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### **Strengthen Oversight over municipal administration - MEC Gaolaolwe**

**Mahikeng** – MEC Galaletsang Gaolaolwe of Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima has directed Mayors and Speakers to exercise their political oversight role over administration at their respective municipalities. MEC Gaolaolwe was speaking at the Mayors, Executive Mayors and Speakers session which its intention was to officially welcome them to the fourth term of local government.

MEC Gaolaolwe said Mayors needed to ensure that issues raised by the Auditor – Generals do not get carried over the next municipal audit cycle. “This is an issue that the Auditor-General has continually raised in the municipal audit reports and as the fourth administration, it is an issue that you will have to seriously address. We must make sure that the Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPAC) are properly constituted and they are given the necessary resources and space to discharge their responsibilities”, she said.

MEC Gaolaolwe called on Mayors to ensure the municipal administration are constituted by people with necessary and relevant qualifications and skills. “It is time we start appointing people who will be able to assist us to deliver on our mandate of changing the lives of our people through provision of services. High vacancy rate of senior municipal managers must be resolved soon” remarked MEC Gaolaolwe.

She also advised Speakers to call regular ward meetings to update communities on developments in their localities. “Our communities rely on us to improve their lives and if we do not always update them on service delivery issues, they take to the streets. You also need to

establish working relations with different structures in your areas and have regular sessions with them”, she said.

caption: MEC Gaolaolwe together with Chief Director Local Governance

caption 2 MEC Gaolaolwe posing with newly elected Majors of Bokone Bophirima

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