

Media Statement
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AUGUST 2021 STATEMENT

The Limpopo Provincial Government held its Executive Council meeting on the 25 August 2021 to mark the end of the first quarter. Key to this all important engagement, was to engage quarterly reports by provincial departments and its entities.

1. Schools Sanitation

Recognising the challenges with some of the schools in Limpopo without adequate sanitation, EXCO has set tight timelines for the completion of pit latrines in schools. The decision is that, the current 200 plus sanitation projects that are under implementation should be concluded by end of March 2022.

2. Infrastructure Projects

The Executive Council had noted that due to the detrimental effects resulting from Covid-19 and other factors, implementation of infrastructure projects in the province is taking longer than stipulated timelines. Therefore, EXCO implored that there should be change of attitude in the implementation of all infrastructure projects and that consequences management should apply when there is a need.

3. Management of Co-operatives

EXCO raised a concern about the lethargic manner in which the management of co-operatives is being handled. Therefore, it was directed that Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, should compile a detailed report on the management of co-operatives, outlining challenges and proposed remedial actions to be presented to the next EXCO meeting.

4. Established of the provincial State Theatre

EXCO resolved that the establishment of the Provincial State Theatre should go ahead as planned. Therefore, all plans and implementation strategies towards this important project, should be reported to EXCO, with this project scheduled as standing item during all future EXCO meetings.

5. Appointment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Military Veterans:

EXCO approved the appointment of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Military Veterans as outlined below:

- MEC Treasury, Chairperson;
- MEC Coghsta, Deputy Chairperson,
- All other MECs, members;
- All Executive Mayor's, ex-officio members.

This Inter-Ministerial Committee is tasked with the handling and the management of the welfare of all the military veterans in the province.

6. Stabilisation of Gateway Airport Authority Limited (GAAL):

EXCO noted the report on the stabilization of the Gateway Airports Authority Limpopo (GAAL). The report, contains tangible deliverables with timelines, tailored made for implementation to rescue the provincial airports company from liquidation.

7. The intervention in the case of Mogalakwena Municipality.

EXCO directed that the provincial Governance and Administrative Cluster, put effective guidelines aimed at unlocking all the challenges preventing Mogalakwena Local Municipality from being functional. The report detailing challenges, including but not limited to the resignation of the Head of the Intervention Team has also been referred to the cluster.

The governance and administration cluster has been directed to report to EXCO on all the interventions made to move the municipality out of its dysfunctional status.

8. Covid-19 Vaccination Drive

The Executive Council noted the report that currently, Limpopo is leading the entire country with regard to the number of people who received Covid-19 vaccination. The province was standing at 1,2 million vaccinated people by the time of the meeting. With the official launch of vaccination for people 18 years and above, EXCO directed that the excellent job by the provincial department of Health should be supported by all political party leaders, Traditional Leaders, Faith-based Organisations, Civil Society and the general populace.

EXCO made a clarion call to everyone in Limpopo to vaccinate and ignore conspiracy theories formulated to discourage people from being vaccinated.

In conclusion, the executive council granted concurrence for the extension of the employment contract of Mr. Nape Nchabeleng as the Director General of Limpopo Provincial Administration and Accounting Officer of the Office of the Premier for the period of five years.

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