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LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16 OCTOBER 2019

Limpopo Provincial Government's Executive Council (EXCO) held a meeting on the 16 October 2019 in Polokwane. The meeting was chaired by the Acting Premier Seaparo Sekoati. The Acting Premier condemned brutal acts of raping a six year old girl who sustained serious injuries and was in ICU for two weeks. The little girl succumbed to the injuries and lost her life. He deemed the incident to be gruesome and senseless.

1. Department of Health Turnaround Strategy

Members of the Executive noted a progress report on the turnaround strategy by the Department of Health. The turnaround strategy was developed subsequent to persistent challenges experienced by the department over the past few years. The strategy aims to ensure effective and efficient provision of services such as Primary Health Care, Mobile clinic services, Emergency services, Specialist treatment for patients, amongst others.

At the center of this strategy is acquisition of appropriate technology that would improve laboratory services, pharmaceutical depot management and general functioning of health

facilities in the province. Decrease in accruals is a positive sign that the strategy is yielding positive results.

2. Recognition of Traditional Leaders

EXCO approved the recognition of Mohlatlego Phillip Tauatsoala, as the Acting senior Traditional leader of Babirwa Community in terms of Section 15 (2) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that he be remunerated accordingly.

3. Stabilization of Mogalakwena Municipality

EXCO received progress reports on stabilization of Mogalakwena municipalities and noted the following challenges, monitoring and management of the MIG funded projects, non-availability of counter funding (municipality own funds). The sewer plant project, which is funded by MIG and own funding, has stalled due to non-availability of own funding after MIG portion of the funding has been exhausted. Continuous community protests, allegations of fraud, corruption and maladministration in the municipality.

EXCO approved that (1) the MEC for COGHSTA should constitute a multi-disciplinary Task Team to prepare a diagnostic report dealing with service delivery and financial challenges confronting the Municipality and the Report's recommendations will inform appropriate interventions and (2) the MEC for Treasury should urgently commission a forensic investigation on various matters pertaining to allegations of fraud, misconduct and financial mismanagement in the municipality.

4. Stabilization of Collins Chabane Municipality

The report on the State of Affairs in the municipality was received by Members of the Executive. Most of the government departments (CoGHSTA, LEDET) are providing services in the municipality unhindered. Stabilization of the Municipality will continue to receive a priority.

5. Foster Care Evaluation

Members of the Executive approved the Evaluation report on the Foster Care Programme. The Office of the Premier commissioned an evaluation of the Foster Care Programme in Limpopo to assess its implementation and impact. Some of the key findings of the report include:

- Number of Foster children increased from 25 000 in 2005 to 60 000 in 2014.
- Processing time for Foster Care placement has improved.
- Foster Child Grant is a safety net for children orphaned by the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

The Provincial Government continues to implement programmes that are geared towards improving the lives of the children in Limpopo.

6. Presidential launch – District Coordinated Development Model- Waterberg District

District Co-ordinated Development Model was presented to the Members of the Executive. The model was first pronounced during the Budget Speech and later endorsed by the Presidential Co-coordinating Council (PCC). The model aims to address development challenges through collective and integrated planning by all three spheres of government, private sector, civil society and organized labour. This will ensure optimal impact and tangible improvement in people's lives. One of Limpopo's districts, Waterberg has been chosen for piloting this approach and the President of the country will grace the launch. Further details will be provided for in due course.

In preparation for the launch, four (04) Technical Working Groups (TWG) have been established to co-ordinate activities towards development of Waterberg District One Plan.

They are:

- Governance and leadership
- Infrastructure Delivery
- Local Economic Development
- Social Development, Safety and Security

The Technical Working Groups are expected to conduct the status quo analysis of the district, identify challenges and recommend mechanisms of interventions.

7. EXCO Budget Lekgotla

Members of the Executive approved hosting of EXCO Budget Lekgotla. The Lekgotla will be held on the 13th November 2019. The focus will be on the review of provincial service delivery issues, including on the performance of the provincial economy, status of infrastructure delivery and the expenditure trends to date, and also deliberate on the provincial priorities over the 2020/21 MTEF period. These priorities will inform budget allocations for 2020/21 MTEF period.

8. Upcoming Events

The Framework for International Children's Day was approved by EXCO. The event to celebrate the day will be hosted at Blouberg Local Municipality, Inveraan village on the 02 November 2019.

EXCO also approved the nature and character of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities day to be held on the 3 December 2019 at Nsovo Disability Care Centre, Collins Chabane municipality.

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