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POST EXCO STATEMENT

The Executive Council of the North West Province met on Wednesday, 25 July 2018 as part of its Programme of Action to reflect and take decisions on the following matters that seek to expedite service delivery in the province.

Political and Administrative Interface

One of the critical issues which the Executive reflected on is the Political and Administrative interface.

The Executive discussed the current status in respect of the relationship between the two; and resolved to firm it up, as part of the efforts to improve the service delivery drive in all spheres of government.

New policy directives

The Executive also noted that the current administration is approaching the end of its term and it is critical to make preparations in earnest for a handover to the 6th administration.

The Executive further received a report that makes an analysis of policies of the 5th administration and the extent to which they are in alignment with national government policies and the Mid Term Strategic Framework.

To this end, the report confirmed that the content of the provincial policies is in alignment with national policies.

The report pointed out that the nomenclature used in the province is however, not in alignment with the nomenclature used nationally.

Furthermore, the Executive agreed there seems to be a negative energy in the province regarding the use of the **5 Concretes** in our daily narrative and that the provincial government cannot afford to push back but to rather align with the national discourse.

In view of the above, the Executive resolved that the province should discontinue the use of the current nomenclature to ensure alignment with the national framework.

Provincial AIDS Council

In pursuance of the need to ensure alignment with the national framework on policy matters, the Executive Council also resolved to resuscitate a structure similar to the

Provincial Aids Council which is currently not in existence but remains critical to ensure focused attention on matters related to the scourge of HIV/AIDS.

Road network in the province

The Executive Council received a report from South African National Road Agency Limited (SANRAL) regarding the road network landscape in South Africa but with particular attention to the North West.

It is worth noting that South African has the 10th longest paved road network in the world. The SANRAL presentation focused on the **Preventative Maintenance First Strategy** which can assist the province to ensure that crack sealing and cleaning of drainage structures is given the necessary attention so as to ensure the continuous upkeep of our road network.

Significant portions of the road network in the province have been transferred to SANRAL and progress is being registered regarding the upgrading of the road network in the province.

SANRAL further highlighted that in the context of the 30 percent subcontracting arrangement, it continues to ensure the empowerment of local communities through the projects that are being undertaken.

SANRAL also confirmed that due to the construction of a circle on the N12 in Klerksdorp, there is a reduction of accidents because signage has been put up and it assists both motorists and pedestrians.

It was agreed that additional signage should be added to warn motorists about the circle ahead.

The SANRAL report also revealed that the entity is in a position to provide a formal training programme to young people in the province, as SANRAL has an academy that can assist to enrol them.

This includes serving public servants that have qualifications but need professional registration.

Invocation of section 139 (1) (b) of the Constitution and Section 137 of the Municipal Finance Management Act

The Executive Council received a report from the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements about the current state of municipalities and whether there was a need for intervention.

After a thorough reflection, the Executive Council then resolved that a special session should be convened to focus on municipalities and ensure that a proper and thorough diagnosis is done, so that when a decision is taken to intervene, it should be a decision that would assist a municipality to improve its overall performance in accordance with the MFMA.

The Executive Council also reflected on the state of service delivery provision in municipalities and resolved that as part of the efforts to ensure quick wins in municipalities; the fixing of potholes, provision of water, fixing of street lights and waste management should be prioritised.

Public Entities

The Executive Council received a report about Public Entities' Boards that are nearing the end of their terms.

To this end, the Executive Council resolved to extend the terms for a period of three months and concurrently engage in a process to come up with substantive members.

Programme of Action for 100 days

The Executive made a reflection on the 100 days programme of action and resolved that projects which are currently underway should be packaged to constitute an integral part of the 100 day programme of action.

The Premier will, in unleashing the 100 day programme of action, outline details of all the programmes undertaken and their monetary value as well as the impact of such projects on citizens of the North West province.

Finally, the Executive welcomed the announcement of listing Marico as a Biosphere through the United Nations Education and Scientific Organisation at the 30th International Coordinating Council (ICC) session of Man and Biosphere (MAB) in Indonesia.

The Executive further welcomed and appreciated the meeting with Water and Sanitation Minister, Mr Gugile Nkwinti as well as the three Water Boards currently servicing various parts of the North West last week to deal with the water challenge in the province.

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