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### Media statement

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#### **MEC Kegakilwe engages with Mahikeng LM intervention team**

The MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mothibedi Kegakilwe has appealed to the intervention team at Mahikeng local municipality to unlock service delivery challenges and change the face of the municipality.

MEC Kegakilwe who met with the Executive Mayor, Betty Diakanyo, Speaker Thedius Nebe and Chief Whip, Gape Kgwadibane and the intervention team last week to discuss the current intervention at the municipality, advised the team to always update council on the work that they do. He also appealed to the intervention team to give council an opportunity to play its oversight role.

“The amount of money that we spent on administrators is a lot and its money that could have been used elsewhere. The team must therefore work around the clock to address all the challenges and make sure that the intervention at this municipality comes to an end next month”.

He advised the team to prioritise filling up the vacant position of the Municipal Manager. “Whoever gets appointed to the position of a Municipal Manager, must assist us to

change the situation at municipality for the better and must not take us backwards”, said MEC Kegakilwe.

Mahikeng LM was initially placed under administration in terms of Section 137 of Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), last year. The intervention was escalated to Section 139(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, due to a collapse of service delivery, governance and administration instability and it continued to be financially distressed. Other municipalities that are under administration in terms of Section 139(1)(b) are : Ratlou, Tswaing, Lekwa Teemane, Naledi, Madibeng and JB Marks.