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Socio-Economic survey to develop Newtown now completed

The Department of Housing Services has recently completed the Newtown Socio-Economic Survey. The survey will inform the delivery of the Integrated Residential Development Programme in the area.

The Integrated Residential Development Programme entails;

- Informal settlement upgrade
- Financial linked subsidies
- Rental housing
- Social housing and
- Credit link Programme (Owner build initiatives)

The Socio-Economic Survey focused on housing size and current dwelling type per household. The informal area has a high number of households that share communal water and basic facilities, resulting in unhygienic conditions leading to unpleasant living conditions. The full Socio-Economic Survey will be tabled in the next council sitting.

Currently, in Newtown Extension 1, phase one has been developed and 400 sites are fully serviced with water and sanitation. The municipality will relocate households to the stands in order to create space for the development of phase two.

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality subscribes to the notion of integrated and sustainable human settlements. Therefore, the identification and acquisition of well-located land, adequate access to municipal services, social and economic amenities, including transport services continue to be the key determinant to achieve high levels of integration and sustainable human settlements.

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality was granted level 2 accreditation status, therefore implying that the Municipality is expected to perform Level 1 accreditation functions which entail beneficiary management, subsidy budget planning and allocation and Level 2 accreditation functions which entail full

programme and project management in addition to the level 1 accreditation functions.

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