

uMtshezi Local Municipality IT Disaster Recovery Plan

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the IT Disaster Recovery Plan is to ensure that, should the municipality experience disaster of any nature (e.g. firebreak, power surge or damage to the building, etc.), the municipality has contingency plans for backup systems.
- 1.2 The plan is there to make staff aware of what procedures should be followed when connecting backup systems and who the key contact persons for the systems are.
- 1.3 This Disaster Recovery Plan is there to ensure that the Disaster Recovery Team is appointed and trained properly, so that, even in the event that IT staff is not in the office, the team can take charge successfully.

2. Ownership

- 2.1 The Corporate Services Department is responsible for managing all computer systems for the Municipality; hence, the Corporate Services Department must make sure that in times of disasters a proper plan is in place. The Corporate Services Department is therefore the custodian of the Disaster Recovery Plan.
- 2.2 The designated Disaster Recovery Plan contact person is the IT Manager: The contact details of the IT Manager is as follows:

Tel (w):	
Tel (h):	
Cell:	

3. Disaster Recovery Plan Coverage

- 3.1 The IT Manager, in consultation with the Municipal Manager, has authority to declare a disaster. The Disaster Recovery Team will consist of IT Manager, Chief Financial officer, Director: Corporate Services and the Municipal Manager.
- 3.2 The systems that the municipality have in place are:
 - a) The Venus Financial Management System;
 - b) Payday Payroll System (hosted on the Venus Server);
 - c) Global Information System (GIS);
 - d) Ultima Server (Electricity vending)
 - e) Domain Controller; and
 - f) Internet and email facilities.
- 3.3 All of the above systems are on different serves within the municipality.

4. Definitions

UPS	Uninterruptible power supply
°C	Degrees Celsius
Comfort Cooler	An air conditioner designed to cool an environment with people in it



Process Cooler	An air conditioner designed to cool an environment with equipment in it
ESD	Electro static discharge
False Floor	A raised floor system, normally 600 x 600mm tiles on a electroplated under-structure
Floor Plenum	Void [space] between false floor tiles & concrete floor
СVТ	Constant voltage transformer
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
LAN	Local Area Network
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
GIS	Global Information System
Hz	Hertz
V	Volts
mS	Milliseconds
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications

5. Emergency Contact Details of Key Persons

5.1 In the event that a problem cannot be resolved locally, the Disaster Recovery Team in consultation with the Municipal Manager and / or the IT Manager would recommend the relevant companies to be contacted to resolve the problem.

Details	Contact Person	Telephone Number
Venus FMS	Business Connexion – Gideon	0861 239 332
Payday Payroll	Payday	012 803 7730
Domain Controller	First Technology (PMB) - Ben	036 845 2300
Email	AB Richards	036 352 3792
Email Forwarding System	Chimera Computing / First Technology	036 845 2300
Network and Hubs	First Technology	036 845 2300
Ultima Server (Electricity Vending)	Conlog - Waseem	082 902 3439
Internet	Telkom	036 352 7032
iShield (Internet Monitoring System)	Trade Page	031 714 6000

6. Priority Levels of Key Systems

- 6.1 The municipal systems are listed below according to their priority order, the first one being:
 - Venus Financial Management System
 - Payday Payroll
 - Domain Controller
 - Network, Routers and Hubs
 - Ultima Server (Electricity Vending)
 - Firewall
 - Mail Server & Internet Server.
 - GIS Server



7. Deadline for Recovery

7.1 If a disaster of any kind occurs, it must only take a maximum of three days to recover data and have all users online.

8. Configuration Settings

Details	Configuration Info
Venus FMS	The Venus server is a SunFire X880 server running Unix and is administered by Business Connection remotely via a 56K modem. Through this they perform maintenance and updates to the system.
Payroll System	The Venus server also houses the Payday payroll system which is administered by Payday.
Domain Controller	The Domain controller runs Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 2 and is configured in a RAID 1 configuration for data, meaning that should the primary disc fail, the data will still be intact. The operating system does not form part of the setup. Both the domain controller and the e-mail server were setup and configured by First Technology in Pietermaritzburg.
Email	The E-mail server also runs Windows Server 2003 Service Pack 2 and is setup to retrieve mail from our outside service provider and distribute it to all users that are setup on the system. Our service provider is Telkom with AB Richards administering the running. The municipality makes use of EFS (E-mail Forwarding System) standard edition from Chimera Computing to distribute our mail.
Ultima Server (Electricity Vending)	The Ultima server for electricity vending consists of two parts namely the vending coordinator and the vending server. Both machines run Windows XP Professional. The coordinator is downstairs in the machine room and is linked to the main vending server upstairs via fibre optic cable. Both machines are setup and configured by Conlog.
GIS Server	The GIS server is running Windows XP Professional and is administered and updated by the GIS Provincial unit.

9. Preventative Measures - Server Room Setup (Safety and Security)

9.1 The table below indicates the set up of the server room, in terms of safety and security, and includes matters to be considered in future:

Aspect	Considerations	Status Comment
General Structure - Although cost and quite a few other factors play a role when considering the actual position of the server room, one should always attempt to adhere to items such as the aspects mentioned below.		
Natural Disasters	Server room not to be in flood stricken or structural damaged areas.	N/A
EMI	Avoid server rooms in buildings or areas that are associated with high levels of EMI or radio frequency activities such as telecommunication base stations, electrical railways, airports, etc. as certain hardware might be affected by this. EMI shielding to be installed if this is unavoidable.	N/A
Pollution	Factories and most industrial areas with high levels of dust, smoke, etc. will result in high maintenance on the filtering of the server room.	N/A



Aspect	Considerations	Status Comment
Vibration	Hardware might be negatively affected by continuous vibrating	N/A
Security	It is always more cost affective to enhance existing security measures than to create a new system. (See relevant sections below)	Not installed / Implemented
Target and Risk	Avoid windows in perimeter walls as it can have the wrong affect and could attract vandalism and / or crime to the server room.	N/A
Reticulation	In the end it must be practical to route connectivity to and from this room without having to alter surrounding areas every time a new connection point is required.	N/A
Access – Physical Acce	ss and Access Control should be considered.	
Physical Access	Appropriate door sizes, negotiable corners from inter-leading passages, ramps and smooth floor surfaces. Proper access provided in support areas to allow for service or replacement of UPS, coolers and other large items.	Not installed / Implemented
Access control: Digital Key-pad System	Cost effectiveness and ease of installation contribute towards the popularity of this system although most systems in this range are limited when it comes to additional features.	Not installed / Implemented
Access control: Time & Attendance System	With a complete system reports can be generated on the actual access gained during a determined period, as cards are assigned to authorised staff. This can also be integrated in order to operate via the same cards or tags if a main access / security system already exists.	Not installed / Implemented
Flooring - Flooring is cru reticulation and air condi	ucial in the sense of anti-static qualities, load bearing capabilities as w tioning within the server room. One can consider any one of the follow	vell as practicality when considering cabling ving two options mentioned below.
	A raised floor system is preferred and the void is used for air conditioning as well as cable reticulation whilst laminated floor tiles will provide a sturdy, ant-static base to house the equipment & cabinets. The concrete or building floor needs to be sealed with an approved sealer in order to maintain a dust free environment. The depth of the floor void [plenum] should ideally be 600mm and not less than 400mm if ventilation and cooling are to be applied via the void and perforated floor tiles. Neatness of cable reticulation is of utmost importance to ensure that airflow passages are not blocked, as it will result in hot spots being generated above the floor. Custom cut-outs in order to accommodate cable entries must be fitted with the necessary protection on the edges and "self sealing" openings are required to maintain the pressure within the void. It must be ensure that the floor structure is able to withstand the equipment and cabinet weight planned for the server room.	
No Raised Floor	Sometimes limiting factors such as lower than normal ceiling heights, which make the installation of a raised floor system impossible. In the event that no raised floor is installed, the floor covering should be of an industrial, vinyl-type finish with similar anti-static qualities. The tiles are normally 2mm in thickness and measuring 608 x 608mm. When the correct conductive adhesive is applied, a conductive flooring system can be achieved whereby potential harmful static charges are dissipated through the tile via conductive pathways and eventually through the adhesive to an electrical earth point without the inclusion of a copper grid underneath the tiles.	Not installed / Implemented
Temperature and Humidity - As seen in the flooring section, centres that do not have raised floor systems installed may be encountered and where cabinet density is very low due to less hardware requirements. In this case under floor ventilation and cooling would not be possible or cost effective. It is then required to ensure that the same levels of cooling are obtained / maintained with process type air conditioners installed in the correct manner.		
Coolers	Equipment gets cooled via process coolers whereas humans or workspace areas rely on comfort coolers – in simple terms the difference being the human body putting heat & water [sweat] into the air whereas equipment only dissipate heat.	Currently there is an inadequate "comfort cooler" type air-conditioner installed in the server room.



Aspect	Considerations	Status Comment
Process Air Conditioners vs. Comfort Air Conditioners	Process air conditioners are designed to operate 24 x 7 compared to comfort coolers that have been designed for an 8 x 5 time frame. Incorrect application could result in comfort coolers operating for too long periods, which in turn will result in major repair work required after a relatively short period of time. The air filtration via a process cooler is of a much higher standard due to specific filter and fan applications that could not be achieved with comfort coolers. Air conditioning must be rated according to the heat load generated within the room with at least 35% spare	Not installed / Implemented
	capacity available.	
Humidity	Humidity should be controlled and kept between 45 to 50%. If the humidity drops below 45% electro static discharge [ESD] may be encountered, whilst a level of more than 50% would result in corrosive problems associated with high humidity levels.	Not installed / Implemented
Temperature	 The acceptable temperature levels are between 21°C and 23°C. Data centres and server rooms require process cooling for a number of reasons: The heat load in a computer room is very dense. Data centres generally have up to 8 x the heat density of offices or a workspace environment. The heat load in a data centre varies from area to area, depending on the layout within the room. The cooling system must be able to address the specific needs of each piece of equipment. The data centre heat load will change when additional hardware is added and the cooling system must be adaptable to such changes. The data centre cooling system must provide for adequate change of air in the conditioned space. While a normal office-cooling environment requires only 2 x air changes / hour, the high-density heat load in a data centre could require as many as 30 x changes / hour. 	Not installed / Implemented
to the equipment. These implemented. A direct re extension units or so-call leave a multitude of equi	S - Careful & defailed planning is required in order to provide a means parameters are usually strictly followed in the early stages but overlo sult of this is that electrical circuits are left out of the picture when ado led "double-adaptors" are used when the need to connect arises. This pment in the dark. Apart from this, overloading of the circuits in this m	s or adequate, reliable & stable power source oked when hardware alterations are ditional hardware is installed and socket s is a huge risk as one faulty circuit could nanner is creating a fire & safety hazard.
Normal Supply	This is the connection received on site from the supply authority. Although the municipality does not have much control over the quality of the connection, the electrical supply should be within defined parameters and the critical rating of each centre will determine whether the room can operate on the normal electrical supply or whether a standby generator and / or UPS would be required. Only in cases with absolutely noncritical hardware, one would consider operating only via the normal feed. It does, however, occur that, through accidents, copper theft or even planned shutdowns that power failures and surges are experienced (that were not anticipated) – hence the need for standby generators or even UPS modules.	The municipality cannot operate using only the normal feed supply. There is a need for a UPS.
Constant Voltage Transformers (CVT's)	If the municipality can accept interruptions but power fluctuations are not inside the relevant parameters (see below), the municipality can consider the application of constant voltage transformers [CVT's], or other means of voltage / supply stabilisers. Some guidelines with regards to acceptable fluctuations in South Africa: Frequency: 49,5 – 50,5 Hz Supply voltage: 198 – 231 V Impulses: 550 V Sags: 0 V for less than10mS	A study should be done to determine the nature and cause of fluctuations in order to determine whether a CVT is necessary.



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Uninterruptible	The municipality cannot afford to have the server room	The current UPS is outdated and
Power Supply (UPS)	interrupted without having known about the interruption	inadequate. A new UPS will be installed on
	beforehand, as certain hardware or data might be lost due to	11 July 2009 which will service the server
	actions of this nature. However, the municipality may be able to	room and certain (red) plug-points
	more planned and orderly fachion	inroughout the building for a period of approximately 20 minutes in order for the
		municipality to switch off its systems in a
		safe and orderly manner.
Standby Generator	If the municipality simply cannot operate without the system or	A standby generator is not required at this
	the municipality stand to suffer financial losses due to the system	stage as a UPS is adequate (at this stage).
	being switched off a standby generator may be necessary. This	
	LIPS systems [more than one LIPS] are applied	
Earthing and	Grounding design in a server room environment must address	Not installed / Implemented
Bonding	both the electrical service as well as the equipment. The earth	·
	should not be used as the sole equipment-grounding conductor.	
	A properly designed grounding system should have as low	
	electronic devices as well as for safety. It is also important that	
	the ground should be continuous from the central grounding point	
	at the origin of the building system. Electronic equipment can be	
	sensitive to stray currents and electronic noise. It is important to	
	utilise a continuous, dedicated ground for the entire power	
	arounds being used. All metallic objects on the	
	premises that enclose electrical conductors or that are likely to be	
	energised by electrical currents (e.g., circuit faults, electrostatic	
	discharge, and lightning) should be effectively grounded for	
	reasons of personnel safety, fire hazard reduction, protection of	
	metallic objects will facilitate over current device operation and	
	permit return currents from EMI filters and surge suppressors to	
	flow in the proper fashion. The common point of grounding can	
	be connected to any number of sources (water piping, driven	
	earth rod, buried grid, building steel, etc.). It is important that whatever the source, the ground is carried through the entire	
	system from this source. Ideally, the central point of grounding	
	will be connected to multiple ground sources, such as the	
	building steel, buried grid and cold water piping. If they are	
	connected at the same point, there is no potential for ground	
	round could runture, building steel could have accumulated	
	resistance over several floors. By tying into all of these, the	
	possibility of a disruption is greatly minimised.	
Wiring and Cabling	All wiring and cabling should be run in an orderly and efficient	Not installed / Implemented
	manner. This is particularly important beneath the raised floor.	
	and it is important that obsolete cabling be removed so as to	
	avoid airflow obstructions and to allow for future installations.	
	Orderly cabling will minimise the potential for disruption due to	
	disconnection of cables when work is taking place.	L
Fire Detection - A fire v	vithin the server room can have catastrophic effects on the operation	ns of the room. The destructive force of a fire
can damage equipment	and the building structure beyond repair. The contamination from	a smouldering fire can also have damaging
can have a damaging in	and can carry neavy costs in repairs. Even it the actual fife is avoid mact on hardware. Whether measured in their threat to human safe	ty damage to computer equipment or loss of
business due to system	s disruption, the costs of a fire can be staggering. Numerous steps	can be taken to avoid the risk of fire in the
server room environmer	t. Compliance with NFPA 75 will greatly increase the fire safety in	the server room. The precautions mentioned
below should be taken in	to consideration in the design and maintenance of the server room a	nd support areas.
Unnecessary Storage	Avoid unnecessary storage. Combustible materials should be	Not installed / Implemented
	avoided in the server room. Only the minimum supplies	
	absolutely necessary to the functioning of the room should be	
	unnecessary items should be removed as soon as possible	
Air-Conditioners	Reheat-coils on the air conditioners should be checked	Not installed / Implemented
	periodically. If left unused for long periods of time, these can	
	collect layers of dust that smoulder or ignite when the unit is	



Aspect	Considerations	Status Comment
Penetrations	The room perimeter should be inspected periodically for	Not installed / Implemented
	penetrations. Penetrations can expose the serer room to	
	influences from more loosely controlled areas. An alarm or	
	suppression system discharge caused by conditions outside the	
Smake Detectors	Server room is unacceptable.	Net installed / Implemented
Smoke Delectors	offect on the temperatures in the room. The smoke itself can	Not installed / implemented
	impact the computer hardware and it is necessary to employ a	
	detection system that is sensitive to smoke and other products of	
	combustion rather than temperature. The specific detection and	
	extinguishing system is dependent on the specific design and	
	exposures of the individual server room area. NFPA 75	
	regulations should be applied as far as possible.	
Suppression	A passive suppression system reacts to detected hazards with no	Not installed / Implemented
Systems	manual intervention. The most common forms of passive	
	suppression are sprinkler systems or chemical suppression	
	action (dry nine). A flooded system incorporates nines that are	
	full at all times allowing the system to discharge immediately	
	upon threat detection. A pre-action system will flood the sprinkler	
	pipes upon an initial detection, but will have a delay before actual	
	discharge. Chemical total flooding systems work by suffocating	
	the fire within the controlled zone.	
Chemical Flooding	Chemical total flooding systems work by suffocating the fire	Not installed / Implemented
Repression Systems	within the controlled zone. The suppression chemical most often	
	found in server rooms has always been Halon 1301. Halon has	
	friendly EM200 NAE SIII. Carbon diavide ICO21 suppression	
	systems are also used but can be a concern due to operator	
	safety issues in the instance of a discharge. These can be used	
	independently, or in combination depending on the exposures in	
	the room and insurance requirements. The ideal system would	
	incorporate both a gas system and a pre-action water sprinkler	
	system in the ambient space. The gas suppression systems are	
	friendlier to the hardware in the event of a discharge. Water	
	sprinklers often cause catastrophic and irreparable damage to	
	the hardware, whereas the hardware in a room subjected to a	
	room is purged	
Manual Means of	Manual means of fire suppression system discharge should also	Not installed / Implemented
Suppression	be installed. These should take the form of manual pull stations	·····
	at strategic points in the room. In areas where gas suppression	
	systems are used, there is normally also a means of manual	
	abort for the suppression system. In designs where it is	
	necessary to hold the abort button to maintain the delay in	
	discharge, it is essential that a means of communication is	
Fire Extinguishers	Portable fire extinguishers should also be placed strategically	Not installed / Implemented
The Extinguishers	throughout the room. These should be unobstructed, and should	
	be clearly marked. Labels should be visible above the tall	
	computer equipment from across the room. Appropriate tile lifters	
	should be located at each extinguisher station to allow access to	
	the sub floor void for inspection, or to address a fire.	
Lightning / Surge Prote	ection - A good quality on-line UPS with filtering on the primary side	of the system will normally stop most spikes
originating upstream fro	om the UPS. This is however where the protection in this regard	rd from a UPS ends, as it is primarily an
uninterruptible power so	urce - not, contrary to what many might believe, a device to safeguar	d us against the impact of lighting.
Lightning Surges	Lightning surges cannot be stopped, but they can be diverted.	Not installed / Implemented
	The plans for the server room should be thoroughly reviewed to	
	identity any paths for surge entry into the room. Surge arrestors	
	can be designed into the system to help mitigate the potential for	
	nower of the surge by providing a path to ground for the surge	
	energy. It is often easier to protect the immediate circuits entering	
	the server.	
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Aspect	Considerations	Status Comment
Surges Through	It is also necessary to protect against surges through the	Not installed / Implemented
Communications	communications lines. The specific design of the lightning	
Lines	protection system for the server room will be dependent on the	
	design of the building and utilities and existing protection	
	Measures.	
	Can Annanding A fair a graphic reflection of what should / could	
	be done	
Remote Monitoring / El	nvironmental Control - Accurate and comprehensive monitoring of e	environmental support equipment and in-room
conditions is extremely	important in an environment as complex and sensitive as a serve	er room. The monitoring system used must
enectively assess the ro	ion condutions, of it will provide an inaccurate representation that ca	
Room Condition	The system in place must provide a detailed and representative	Not installed / Implemented
Sensors	profile of room conditions. If a single point of reference is used, it	
	sensor is placed in an area with appropriate conditions, such as	
	on a column directly above a perforated tile the monitoring	
	system would be indicating that room conditions are appropriate	
	even though this may not be the case. Assumptions concerning	
	the environment that are based on such data can lead to	
	decisions that could actually degrade conditions. The same can	
	be said about a multi-point system that has inappropriately	
	placed sensors.	
Historical Trends	The system should have historical trend capabilities. The data	Not installed / Implemented
	gleaned from analysis of historical psychometric information can	
	be instrumental in determining seasonal changes or other outside	
	influences. The data should be easily available, and the	
Ouitie al Alauna	operating system should be powerful and adaptable.	Net in stalle d / levels or suite d
Critical Alarm	Ine system should have critical alarm capabilities. At the very	Not Installed / Implemented
Capabilities	when conditions move outside certain parameters. Depending on	
	the design of the server room it may also be useful to have a	
	system that performs certain functions automatically such as	
	switching to a back-up air-conditioner if the primary air-	
	conditioner fails.	
Comprehensive	Comprehensive monitoring systems provide an invaluable tool to	Not installed / Implemented
Monitoring System	building maintenance personnel. They are essential in correcting	
	current problems in an expedient manner and identifying potential	
	susceptibilities before they impact hardware operations. It is	
	crucial that such a system operates totally independent from	
	applications such as LAN connectivity, power supply, etc. In order	
	although it might be preferred to see the alarm situation being	
	displayed as a notification message via the local data network on	
	The relevant official(s) screens, the municipality would then have	
	to rely on the LAN to be 100% operational in order to be effective.	
	Whilst on the other hand, if the monitoring system could operate	
	via an external GSM or satellite means of broadcasting, the	
	municipality would have external means of notification /	
	communication should the municipality's infrastructure or	
	channels be affected.	

10. Back-up Procedures

- 10.1 The prevention of unlawful attacks on the Council's systems is of paramount importance as is the backup of essential data of these systems to restore the databases to their previous day's state if there should be a failure of either the hardware or the software.
- 10.2 Daily Back-Ups:
 - 10.2.1 A daily back-up of both the Domain Controller and the Venus Server are to be done. The Domain Controller is to be backed-up on both magnetic tape and the hard drive.
 - 10.2.2 The Venus server is to be backed-up on magnetic tape.
 - 10.2.3 These back-up tapes are to be clearly labelled with the day of the week and the tapes are to be inserted at the end of the working day.



- 10.2.4 The back-up software will run the back-ups automatically after hours in order not to interfere with the day-to-day workings of the municipality.
- 10.2.5 The daily back-up tapes are stored in the server.
- 10.3 Monthly Back-Ups:
 - 10.3.1 On the last working day of every month, a back-up of the Venus system will be run.
 - 10.3.2 The magnetic tape with the back-up will be stored in a safety deposit box held at First National Bank for offsite safekeeping.
 - 10.3.3 This is in addition to the daily back-up.

11. Recovery Procedures

- 11.1 In the event of hardware failure / loss, the relevant hardware must be replaced first, after which the relevant software must be reinstalled and reconfigured. This will be done by the relevant service providers (i.e. Venus Business Connexion) in terms of the Service Level Agreement between the municipality and the service provider.
- 11.2 The most recent back-up tape is to be obtained (either from on site storage or the offsite safety deposit box).
- 11.3 The relevant service provider (i.e. Venus Business Connexion) will then restore the data from the back-up tape.
- 11.4 Before system usage can resume as usual, test and checks have to be performed in order to ensure that the back-up was successfully restored.

12. Separate Recovery Site

- 12.1 The Municipality will, in future, look at one of the following options:
 - i. Buying back-up servers in the order of importance as mentioned above. All of the servers should be installed and configured to be the same as the existing machines. Once that exercise is complete those machines will be placed off-site, so that in the event that the whole building gets damaged the backup machines will just be taken from off-site, plug in and be online immediately thus minimising down time. The off-site equipment should be tested once a month to make sure that everything is in order.
 - ii. Installing a duplicate server off-site with a direct fibre link in order to duplicate all information in real-time. In the event of a disaster occurring and affecting the primary server(s), the duplicate server can be switched to become the primary server in a relatively short period and with minimal reconfiguration (depending on the level of destruction to the network).



Appendix A

Graphical reflection of Lightning / Surge Protection



