to the Council*
- ~ *to effect all payments for goods and services including salaries to Council's employees*
- ~ *to prepare the yearly Budget Estimates and Financial Statements for submission to the Ministry of Local Government and the National Audit Office respectively*
- ~ *the procurement of goods and services for the Council*
- ~ *the overall financial administration of the Council including the provision of advice on financial policy and management and the establishment of proper accounting and financial controls.*

The Finance Department consists of the following sections:-

- ~ *Income*
- ~ *Expenditure*
- ~ *Payroll*
- ~ *Stores*

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME FOR YEAR 2015: The total approved recurrent budget of the Council for the financial year 2015 is Rs 208,344,000. The activities of the Council are financed mainly from the grant in aid received from the Government and partly from Council's own sources of revenue. The amount of grant in aid received in financial year 2015 is Rs 196,107,913, which represents 86% of the total revenue.

OWN SOURCE OF REVENUE: The main sources of revenue generated by Council are from Trade fees and others such as Advertising fees, Scavenging fees, and Building and Land use permit fees.

CLASSIFIED TRADES: Any person who wishes to carry out a classified trade shall register with the Registrar of Companies and seek a Building and Land Use Permit (*where applicable*) at the Planning Department of Council.

The payment of fees, dues and charges in respect of classified trades shall be due by the 1st January of that year and shall be payable by the person:-

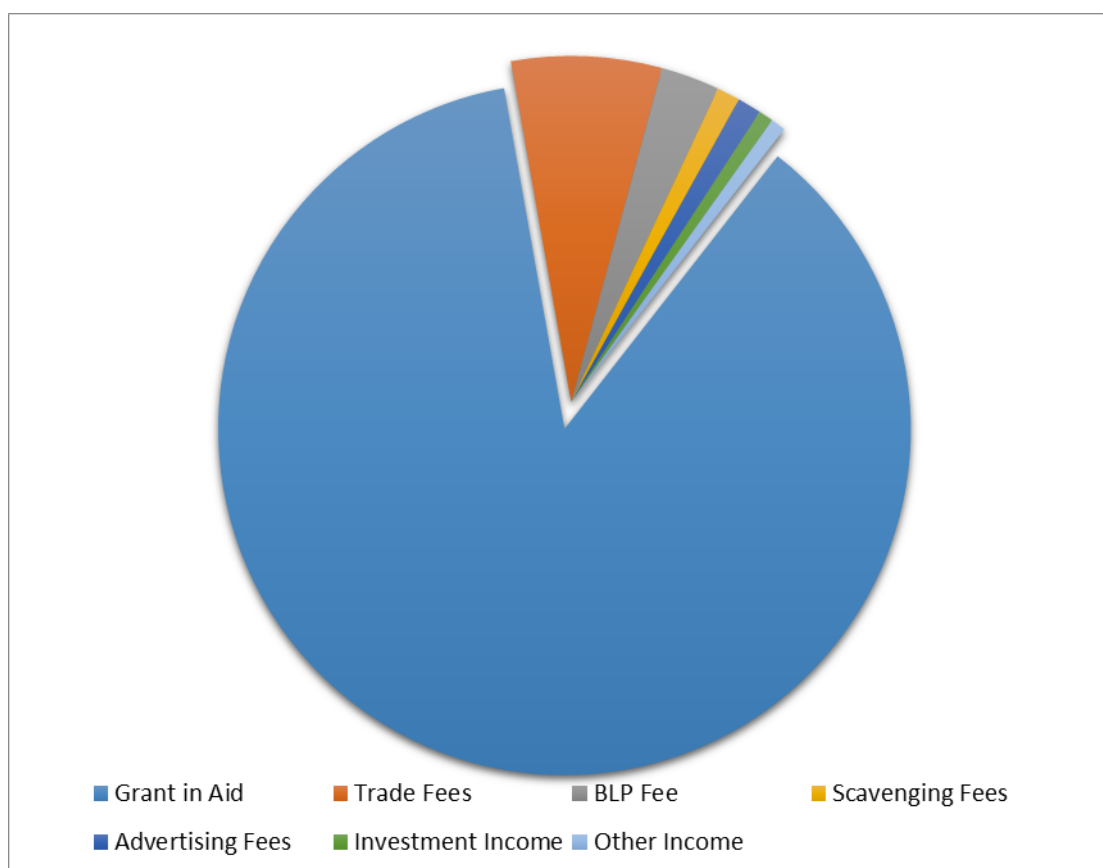
- (i) *within 15 days of the start of a classified trade; and*
- (ii) *thereafter in respect of every subsequent financial year in two equal instalments, the first one on or before 31 January and the second on or before 31 July next year ensuing.*

A surcharge of 50% shall be leviable on any amount not paid within the period specified above.

REVENUE COLLECTED IN 2015 BY CATEGORY

SOURCES OF INCOME	AMOUNT COLLECTED (Rs)
Grant in Aid	196,107,913
Trade Fees	15,885,275
Building and Land Use Permit Fees	6,210,442
Scavenging Fees	2,472,620
Advertisement and Publicity Fees	2,505,353
Investment Income	1,551,694
Other Miscellaneous Income	1,595,793

ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL REVENUE FOR YEAR 2015



EXPENDITURE: Under the Programme Based Budgeting (PBB) adopted by Government, Council's functions are implemented through five distinct programmes and financial resources deployed by programmes in 2015 are as follows:

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES BY PROGRAMMES

CODE	PROGRAMMES	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2015 RS	% DISTRIBUTION BY PROGRAMMES
1	Policy and Management of the Council	55,519,000	27%
2	Provision and Maintenance of Community Based Amenities	57,056,091	28%
3	Development control within the Council's Area	6,475,907	4%
4	Sound and Healthy Conditions in the Council's Area	76,458,512	38%
5	Promotion of Sports, Welfare, Education and Cultural Development	5,310,802	3%
TOTAL		200,820,312	100%

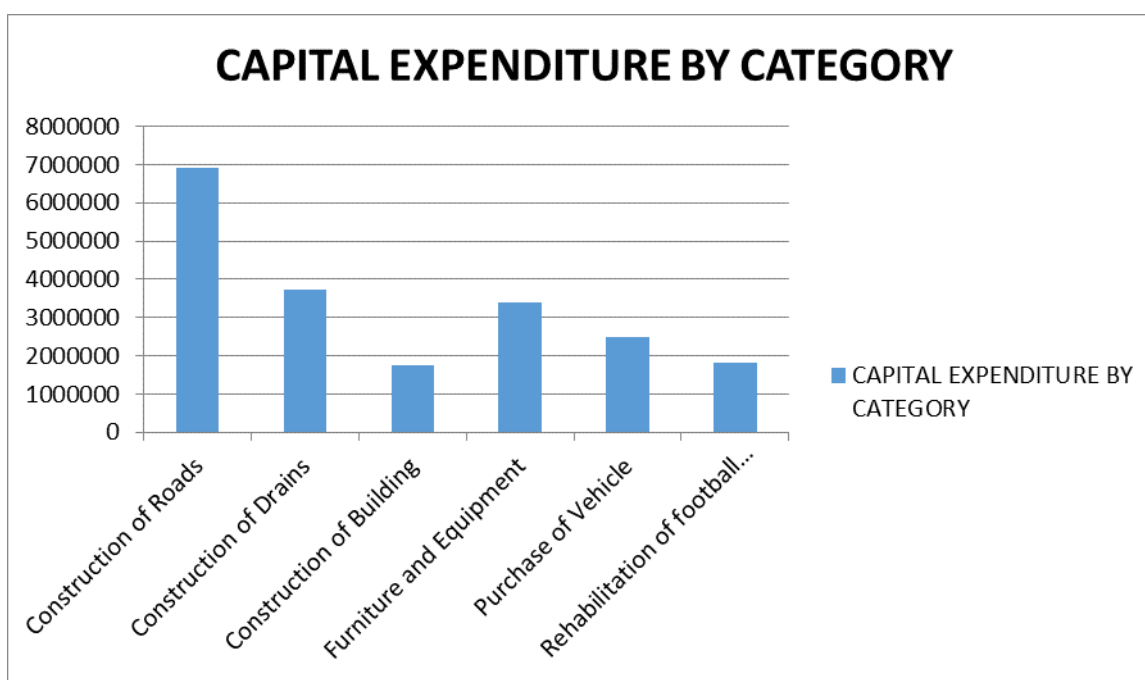
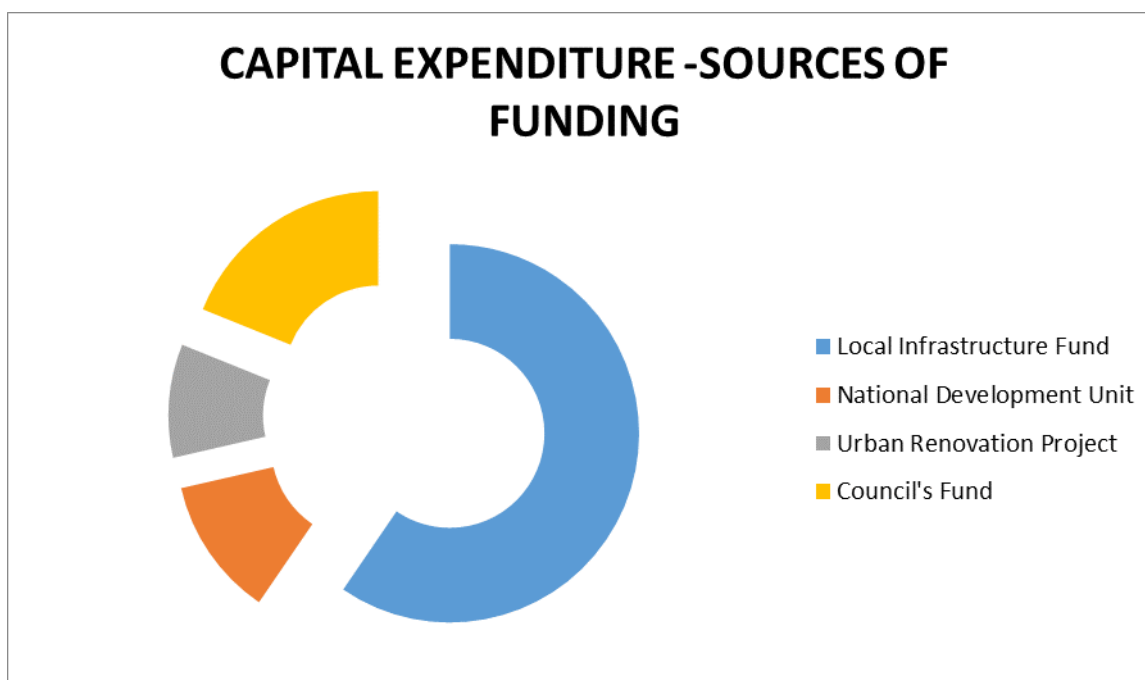
SUMMARY PBB BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES FOR YEAR 2015

CODE	PROGRAMMES	COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES	GOODS AND SERVICES	SUBSIDIES/ GRANTS/SOCIAL BENEFITS	ACQUISITION OF ASSETS	TOTAL
		CODE 21	CODE 22	CODES 25- 28	CODES 31 - 32	
1	Policy and Management of the Council	35,128,874	12,370,341	7,292,837	726,948	55,519,000
2	Provision and Maintenance of Community-Based Infrastructure and Amenities	33,484,543	23,073,541	498,007	0	57,056,091
3	Development Control within Council's Area	5,904,797	571,110	0	0	6,475,907
4	Sound and Healthy Conditions in the Council's Area	14,560,238	61,537,343	360,931	0	76,458,512
5	Promotion of Sports, Welfare, Education and Cultural Development	3,080,978	2,229,824	0	0	5,310,802
	TOTAL	92,159,430	99,782,159	8,151,775	726,948	200,820,312

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The Council has spent an amount of Rs 20,143,711 on the acquisition of fixed assets in the year 2015. These acquisitions were financed partly by the government through the Local Development Projects and the National Development Unit and partly from Council's own funds.

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CAPITAL AND OTHER LONG TERM OUTLAY FOR 2015



5.2 PROGRAMME 2 - PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY- BASED INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES

One of the main functions of the Council under sub-programme 2 is the improvement of community based amenities within the thirteen villages falling under its jurisdiction.

As such the Council is, amongst others, responsible for:-

- (a) *Construction and maintenance of non-classified (rural) roads*
- (b) *Construction and maintenance of drains along non classified (rural) roads*
- (c) *Construction of social halls, libraries and other buildings*
- (d) *Provision of sports infrastructure namely football, volleyball and basketball grounds, children playgrounds and related amenities*
- (e) *Construction of recreational parks*
- (f) *Fixing and maintenance of street lighting, traffic signs and street name plates*
- (g) *Design, supervision and management of building and engineering projects undertaken by in-house labour or contractors*
- (h) *Fixing of decorations (flags, buntings, etc) for social, sports and religious activities*
- (i) *Maintenance of the District Council's vehicles*
- (j) *Assessing Building and Land Use Permits, EIA Report, Morcellement projects*

5.2.1 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT

The Public Infrastructure Department is responsible for the overall planning, implementation and maintenance of all infrastructural projects of the Council. It has a dedicated team to ensure the proper running of the department.

Minor projects are implemented in house by the Council's own labour force while the department closely monitors, inspects and evaluates major capital projects executed by contractors hired through the Public Procurement Mechanism put in place by government.

5.2.1 SUMMARY OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN FROM 2005 ONWARDS

Many projects have been implemented from 2005 onwards. A summary of these main projects achieved and those in progress are given in the table below.

Projects		YEARLY VALUE OF PROJECTS REALISED (RS MILLION- M)										
		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1.	Construction and Resurfacing of Roads	10	11.2	10.6	14.9	14.9	22.3	-	-	4.0	3.2	5.2
2.	Construction of Drains	7.2	5.8	8.4	9.4	9.4	5.6	3.0	-	4.5	4.4	-
TOTAL		17.2	17.0	19.0	24.3	24.3	27.9	3.0	-	8.6	7.6	5.2

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN YEAR 2015

- ✦ Resurfacing of part of La Source Lane at Albion
- ✦ Resurfacing of road network near Porker Products at Albion
- ✦ Resurfacing of Marina Lane at Richelieu
- ✦ Resurfacing of Avenue Vacoas at Tamarin

5.3 PROGRAMME 3 - DEVELOPMENT CONTROL WITHIN COUNCIL'S AREA

INTRODUCTION:

Powers of the Council with respect to land development:-

- (i) The District Council of Black River is the Planning Authority for the area under its jurisdiction as per Section 6 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1954 (*as subsequently amended*).
- (ii) The District Council of Black River has an approved Outline Planning Scheme.
- (iii) Under Section 117 of the Local Government Act 2011 (*as subsequently amended*) the authority for execution and enforcement of the Building Control Act 2012 and Town and Country Planning Act shall be the Municipal City Council, Municipal Town Council or the District Council of the respective city, town or district where the relevant building, structure or tenement is to be found or where the land is to be developed.

KEY FUNCTIONS

- 1. *Process applications for Building and Land Use Permits within the legal time frame*
- 2. *Monitor development through ex-post control*
- 3. *Attend to complaints*
- 4. *Take action against unlawful development*

ENABLING LEGISLATIONS

- 1. *Local Government Act 2011, as subsequently amended*
- 2. *Town and Country Planning Act 1954*
- 3. *Environment Protection Act 2002*
- 4. *Planning and Development Act 2004*
- 5. *Building Control Act 2012*

CHALLENGES FACING THE DEPARTMENT

- 1. *Facilitate the land use permitting process whilst ensuring that all development contribute positively in the area where they are located.*
- 2. *Promote sustainable development and encourage developers to take mitigating measures with respect to climate change.*
- 3. *Ensure that all applications for Building and Land Use Permit registered at the Land Use and Planning Department are determined within the legal time frame.*
- 4. *Ensure that accurate and up to date information is given to the public on land development.*
- 5. *Attend to all complaints within a delay of 5 working days.*

FUTURE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BLACK RIVER AREA

- 1. *Smart City Scheme by Cap Tamarin Ltée at Barachois, Tamarin*
- 2. *Smart City Scheme by Médine at Flic en Flac*
- 3. *Médine Education Hub at Cascavelle*

LIST AND NUMBER OF BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMITS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED**BY****CATEGORY FOR YEAR 2015**

DETAIL	NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NO. OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED	NO. OF APPLICATIONS REJECTED	NO. OF APPLICATIONS IN ABEYANCE
RESIDENTIAL	649	594	4	40
COMMERCIAL	130	85	22	22
EXCISION/SUBDIVISION OF LAND	132	115	6	9
INDUSTRIAL	22	16	1	5
OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION	9	3	1	5
SERVICES	12	6	2	3
SUI GENERIS	14	11	-	2
TOTAL	968	830	36	86

STATISTICS – BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS - PERIOD 2009 TO 2015

YEAR	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	EXCISION / SUBDIVISION OF LAND	INDUSTRIAL	OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION	SERVICES	SUI GENERIS	TOTAL
2015	649	130	132	22	9	12	14	968
2014	624	102	105	15	10	12	12	881
2013	641	88	98	28	17	16	18	906
2012	772	81	148	31	10	30	24	1096
2011	918	106	139	34	6	23	16	1242
2010	944	78	156	22	10	18	16	1244
2009	836	91	180	25	10	11	13	1167

COURT CASES FOR YEAR 2015

COURT	NUMBERS
SUPREME COURT	11
INTERMEDIATE COURT	2
ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND APPEAL TRIBUNAL	8
DISTRICT COURT	29

5.4 PROGRAMME 4 - SOUND AND HEALTHY CONDITIONS IN THE COUNCIL'S AREA

The Public Health Department is one of the most important department of the District Council of Black River.

The Council's area is about 259 km² with a population of about 55,000 divided into 13 Village Councils area. The number of residential premises is about 20,000 and that of commercial premises is 3000.

The main responsibilities of the Public Health Department are:

- (i) *Solid Waste Management*
- (ii) *Cleaning of wastelands*
- (iii) *Management of Cemeteries and Crematoria*
- (iv) *Spraying of herbicide along public roads*
- (v) *Rodent control*
- (vi) *Collection of bulky wastes*
- (vii) *Sensitisation campaigns*
- (viii) *Processing of applications for Classified Trades and monitoring payment of trade fees*
- (ix) *Control of illegal hawkers*
- (x) *Cleaning of rivers, Canals, and Drains*
- (xi) *Implementation of Environmental projects*

REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE: Collection and disposal of residential and commercial refuse is an essential service which is carried out by the Public Health Department, through contracted services, for the enhancement of the living environment in the Council area by making it a clean, safe and healthy.

- ♦ *Residential - Twice weekly service*
- ♦ *Gated communities are required to pay a fee of Rs 3600 yearly per residential unit for the collection and disposal of refuse as provided for under The District Council of Black River (Collection and Disposal of Refuse) Regulations 2013 as subsequently amended.*
- ♦ *Commercial – Twice weekly service*
- ♦ *Most hotels and Restaurants are provided with scavenging service as per agreed frequencies and upon payment of the necessary fees as prescribed under the above regulations.*

SWEEPING OF ROADS: Coupled with the scavenging service, all roads are swept on a twice weekly basis in residential areas, and on a daily basis along main roads. All wastes are collected in a single shift which starts in the morning.

BULKY WASTE CAMPAIGN: Three (3) Bulky waste campaigns are carried out on a yearly basis in March/April, July/August and November/December. Flyers are distributed to every household of the Council area, where they are informed of the date and time and that the waste will be collected from their doorstep.

During the year 2015, about 75 trips of bulky waste were collected and disposed of at the La Chaumiere Transfer Station.

The Council has also, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Environment, carried out an E-wastes collection campaign during the month of October/November whereby about 15 lorry loads of electronic wastes were collected.

WASTE DATA: Volume of waste generated: tons/year = about 16,500

CLEANING OF RIVERS, CANALS AND DRAINS: All rivers, canals and drains within the Council areas are cleaned by contracted services.

- ♦ *Open drains (along main roads): daily*
- ♦ *Open drains (internal roads): twice/weekly*
- ♦ *Cleaning of river: twice yearly or in case of emergency*
- ♦ *Cleaning of covered drains are carried out once yearly giving priority to flood prone areas.*

MOWING/ WEEDING/ LOPPING/ REMOVAL OF POSTERS: The Council also carries out regular mowing, weeding and lopping of bareland, along street borders and public places. Posters and banners are also removed on regular basis.

Health inspectors carry out regular visits within the sites under their responsibilities to ensure that the conditions of contract are being complied with. They also have the duty to ensure compliance with the relevant part of the council's regulations, the Environment Protection Act and the Local Government Act 2011.

CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA: There are five cemeteries within the Council area, namely at:

- ♦ *St. Louis/ St. Georges at Richelieu*
- ♦ *St. Martin at Mont Roches*
- ♦ *Bambous*
- ♦ *Flic-en-Flac*
- ♦ *Grande Riviere Noire*

The cremation grounds within the council's area are at:

- ♦ *Beaux Songes*
- ♦ *Medine, Bambous*
- ♦ *St. Louis Cemetery, Richelieu*
- ♦ *St. Martin, Mont Roches*

NO. OF BURIALS AND CREMATIONS CARRIED OUT

- ♦ *431 burials have been carried out during the Year 2015 at these 5 cemeteries.*
- ♦ *80 cremations have been carried out during the Year at these 4 Cremation grounds.*

HERBICIDE SPRAYING: Herbicide is sprayed through contracted services along all the public roads, within the Council area as and when required.

RODENT CONTROL: Rodenticides were placed along the roads, wastelands bordering main roads, drains and river banks during the months of January to August. Rodent Control is done on a monthly basis. 52 kg of rodenticide were used during the year 2015.

CLEANING OF BARELANDS: It is Council's policy to carry out frequent surveys of all overgrown barelands found within the limits of the council's area and to take appropriate action. A recent survey has revealed that there are plots of barelands of which 2707 are of known owners and about 1000 of unknown owners. It is to be noted that most of the barelands are found within approved morcellements at Flic-en-Flac, and Albion (*Morc Anna, Morc de Chazal, Morc Bismic, Morc Raffray, Morc Beergeraz, Morc Terre d'Albion*).

NOTICES ARE SERVED AT REGULAR INTERVALS UPON KNOWN OWNERS AS FOLLOWS:-

Eyesore abatement notices under section 89 of the Environment Protection Act 2002 to served, requiring them to clean and maintain their respective plots of land

During the year 2015, Notices have been served upon known owners requiring them to keep their barelands in a clean state. It is to be noted that in all cases the requirements of the notices served have been complied with.

About 360 such barelands have been cleaned of unknown owners, by two team of 8 council's employees. Priority has been given to complaint received and where the barelands represent a threat to the security and health of the residents.

ECONOMIC OPERATORS: There are about 3500 economic operators within the council area and regular inspections are carried out to ensure that all economic operators have paid their trade fee to carry out their trade.

Regular expost control is carried out to ensure that there are no illegal activities within the council area and to monitor debtors.

3 contraventions were established during the year 2015 for the carrying of classified trade without payment of the prescribed fees.

528 new payment of trade fees were received and 269 traders have notified the council of having ceased business during the year 2015.

5.5 PROGRAMME 5 - PROMOTION OF SPORTS, WELFARE, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Under sub-programme 5, The Welfare Department is responsible for organisation of social, recreational, educational, sports and other cultural activities for residents.

The main activities of the department are:

- *Planning, organisation, supervision, budgeting and coordination of all sports and welfare activities organised by the Council.*
- *The running of needlework classes*
- *Coordinating activities at National Level such as National Day / Divali / Christmas Celebrations and other festivals.*
- *Planning, organising and participating in twinning programmes and activities with Anse Boileau of Seychelles with which the Council is twinned.*
- *Collaborating with Village Councils, Sports Federations, “forces vives” and other ministries, NGOs and departments for the organisation of sports, cultural, literary, religious and other recreational activities.*

BUDGET – JANUARY 2015 TO DECEMBER 2015

- *Sports & Welfare Activities - Rs 275,000/-*
- *Regionalisation of Sports - Rs 260,000/-*
- *Social Activities - Rs 350,000/-*
- *Cultural activities – Rs 175,000/-*
- *Activities in connection with twinning – travelling, training and subsistence allowance – Rs 650,000/-*

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS REALISED BY THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT
FOR
PERIOD JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2015

S.N	DATE	ACTIVITIES
1	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of banners, posters, food stuffs for Cavadee Festival to temples • Meetings with sports regional committees in connection with Sports Regionalisation Grant
2	February to March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abolition of Slavery Ceremony in collaboration with the Ministry of Arts & Culture • Distribution of banners, posters and food stuffs for Mahashivaratree to temples • 1st / 2nd Leg Petanque tournament
4	April to May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Show in connection with National Day Celebration at Richelieu and Flag Raising Ceremony at the District Council Headquarters • Educational Exchange Programme with school children of Anse Boileau Seychelles and Chamarel RCA School – 7 day activities • 3rd / 4th Leg Petanque tournament
5	June to July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Twinning return exchange to Seychelles. • 5th Leg Petanque tournament • 6th Leg Petanque tournament • Fête du Pain
6	August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Planning workshop with youth leaders • Distribution of banners, posters, foodstuffs for Ganesh Chaturthi festival to religious organisations • 7th Leg Petanque tournament
7	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Based Violence/women in Politics workshop • Lunch/cultural show at Domaine Anna Restaurant in the context of Elderly Day Celebrations • Petanque final leg championship at Bambous
8	October November December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petanque final leg championship at Bambous • “Gala de Boxe” at Bambous • Athletics championship at Bambous Stadium • Participation in Festival Kréol, Seychelles • Badminton Championship at Petite Riviere • Boxe Française Savate – Gala de Boxe at petite Riviere • Needlework examinations at Swami Sivananda SSS, Bambous • Craft making from waste materials during school holidays at Bambous Village Hall • Distribution of certificates and gifts to needlework pupils and disability week

TWINNING ACTIVITIES: The Council is twinned with the District of Anse Boileau, Seychelles since February 2004 with a view to establishing close relations and exchange programmes for the benefit of the population of the two islands in the fields of education, sport, culture and socio economic activities inherent to both districts such as fishing, handicraft making, etc.

YEARLY ACTIVITIES: Among all activities organised by the District Council of Black River, the most salient ones are those organised in the context of the National Day Celebrations, Educational Twinning Exchanges with Anse Boileau - Seychelles, Divali Celebrations and Elderly Day Celebrations.

The most popular activity is the annual Senior Citizen Lunch organised in the context of the International Day for the Elderly.

The event was celebrated, under the patronage and sponsorship of Domaine Anna Restaurant Flic en Flac on 23 September 2015 and this event has become a recurrent feature for the past eleven years.



TWINNING EXCHANGE BETWEEN CHAMAREL RCA AND ANSE BOILEAU PRIMARY SCHOOL (SEYCHELLES)



MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH ELDERLY DAY CELEBRATION AT DCBR HEADQUARTERS



ADULT DELEGATION FROM ANSE BOILEAU – SEYCHELLES (Twinning exchange)



MEGA CULTURAL SHOW AT GRANDE RIVIERE NOIRE



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE/WOMEN IN POLITICS WORKSHOP



PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY FROM THE CHAIRPERSON TO LAUREATE 2015 RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BLACK RIVER AREA

6.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2015

2014			2015
Rs	Note	Rs	Rs
450,893,832	ASSETS EMPLOYED Capital & Other Long Term Outlay (2)		468,862,543
450,893,832			468,862,543
19,000,000	CURRENT ASSETS Short Term Investments (4)	48,904,450	
1,302,639	Stock (1)	1,643,097	
5,230,674	Debtors (5)	4,902,717	
34,509,381	Cash and bank (6)	25,959,148	
60,042,694		81,409,412	
5,985,977	Less CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors (7)	7,110,179	
2,397,630	Deposits	2,399,630	
8,383,607		9,509,809	
51,659,087	NET CURRENT ASSETS		71,899,603
502,552,918			540,762,146
465,681,448	FINANCED BY General Fund (8)	490,836,951	
4,770,889	LONG TERM LIABILITIES Passage Fund	5,195,587	
15,000,000	Pension Fund (3)	31,000,000	
17,100,581	OTHER BALANCES (12)	13,729,608	
502,552,918			540,762,146

V. LEU-GOVIND (Mrs)

Chairperson

F. S. KIOW SAN

Chief Executive

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

	2014	2015
	Rs	Rs
<u>Income</u>		
Government Grant In Aid	184,442,000	196,107,913
Investment Income	1,239,979	1,551,694
Rentals	56,000	70,450
Fees – 8 th Schedule	19,700,450	15,885,275
Publicity Fees	2,228,153	2,505,353
Scavenging Fees	2,253,250	2,472,620
Permits	6,904,881	6,210,442
Other Income	981,560	1,091,343
Independence & other grants	225,000	434,000
	218,031,273	226,329,090
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Compensation of Employees	86,593,473	92,159,430
Goods and Services	97,909,943	99,782,159
Grants and Subsidies	2,144,600	2,372,100
Employer Social Benefits	4,960,401	5,547,524
Contribution/Provisions	15,192,677	16,232,151
Acquisition of non-financial assets	794,518	726,948
	207,595,613	216,820,312
SURPLUS	10,435,661	9,508,778

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

	2014	2015
	Rs	Rs
Operating Activities		
Cash received from Grant-in-Aid	184,442,000	196,107,913
Cash received from Rates & Taxes	4,666,453	4,977,973
Cash received from Fees – 8 th Schedule	19,700,450	15,913,775
Cash received from other sources	32,342,703	35,156,736
Cash received from Fees – 10 th Schedule	6,775,831	6,210,442
	247,927,437	258,366,839
Cash payment to suppliers/contractors, etc.	(99,504,227)	(98,127,193)
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	(123,748,330)	(136,464,930)
<i>Net Cash Inflow from operating activities</i>	24,674,880	23,774,716
Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance		
Interest received on investment	1,239,979	1,551,694
Interest paid on loan / debentures/bank charges	(1,230)	-
<i>Net Cash Outflow from R.O.I. and S.O.F.</i>	1,238,749	1,551,694
<u>Investing Activities</u>		
Investments	(16,000,000)	(29,904,450)
Payment to increase Capital Outlay	(13,447,521)	(18,062,398)
<i>Net cash outflow from investing activities</i>	(29,447,521)	(47,966,848)
<u>Financing Activities</u>		
Government Grants	22,366,661	14,090,205
Advance from Government	(12,600,000)	-
<i>Net Cash Inflow from financing activities</i>	9,766,661	14,090,205
<i>Sub-total</i>	6,232,769	(8,550,233)
Net Increase/Decrease in Cash	6,232,769	(8,550,233)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (i) The Accounts have been prepared on a historical cost basis in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- (ii) In line with accounting practice applicable for Local Authorities no depreciation is charged in the Accounts.
- (iii) Stock has been valued at weighted average cost.
- (iv) All income has been accounted on a cash basis.
- (v) Amount due in respect of trade, scavenging and publicity fees have been disclosed as notes to accounts.

2. FIXED ASSETS

CAPITAL & OTHER LONG TERM OUTLAY

BALANCE AS AT 01.01.2015	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE AS AT 31.12.2015
<i>Rs</i>	<i>Rs</i>	<i>Rs</i>	<i>Rs</i>
450,893,832	20,143,711	2,175,000.00	468,862,543

SCHEDULE FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	<i>Opening Balance as at 01.01.15</i>	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Disposal</i>	<i>Closing Balance as at 31.12.15</i>
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Land & Building	49,300,100	1,030,725	-	50,330,826
Capital Projects in villages	347,312,607	13,603,264	-	360,915,871
Motor Vehicles	26,194,462	2,498,000	2,175,000	26,517,462
Tools & Equipment	3,483,351	425,025	-	3,908,376
Sports Equipment	1,628,717	-	-	1,628,717
Furniture & Equipment	22,974,595	2,586,697	-	25,561,292
TOTAL	450,893,832	20,143,711	2,175,000	468,862,543

3. PENSION FUND

- (a) In accordance with the Local Government Act 2011, the Pension Fund, which represents contribution of employees and of the District Council (*Employer*) to meet pension liability as from July 2008, has been transferred to the SICOM. An amount of Rs 35,411,983.29 was transferred in 2013. The Council operates two types of Plan, a Defined Benefit Plan and a Defined Contribution Plan and total contribution to fund for 2015 was Rs 10,537,650.

As per statement submitted by SICOM, the Market Value of the fund as at 31.12.15 was Rs 69,163,940.38

- (b) Prior to 2008, no provision was made for pension liability. In line of the actuarial review carried out by SICOM, the actual pension obligation of the council for period prior to 2008 amounts to Rs 95,879,027. A provision of Rs 15 M been made in the Accounts as contribution to meet this pension obligation
- (c) An additional provision of Rs 1M has been made for payment of arrears and other benefits due to employees

4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

BANK	MATURITY DATE	DEPOSIT 12 MONTHS (Rs)
Mauritius Housing Corporation	01.06.2016	4,000,000
ABC Banking Corporation	14.12.2016	15,000,000
National Commercial Bank	30.06.2016	15,000,000
State Bank of Mauritius Ltd	18.03.2016	14,904,450
TOTAL	-	48,904,450

		2014	2015
		Rs	Rs
5	<u>Debtors</u>		
	Car Loan to Officers	5,230,674	4,902,717
	<u>Other Debtors</u>		
	Trade fees	5,266,375	3,799,725
	Scavenging Fees	686,500	972,200
	Publicity Fees	1,380,091	1,658,664
		7,332,966	6,430,589
6	<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
	Petty Cash	173	895
	Calls and Current Account	29,066,590	17,597,183
	<u>Savings Account:</u>		
	MPCB	158,268	5,812,584
	Retention Money	1,313,895	7,350
	Bank One	179,957	2,091,922
	SBM Current Account (Ex Superannuation)	331,890	334,490
	Renewal	3,458,608	114,723
		34,509,381	25,959,148
7	<u>Creditors</u>		
	Creditors- Trade Creditors	3,798,190	4,753,661
	Retention Money	1,818,778	1,963,088
	Stale Cheques	58,194	57,874
	Deposits- Deduction Account	310,815	335,555
		5,985,977	7,110,179
8	<u>General Fund</u>		
	District Council Fund (Note 8(a))	68,504,922	78,350,991
	Capital Grant (Note 8(b))	397,176,526	412,485,960
		465,681,448	490,836,951
8(a)	<u>District Council Fund</u>		
	Renewal Fund	17,833,216	15,511,229
	Revenue Reserve (Note 9)	2,174,055	11,682,833
	GRF Revenue Contributions (Note 10)	48,497,652	51,156,929
		68,504,922	78,350,991
(b)	<u>Capital Grant</u>		
	Opening balance	428,503,759	397,176,526
	Grant Applied for 2014	(31,327,233)	15,309,434
	Closing balance	397,176,526	412,485,960
9	<u>Revenue Reserve Account</u>		
	Balance b/f	(8,261,606)	2,174,055
	Surplus for the year	10,435,661	9,508,778
		2,174,055	11,682,833
10	<u>GRF Revenue Contributions</u>		
	Balance b/f Additions	46,717,068	48,497,652
		1,780,584	2,659,277
		48,497,652	51,156,929

11. Other Balances

ACCOUNT NAME	OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01.01.15 RS	ADDITIONS RS	PAYMENTS RS	CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 31.12.15 RS
Capital Grant 07/08 & LIF 08/09	470,979	-	-	470,979
Morcellement Fund	1,405,552	476,000		1,881,552
LIF ICBA 2010 - Capital Projects Rs8M & MCP Rs10M	1,970,007		1,264,000	706,007
Other projects	1,432,216	-	10,983	1,421,233
Development projects Rs9.9m, ACP & LIF 2013	1,253,111	450,000	96,794	1,606,317
Local Infrastructure Fund 2014	1,008,656	9,978,871	9,857,409	1,130,118
Other Grant -Mins of Tourism-Chamarel	119,414			119,414
NDU Rs 15M	191,389			191,389
Deposit A/C Embellishment Beaux Songes Kovil	18,556			18,556
Grant Jeux des villages	1,241,907	236,400	559,929	918,378
Grant World Environment Day	2,329,055	-	1,254,041	1,075,014
Maintenance of drains(Rs 2,150,400)	(179,071)	593,455	398,435	15,948
Grant Urban Renovation project	5,700,000	-	1,810,781	3,889,219
National Land drainage framework committee	121,912	41,478		163,390
NDU Drains Remi Ollier La Gaulette	-	2,272,400	2,221,271	51,129
MLG-Street Lighting cables Cascavelle	-	320,000	265,937	54,063
TOTAL	17,083,683	14,368,605	17,739,579	13,729,607

CASH FLOW WORKINGS

Cash received from Grant-in-aid

Government Grant In Aid	180,531,000.00	
Additional Grant	15,576,913.00	196,107,913.00

Cash received from Rates & Taxes

Scavenging Fees-Hotels	2,472,620.00	
Advertising and Placards	2,505,353.00	
		4,977,973.00

Cash received from Fees-8th Schedule

Fees-8th Schedule-Levies	15,885,275.00	
Occasional Licence	28,500.00	15,913,775.00

Cash received from Fees-10th Schedule

Building & Land Use Permit	6,210,442.30	
		6,210,442.30

Cash received from other sources

Burial Fees	131,100.00	
Admission charge	35,500.00	
Stale Cheques	10,260.00	
Other Revenues	286,090.00	
Deposit for Flags	1,500.00	
Refunds & Absences	364,400.68	
Refund of car loan	2,259,927.00	
Morcellement Fund	476,000.00	
Deposit Account	324,025.00	
Deduction on Salaries non attendance	158,127.05	
Wayleave	14,700.00	
Rent of dc building	70,450.00	
Deposit-Deductions Employees Salaries	31,024,656.42	35,156,736.15

Cash payment to suppliers/contractors, etc.

Goods and Services	85,438,467	
Grant and Subsidies	2,631,249	
Contribution	232,151	
Refund of flag deposit	1,500	
Payment of creditors	3,797,530	
Store Purchases	3,177,212	
Petty Cash	22,827	
Refund of wayleave	12,700	
Replacement of stale cheque	10,580	
Rodent Control	96,434	
Independence Grant	249,579	
Land drainage	397,236	
Jeux des Villages	539,929	
Grant WED (Bareland)	1,254,079	
Street lighting Cascavelle	265,721	
		98,127,193.05

Cash paid to and on behalf of employees

Compensation of Employees	98,169,489	
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Employer Social Benefits	5,547,524	
Deposit-Deductions	30,999,917	
Payment of Car Loan	1,748,000	
		136,464,930
Interest received on investment		
Interest received - SBM		388,731.83
-Retention Fund Saving a/c		12,791.16
-Renewal Fund saving a/c		45,138.56
-Superannuation Fund saving a/c		2,600.00
Interest Received-Bank One		7,413.08
Interest Received-Fixed Deposit NCB		900,000.00
Interest Received-MPCB		195,019.69
		1,551,694.32
Investments		
Total investment for the year	88,904,450	
Investment recalled during the year	(59,000,000)	
Net Investment		29,904,450
Payment to increase Capital Outlay		
Unspent balance	4,450	
LIF	10,980,649	
NDU	4,032,052	
Acquisition of non-financial assets	691,848	
Purchase of Chairman's car	2,498,000	
Retention money from Retention fund	432,021	
Retention money transferred to Retention fund	(576,621)	
		18,062,398
Government Grants		
Independence Celebration	250,000	
MLG rodent control	450,000	
Purchase of Scanner	184,000	
Grant - Purchase of Cables	320,000	
Grant Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF)	9,978,871	
Grant National Development Unit (NDU)	2,907,333	
		14,090,205
Cash And Cash Equivalents		
	Year 2014	Year 2015
Cash at Bank	34,509,381	25,959,148
Decrease in Cash	(8,550,233)	