



Deputy Mayor Cllr Belinda Francis Scott – EtheKwini Municipality

Belinda Francis Scott was elected to public office in 1994 as a Member of the KZN Provincial Legislature. During her tenure she chaired numerous Portfolio Committees, and then the Finance Portfolio Committee for ten years. In 2014 she was elected as the MEC for Finance in KwaZulu-Natal, concluding her term in May 2019.

As MEC of Finance she kept the province's finances on a firm footing during the most challenging economic times and fiscal consolidation period experienced in South Africa due to the global recession. During her ministry, Provincial Treasury received 5 consecutive clean audits. Cllr Belinda has recently been appointed as the Deputy Mayor of the eThekweni Municipality, forming part of a high level leadership delegation to resolve the many challenges that beset the city and to propel the investment and growth potential of eThekweni to new heights.

Belinda has numerous education qualifications including a Masters in Industrial and Labour Studies. She will be embarking on her Doctorate in Constitutional Law with UKZN in the New Year. Belinda is a passionate champion for the homeless, particularly vulnerable infants and children, and works actively with many NGOs in this sector. In addition to overseeing the finances of the metropole, Belinda will assist in tackling the social ills in the inner city and will be leading the Safer Cities programme.