



LIMPOPO

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MEDIA STATEMENT

Attention: To all Media

Date: 27 September 2018

Provincial Government Executive Council has met on the 26th September 2018 to discuss issues that has a huge impact on the improvement of service delivery in the province: The following were discussed:

1. Thohoyandou Taxi Rank Status Report

- a) The bid for the construction of a new taxi facility, temporary taxi relocation facility and 15 bus/taxi drop-off points in Thohoyandou was advertised in April 2011. The construction contract was awarded by the Department and construction of the Thohoyandou taxi facility commenced in June 2011 and reached practical completion in June 2013;
- b) Sections of the first floor slabs started showing cracks. The Consortium that was appointed by Intersite Asset Investments (Implementing Agent) then did a structural engineering assessment on the major structural elements of the building;
- c) Although the Consortium commissioned a structural assessment on the structure the Department deemed it necessary to obtain a professional, independent opinion from a structural specialist due to the discrepancies in the reports and the price proposals for the proposed remedial measures that the Department received from the Consortium;
- d) A Structural Engineer was appointed by the Department in January 2014 to do a detailed

- structural assessment on the entire taxi facility, including the retail and office block;
- e) The Structural Engineer conducted a detailed structural assessment on the entire structure and found several structural defects;
 - f) The Department has challenges in acquiring approved building plans and as-built drawings from the initial Implementing Agent, Intersite and the Consortium that rendered the professional services on the initial construction. These plans and drawings are required to obtain an occupation certificate by the Thulamela Municipality;
 - g) Legal Services of the Office of the Premier was approached in September 2017 to assist the Department in acquiring the building plans, as-built drawings and other documentation from Intersite, as well as to recover the cost of the remedial construction works;

2. Hosting of 2018 Provincial Golden Games: 02-03 October 2018

- a) The Executive Council has approved the hosting the annual Provincial Golden Games as part of the Active Ageing Programme for Older Persons in the Province during the 02-03 October 2018 at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane and the initiative to send a provincial delegation of participants to participate in the National Golden Games scheduled to take place during 21-26 October 2018 in Bloemfontein

The key objectives of the event will be to:-

- b) Enhance the quality of life and improve the health and well-being of older persons;
- c) Encourage older persons to embrace active ageing with a view to promoting self-representation;
- d) Promote social integration among older persons;
- e) Create awareness of the socio-cultural needs and interests of older persons.

3. Report on Illicit, Expired Goods and Illegal Businesses

Reports were received of looting, violence and damage to property of foreign businesses in the

Gauteng province due to the sale of expired goods. The special JCPS meeting was held to develop a pre-emptive approach to combat similar occurrences in the Limpopo province.

The following were identified by the meeting as contributory factors which may lead to a similar situation in the province if not dealt with promptly and effectively

- a) Lack of inspectorate capacity at municipalities, department of health and Consumer Protection
- b) Foreign businesses operating in rented structures and garages that do not seem to comply with health and safety regulations as well as building regulations;
- c) Lack of coordination of health and safety inspectorate oversight in the Province;
- d) The monitoring and enforcement seems to be fragmented and has a silo approach, which hinders effective coordinated enforcement of the various legislations and by-laws;
- e) Lack and/or non-enforcement of municipal by-laws;
- f) Capacity constraints of Municipalities to enforce health and safety and other by-laws;
- g) Challenges related to enforcement of immigration legislation. In this regard asylum seekers are, contrary to legislation, managing, renting and or operating business in the Province.

The Executive Council agreed on the following strategic thrust, short and long-term objectives:

- a) The PROVJOINTS Committee to develop a multi-disciplinary operational plan with all stakeholder departments to deal with illicit goods, expired foodstuff and illegal businesses in the Province;
- b) CoGHSTA to develop and coordinate municipal by-laws to govern formal and informal traders. This is to ensure that bylaws are uniform and enforceable at a provincial level;
- c) Municipalities to implement provisions of the Limpopo Business Regulation Act to

administer business activities and registration in the Province;

- d) Department of Health to coordinate a report on the extent and status of quality of food content, quality of goods and services provided by businesses;
- e) Consumer education and awareness to be strengthened in the communities; and
- f) Establish a Provincial Inspectorate Coordinating Committee to ensure a coordinated approach by Inspectorate Stakeholder Departments towards the prevention and management of the above-mentioned identified risks.

4. Recognition of Acting Senior Traditional Leader: Tau-Kgapola Traditional Council [CoGHSTA]

The Executive Council approved the recognition of Mantlatle Elizabeth Kgalaka as acting Senior Traditional Leader of Tau-Kgaphola Traditional Community in line with Chapter 4, Section 15(2) of the Limpopo Traditional Leadership and Institutions Act No. 6 of 2005, and that she be remunerated accordingly.

5. Hosting of 2018 National and School Indigenous Games and Limpopo Annual Sports Awards

The Executive Council approved the hosting of the 2018 National and School Indigenous Games scheduled to be held during 23-28 September 2018 by the Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) in Limpopo and hosting of the Limpopo Annual Sports Awards Ceremony on the 29th September 2018 at Jack Botes Hall in Polokwane.

6. Review of the EXCO Imbizo Programme

The Office of the Premier has been mandated to coordinate EXCO Imbizo Programme anchored around the Thuma Mina Campaign from September 2018 to May 2019.

- a) The activation of the Thuma Mina campaign is within the context or confines of Government programmes manifest itself in respect to service delivery challenges and

appropriate interventions;

- b) An outline on the proposed venues to host the EXCO Imbizo Programme from October 2018 to May 2019 was outlined as follows:-
- i. October 2018: Bela-Bela Township - Bela-Bela Municipality (Waterberg District);
 - ii. November 2018: Masisi - Musina Municipality (Vhembe District);
 - iii. February 2019: Serageng Village - Makhuduthamaga Municipality (Sekhukhune District);
 - iv. March 2019: Boxahuku Village - Collins Chabane Municipality (Vhembe District);
 - v. April 2019: Mamatonya Village - Lepelle Nkumbi Municipality (Sekhukhune District);
 - vi. May 2019: Thabazimbi Town - Thabazimbi Municipality (Waterberg District).

7. Hosting of the 2018 Nelson Mandela Children's Parliament: 03-05 October 2018 [DSD]

The Executive Council has approved the hosting of the 2018 Children's Parliament in the Province during 03-05 October 2018 as presented.

- a) The objectives of the Children's Parliament are:-
- i. To create a platform for children to engage and input on policy matters affecting them;
 - ii. To provide an opportunity for children between 12 and 17 years of age from all provinces in South Africa;
 - iii. To use the legacy of Mr Mandela as a tool in promoting active civic participation and dialogue between the different generations;
 - iv. To create a platform of engagement where the voices of children can be heard directly from them by those who provide services to them but also for children

to commit to their own responsibilities; and

- v. To provide access to formal parliamentary processes, deliberations and experience in a real-life realm to children;

8. Revenue and Expenditure Report

The Executive Council has noted the following revenue and expenditure progress report:

- a) Overall provincial expenditure was at R 27.2 billion representing 41.6% of the allocated budget of R 65.4 billion;
- b) Compensation of Employees (CoE) recorded an expenditure of R 19.0 billion representing 41.4% of the allocated budget of R 25.9 billion;
- c) Goods and Services recorded an expenditure of R 3.9 billion representing 42.0% of the total budget of R 9.5 billion;
- d) Transfers and Subsidies recorded an expenditure of R 3.5 billion representing 44.3% of the total budget of R 7.8 billion;
- e) Payment for Capital Assets recorded an expenditure of R 708.9 million representing 33.8% of the total budget of R 2.1 billion;
- f) Conditional Grants recorded an expenditure of R 3.3 billion representing 38.9% of the total budget of R 8.5 billion;
- g) Provincial Infrastructure recorded an expenditure of R 2.1 billion representing 30.3% of the total Provincial Infrastructure budget of R5.339 billion; and
- h) Provincial Own Revenue collected amounted of R 538.8 million

9. Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zones - Monthly Update [LEDET]

- a) A service provider has been appointed to finalize the EIA for the Musina-Makhado SEZ, which is due to be completed in March 2019. The first scoping report has been completed and reviewed by the environmental unit within LEDET;

- b) The Limpopo Province, together with the dti, undertook an outward mission to China during 23-27 May 2018 to meet with companies that are due to locate at the Bokmakirie site;
- c) During this visit, Memorandums of Agreement were signed with 10 companies which committed to investing more than \$US 10 billion in the Musina-Makhado SEZ; and
- d) Four of these agreements were signed on 24th July 2018 at the Union Building by the two Presidents of SA and China. Two of the companies, PowerChina and TISCO, have already undertaken a visit to the Province as part of their due diligence exercise.

10. Stabilisation of Modimolle-Mookgopong Municipality

CoGHSTA has appointed an Administrator to give effect to the implementation of EXCO resolution pertaining section 139(1)(b) of the Constitution at Modimolle-Mookgophong Local Municipality;

The finance team has commenced with support for the preparation of Annual Financial Statements. Considering previous administrative challenges, the preparatory team's indicates that the municipality will not be able to submit the AFS by August 2018 as legislated.

11. Stabilisation of Collins Chabane Municipality [CoGHSTA]

In line with the resolutions of the meeting with the Minister, a meeting was held with the Pro-Makhado Demarcation Task Team to jointly develop a way-forward on key issues identified during the meeting, where the PMDTT tabled the following proposals:-

- a. Legal opinion: The PMDTT is still of the view that Section 87 could be used for the District or any other stakeholder to provide services on behalf of Collins Chabane local Municipality and therefore request that the national department finalises the legal opinion;
- b. Demarcation Process: That COGTA should help get the MDB process/timeline for the next cycle so that they can prepare their input;

- c. Submission to the Demarcation Board: That a commitment be made in writing by the Provincial Government to provide technical support for the preparation of their submission during the demarcation process;
- d. The Department has forwarded the request to National Department for response on the legal opinion and the demarcation process. Letter to DCOG is attached as Annexure A. DCOG has responded that the Minister is engaging the Municipal Demarcation Board; and
- e. The Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on Vuwani is of the view that the letter of commitment should not be submitted to the PMDTT on the technical input as this could create a wrong precedence, but that the PMDTT should be supported like any other stakeholder during the redetermination process should a need arise.

12. Mapungubwe Jazz and Heritage Festival: December 2018

The report was presented to the Executive Council on Mapungubwe and Heritage Festival for 2018:

- a) The 2018 Mapungubwe Arts Festival is intended at benefitting the people of Limpopo, the South African public as well as tourists from the neighboring countries through entertainment, education and access to cultural products. Artists in both performing and visual arts as well as the SMME's in the associated industries derive economic and developmental benefits;
- b) The bid specification for advertisement of a service provider for the organising, marketing and managing of Mapungubwe Arts festival for the 2018/2019;2019/2020 and 2020/2021 financial years has been developed.
- c) The following activities are expected to be implemented by the appointed service provider:-

- I. Media Launch: the festival will be launched in October 2018 where the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture will announce the names of the artists contracted to perform during the Mapungubwe Arts festival.
- II. Mapungubwe Gospel and Youth Festival: The event will be hosted on the 8th December evening to promote gospel music in the province and serve the local gospel music lovers.
- III. Mapungubwe Film Festival: The Department will host the film Festival on the 11th December 2018 at Jack Botes where local Film makers will be workshopped and exhibit upcoming local film menu.
- IV. Mapungubwe Comedy Night: The Department will be hosting the Local, National and International Comedians on the 14th December 2018.
- V. Mapungubwe Music Festival: The music festival will be held on Saturday the 15th December 2018 where local, national and international artists will be entertaining the public at the Polokwane cricket club.

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