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MEC Kegakilwe meeting with Mayors

As part of playing oversight on municipalities, the North West MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs, Mothibedi Kegakilwe recently met with Mayors, Municipal Managers and Administrators in the province to discuss performance of municipalities.

At the meeting, MEC Kegakilwe requested municipalities to put systems in place, to deal with corruption, use public money for what it is intended for and at the same time, be transparent on how they money is used.

“Let us ensure that we do things by the book. We should at the same time, be transparent as to how we use public resources. Municipal Managers are accounting officers and must therefore make sure their municipalities move in the right direction. The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs is responsible for the performance of municipalities and if things do not go well at this sphere of government, the blame goes to the department. We are judged on the performance of municipalities”, he said.

He said the performance of municipalities has declined since 2016 not been satisfactory since 2016 and the last Auditor General’s report indicates that no municipality in the province received an unqualified report.

He appealed to councilors to differentiate between party politics and government. Mayors must be able serve all communities irrespective of their political affiliation. We must be effective, rational and be committed to working for our people” said MEC Kegakilwe.

As part of the resolutions, MEC Kegakilwe adopted LekwaTeemane local municipality as a project and said the department will work on clearing all outstanding housing issues in the municipality. He called on District Mayors to strengthen relations with local municipalities. He requested Mayors to submit to the Department of Human Settlements, lists of all blocked projects. “This will assist the department to consolidate its statistics on blocked housing projects”, he said.

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