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Tafadzwa Bhasera

Harare City Football Club chief executive Tafadzwa Bhasera believes the Covid-19 pandemic has affected soccer clubs plans and may need to revise their targets for the upcoming season.

Bhasera was speaking ahead of the second resumption of the Chibuku Super Cup end of September.

The Chibuku Super Cup is the precursor to the resumption of the Premier Soccer League which has not been played for nearly two years owing to Covid-19 induced lockdown.

“I think everyone is affected which draws back all the plans that most clubs had. We are looking at targets that were set with regards to the league and other competitions.

Bhasera said players were equally affected by the pandemic.

“Players were frustrated especially when the Chibuku Super Cup was put at hold because everyone was geared to go and showcase their talent.

I know of players who really wanted to showcase their talents to attract foreign teams but that could not happen.”

“Our junior policy has not been active for the past two years and none of our players were elevated from the Division One team to the PSL team like we usually do.”

Bhasera said some of the players will require psychological therapy to get their minds back to work adding that the club has put up a programme to assist such players.

City to learn from Glasgow conference

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Environmental Unit head Mr Lisben Chipfunde believes the city will learn a lot in the forthcoming 26th Conference of Parties on Climate Change which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland.

Zimbabwe is a signatory to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and will send a delegation comprising officials from the Ministries of Environment and Climate and Tourism and Hospitality, local authorities and other stakeholders.

Mr Chipfunde said Harare stands to benefit from the conference.

“UNFCCC was put in place at the real conference in 1992 purely to address issues to do with climate change that have been happening around the world like cyclones, heatwaves, droughts and global warming.”

“Our interest is to start getting involved in issues to do with

climate change so that we start to be visible.

Mr Chipfunde said city buildings should be running on solar energy by now which saves a lot of electricity and significantly reduces uses coal and hydro power to generate power.

Coal is a natural resource that is contributing negatively to issues of climate change.

“We need to capacitate all the departments in understanding issues to do with climate change.

He said the conference will help in creating partnerships and understand issues to do with climate financing.



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“There is a lot of financing that is available which the city

has not been able to unlock for quite some time purely because we had not really taken time to understand how these issues are actually affecting the local authority.

ATC hails stakeholder support

Staff Reporter



Act TC Eng Phakamile Moyo

Acting Town Clerk Engineer Phakamile Moyo has paid tribute to the various stakeholders who work with the Harare Traffic Section to improve traffic enforcement and ease traffic congestion.

Eng Mabhena was speaking during the launch of a Traffic Police Training Programme that will be conducted by the Zimbabwe Republic Police.

The two stakeholders have been working together in recent months to help ease traffic congestion on the streets.

“Let me thank the various ministries that have been

working with our Traffic Section in making sure they improve in terms of work culture and service delivery efficiency.”

“We are also grateful to the various government departments that we are constantly in touch with such as the Central Vehicle Registry and Vehicle Inspection Department among others. These departments make our work easy.

He said Government has been playing a key role in ensuring that the city's traffic force is equipped.

“We are also grateful that your Ministry agreed to increase the establishment of traffic enforcers from 271 to 1139 given our added responsibilities.

“The Ministry has approved the purchase of Tow Vehicles for Traffic Enforcement to the tune of 55 million dollars,” he said.

He thanked the ZRP and Ministry of Home Affairs for their readiness to embark on Joint operations and preparedness to facilitate this training programme.

Council moves to decongest schools

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Council schools are decongesting through using idle early childhood classrooms.

The move was done as part of the Covid19 fight.

Acting Education and Social Services head Mrs Shylet Kwembeya confirmed the development and said a pilot project was already done and it proved to be successful.

“Covid-19 is here to stay so as council we need to be prepared always. We have a duty to plan forward in terms of expanding the schools, existing infrastructure and constructing new schools.

“Council approved a repairing model after noticing that Early Childhood Development Schools (ECDs) are under enrolled resulting in them becoming white elephants while on the other hand some schools are over enrolled.”

“We have come up with a model where we are saying the nearest primary school will decongest and take the idle ECD A and ECD B space.

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The primary project was implemented at Fundo Council Primary School which is near Dzivarasekwa Day Care Center, the project was implemented in 2019 and it became operational in January 2020.

She said the model proved to be very successful made and an assessment was done through focus group discussions and stakeholders interviews.

Lytton Primary will pair with Kambuzuma 4 Day Care Centre while Kuwadzana 5 Primary School will marry with Kuwadzana 4 Day Care Centre.

Ms Kwembeya added that all council schools reported smooth flow of business after the resumption of schools after a lengthy break due to a surge in Covid-19 cases during the past winter season.

"They are all in operation as from the 30th of August beginning with the candidate classes and all heads have reported that they opened well.

"In terms of preparedness our major concern is running water, and we have asked the heads to inquire about water status at council schools and we are happy that every school has running water and some have reservoirs like tanks on their premises," she said.

She said council was in the process of acquiring extra sanitizers for the schools.

"We rely on the schools because the School Development Committee (SDC) through the levy's they also do the procurement of PPE at the respective schools so we are saying as council we are doing our part and parents through the SDC committee are doing their part."

Let's treat water and sanitation issues with urgency: Mhetu

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Chairman of the Finance Committee Cllr Tichaona Mhetu says council will always prioritize water and sanitation issues.

Cllr Mhetu stood in for the mayor during a recent workshop to review the institutional set up of Harare Water Department. Dutch Water utility Vei sponsored the workshop.

Vei is capacitating council in the provision of water to Hopley where over 2000 homes now have water.

"My council fully understands that the sole justification of our existence as local government is to serve the people, industry and commerce.

"It is an undisputed fact that there is a direct link between

sustainable water provision and socio-economic development.

"This therefore must serve as a reminder to all of us gathered here today the seriousness, the urgency and the importance with which we should treat the issues of provision of water and sanitation to our stakeholders," he said.



Cllr Tichaona Mhetu

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Cllr Mhetu said water provision boosts the country's economic and development prospects.

"The provision of water is an integral part of our strategy to ensure economic development and poverty eradication," he said.

He said the city is investing heavily in the rehabilitation of water and waste water infrastructure to allow for effectiveness in addressing water supply and quality.

"To date, significant works have been done on pumps, reservoirs and reticulation infrastructure using funds from development partners as well as devolution funds.

"However, despite our good intentions and hard work as Harare, many of our people still find themselves without clean drinking water and thus resorting to boreholes and open wells.

"We fully understand their frustrations as they grapple with water shortages and more needs to be done as demand continues to rise with the growth in population," he said.

Minister hails city-ZRP partnership

Staff Writer



Minister July Moyo

Local Government Public Works and National Housing Minister July Moyo has praised the partnership between City of Harare Traffic Section and Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) in managing traffic flows in the city.

The volume of traffic in the city's roads has increased over the years to about 1,5 million vehicles plying the CBD according to statistics from the Central Vehicle Registry.

The Minister was speaking during the launch of a programme to train municipal officers as they assume a much bigger policing role.

The training will be done by ZRP.

"The third aspect is on enforcement, where we rely on combined efforts from ZRP and Municipal police.

"The joint operation between ZRP and Harare City Council in the recent past, saw the impounding of 3209 vehicles and a total of 1001 vehicles were towed away to a secure compound, 4572 vendors and 557 touts were arrested.

"Allow me ladies and gentlemen to applaud the good work by both the ZRP and Harare City council," he said.

He said Government has approved a manpower recruitment in the traffic enforcement section from the current 271 to 1139.

"Traffic Enforcement also needs to be resourced in terms of tow vehicles, motor cycles and heavy duty tow vehicles.

"The Ministry of Local Government and Public Works has seen it fit to disburse \$55 million dollars towards resource mobilization," he said.

He urged the traffic officers to adhere to strict discipline and shun corruption.

"It is key that you master the discipline involved to carry out their duties as well as shunning corruption.

"Corruption is a cancer that has crippled many economies and as such it must be condemned and discouraged at all times and places.

"You are our foot soldiers and we expect the best from you," he said.