The City of Tshwane has a transparent and accountable municipal administration consisting of almost 13,000 employees. The Municipal Manager heads the Tshwane administration, and is assisted by the Chief Operating Officer. The municipal area includes Pretoria, Centurion, Akasia, Soshangwe, Mabopane, Atteridgeville, Ga-Rankuwa, Winterveld, Hammanskraal, Temba, Pienaarshirier, Crocodile River and Mamelodi. The area is inhabited by approximately 2.2 million people. The City of Tshwane’s vision is to be the leading international African Capital City of excellence that empowers the community to prosper in a safe and healthy environment.

City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality Chose QPR Collaborative Management Suite As Their Performance Management System

According to the Constitution of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996), a municipality must structure and manage its administrative, budgeting and planning processes to give priority to the basic needs of the community, and promote the social and economic development of the community. City of Tshwane (CTMM) is using QPR as their performance management solution.

City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality made a decision to implement the Balanced Scorecard as their performance management methodology of choice in order to assist the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for the city.

Easy-to-use QPR solution replaced the old paper based performance system

The original performance system was paper based and city management found it very difficult to manage as it was quite cumbersome, difficult to track performance, difficult to manage cross departmental Key Performance Indicators (KPI), and most of all difficult to align individual Key Performance Areas (KPA) to organizational objectives.

City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality (CTMM) saw a clear need to automate their existing paper based system and through a rigorous tender process selected QPR Collaborative Management Suite (QPR 7) as the solution of choice.

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QPR solution provides various benefits to us

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In phase I of the implementation we created the first four reporting level scorecards that range from Municipal Manager, Chief Operating Officer, Senior Executive Officers, and General Managers. Phase II of the implementation consists of cascading down to operational level 5&6 where we will implement scorecards and processes for our managers and deputy managers. Through effective change management, communication and training we have been able to educate approximately 95% of our senior management team to actively track and monitor performance as well as actively collaborate through action planning to improve performance” says Harriet Kwinda, HR General Manager.

The CTMM solution should fit well with the Tshwane Development Management Cycle that requires communication of CTMM vision and strategy, projects and performance to target, collaboration on business planning, budgets and target setting, measurement of objectives and individual KPA’s, and the value adding process driving this cycle to the people activity and responsibility level.

“Through Process Management with QPR we have clearly identified and communicated the responsible areas and steps necessary to implement mandate when looking at our Development Management Cycle as a whole”

Development Management Cycle will utilize QPR in the future

In the future CTMM plans to incorporate business planning as part of the QPR implementation as it is crucial to utilize the performance and process management system within the Tshwane Development Management Cycle.

The system will incorporate the following:

- Planning
  - Strategy formulation
  - Budget planning
  - Performance target agreement
- Monitoring
  - Follow-up of actuals
  - Forecasting
  - Proactive and corrective actions
- Reporting
  - Monthly financial reports
  - Monthly performance reports

“It is crucial that we utilize the historical information and trends from the system to plan our service delivery to our citizens in the future”.

“Since the QPR solution is so flexible it enables us to truly drive our business planning with the system”.

“It is my vision that all the information needed to fulfill our mandate would be easily accessible and managed within the system allowing us to export all the official information in our CTMM business plan format” says Harriet Kwinda.