

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BLACK RIVER



ANNUAL REPORT

2016/2017

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1.0 STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE CHAIRPERSON

In line with Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2011, I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the District Council of Black River for the financial year 2016/2017.

The year 2016/2017 has been an important year for the Council. During this year the Council has come up with several major and important projects and initiatives aimed at addressing the needs, priorities and expectations of the inhabitants of the regions in key development areas in the District.

This report highlights some of the major projects and initiatives which have been taken.

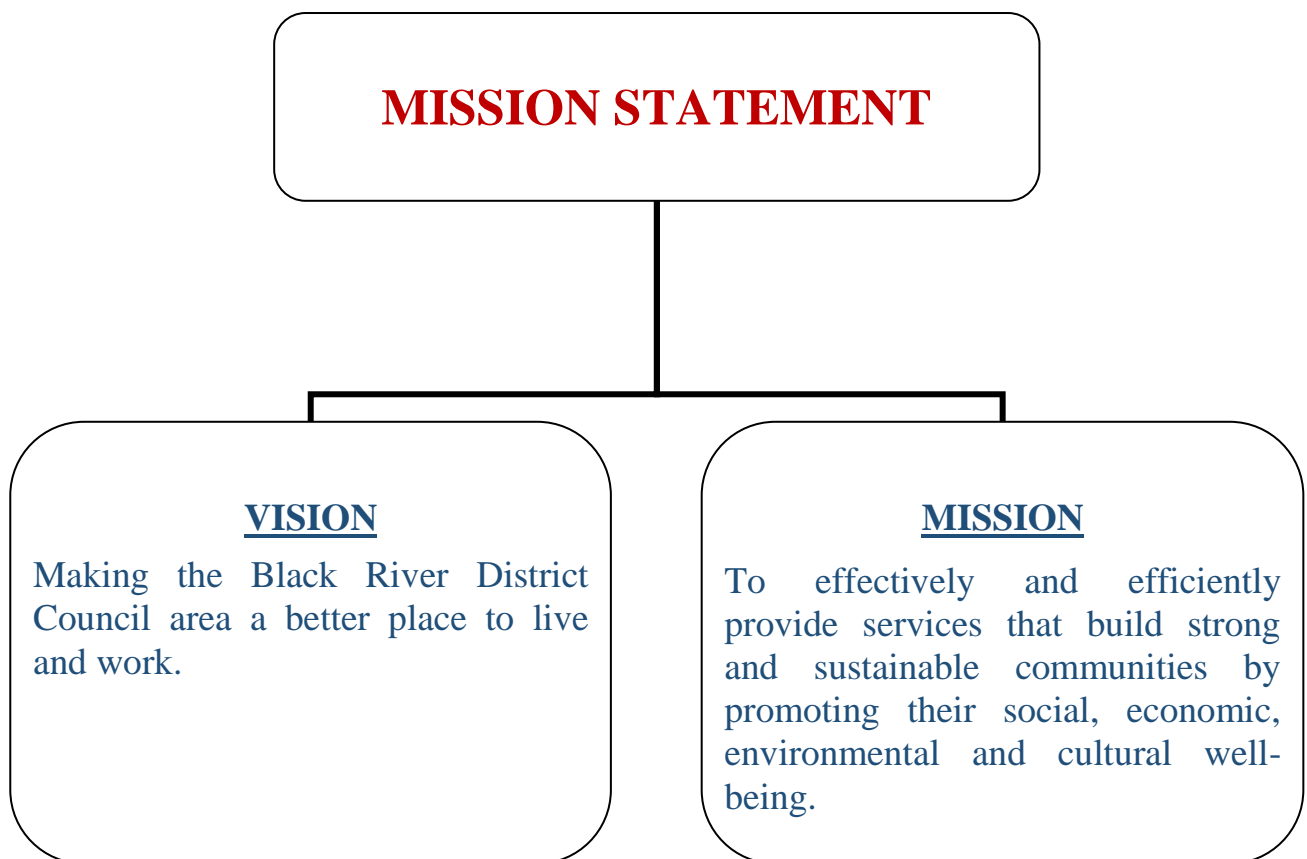
I hope that with the commitment and engagement of all stakeholders at the Council, this will contribute to achieving the Council's vision for the District and its Villages for the benefit of the inhabitants. I take this opportunity to thank one and all.

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30 March 2018

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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| FAX NO. | : | <i>452-0303</i> |

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION FOR YEAR 2016/2017

| 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 2016/2017

| 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 Gulette |
| 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

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| <i>Chairperson</i> | : | Mrs Marie Véronique LEU-GOVIND |
| <i>Vice-Chairperson</i> | : | Mr Josian MELISSE |
| <i>Members</i> | { | : Mrs Nicole Marie PAPECHE |
| | | Mrs Marie Dorise CALE |
| | | : Mr Mike Giovane 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 years 2016/2017 as detailed hereunder:-

- *Tsunami simulation exercise organised at Le Morne on 20 April 2016*
- *Flash flood simulation exercise organised at La Ferme, Bambous on 12 July 2016*
- *Desktop Tsunami simulation exercise (IOWAVE) on 08 September 2016*
- *Desktop Landslide simulation exercise organised at Chamarel on 07 December 2016*
- *Desktop Landslide simulation exercise organised at Chamarel on 22 March 2017*
- *Flash flood simulation exercise organised at Cascavelle on 21 June 2017*

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.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Administration Department comprises:-

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

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION

OBJECTIVE: The main aim of the Human Resource Management Section at the District Council of Black River is to best manage its most valuable asset – its human resource.

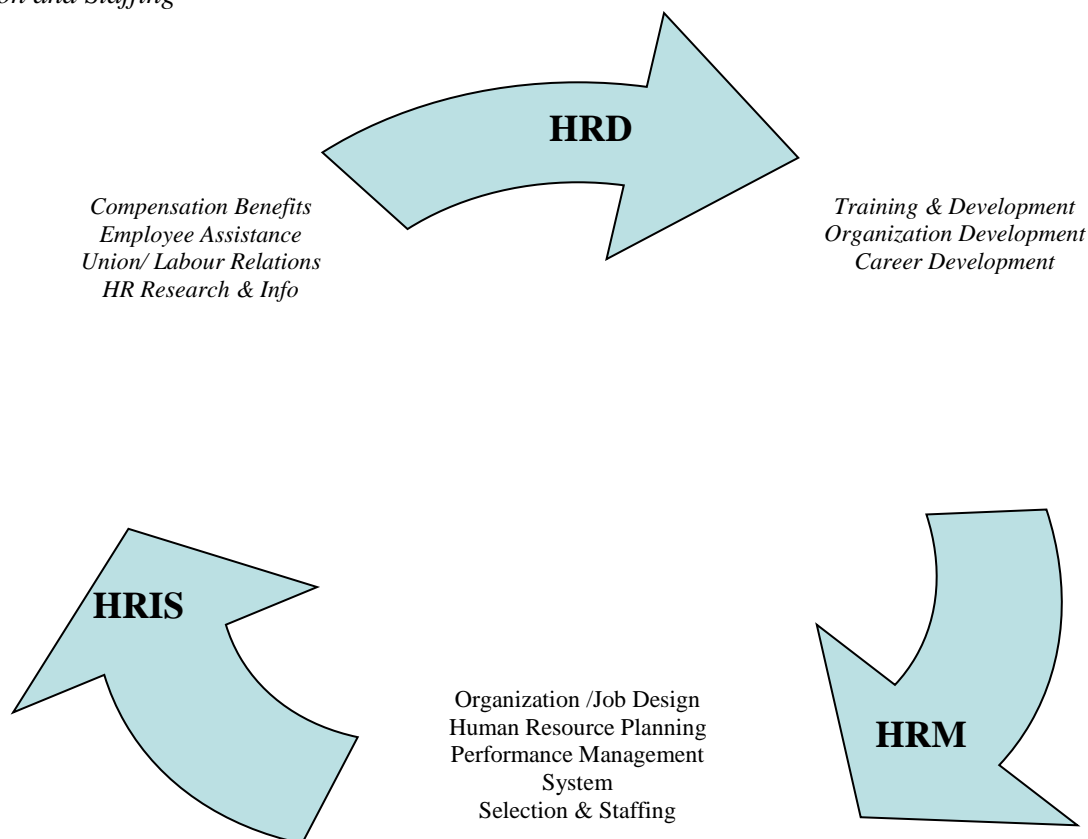
The District Council of Black River is operating in a dynamic environment. The demands, aspirations and expectations of its local community for an effective, efficient and better quality service have increased. The Council therefore relies heavily on its human capital for better service delivery.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The main functions of the Human Resource Management Section are: -

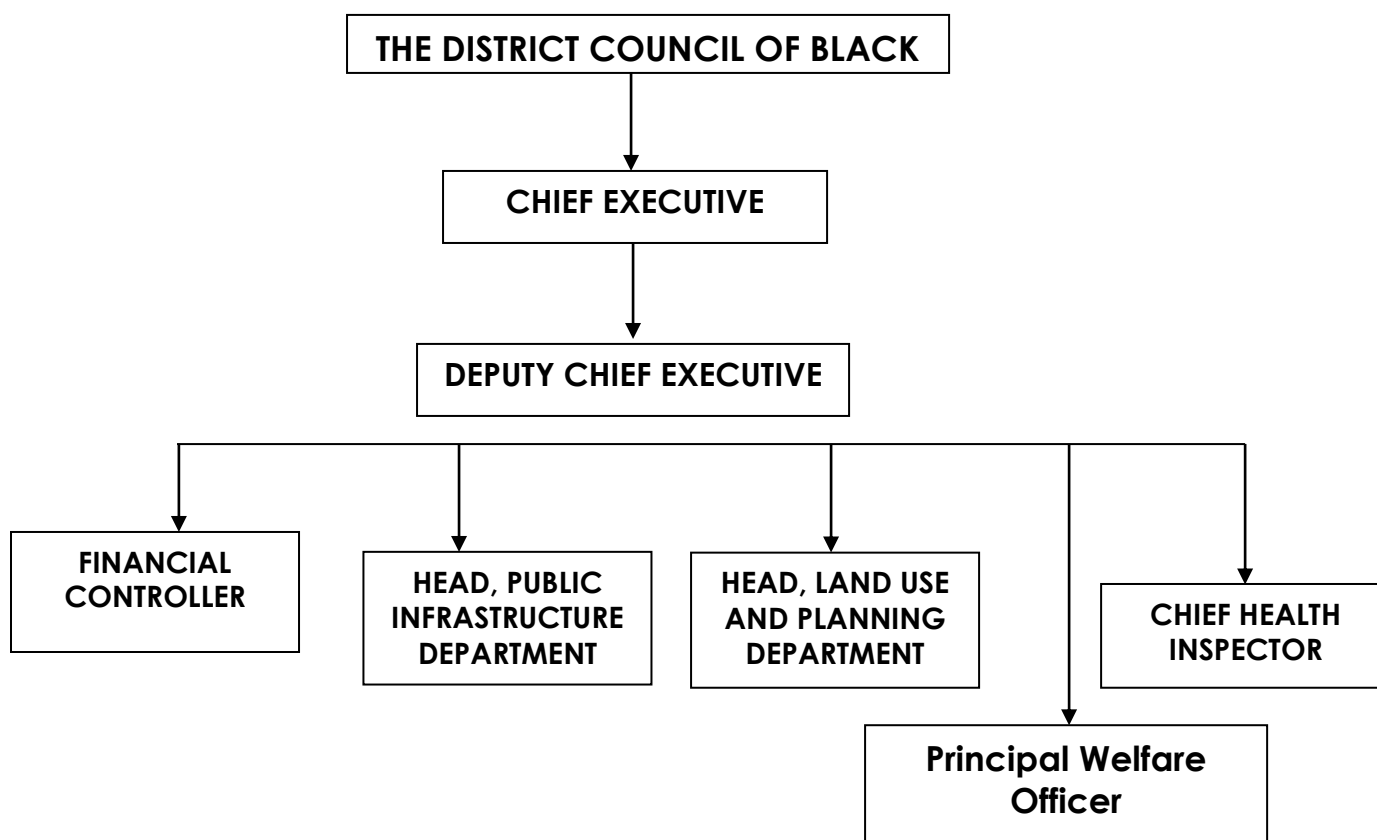
- *Compensation and Benefits*
- *Employee Assistance*
- *Union/Labour Relations*
- *HR Research and Information*
- *Training and Development*
- *Organization Development*
- *Career Development*
- *Organisation/Job Design*
- *Human Resource Planning*
- *Performance Management System*

- *Selection and Staffing*



At present, the Council has a workforce of 257 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 2016/2017 amounted to Rs 104,228,573 representing 42% of the District Council's gross expenditure for the year.

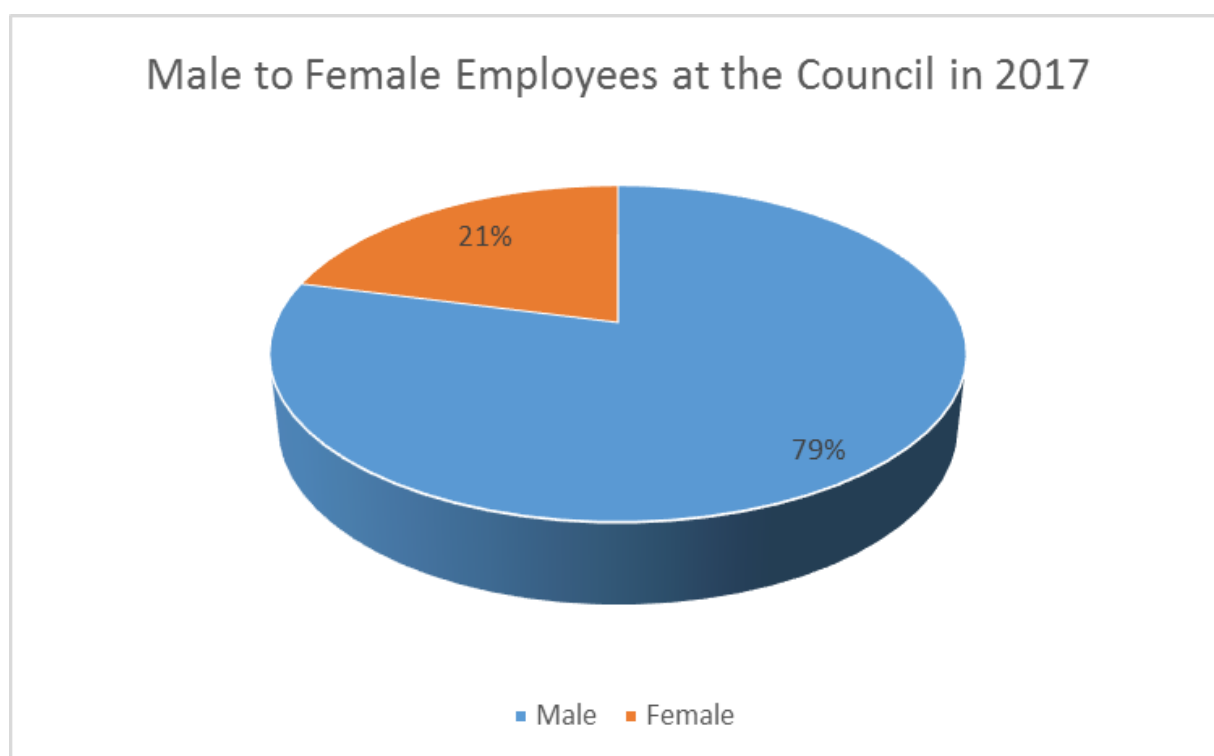
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



EMPLOYEES ON ESTABLISHMENT AND IN POST: As at 31 December 2017, there were 278 posts on the establishment of this Council and 257 employees in post, out of which there were 205 male and 52 female employees.

| NO. OF EMPLOYEES IN POST BY DEPARTMENT | |
|---|--------------------|
| DEPARTMENT | NO. IN POST |
| Administration Department | 61 |
| Finance Department | 15 |
| Public Infrastructure Department | 113 |
| Welfare Department | 17 |
| Land Use and Planning Department | 12 |
| Public Health Department | 39 |
| TOTAL | 257 |

MALE TO FEMALE EMPLOYEES AT THE COUNCIL



RECRUITMENT: recruitment of employees for all Local Authorities is carried out by the Local Government Service Commission.

VACANCIES FILLED – YEAR 2017

| POST | NO OF PERSONS RECRUITED | MALE | FEMALE |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Attendant / Senior Attendant | 2 | 2 | - |
| Village Hall Attendant (Part Time) | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Gymnasium Instructor | 1 | 1 | - |
| General Worker | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tradesman Assistant Mason | 1 | 1 | - |
| Tradesman Assistant Welder | 1 | 1 | - |
| Foreman | 1 | 1 | - |
| Painter | 1 | - | 1 |
| Planning Development Officer | 1 | 1 | - |
| Planning Development Assistant | 1 | 1 | - |
| TOTAL | 14 | 11 | 3 |

RETIREMENT FOR YEAR 2017

| POST | NO OF PERSONS RETIRED | MALE | FEMALE |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Foreman | 1 | 1 | - |
| Mason | 2 | 2 | - |
| Part Time Sewing Teacher | 1 | - | 1 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 3 | 1 |

DECEASED DURING YEAR 2017

| POST | NO OF PERSONS DECEASED | MALE | FEMALE |
|--------------|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Foreman | 1 | 1 | - |
| TOTAL | 1 | 1 | - |

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

In September 2017, the Council conducted a Capacity Building Workshop on the theme **Integrated Development for the District Council of Black River**. The objective of the Capacity Building Workshop was to foster dialogue between key stakeholders, at a first stage between the District Council and the Village Councils - to identify community priorities, and activities and solutions to address the priorities. The Workshop saw the participation of more than 125 participants through a series of Workshops that regrouped the different strata of the governance of the District including the President of the District Council, Counselors, Former Presidents of Council, Presidents of Village Councils, the Chief Executive, the Deputy Chief Executive, Heads of Department, Senior Staff, and employees of the Council.

Five thematic workshops were held, as follows:

- 1. The first facilitation workshop targeting key officers at District Administration level and Village administration levels should aim at identify community priorities, and activities and solutions to address the needs and priorities of inhabitants of the region.*
- 2. Main thematic experts (Information technology, Environment, Infrastructure, Economic, Employment, Culture, Sports and Leisure) to translate the identified priority activities into an operational plan. Three workshops will be thus conducted.*
- 3. The last Workshop regroup all participants into a plenary session to share and discuss on the planning to developing the District and its villages in an integrated approach.*

The aim was to Identify community priorities, categorising the needs and priorities for integrated development, identifying relevant activities and achievable solutions to address the priorities of inhabitants of the region in key development areas of the District's economy & employment, Information Technology, Infrastructure, Environment, Culture, Sports and Leisure.

The approach used to develop the integrated plan for development in the District was based on the Logical Framework Analysis 9LFA widely used internationally. The phases of discussions included definition of the core subject, identification of the core problem, problem analysis and construction of the problems tree, objective analysis and construction of the objective tree, identification of strategic objectives and activities in key themes which included Economy & Employment, Information Technology, Infrastructure, Culture, Sports & Leisure and Environment. The findings of the workshop have been reported to Council and found on the Council web site.

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

With the promulgation of the Finance and Audit (*Amendment*) Act 2015, changes were brought to the fiscal year which is now from July to June instead of January to December and to the budgeting system which has shifted from Programme-Based to Performance Based.

This report presents the financial performance for the 18 month's period starting 01 January 2016 to 30 June 2017 which extends over two financial periods namely:

- ~ *6 months' period January 2016 to June 2016*
- ~ *12 months' period July 2016 to June 2017*

The total approved recurrent budget of the Council for six months' period January to June 2016 is Rs 129,690,495 and for the fiscal year July 2016 to June 2017 is Rs 216,271,000.

INCOME

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 for the period January-June 2016 and July 2016 to June 2017 is Rs 88,662,677 and Rs 216,271,000 respectively, which represents 85% of the total revenue.

OWN SOURCES OF REVENUE

The main sources of revenue generated by Council are from Trade fees and Building and Land Use Permit Fees and others such as Advertising fees and Scavenging fees.

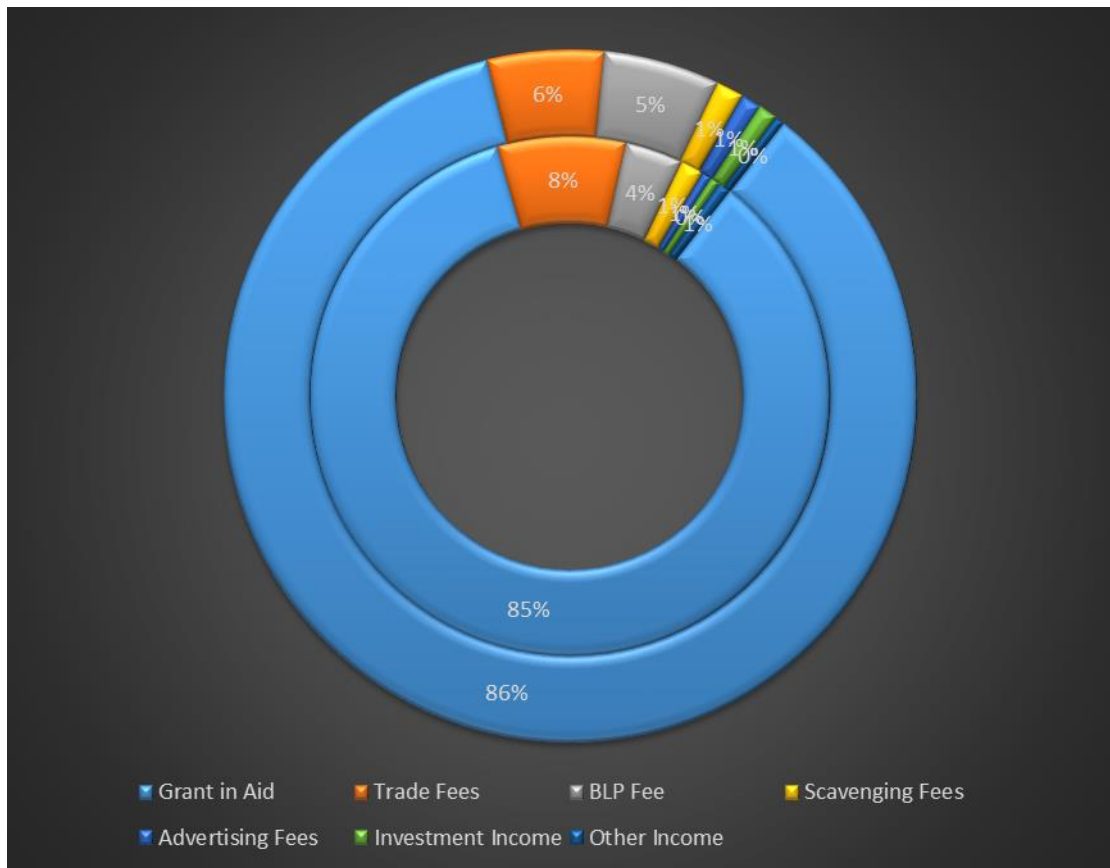
REVENUE COLLECTED FOR PERIODS

JANUARY - JUNE 2016 & JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017 BY CATEGORY

| SOURCES OF INCOME | AMOUNT COLLECTED (Rs) January-June 2016 | AMOUNT COLLECTED (Rs) July 2016-June 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Grant in Aid | 88,662,677 | 216,271,000 |
| Trade Fees | 8,340,975 | 13,774,385 |
| Building and Land Use Permit Fees | 3,765,583 | 13,752,312 |
| Scavenging Fees | 1,484,330 | 3,196,400 |
| Advertisement and Publicity Fees | 653,703 | 2,394,903 |
| Investment Income | 614,212 | 2,208,382 |
| Other Miscellaneous Income | 823,452 | 1,090,991 |
| TOTAL | 104,344,932 | 252,688,373 |

ANALYSIS OF ACTUAL REVENUE FOR PERIOD

JANUARY-JUNE 2016 AND JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017



EXPENDITURE

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE: The statement of expenditure provides a summary of total expenditure by sub head and economic categories incurred by the Council during the fiscal periods.

| HEAD/ SUB-HEAD EXPENDITURE | JANUARY-JUNE 2016 ACTUAL (RS) | JULY 2016-JUNE 2017 ACTUAL (RS) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE | | |
| Compensation of Employees | 18,847,896 | 48,312,097 |
| Goods and Services | 5,894,173 | 7,946,105 |
| Subsidies/ Grants/ Social Benefits | 4,331,186 | 7,356,621 |
| Contribution to Fund | - | 20,000,000 |
| Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets | 144,689 | 1,098,648 |
| | 29,217,944 | 84,713,471 |
| PROVISION OF STATUTORY SERVICES & OTHER FACILITIES | | |
| Compensation of Employees | 30,937,932 | 64,453,397 |

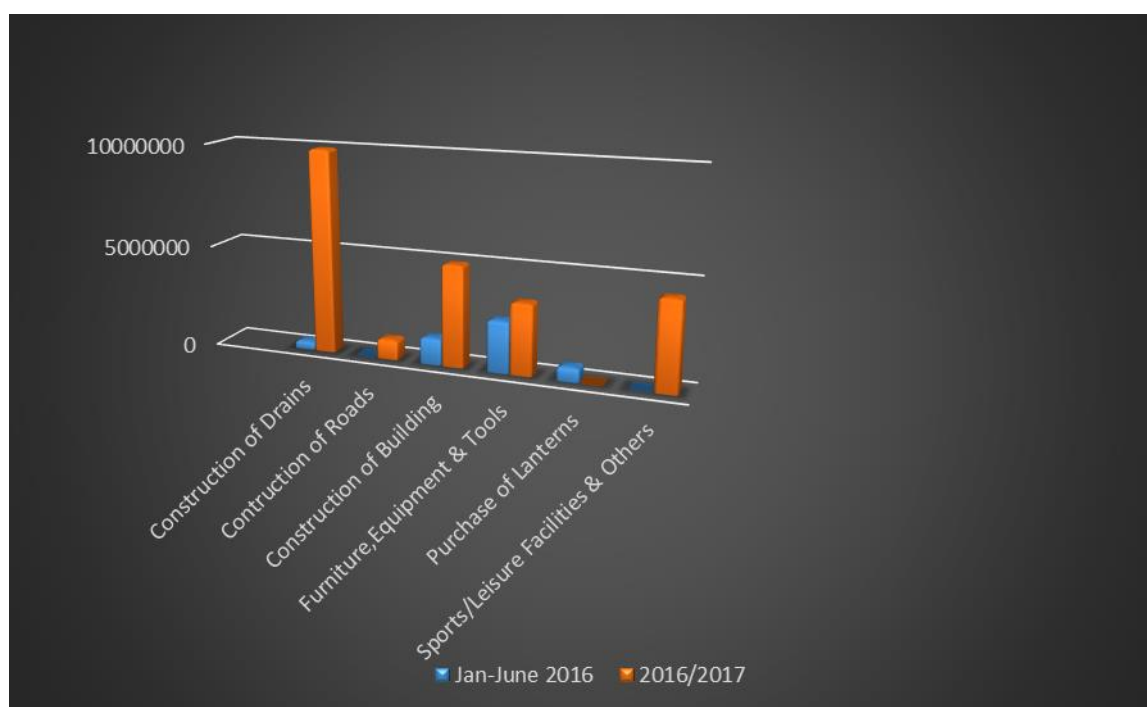
| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Goods and Services | 44,809,086 | 92,924,457 |
| Subsidies/ Grants/ Social Benefits | - | 1,809,523 |
| Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets | 478,400 | 1,831,990 |
| | 76,225,418 | 161,019,367 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 105,443,362 | 245,732,838 |

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: The Council has spent an amount of Rs4,917,565 in the period January to June 2016 and Rs 23,300,127 in the period July 2016 to June 2017 on the implementation of capital projects and acquisition of fixed assets.

These projects were financed partly by the government through the Local Development Projects and from Council's own funds.

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

JAN –JUNE 2016 AND JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017



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 | 2016 / 2017 |
| 1. | Construction and Resurfacing of Roads | 10 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 14.9 | 22.3 | - | - | 4.0 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 2.9 |
| 2. | Construction of Drains | 7.2 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 5.6 | 3.0 | - | 4.5 | 4.4 | - | 18.5 |
| TOTAL | | 17.2 | 17.0 | 19.0 | 24.3 | 24.3 | 27.9 | 3.0 | - | 8.6 | 7.6 | 5.2 | 21.4 |

MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN YEAR 2016/2017

- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN AT AVENUE MANDELA LE MORNE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED SHELTER AT GRNOIRE VILLAGE HALL**
- ✦ **PURCHASE OF LED STREET LANTERNS**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN AT CNR AVE PALMIERS AND AVE DRAGONS BAMBOUS**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF A BOX CULVERT AT AVENUE BRIGANDS & CONSTRUCTION OF AN ABSORPTION DRAIN AT KOOBARAWA LANE BAMBOUS**
- ✦ **EXTENSION OF STREET LIGHTING NETWORK ALBION**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF BLOCKWALL AND REHABILITATION OF PLAY SPACE GRANDE RIVIERE NOIRE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD AT CITE BOUGAINVILLIERS NEAR ST ESPRIT COLLEGE GRANDE RIVIERE NOIRE**
- ✦ **RECONSTRUCTION OF DAMAGED DRAIN AT MORCELLEMENT MONT CALME GRANDE RIVIERE NOIRE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD NEAR PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL CASE NOYALE**
- ✦ **SUPPLY AND FIXING OF HANDRAILS AT VINCENT ROAD CHAMAREL**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS NEAR BRIDGE & MR OLLIVIER AT PITON ROAD CHAMAREL**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN AT JEAN FRANCOIS QUINT STREET CHAMAREL**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF CLOAKROOM AT FOOTBALL GROUND CASCABELLE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF COVERED SHELTER AT GRANDE RIVIERE NOIRE VILLAGE HALL**
- ✦ **SUPPLY INST AND COMM OF CHILDREN PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CASE NOYALE & PETITE RIVIERE NOIRE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF SYNTHETIC MINI SOCCER PITCH RICHELIEU**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF GREENSPACE AT MORC BISMIC FLIC EN FLAC**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET BLOCK NEAR VILLAGE HALL LE MORNE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF REINFORCED CONCRETE DRAIN NEAR PRE PRIMARY SCHOOL CASE NOYALE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN FROM AVE DORADES TO AVE BECUNES TAMARIN**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF STORE AT VILLAGE HALL LE MORNE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN PODIUM AND SITTING ACCOMODATION AT CITE BETHEL PETITE RIVIRE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS AT PRAIRIE ROSE LANE, ALLEE ROUSSAILLES, GERANIUM LANE & ALLAMANDA AVENUE GROS CAILLOUX**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF MARGUERITE LANE LA GAULETTE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF SUB HALL AT COTEAU RAFFIN LA GAULETTE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS AND RESURFACING OF ROADS AT AVENUE ROSE, CASE NOYALE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS AT AVE BOUGAINVILLIERS, TAMARIN**
- ✦ **RESURFACING OF PERE LAVAL AVENUE, CASCABELLE**
- ✦ **EXTENSION OF VILLAGE HALL, RICHELIEU**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX AT BAMBOUS**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAIN AT LE MORNE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF ABSORPTION DRAINS AT BEGONIAS LANE, ALONG ACCESS ROAD TO ST MARYS, AT RAMGOOLAM LANE, PETITE RIVIERE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF BAITKA LANE, PETITE RIVIERE**
- ✦ **CONSTRUCTION OF BUS SHELTER WITH LAYBY, FOOTPATH AND DRAIN AT MON PLAISIR, ALBION**

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 2016/2017**

| DETAIL | NO. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED | NO. OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED | NO. OF APPLICATIONS REJECTED | NO. OF APPLICATIONS IN ABEYANCE |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| RESIDENTIAL | 754 | 652 | 44 | 58 |
| COMMERCIAL/SE | 148 | 98 | 29 | 21 |
| EXCISION/SUBDIVISION OF LAND | 161 | 145 | 11 | 5 |
| INDUSTRIAL | 17 | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION | 25 | 16 | 9 | 0 |
| SERVICES | 23 | 17 | 2 | 4 |
| SUI GENERIS | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1139 | 947 | 102 | 93 |

STATISTICS – BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS - PERIOD 2009 TO 2017

| YEAR | RESIDENTIAL | COMMERCIAL | EXCISION / SUBDIVISION OF LAND | INDUSTRIAL | OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION | SERVICES | SUI GENERIS | TOTAL |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2017 | 754 | 148 | 161 | 17 | 25 | 23 | 11 | 1139 |
| 2016 | 754 | 147 | 160 | 17 | 25 | 23 | 11 | 1137 |
| 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 | 20 |
| INTERMEDIATE COURT | 1 |
| ENVIRONMENTAL & LAND APPEAL TRIBUNAL | 10 |
| DISTRICT COURT | 13 |

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

The Public Health Department of the District Council of Black River was headed by the Chief Health Inspector and is also composed of one Principal Health Inspector, one Senior Health Inspector, seven Health Inspectors.

The department has the overall responsibility for the creation, promotion and maintenance of a salubrious environment within the district through the effective and efficient implementation of the following functions:

- (i) *Monitoring of street cleaning, refuse collection and disposal etc...;*
- (ii) *Collection of bulky / electronic wastes;*
- (iii) *Cleaning and Embellishment Campaigns*
- (iv) *Cleaning of bare lands;*
- (v) *Cleaning of Public Toilets*
- (vi) *Management of Cemeteries and Crematoria;*
- (vii) *Monitoring payment of trade fees;*
- (viii) *Implementation of Environmental projects*

MONITORING OF STREET CLEANING, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL ETC...

The monitoring of scavenging service is an essential responsibility entrusted upon the Public Health Department and it aims at the enhancement of the living environment in the Council area by making it a clean, safe and healthy place for living. The street cleaning, refuse collection and disposal etc. is fully contracted out within the council's area.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Council provides a twice weekly (*on regular days*) door to door refuse collection service from residential and commercial premises.

Collection of refuse from hotels, restaurants and other major commercial concerns are done as per agreed frequencies and upon payment of fees prescribed under the District Council of Black River (*Collection and Disposal of Refuse*) Regulations 2013 as subsequently amended. For the period January 2016 to June 2017 a total amount of Rs 2,821,750.00 has been collected for this service.

The above regulations have also being amended to empower the council to charge a yearly fee of Rs 3600.00 per residential unit for the collection and disposal of refuse from gated communities. For the period January 2016 to June 2017, Rs 1,674,980.00 has been collected for the provision of refuse collection service from gated communities.

During the period January 2016 to June 2017 about 31082 tons of solid wastes were collected within the District Council area.

13 Eco points have been fixed within the Council's area (*one in each village*) and 1712 kgs of PET bottles were collected as at 30th June 2017.

CLEANING OF ROADS AND OPEN DRAINS

Coupled with the scavenging service, all roads are swept and all open drains are cleaned on a twice weekly basis along all interior roads and on a daily basis along main roads. Rivers, canals and other water courses are cleaned at least once monthly.

The cleaning of covered drains is done jointly by the scavenging contractors and district council labour as per an established programme of work. During the period January 2016 to June 2017, 7100 metres of covered drains have been cleaned within the Black River District area.

MOWING, LOPPING, HERBICIDE SPRAYING

Mowing and lopping of branches are regularly done along all street borders, playgrounds, cemeteries and other public places. Herbicides are also sprayed in specific areas as and when required.

Streets are also brushed regularly and rivers and other water courses running through residential areas are also cleaned as and when required.

Bus shelters are also regularly cleaned and all illegal/expired posters and banners are removed.

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

BULKY WASTE CAMPAIGN

Bulky waste campaigns were carried out during the months of February and March 2016, July/ August 2016, November/December 2016 and during same campaigns within all the villages, flyers were distributed to every household of the Council area for their sensitisation for a clean environment.

During the above period, about 93 trips of bulky waste were collected and disposed of at the La Chaumiere Transfer Station.

CLEANING AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGNS

During the period January 2016 to June 2017, Cleaning Campaigns were organised as follows in the following regions:

- *La Valette, Bambous on 05.03.17*
- *Albion village on 24 and 25 June 2017*
- *Petite Riviere Village on 25.06.17*
- *Flic en Flac village on 14.05.17 - campaign organised by the Tourism Authority with the collaboration of various stakeholders including the District Council of Black River)*
- *Village du Tamariniers, Grande Riviere Noire on 11.06.17 - organised by "Le Pont Du Tamarinier"*
- *Batterie de L'Harmonie, Grande Riviere Noire on 25.03.17 - organised by the Mauritius Prisons service)*

During the campaigns, barelands were cleaned, specific sites were cleaned and decorative plants were planted.

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 accordingly. A recent survey has revealed that there are 3030 plots of barelands of which 1342 are of known owners and about 1688 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 de Chazal, Morc Bismic, Morc Raffray, Morc Beergeraz, Morc Terre d'Albion).

Notices were served at regular intervals upon known owners and Eyesore Abatement Notices served under Section 89 of the Environment Protection Act 2002 requiring land owners to clean and maintain their respective plots of land.

During the period January 2016 to June 2017, 945 notices have been served upon known owners. It is to be noted that in the majority of cases the requirements of the notices served have been complied with. Some barelands have not been cleaned as the owners were abroad.

About 434 barelands of unknown owners have been cleaned by either contracted services or district council's labour. Priority has been given to complaints received and where the barelands represent a threat to the security and health of the residents.

Cleaning was mostly done through contracted services and during the period, 355,811 m² of overgrown bare lands have been cleaned.

CEMETERIES, CREMATION GROUNDS & CREMATORIUM

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*

The crematorium at Montagne St. Pierre, Bambous became operational on 22 August 2016 and as at 30 June 2017, 68 corpses were incinerated thereat.

649 burials have been carried out during the period January 2016 to June 2017 at the above 5 cemeteries.

De-rocking was carried out at St Louis Cemetery, Richelieu and 50 graves were dug through the services of a private contractor. Several dead trees were felled and carted away at St. Martin cemetery.

CLEANING OF PUBLIC TOILETS

The Public Health Department is responsible for the management and cleanliness of the following public toilets:

- *Bambous Public Lavatory*
- *Public Toilets within the Richelieu Leisure Park*
- *La Gaulette Public Toilet*

ECONOMIC OPERATORS

There are about 3500 economic operators within the council area and regular inspections are carried out to ensure that all economic operators pay their trade fees to the Council.

Regular ex-post controls are carried out to ensure that there are no illegal activities within the council area and to monitor debtors.

794 new payments of trade fees were received and 265 traders have notified the council of having ceased business from 1st January 2016 to 30th June 2017.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The following environmental projects have been implemented during the period 01 January 2016 to 30 June 2017:

- *Distribution of 115 compost bins to the inhabitants of the District with the collaboration of the Ministry of Environment*
- *Planting of 50 breadfruit trees within the District*
- *Digging of 50 graves at St. Louis Cemetery, Richelieu*
- *Opening of Montagne St. Pierre Crematorium*
- *Felling of dead trees at St. Martin Cemetery*
- *Fixing of 13 eco points for the collection of PET Bottles*

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.*

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.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS REALISED BY THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT
FOR
PERIOD JANUARY 2016 TO DECEMBER 2016

| 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 • Meeting at Albion Government School in connection with Educational Exchange Programme |
| 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 |
| 4 | April to May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Show in connection with National Day Celebration at Grande Riviere Noire and Flag Raising Ceremony at the District Council Headquarters • Educational Exchange Programme with school children of Anse Boileau Seychelles and Albion Government School – 7 day activities • Cultural show in connection with National Day Celebration at Bambous football ground near cooperative organized by Ministry of Arts and Culture |
| 5 | June to July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Exchange Programme return exchange to Seychelles • Gala de Boxe at Swami Sivananda State Secondary School at Bambous • Petanque tournament • Fête du Pain • Meeting with Women Council members in connection with entrepreneurship and services/facility offered by Council |
| 6 | August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of banners, posters, foodstuffs for Ganesh Chaturthi festival to religious organisations • Petanque tournament |
| 7 | September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • “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 Richelieu • Needlework examinations at Swami Sivananda SSS, Bambous • Outing for sewing class pupils • Craft making from waste materials during school holidays at Flic en Flac Village Hall |

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS REALISED BY THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

FOR

PERIOD JANUARY 2017 TO JUNE 2017

| 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• Meeting at Cascavelle Government School in connection with Educational Exchange Programme• Inauguration of mini synthetic soccer pitch at Richelieu• Flag Raising Ceremony at the District Council Headquarters |
| 4 | April to May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational Exchange Programme with school children of Anse Boileau Seychelles and Cascavelle Government School – 9 day activities• Petanque tournament at Gros Cailloux• Wifi Mauritius launching ceremony at Bambous• Wakajishi Championship at Bambous Stadium |
| 5 | June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Athletics Championship• Boxe Championship |



Lunch at Cheshire Home at Tamarin



INAUGURATION OF MINI SOCCER PITCH AT RICHELIEU



TORCH BEARING & DIVALI CEREMONIES AT ALBION



CERTIFICATE TO SEWING CLASS PUPILS



TWINNING EXCHANGE PROGRAMME - CASCVELLE



INAUGURATION OF COTEAU RAFFIN SUBHALL



**TWINNING EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
AT
CASCVELLE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL**



**LAUNCHING OF WIFI MAURITIUS
CEREMONY AT BAMBOUS SOCIAL
WELFARE CENTRE**

6.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

| 2015 | | JANUARY-JUNE 2016 | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| RS | NOTE | RS | RS |
| 468,862,543 | ASSETS EMPLOYED | | |
| | Capital & Other Long Term Outlay (2) | | 473,780,109 |
| 468,862,543 | | | 473,780,109 |
| | CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| 48,904,450 | Short Term Investments (4) | 35,200,000 | |
| 1,643,097 | Stock (1) | 1,734,058 | |
| 4,902,717 | Debtors (5) | 6,548,682 | |
| 25,959,148 | Cash and bank (6) | 43,934,462 | |
| 81,409,412 | | 87,417,202 | |
| | <i>Less</i> CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| 7,110,179 | Creditors (7) | 12,064,542 | |
| 2,399,630 | Deposits | 2,399,630 | |
| 9,509,809 | | 14,464,172 | |
| 71,899,603 | NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 72,953,030 |
| 540,762,146 | | | 546,733,139 |
| | FINANCED BY | | |
| 490,836,951 | General Fund (8) | 494,741,994 | |
| | LONG TERM LIABILITIES | | |
| 5,195,587 | Passage Fund | 5,310,769 | |
| 31,000,000 | Pension Fund (3) | 31,000,000 | |
| 13,729,608 | OTHER BALANCES (12) | 15,680,376 | |
| 540,762,146 | | | 546,733,139 |

V. LEU-GOVIND (Mrs)

Chairperson

F. S. KIOW SAN

Chief Executive

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

| | 2015 RS | JANUARY-JUNE 2016 RS |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | |
| Government Grant In Aid | 196,107,913 | 88,662,677 |
| Investment Income | 1,551,694 | 614,212 |
| Rentals | 70,450 | 45,000 |
| Fees – 8 th Schedule | 15,885,275 | 8,340,975 |
| Publicity Fees | 2,505,353 | 653,703 |
| Scavenging Fees | 2,472,620 | 1,484,330 |
| Permits | 6,210,442 | 3,765,583 |
| Other Income | 1,091,343 | 553,451 |
| Independence & other grants | 434,000 | 225,000 |
| | 226,329,090 | 104,344,932 |
| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | | |
| Compensation of Employees | 86,593,473 | 49,785,829 |
| Goods and Services | 97,909,943 | 50,690,022 |
| Grants and Subsidies | 2,144,600 | 1,324,000 |
| Employer Social Benefits | 4,960,401 | 3,007,186 |
| Contribution/Provisions | 15,192,677 | 13,235 |
| Acquisition of non-financial assets | 794,518 | 623,089 |
| | 207,595,613 | 105,443,362 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | 10,435,661 | (1,098,430) |

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

| | 2015 RS | JANUARY-JUNE 2016 RS |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Cash received from Grant-in-Aid | 196,107,913 | 88,662,677 |
| Cash received from Rates & Taxes | 4,977,973 | 2,036,583 |
| Cash received from Fees – 8 th Schedule | 15,913,775 | 8,458,425 |
| Cash received from other sources | 35,156,736 | 18,088,720 |
| Cash received from Fees – 10 th Schedule | 6,210,442 | 3,765,583 |
| | 258,366,839 | 121,011,988 |
| Cash payment to suppliers/contractors, etc. | (98,127,193) | (46,669,265) |
| Cash paid to and on behalf of employees | (136,464,930) | (74,373,929) |
| <i>Net Cash Inflow from operating activities</i> | <i>23,774,716</i> | <i>(31,206)</i> |
| Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance | - | - |
| Interest received on investment | 1,551,694 | 614,212 |
| Interest paid on loan / debentures/bank charges | - | (12,016) |
| <i>Net Cash Outflow from R.O.I. and S.O.F.</i> | <i>1,551,694</i> | <i>602,196</i> |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Investments | (29,904,450) | 13,704,450 |
| Payment to increase Capital Outlay | (18,062,398) | (1,716,857) |
| <i>Net cash outflow from investing activities</i> | <i>(47,966,848)</i> | <i>11,987,593</i> |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Government Grants | 14,090,205 | 5,416,731 |
| <i>Net Cash Inflow from financing activities</i> | <i>14,090,205</i> | <i>5,416,731</i> |
| <i>Sub-total</i> | <i>(8,550,233)</i> | <i>17,975,314</i> |
| NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH | (8,550,233) | 17,975,314 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (i) The Accounts have been prepared on a historical cost basis and 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 01.01.2016 | ADDITIONS | DISPOSALS | BALANCE AS AT 30.06.2016 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Rs</i> | <i>Rs</i> | <i>Rs</i> | <i>Rs</i> |
| 468,862,543 | 4,917,566 | - | 473,780,109 |

SCHEDULE FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

| | <i>Opening Balance as at 01.01.16 RS</i> | <i>Additions RS</i> | <i>Disposal RS</i> | <i>Closing Balance as at 30.06.16 RS</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| LAND & BUILDING | 50,330,826 | 1,151,869 | - | 51,482,694 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS IN VILLAGES | 360,915,871 | 1,684,934 | - | 362,600,805 |
| MOTOR VEHICLES | 26,517,462 | - | - | 26,517,462 |
| TOOLS & EQUIPMENT | 3,908,376 | 954,090 | - | 4,862,466 |
| SPORTS EQUIPMENT | 1,628,717 | - | - | 1,628,717 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 25,561,292 | 1,126,673 | - | 26,687,965 |
| TOTAL | 468,862,543 | 4,917,566 | - | 473,780,109 |

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 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 period January to June 2016 was Rs 5,822,747.

As per statement submitted by SICOM, the Market Value of the fund as at 30 June 2016 was Rs 73,766,606.

4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

| BANK | MATURITY DATE | DEPOSIT 12 MONTHS (Rs) |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| ABC Banking Corporation | 03.06.2017 | 5,200,000 |
| ABC Banking Corporation | 14.12.2016 | 15,000,000 |
| Maubank Ltd | 11.10.2016 | 15,000,000 |
| TOTAL | | 35,200,000 |

| | 2015 RS | JAN-JUN2016 RS |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| 5 <u>Debtors</u> | | |
| Car Loan to Officers | 4,902,717 | 6,548,682 |
| <u>Other Debtors</u> | | |
| Trade fees | 3,799,725 | 1,558,800 |
| Scavenging Fees | 972,200 | 396,500 |
| Publicity Fees | 1,658,664 | 1,945,214 |
| | 6,430,589 | 3,900,514 |
| 6 <u>Cash at Bank</u> | | |
| Petty Cash | 895 | 1,064 |
| Calls and Current Account | 17,597,183 | 34,663,907 |
| Saving Accounts: | | |
| MPCB | 5,812,584 | 6,799,570 |
| SBM- Retention Money | 7,350 | 84,429 |
| Bank One | 2,091,922 | 2,120,601 |
| SBM Current Account (Ex Superannuation) | 334,490 | - |
| SBM- Renewal | 114,723 | 264,891 |
| | 25,959,148 | 43,934,462 |
| 7 <u>Creditors</u> | | |
| Creditors- Trade Creditors | 4,753,661 | 9,868,746 |
| Retention Money | 1,963,088 | 1,889,610 |
| Stale Cheques | 57,874 | 89,234 |
| Deposits- Deduction Account | 335,555 | 216,952 |
| | 7,110,179 | 12,064,542 |
| 8 <u>General Fund</u> | | |
| District Council Fund -Note 8(a) | 78,350,991 | 79,778,881 |
| Capital Grant - Note 8(b) | 412,485,960 | 414,963,113 |
| | 490,836,951 | 494,741,994 |

8(a) District Council Fund

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Renewal Fund | 15,511,229 | 15,597,136 |
| Revenue Reserve (Note 9) | 11,682,833 | 10,584,403 |
| GRF Revenue Contributions (Note 10) | 51,156,929 | 53,597,342 |
| | 78,350,991 | 79,778,881 |

(b) Capital Grant

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Opening balance | 397,176,526 | 412,485,960 |
| Grant Applied | 15,309,434 | 2,477,153 |
| Closing balance | 412,485,960 | 414,963,113 |

9 Revenue Reserve Account

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance b/f | 2,174,055 | 11,682,833 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit) for the period | 9,508,778 | (1,098,430) |
| | 11,682,833 | 10,584,403 |

10 GRF Revenue Contributions

| | | |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance b/f | 48,497,652 | 51,156,929 |
| Additions | 2,659,277 | 2,440,413 |
| | 51,156,929 | 53,597,342 |

11 Other Balances

| ACCOUNT NAME | OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01.01.16 RS | ADDITIONS RS | PAYMENTS RS | CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 30.06.16 RS |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|--|
| Capital Grant 07/08 & LIF 08/09 | 470,979 | - | - | 470,979 |
| Morcellement Fund | 1,881,552 | 472,362 | 195,730 | 2,158,184 |
| LIF ICBA 2010,Cap Projects Rs8M & MCP Rs10M | 706,007 | - | - | 706,007 |
| Other projects | 1,791,338 | 251,694 | 25,201 | 2,017,831 |
| Development projects Rs9.9m,ACP & LIF 2013 | 1,253,111 | - | - | 1,253,111 |
| Local Infrastructure Fund 2014 | 1,130,118 | - | 193,545 | 936,573 |
| Local Development Fund 2015 | - | 3,906,467 | 2,070,058 | 1,836,409 |
| 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 | 918,378 | - | 2,112 | 916,266 |
| Grant World Environment Day | 1,075,015 | - | 632,955 | 442,060 |
| Grant Urban Renovation project | 3,889,219 | - | - | 3,889,219 |
| National Land drainage framework committee | 179,339 | 1,000,000 | 560,154 | 619,185 |
| NDU Drains Remi Ollier La Gaulette | 51,129 | - | - | 51,129 |
| MLG-Street Lighting cables Cascavelle | 54,063 | - | - | 54,063 |
| TOTAL | 13,729,608 | 5,630,523 | 3,679,755 | 15,680,376 |

6.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

| JANUARY-JUNE 2016 | | JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017 | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| RS | NOTE | RS | RS |
| 473,780,109 | ASSETS EMPLOYED Capital & Other Long Term Outlay (2) | | 493,540,736 |
| 473,780,109 | CURRENT ASSETS | | 493,540,736 |
| 35,200,000 | Short Term Investments (5) | 50,294,713 | |
| 1,734,058 | Stock (1) | 1,154,894 | |
| 6,548,682 | Debtors (6) | 7,056,752 | |
| 43,934,462 | Cash and bank (7) | 66,473,857 | |
| 87,417,202 | Less CURRENT LIABILITIES | 124,980,216 | |
| 12,064,542 | Creditors (8) | 14,908,911 | |
| 2,399,630 | Deposits | 2,399,630 | |
| 14,464,172 | | 17,308,541 | |
| 72,953,030 | NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 107,671,675 |
| 546,733,139 | | | 601,212,411 |
| | FINANCED BY | | |
| 494,741,994 | General Fund (9) | 522,537,197 | |
| | LONG TERM LIABILITIES | | |
| 5,310,769 | Passage Fund | 6,175,797 | |
| 31,000,000 | Pension Fund (4) | 46,000,000 | |
| - | Provision (4) | 5,000,000 | |
| 15,680,376 | OTHER BALANCES (12) | 21,499,417 | |
| 546,733,139 | | | 601,212,411 |

Mr A. G. S. MAGDELEINE

Chairperson

Mr J. F. DORESTAN

Chief Executive

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2017

| | JANUARY-JUNE 2016 RS | JULY 16- JUNE 17 RS |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | | |
| Government Grant In Aid | 88,662,677 | 216,271,000 |
| Investment Income | 614,212 | 2,208,382 |
| Rentals | 45,000 | 96,000 |
| Fees – 8 th Schedule | 8,340,975 | 13,774,385 |
| Publicity Fees | 653,703 | 2,394,903 |
| Scavenging Fees | 1,484,330 | 3,196,400 |
| Permits | 3,765,583 | 13,752,312 |
| Other Income | 553,451 | 996,058 |
| Independence & other grants | 225,000 | 225,000 |
| | 104,344,932 | 252,914,440 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | |
| Compensation of Employees | 49,785,829 | 104,228,573 |
| Goods and Services | 50,690,022 | 109,406,659 |
| Grants and Subsidies | 1,324,000 | 1,942,000 |
| Employer Social Benefits | 3,007,186 | 7,051,203 |
| Contribution/Provisions | 13,235 | 20,173,764 |
| Acquisition of non-financial assets | 623,089 | 2,930,639 |
| | 105,443,362 | 245,732,838 |
| (Deficit)/ Surplus | (1,098,430) | 7,181,602 |

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2017

| | JANUARY-JUNE 2016 RS | JULY 16- JUNE 17 RS |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Cash received from Grant-in-Aid | 88,662,677 | 216,271,000 |
| Cash received from Rates & Taxes | 2,036,583 | 5,591,303 |
| Cash received from Fees – 8 th Schedule | 8,458,425 | 14,888,435 |
| Cash received from other sources | 18,088,720 | 38,650,136 |
| Cash received from Fees – 10 th Schedule | 3,765,583 | 13,752,312 |
| | 121,011,988 | 289,153,186 |
| Cash payment to suppliers/contractors, etc. | (46,669,265) | (105,530,961) |
| Cash paid to and on behalf of employees | (74,373,929) | (154,062,696) |
| <i>Net Cash Inflow from operating activities</i> | (31,206) | 29,559,529 |
| Returns on Investment and Servicing of Finance | - | - |
| Interest received on investment | 614,212 | 2,208,382 |
| Interest paid on loan / debentures/bank charges | (12,016) | (44,407) |
| <i>Net Cash Outflow from R.O.I. and S.O.F.</i> | 602,196 | 2,163,975 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Investments | 13,704,450 | (15,094,713) |
| Payment to increase Capital Outlay | (1,716,857) | (20,955,864) |
| <i>Net cash outflow from investing activities</i> | 11,987,593 | (36,050,576) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Government Grants | 5,416,731 | 26,866,467 |
| <i>Net Cash Inflow from financing activities</i> | 5,416,731 | 26,866,467 |
| <i>Sub-total</i> | 17,975,314 | 22,539,395 |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH | 17,975,314 | 22,539,395 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

(1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (i) The Accounts have been prepared on a historical cost basis and 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) All income has been accounted on a cash basis.
- (iv) Stock has been valued at weighted average cost.
- (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 01.07.2016 | ADDITIONS | DISPOSALS | BALANCE AS AT 30.06.2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Rs</i> | <i>Rs</i> | <i>Rs</i> | <i>Rs</i> |
| 473,780,109 | 23,300,126 | 3,539,500 | 493,540,736 |

SCHEDULE FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

| | <i>Opening Balance as at 01.07.16 RS</i> | <i>Additions RS</i> | <i>Disposal RS</i> | <i>Closing Balance as at 30.06.17 RS</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| LAND & BUILDING | 51,482,694 | 4,705,282 | - | 56,187,977 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS IN VILLAGES | 362,600,805 | 15,070,138 | - | 377,670,944 |
| MOTOR VEHICLES | 26,517,462 | 1,334,000 | 3,539,500 | 24,311,962 |
| TOOLS & EQUIPMENT | 4,862,466 | 932,185 | - | 5,794,651 |
| SPORTS EQUIPMENT | 1,628,717 | - | - | 1,628,717 |
| FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | 26,687,965 | 1,258,521 | - | 27,946,486 |
| TOTAL | 473,780,109 | 23,300,126 | 3,539,500 | 493,540,736 |

(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 period July 2016 to June 2017 was Rs 11,668,892.

As per statement submitted by SICOM, the Market Value of the fund as at 30 June 2017 was Rs 88,339,644

(4) CONTRIBUTION/PROVISIONS

- b. **PROVISION FOR PENSION LIABILITY PRIOR TO JULY 2008** – the amount of Rs 20,173,764 includes 15M representing provision made in the accounts for pension liability prior to July 2018.
- c. **PROVISION FOR SICK LEAVES** – a provision of Rs 5M has been made in the accounts for the payment of accumulated sick leaves.

(5) **SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS**

| BANK | MATURITY DATE | DEPOSIT 12 MONTHS (Rs) |
|---|---------------|------------------------|
| ABC Banking Corporation | 05.06.2018 | 5,300,000 |
| ABC Banking Corporation | 16.12.2017 | 15,000,000 |
| ABC Banking Corporation | 14.10.2017 | 15,000,000 |
| State Bank of Mauritius Ltd (<i>Treasury Bills</i>) | 05.01.2018 | 14,994,713 |
| TOTAL | | 50,294,713 |

| | JAN-JUNE2016 RS | JULY2016-JUNE2017 RS |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 <u>DEBTORS</u> | | |
| Car Loan to Officers | 6,548,682 | 7,056,752 |
| <u>OTHER DEBTORS</u> | | |
| Trade fees | 1,558,800 | 2,242,075 |
| Scavenging Fees | 396,500 | 766,500 |
| Publicity Fees | 1,945,214 | 2,226,679 |
| | 3,900,514 | 5,235,254 |
| 7 <u>CASH AT BANK</u> | | |
| Petty Cash | 1,064 | 690 |
| Calls and Current Accounts | 34,663,907 | 25,820,500 |
| <u>SAVING ACCOUNTS</u> | | |
| MauBank Ltd | 6,799,570 | 36,943,025 |
| SBM Ltd- Retention Money | 84,429 | 594,473 |
| SBM Ltd- Renewal | 264,891 | 153,939 |
| Bank One Ltd | 2,120,601 | 2,753,022 |
| <u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u> | | |
| ABC Banking Corporation | - | 208,209 |
| | 43,934,462 | 66,473,857 |
| 8 <u>CREDITORS</u> | | |
| Creditors- Trade Creditors | 9,868,746 | 11,832,808 |
| Retention Money | 1,889,610 | 2,617,463 |
| Stale Cheques | 89,234 | 241,203 |
| Deposits- Deduction Account | 216,952 | 217,437 |
| | 12,064,542 | 14,908,911 |
| 9 <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | | |
| District Council Fund (Note 9(a)) | 79,778,881 | 91,837,278 |
| Capital Grant (Note 9(b)) | 414,963,113 | 430,699,919 |
| | 494,741,994 | 522,537,197 |

9(a) DISTRICT COUNCIL FUND

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Renewal Fund | 15,597,136 | 16,450,109 |
| Revenue Reserve (Note 10) | 10,584,403 | 17,766,005 |
| GRF Revenue Contributions (Note 11) | 53,597,342 | 57,621,163 |
| | 79,778,881 | 91,837,278 |

(b) CAPITAL GRANT

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Opening balance | 412,485,960 | 414,963,113 |
| Grant Applied | 2,477,153 | 19,276,307 |
| Less Sale of asset | | (3,539,500) |
| Closing balance | 414,963,113 | 430,699,919 |

10 REVENUE RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance b/f | 11,682,833 | 10,584,403 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period | (1,098,430) | 7,181,602 |
| | 10,584,403 | 17,766,005 |

11 GRF REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS

| | | |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Balance b/f | 51,156,929 | 53,597,342 |
| Additions | 2,440,413 | 4,023,821 |
| | 53,597,342 | 57,621,163 |

12. OTHER BALANCES

| ACCOUNT NAME | OPENING BALANCE AS AT 01.07.16 RS | ADDITIONS RS | PAYMENTS RS | CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 30.06.17 RS |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Capital Grant | 470,979 | - | - | 470,979 |
| Morcellement Fund | 2,158,184 | 132,400 | 342,240 | 1,948,344 |
| Other Projects | 2,209,864 | 1,320,202 | 689,994 | 2,840,072 |
| Local Development Fund & Other Projects | 4,732,100 | 7,771,517 | 10,757,525 | 1,746,092 |
| Local Development Fund 2016/2017 | - | 15,677,564 | 7,431,530 | 8,246,034 |
| NDU-Drain projects and maintenance 2016/17 | - | 1,575,471 | 583,959 | 991,513 |
| Grant Jeux des villages | 916,266 | - | - | 916,266 |
| Grant World Environment Day | 442,060 | - | 425,286 | 16,774 |
| Grant Urban Renovation Project | 3,889,219 | - | - | 3,889,219 |
| National Land Drainage Framework Committee | 861,702 | 109,529 | 556,662 | 414,569 |
| Cleaning, Rehabilitation & Upgrading of Drains | - | 750,000 | 730,446 | 19,554 |
| TOTAL | 15,680,376 | 27,336,683 | 21,517,642 | 21,499,416 |

13. PENDING LITIGATIONS

Securiclean (*Mauritius*) Ltd has lodged a case before the court against the District Council of Black River and the Central Procurement Board to request the payment of an amount of Rs 105M for prejudice caused for not being awarded the contracts for refuse collection. As at Balance Sheet date, the case has not yet been determined.