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MEC Maine Receives Madibeng Protest March Memorandum

Brits – Officials from the Department of Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima will as from today, move into Madibeng local municipality to conduct an audit on RDP beneficiary lists.

Yesterday, MEC Collen Maine's decision to commission such as audit follows a peaceful service delivery march by the residents of Madibeng in which they complained that some of the RDP houses are occupied by unlawful beneficiaries. MEC Maine said the audit should identify the rightful beneficiaries of these houses to root out any biased allocation including dealing with beneficiaries who have opted to rent out their houses as tuck shops or for any other purposes. "It is only then that we would be able to decide on corrective measures which will ensure that we only have rightful owners in these houses", he said. MEC Maine also issued a stern warning against councillors who allocate RDP houses to their friends and relatives who are not necessarily on the beneficiary lists.

MEC Maine said all allegations of fraud, corruption, nepotism that the residents levelled against the municipality, will be thoroughly investigated. He appealed to members of the community to come forward with information that would assist the investigations. He said the water and sanitation intervention team that has been dispatched to camp in Madibeng since March this year, will continue to do the work at least until the water supply challenge, has been resolved. "As the provincial government, we are aware that there is an elite group of people who want to control the resources of Madibeng to the detriment of the residents and we will not allow that to happen. Madibeng is not a playground", he quipped.

As of March this year, the water and sanitation function is now performed by the Department of Local Government and Human Settlements and the Department of Water and Sanitation,

whilst Magalies Water was appointed as an implementing agent to ensure the provision of water and sanitation to the community of Madibeng.

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