

The LED, Youth and Transversal offices in partnership with Standard Bank hosted the SMME and Co-operatives skills workshop which is in line with the IDP link 6, SDBIP Ref number: 6.2.2 and calendar of events.

Standard Bank made a presentation on the following services:

1. **BizConnect** – Start, Management and Growth of the business.
2. **Business Management** – Proper management of cash flow and compliance to legislation provisions such as BEE status, SARS etc.
3. **Business finance** – Business & Medium term loans and property finance.
4. **Interests rates** – Prime and Premium landing rates.
5. **Financial planning - Retirement planning, Accumulation of Wealth; Investment planning and Risk management**

Approximately seventy five (75) SMMEs and Co-operatives benefitted from the workshop. They were afforded an opportunity to ask questions, which were answered adequately and they further raised the following needs in terms of future related programmes.

1. **The municipality should consider inviting local companies (from all sectors of the economy within the municipal jurisdiction) to present their supply chain processes and requirements for tendering.**
2. **The Municipality should also consider the establishment of the Thusong services centre.**
3. **Invite institutions that enforce legislative compliance such as DTI and SARS.**