

Press Statement  
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## **Multiparty Coalition Government launches SAP Ariba e-Commerce and Procurement Portal to strengthen governance, financial accountability and transparent procurement**

Today, I was joined by the Executive Mayor, **Dr Nasiphi Moya**, members of the Mayoral Committee and senior officials to launch the City of Tshwane's SAP Ariba e-Commerce and Procurement Portal.

The launch marks another important milestone in the City's programme to strengthen governance, modernise public administration and ensure that every rand entrusted to the municipality is managed responsibly, transparently and in the best interests of our residents.

SAP Ariba is a new procurement system that strengthens the way the City procures goods and services, manages public resources and safeguards public funds.

Public procurement is central to the delivery of municipal services. Every road resurfaced, every water pipe replaced, every clinic maintained and every municipal service delivered depends on procurement systems that are transparent, efficient, compliant and accountable.

For many years, like many large public institutions, the City's procurement environment relied heavily on manual processes, paper-based documentation and fragmented approval systems. These created delays, administrative inefficiencies and unnecessary human intervention, increasing the risk of inconsistency, error and, in some instances, abuse.

Audit findings, internal reviews and investigations have consistently identified weaknesses in supply chain management, including inadequate controls, inconsistent compliance, poor record management and procurement practices that affected public confidence while delaying service delivery and increasing costs.

This administration has made it clear that strengthening governance requires modern systems that improve accountability, strengthen



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internal controls and reduce opportunities for irregularities. The implementation of SAP Ariba forms part of that commitment.

SAP Ariba is a fully integrated cloud-based procurement and supply chain management platform that digitises supplier registration, sourcing, contract management, supplier collaboration and transaction processing within a secure environment.

The platform will improve transparency throughout the procurement process, strengthen compliance with supply chain legislation, reduce paperwork and administrative costs, improve procurement efficiency and make it easier for legitimate businesses to do business with the City. It also creates a complete digital audit trail for every procurement transaction, ensuring that approvals, supplier engagements and procurement decisions are fully traceable and subject to greater oversight.

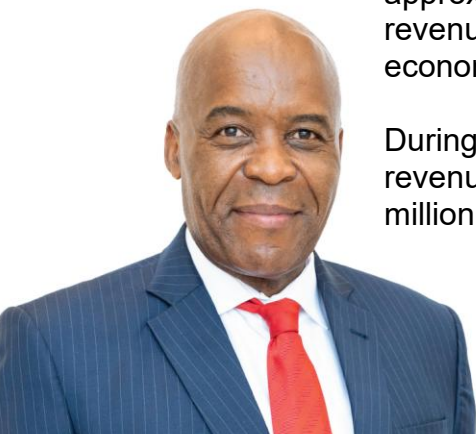
The implementation of SAP Ariba forms part of the City's broader SAP S/4HANA Upgrade Programme, one of the most significant financial modernisation initiatives undertaken by the municipality. The City has committed approximately R237 million to this programme, which strengthens financial controls, improves reporting, enhances compliance, modernises business processes and creates a fully integrated financial management environment.

These reforms are about far more than technology. They are about building a municipality that is financially resilient, institutionally credible and capable of delivering better services to residents through stronger governance and better management of public resources.

Recent public commentary has included inaccurate claims about the City's financial position. The City's year-end performance demonstrates disciplined financial management and prudent fiscal governance.

As the 2025/26 financial year concluded, the City collected approximately R43.93 billion in revenue, representing 98% of the revenue projected in the Budget Funding Plan despite continued economic pressure on households and businesses.

During June alone, the City collected more than R4.18 billion in revenue, exceeding its monthly Funding Plan target by more than R544 million and achieving 115% of the target for the month.



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By 26 June 2026, revenue collections had already exceeded R3.6 billion, surpassing the monthly target before the end of the financial period.

Following the payment of employee salaries, the City maintained a positive cash balance of approximately R1.8 billion, demonstrating sound liquidity management and responsible treasury management.

The City also remained fully compliant with its Eskom debt repayment agreement while the municipal debt book continued to decline, reflecting sustained improvements in revenue management, financial discipline and debt recovery.

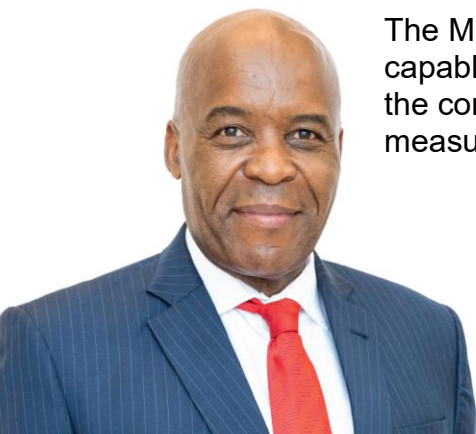
These outcomes demonstrate that sound financial management is not achieved through short-term interventions but through strong governance, disciplined administration and modern financial systems.

That is why the implementation of SAP Ariba is so important.

Strong financial management depends on strong systems. Procurement is one of the largest areas of municipal expenditure, and when procurement systems are strengthened, the entire institution becomes stronger. Digital procurement platforms reduce opportunities for irregular expenditure, improve compliance, strengthen financial oversight, accelerate decision-making and provide management with accurate, real-time information.

In doing so, SAP Ariba supports cleaner governance, stronger financial accountability and greater public confidence in how municipal resources are managed.

The implementation of SAP Ariba is an important investment in the City's institutional capacity. It will help ensure that public resources are managed efficiently, procurement processes remain transparent, legitimate businesses have greater confidence in doing business with the City and service delivery is supported by sound financial governance.



The Multiparty Coalition Government remains committed to building a capable, transparent and financially sustainable municipality that earns the confidence of residents through responsible governance and measurable results.

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