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MEC Maloyi calls for integrated planning and coordination in delivering HS services

The core mandate of the Department of Human Settlements is at the rock face of service delivery to our communities. Housing delivery intertwines with many other service deliverables such as bulk services, access roads, proper ablution facilities, electricity and so forth.

In his address during the Strategic planning Lekgotla, MEC for Human Settlements in the North West Hon Nono Maloyi appealed to officials within his department to prioritise integrated planning with municipalities, across all the three spheres of government. He cautioned officials that, lack of adequate and integrated planning has proved to be creating lot of challenges for the department and delivery of low cost housing. MEC Maloyi made the call during the departmental strategic planning session held in Parys over the weekend.

The MEC also appealed to officials that our APPs must be SMART – specific, measurable, achievable, and realistic and time bound. He said that being smart in approach will assist in yielding positive results and the department will record milestones. Maloyi further commended officials for spending the departmental budget as expected, and further urged them to ensure that, the spent budget should equal services delivered.

“We have a contract that we signed with the people of North West. We therefore have an obligation to deliver as we promised them, houses and other Human Settlements services. We are restoring dignity to our people as guided by the Freedom Charter. I am calling on you (Officials) to make this year, a year of delivery, a year where you

will triple your efforts in delivering services. I want to see results that will simply say government has achieved on its promises and our people are living in habitable houses in peace and harmony”, said Maloyi.

MEC’s sentiments were further echoed by the Head of Department Kgomoitso Mahlobo. Mahlobo has vowed to ensure that, she will be steering the department towards a clean audit, by approaching and doing things differently. She said that transfer of funds to other departments because of the failure to spend by the department is a thing of the past.

She also called on officials to do things differently and comply with rules and regulations governing the public service. Mahlobo vowed to improve administrative functions and further committed to make a positive impact and deliver as expected. Our financial management plans must be fit for purpose, and this we can achieve if we reach to each other and communicate real deliverables for definite achievements

Without blinking an eye, the newly appointed accounting officer committed to terminate all developers that abandoned their site, leaving projects incomplete. “We are not going to be delayed by unscrupulous developers who continue to delay service delivery. We must work faster and smarter to ensure that we take the bull by its horns. We are a winning team with capable and skilled personnel. We should not be derailed by negative external forces. We are going to do what is expected of us and within the timeframes expected”, said Mahlobo.

The department has among others resolved to deal head on with challenges facing the department. The strategic session committed to prioritize unblocking blocked projects, treat disaster of emergency situations with necessary speed, while still ensuring compliance, and improve on subsidy administration and payments of service providers as according to treasury regulations. Planning and coordination of service were some of the issues that were thoroughly hammered on as well as the resuscitation of structures like MuniMEC, which is a meeting between MEC and MMC’s in municipalities.

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