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### Media Statement

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### **Municipalities placed under administration by the North West Provincial Government are subjected to account by MEC Kegakilwe**

**MAHIKENG:** Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs in the North West Province has subjected municipalities placed under administration into serious scrutiny. This follows a meeting convened by MEC Kegakilwe who have created platform for municipalities to account on progress registered thus far on Tuesday.. .

Eight municipalities were placed under the administration in August 2018 by the Provincial Executive Council with an invocation of section 139(1)(b) of the constitution and section 137 of Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) with affect from 1 September 2018. This action was necessitated by the fact that said municipalities could not provide basic services to the communities, others could not produce credible financial statements.

In his address, Kegakilwe emphasized that, the meeting is meant for municipalities to present progress reports " Our expectation is that today we must receive progress reports to ascertain ourselves as to whether indeed work has been done or not; this is not the time to report about your intentions, that period is over, said Kegakilwe.

Ngaka Modiri Molema district municipality reported that since the beginning of the intervention on the municipal finances in terms of section 137 of MFMA, financial controls has been put in place. However, Budget treasury office must be strengthened and exist strategy needs to be developed to sustain the post intervention.

Ramotshere Moiloa Local municipality registered significant progress. All senior management positions have been filled which include municipal manager position. The implementation of controls and turnaround strategies are place to accelerate service delivery. The Organizational

structure is at its final stage awaiting Labour unions consultation, this is to ensure that officials fit in the structure with relevant skills. The Continuous implementation of post audit action plan is in full swing at the municipality to avoid recurrence of audit queries.

The South African Local Government Association in the North West represented by its Deputy Chairperson Oabile Seabelo dealt with conduct of councilors, " Councillors in all our municipalities must strengthen their oversight role over municipal administration in ensuring that official remain accountable to accelerate service delivery" said Seabelo.

In his final remark, MEC Kegakilwe express his satisfaction over Ramotshere Moiloa local based on the progress registered, "very soon Ramotshere Moiloa Municipality will be in the position to run its own affairs without the intervention and we are pleading with those who will be left behind i.e. entire council and its administration must make sure that progress on intervention is sustained" charged Kegakilwe.

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