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The Drakenstein Municipality is amongst the top 10 municipalities in the country - lying in fifth place to be exact.

This is according to a new report which was published by the South African Institute of Race Relations. The 80/20 Report: Local government in 80 indicators after 20 years of democracy, examines the various factors that affect municipalities.

Saldanha Bay on the West Coast municipality is doing the best in the country.

The institute said the report compiled from information from the auditor-general’s report on the 2011-12 financial year, the census in 2011 and Gaffney’s calendar of local government in South Africa from 2011-13.

A good municipality’s status is determined by amongst others, how many people who fall under the specific municipality have matriculated and how many home owners there are who have not completely paid off their homes.

“About 60 % of the municipalities with the best results are in the Western Cape, while 90 % of those doing the worst is in the Eastern Cape,” says the report.

Drakenstein Municipality adopted a new vision as a "Place of Excellence / Plek van Uitnemendheid". Since then, Drakenstein has exhibited excellent performance and received in excess of 70 awards in recognition thereof from the private sector and from both Provincial and National governments, in various fields.

Drakenstein Municipality’s success can be attributed to the focus on quality and focused service delivery, built on a genuine commitment to productivity and to operational excellence through continuous improvement, innovation, and citizen engagement.
Besides this service delivery-oriented mind-set, other things that set Drakenstein Municipality apart are: the improvement in socio-economic circumstances and living standards especially in terms of access to water and electricity, a progressive rates policy, accountable and accessible councillors, an absolute commitment to employ competent, qualified, and experienced senior staff, and an intolerant no-nonsense approach to theft, fraud and corruption. Drakenstein Municipality also have an excellent Mayoral Committee, proficient Management Team and Council Members.

The results of the SAIRR report bear testimony to the tireless effort that the municipality makes in being a place of excellence.

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