



LIMPOPO

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
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MEDIA STATEMENT

Attention: To all Media
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The Limpopo Provincial Government held its Executive Council meeting on the 17 October 2018 to discuss issues that has a huge impact on the improvement of service delivery in the province: The following were discussed:

1. Stability Assessment Report

A report providing a status on the Provincial Threat and Risk Priority Joint Operations Committees (PROVJOINTS) was presented to the Executive Council meeting.

a) Governance: Municipal Demarcation:-

Whilst Collins Chabane Local Municipality has been stable for some time, new developments related to demarcation matters and municipal performance threaten stability. A new structure called the Vuwani Demarcation Task Team (VDTT) has emerged. Whereupon the VDTT is advocating for the establishment of a fifth municipality in the Vhembe District. The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) is set to be lobbied to establish the fifth municipality through re-demarcating some Wards from Makhado, Collins Chabane and Thulamela Local Municipalities.

b) Impact of VBS Mutual Bank's liquidity crisis:-

Insofar as VBS Mutual Bank and municipalities that invested with the bank is concerned, it is acknowledged that while investigations are underway, the impact on governance, labour relations, service delivery, government's reputational integrity and ultimately stability within the affected Municipalities requires attention;

c) Transport:-

During the reporting period, inter-provincial taxi conflict re-emerged, involving taxi associations from Limpopo and Gauteng, where tensions between Polokwane Local and Long Distance Taxi

Association (POLLDTA) and rivals from Gauteng about the loading of passengers were observed. Gauteng operators are not allowed to load passengers at Polokwane Taxi Rank, as they refuse POLLDTA permission to load passengers in Gauteng;

d) Crime and vigilantism:-

Communities' reaction to crime continues to threaten stability in the affected areas, finding expression in the form of violent and disruptive protests, sometimes targeting the police, as well as acts of vigilantism/mob justice (especially following murder cases where bodies were mutilated, and when community members have identified suspects).

The Executive Council directed as follows:-

That The Stability Assessment Report should be enhanced to provide advanced intelligence analysis so that EXCO members are given prior warning on potential security threats and are able to act on the matters at hand; and that in future the presentation of the Stability Assessment Report should be enhanced to only provide key highlights in the report, without necessarily going through the detailed report.

2. State of Readiness: 2018 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examinations

The state of readiness for the 2018 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations was presented to the Executive Council meeting.

The report highlighted the following:-

The number learners enrolled for the 2018 National Senior Certificate (NSC) is 96 831, which is down to the number that was registered for the 2017 NSC examinations, i.e. 100 052. The number of progressed learners who enrolled for the 2018 NSC is 24 764, which is slightly above the number of progressed learners who enrolled for matric in 2017, i.e. 23 254. Security of exam papers has been enhanced in this manner:-

- i. Thus far, 52 storage points have been identified, 42 of which have been approved by the Department of Basic Education;
- ii. The number of distribution points has been confirmed as 134;
- iii. Printing and packaging has been automated; and

- iv. All principals and HoD's have been trained on security aspects pertaining to the examinations;

In efforts to mobilise society to support the 2018 NSC learners, the Limpopo Department of Education (LDoE) launched the Matric countdown on the 11th October 2018 at the University of Limpopo; and on the 12th October 2018, the LDoE led the signing of the pledge in all schools, with the main ceremony taking place at the SJ Van Der Merwe Technical High School.

3. State of Readiness: 2019 General Elections

The current five year term of the National Assembly and nine (9) Provincial Legislatures ends on 6 May 2019. Sections 49 and 108 of Constitution provide that when these terms expire the President and Premiers must by proclamation call and set dates for an election which must be held within 90 days, and thus the National and provincial elections must be held between 7 May and 5 August 2019. The Independent Electoral Commission has held an engagement with the President on preparations and election planning during August 2018, and the President subsequently announced his intention to hold elections before the end of May 2019.

The Executive Council also directed that the IEC should exert more effort to acquire the outstanding addresses so that by the time the elections are held the outstanding cases have been reduced significantly and that COGHSTA should assist the IEC through the Community Development Workers (CDWs) to get the outstanding addresses.

4. Revised Limpopo Provincial Rental Management Policy

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure has, in consultation with the Office of the Premier and Provincial Treasury reviewed the Limpopo Provincial Rental Policy in order to adhere to an undertaking made with the labour unions.

5. EXCO Budget Lekgotla

The Provincial Government will host the EXCO Budget Lekgotla on the 14th November 2018. As part of National Planning Framework of government, the Mid-Term Expenditure Committee (MTEC) hearings conducted by the Provincial Treasury provide an insight into the current financial year's budget pressures as well as the MTEF budget requests in respect of Provincial Departments and State-Owned

Entities. The EXCO Budget Lekgotla will thus focus on the review of provincial and municipal expenditure trends to date, forecasted expenditure up to the end of the 2018/19 financial year. In line with the requirements of departments to maintain fiscal discipline through reprioritization from non-core items to cover contractual obligations as well as non-negotiable items, the Budget Lekgotla will also consider progress on implementation of procurement plans so as to ensure timely implementation of programmes and projects linked to the departmental APP targets.

a) The Budget Lekgotla will in the main focus on the following reports:-

- i. Overview by the Director-General with specific focus on the implementation of the Limpopo Development Plan during the current term of Provincial Administration (i.e. 2014/15 – 2018/19);
- ii. Report by the Provincial Treasury with specific focus on the Provincial Socio-Economic Framework;
- iii. Expenditure Bilaterals and MTEF Projections for the 2019/20 MTEF by the Provincial Treasury;
- iv. Strategic assessment on the State of Municipalities Report (Including Implementation of the Back to Basics Programme during the current term of Provincial Administration, i.e. 2014/15 – 2018/19) by COGHSTA;
- v. Strategic assessment on the implementation of Key Infrastructure Projects during the current term of Provincial Administration (i.e. 2014/15 – 2018/19) by the DPWRI;
- vi. Strategic assessment on the implementation of the Clusters' Programmes of Action during the current term of Provincial Administration (i.e. 2014/15 – 2018/19) by the Office of the Premier; and
- vii. Consolidated report by LEDET on the Special Economic Zones (Musina-Makhado and Tubatse SEZ Projects).

6. Presidential and Premier Hotlines 1st Quarter Report for 2018/19

A report on the management of service delivery cases reported through the Presidential and Premier Hotlines during the 1st quarter of the 2018/19 financial year was presented to the Executive Council meeting.

A detailed account on the achievements made in the management of Presidential and Premier Hotline cases and highlighted areas of over and under-performance during the period under review, including the interventions that will be implemented to address the areas of under-performance.

7. Appointment of Senior Traditional Leaders

Recognition of Mamadi A borekwe Thomas as Regent: Babirwa-ba-ga-Mamidi Traditional Community

The Executive Council approved the recognition of Mamadi A borekwe Thomas as Regent of Babirwa-ba-Ga-Mamadi Traditional Community in terms of with Chapter 4, Section 15(2) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that he is remunerated accordingly.

Recognition of Mashegwane Moklabata as Acting Senior Traditional Leader: Tau Tswaledi Traditional Community

The Executive Council approved the withdrawal of the recognition of Mashegwane Dithoto Lehutjo as Acting Senior Traditional Leader of Tau Tswaledi Traditional Community in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 15(4) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005.

On the same note, the Executive Council approved the recognition of Mashegwane Moklabata as the acting Senior Traditional Leader of Tau-Tswaledi Traditional Community in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 15(2) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that he be remunerated accordingly.

Recognition of Seloana Makgope Mofenyi as Senior Traditional Leader: Batau-ba-Seloana Traditional Community

A memorandum on the withdrawal of the recognition of Seloana Ngwanamohube Dina as Acting Senior Traditional Leader of Batau-Seloana Traditional Community and the recognition of Seloana Makgope Mofenyi as Senior Traditional Leader of Batau-Seloana Traditional Community was presented to the Executive Council meeting.

The Executive Council approved the withdrawal of the recognition of Seloana Ngwanamohube Dina as Acting Senior Traditional Leader of of Batau-ba-Seloana Traditional Community and there cognition of Seloana Makgope Mofenyi as Senior Traditional Leader of Batau-ba-Seloana Traditional Community in accordance with Section 12(1)(b) of Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutional Act, No. 6 of 2005, and that he be remunerated accordingly.

Recognition of Seraki Mampuru Nicodemus As Acting Senior Traditional Leader: Marota-Tsatane Traditional Community

The Executive Council approved the withdrawal of the recognition of Seraki Mathuding Rachel as Acting Senior Traditional Leader of Marota-Tšatane Traditional Community and the recognition of Seraki Mampuru Nicodemus as Acting Senior Traditional Leader of Marota-Tšatane Traditional Community in accordance with Section 15(2)(3)(4) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that he be remunerated accordingly.

Recognition of Shongoane Ranare Joseph as Senior Traditional Leader: Shongoane Traditional Community

The Executive Council approved the withdrawal of the recognition of Shongoane Mapitso Anna as Acting as Senior Traditional Leader of Shongoane Traditional Community and the recognition of Shongoane Ranare Joseph as Senior Traditional Leader of Shongoane Traditional Community in accordance with Section 12(1)(b) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that he be remunerated accordingly.

Recognition of Thobejane Mogaramedi Kamogelo as Acting Senior Traditional Leader: Mafefe Traditional Community

The Executive Council approved the withdrawal of the recognition of Thobejane Sepeke Victor as Acting Senior Traditional Leader of Mafefe Traditional Community in accordance with Section 13(3) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005.

In the same vain, the Executive Council approved the recognition of Thobejane Mogaramedi Kamogelo as Senior Traditional Leader of Mafefe Traditional Community in accordance with Section 12(1)(b) of the

Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that he be remunerated accordingly.

8. Re-allocation of Funds to Pay Creditors in the Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality

The Executive Council approved the release of funding to the amount of R 70 million for immediate relief to the Municipality for business continuity provision of basic services on condition that the Council adopts a resolution on the institution of forensic investigation on the alleged corruption and mismanagement in the Municipality.

Following an assessment by the provincial team, and the need to ensure business continuity, an approval was made that the R70 million be utilised to pay the following service providers, namely EOH, Munsoft, Bathuthu Risk Services (insurance), Makgapsane Trading(security), Matome Moloto Securities, Rkhutsesa, PWC and South African Revenue Services.

9. Upcoming events

EXCO Public Participation Programme:

Premier Mathabatha will lead an EXCO Public Participation Programme at the Bela-Bela Township in the Bela-Bela Municipality on the 26th October 2018. He will also officially open a clinic in the area.

Limpopo Provincial Transport Indaba

The Province will host the Transport Indaba on the 25th October 2018 at The Ranch.

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