

WHY WE NEED GOOD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR OUR TOWNS AND CITIES

**This is a summary of the GOOD plan
for our towns and cities.**

GOOD will govern towns and cities to deliver:

SPATIAL justice

ECONOMIC justice

SOCIAL justice

ENVIRONMENTAL justice



SPATIAL JUSTICE

GOOD commits to redressing apartheid spatial planning and the unequal access to jobs, housing, land, tenure and transport that resulted from separating our society based on skin colour. GOOD will fight to undo this legacy of racism.



INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS

GOOD will ensure that towns and cities provide services to informal settlements.

GOOD will provide title deeds to residents in informal settlements, to serviced sites on public land, so that they can have security and invest in their own homes.

GOOD will consult with informal settlement communities about the best model for title deeds for them

MORE AFFORDABLE WELL LOCATED HOUSING

GOOD will increase the delivery of affordable housing by using public land for public good.

GOOD will ensure that there is an appropriate mix of high density affordable and rental housing on well located land.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

GOOD will integrate all public transport systems under a single transport authority, at local government level, to create a more efficient, cheaper and easier service.

GOOD will provide free off peak public transport to everyone – enabling pensioners to access clinics and unemployed people to get to interviews.



ECONOMIC JUSTICE

South Africa's greatest socio-economic challenge is poverty and unemployment, particularly youth unemployment.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The role of government is to create the environment with conditions conducive for job creation by investing in infrastructure. Infrastructure includes repairs and maintenance of existing infrastructure.

We will prioritise cutting red tape. We will prioritise supporting SMMEs. We will provide trading premises for micro businesses and informal traders.

FIGHT CORRUPTION AND STOP WASTE

Corruption steals from the poor. GOOD will ensure there are consequences for corruption and waste. Corrupt people must be prosecuted and put in prison, not in government. The public service must be professionalised.

We will open tender processes to the public to bring transparency. The more corruption and waste we stop the more we have to spend on services.

YOUR MONEY - YOUR SAY

The money in a budget is your money, raised from rates and taxes, so you must have a say in how that money is prioritised to be spent.

GOOD will introduce processes for communities to directly decide how to spend their municipal budgets.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

GOOD commits to ensuring equitable treatment of all people in South Africa. Gender bias, racial discrimination and unfair privilege must end so that South Africa can achieve real democracy and a fully united and equitable society. We must build a united South Africa, town by town and city by city. Social justice include fair and equal pay for equal work.



SAFER COMMUNITIES



To make neighbourhoods safer we must stop crime before it happens by addressing the root social causes of crime.

To reduce crime we will employ more social workers to address the causes of crime in our communities.

Deliver enough shelters and safe space for women and children.

Treat drug addiction as a health issue and expand drug rehabilitation services giving young people the opportunity to get treatment rather than prison sentences.

HOMELESS TO HOUSED

Every person's journey to homelessness is unique and we must address the personal circumstances that led to those people living on the streets.

GOOD's plan to reducing homelessness is to prioritise spending on supporting reintegration.

GOOD will not criminalise homelessness.

GOOD will expand social support and available shelter.

AFFORDABLE, EQUAL SERVICES

Water and Electricity must be affordable with support for households that need assistance.

The increased water and electricity tariffs are daylight robbery and **costs must be reduced.**

People must pay for what they use without mark-ups and profiteering.

GOOD will provide 6kl of free basic water and 150kWh of free basic electricity.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Climate change is real and is impacting our economy, food security and the environment. GOOD will tackle climate change, uphold animal and environmental rights, help cities to implement emissions and waste reduction plans, ensure appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures and accelerate national emissions reductions including the move to cheaper, renewable energy sources.



WATER SECURITY

Water security is one of South Africa's greatest risks. To continue to provide water sustainably, local governments must reduce waste within their own networks.

GOOD will repair and replace aging infrastructure that causes leaks and the loss of millions of litres of water.

Clearing catchments of thirsty invasive alien trees means more water security for towns and cities.

SAFER CLIMATE = SAFER FUTURE

GOOD will drive a city-led transition to a resilient, green economy:

- **Accelerating procurement of cheaper renewable power**
- **Disinvesting from fossil fuels**
- **Shifting to public transport and electric vehicle fleets**
- **Promoting inward growth and prohibit sprawl**
- **Investing in waste to energy facilities**

CLEAN, GREEN & HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Residents deserve clean, green, healthy neighbourhoods. Sewers must work, stormwater drains function, water and electricity be safe and reliable, rubbish removed regularly, air pollution controlled and parks that are healthy and safe for children.

