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Chief Administrator Mr. Monde Tom

## MONDE TOM PRESIDES OVER LPT BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS.

**Isimini Building-** Mr. Monde Tom, the Chief Administrator convened all LPT SMS members to a meeting on the 30th November 2013 to share with them the Select Committee of Finance briefing report on Limpopo Section 100 (1)(b) that was presented in Parliament and Limpopo Cabinet. The Chief Administrator said that on the 10th January 2012, the Intervention Team was formally introduced in the Province following a Special National Cabinet decision of the 5th December 2011 to put five departments under administration. The purpose of the intervention was to assist the province to upgrade its systems and capabilities to a new normality, to ensure compliance with legislation and regulatory framework of government and to enhance the quality of service delivery.

Mr. Tom said that “to serve this purpose, the intervention focused on three (3) inseparable measures which are recovery, governance and sustainability. To stop the bleeding in a number of areas, by doing things differently, enforce compliance, accountability with consequences and focus on 80/20 principle, whereby major problems can be addressed through building capabilities in 20 per cent of 5 critical areas”.

The National Cabinet resolved to intervene in Limpopo using the ultimate drastic legal tool available, i.e. Section 100 (1)(b). According to the Chief Administrator, the diagnostic report was completed in April 2012/13 financial year and weaknesses are well documented. “These included lack of leadership and laxity of officials, poor systems, processes, skills and capacity resulting in poor budgeting and financial management

skills, poor safeguarding of movable and immovable assets and numerous management shortcomings in respect of supply chain management. Collusive behaviour within the public services which is exacerbated by the private sector influence to get a particular procurement outcome” Mr. Tom said.

The Chief Administrator told SMS members that he wants LPT to be within the top 3 Provincial Treasuries in the country and he will preside over the newly introduced bi-weekly meetings. High on the agenda will be the “five plus one” sustainability projects. These are Infrastructure, Competitive Procurement, CFO’s Offices, District Management at Health, Asset Management and Data and Records Management. RIFUMO NEWS will unpack this concept in the future publications.

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## EXCOM NOT IMPRESSED ABOUT EMPLOYEES NOT PULLING THEIR WEIGHT AND YET GET PAID ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

**Isimini Building-**The Executive Management Committee (Excom) met for four hours on the 4th of November 2013 in the HoD's boardroom. Excom is the principal decision-making body of LPT. This does not, however, super-cede any powers and functions vested in the MEC and HoD as Executive Authority and Accounting officer of LPT, respectively. It serves as a link between the Department and Provincial Cabinet (EXCO). It is primarily responsible for monitoring the organisational performance of LPT, reviewing all departmental policies and procedures, monitor the implementation of recommendations and decisions of EXCO, HoD's Forum, Cluster Committees and all other governance structures.

### Composition of Excom

- Head of Department or formally approved Acting person (Chairperson),
- All Senior General Managers or formally approved Acting persons,
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- Senior Manager: Enterprise Risk Management or formally approved Acting persons (ex officio),
- Senior Manager: Communication Services or formally approved Acting persons (ex officio),
- Senior Manager/Manager: Internal Audit (ex officio),
- All Senior Managers or formally approved Acting persons on a Quarterly Basis and HoD Support Service provides secretariat.



## Portfolio Committee Sitting



MPL Nehuludzani Nemadzivhanani

**Bendor-** Mr. Gavin Pratt LPT HOD led a delegation that appeared before the Portfolio Committee for Provincial Treasury on Thursday afternoon at the Parliamentary Village. In the South African context, oversight and accountability are constitutionally mandated functions of legislatures to scrutinize and oversee executive action and any organ of state. Oversight entails supervision, watchful care, management or control, strategic and structured scrutiny exercised by legislatures in respect of the implementation of laws, application of budget and strict observance of statutes and the Constitution. There are various tools which are used to effectively hold the executive accountable for their action or decision when spending the public resources. These oversight and accountability tools are used maximally in order to promote good governance and effective financial management. Oversight tools include amongst others Annual reports, financial statements, Audit, investigation, performance and compliance reports.

After the session RIFUMO NEWS interviewed the newly appointed chairperson of the Portfolio Committee for Provincial Treasury, MPL Mr. Nehuludzani Nemadzivhanani.

MPL Nemadzivhanani said that "Each province has its own legislature and executive authority and must act in accordance with the national constitution. If there is a disagreement over the administrative capacity of a province it is referred to the NCOP for resolution". The legislative authority of each province is in the provincial legislature.

Each legislature has to have between thirty and eighty members elected for a term of five years. Those provincial legislatures may consider, pass, amend or reject legislation.

The powers of the provincial legislatures are

**"committees should exercise oversight"**

similar to the national legislature but only apply to the province. "Portfolio committees are ideally placed to exercise oversight of the service delivery performance of departments and public entities that fall within the same portfolios" according to MPL Nemadzivhanani.

In essence, the portfolio committees should exercise oversight as to whether departments, public entities and constitutional institutions have delivered on the service delivery promises they made in their strategic plans or annual performance plans, which was approved by the legislature.

## MUNICIPAL FINANCE CHIEF DIRECTORATE CONTINUES TO CAPACITATE CFO'S.

Polokwane-LPT Municipal Finance Chief Directorate in partnership with the National Treasury (NT) hosted a special CFO's Forum on 5th November 2013, MJ Gateway. The purpose of the forum was to discuss challenges in relation to 2012/13 external audit and to create a platform for municipalities to engage with the Auditor General prior finalisation of the Municipal Audits due in November 2013.

The forum was graced with the presence of the AG Mr Satish Pillay, SALGA and COGHSTA. The CFO's forum coincided with the Audit committee meeting held on the same date. However, municipalities did their best in terms of evenly distributing key personnel in both imperative fora.

Mr Motubatse from Tshwane University of Technology made a presentation about a research on internal audit by IKUTU, a group of academics from various universities in the country such as well as an Australian based University called Monash-SA which specialises in Audits. The research targets CFO's, HoD's, chairperson of audit committees and municipalities. It was reported that all municipalities completed a questionnaire in advance in preparation for the forum for the researchers to look at their status in terms of MFMA compliance.

Mr. Sifiso Mabasa from NT touched on the status of the 2013/14 budget verifications



and outcomes of the input-format alignment to municipality budget. He encouraged municipalities to comply as it is crucial to the provincial budget. "Asset Management template in municipalities is a major concern, it will no longer be tolerated and there is no escape," he said. "The minister introduced austerity measures on 23 October 2013 budget adjustment speech and municipalities must take the warning serious, and stop buying expensive cars and reduce hotel bills" Mabasa added. Mr. Mulaudzi David, on behalf of internship Forum thanked all municipalities in the province for the support they are giving to all interns.

## TRANSFORMATION DIRECTORATE PROVIDES STEWARDSHIP DURING BATHOPELE BUILD-UP EVENTS.

The White Paper on Service Delivery requires that all Departments should report to all citizens about the implementation of service standards through the departmental citizens' reports and public consultations. The Provincial government organises Batho-Pele built-up events on annual basis to present Departmental and Provincial citizen reports to stakeholders and also to create awareness about government programmes and services geared towards excellent service delivery in preparation for the Provincial Batho-pele day. The Premier's Office is entrusted with the responsibility to coordinate the main event whilst different Departments, in conjunction with municipalities spearhead built-up events in preparation of the main Batho-Pele day. All sector Departments and Municipalities are involved to heighten awareness and prepare the public for the main event. LPT was on board and with its own stall with all the relevant information to share with the residents in Elias Motsoaledi Local area. RIFUMO NEWS crew also attended.

Early in the day Cllr Wendy Matemane who is also the Mayor officially opened the house for the Mabona's. The Mabona's lived in the shack for a very long time. The municipality built them a house. "As a sign of goodwill from the municipality, I want to say this is just the beginning of services that will be rendered to the community. The house will soon be electrified" the mayor said.

The event was attended by the community; all provincial and national sector departments as well as Sekhukhune FET College, FNB, NED-

BANK and ABSA. The mayor Cllr Wendy Matemane delivered the key note address. She raised a concern on the issue of the lack of water. Matemane also said that the municipality was committed to providing amenities to the community such as water, electricity and access roads in the coming years.

By Mosebudi Matlopela

## 2013 DISABILITY MONTH



Every day we are given an opportunity to learn at least a new day. As we welcome November, we welcome a month whereby we are going to learn more about disability issues. Disability is a something that we cannot turn a blind eye on. It is something that can decide to visit us anytime but the positive thing about it is that having a disability does not make one to have the inability to perform any duty that is assigned to them or live life they way they wish to.

The acting Premier, MEC Lehlogonolo Masoga, officially launched the disability month under the theme, "Break barriers, open doors to realise an inclusive society for all". The event was held at the New Horizon special school on the 5th November 2013. He during November month the government has the opportunity to raise awareness regarding disability issues in order to advocate for equalisation of opportunities for people with disabilities.

"The government set the 2% as its target for employing people with disabilities and nine Provincial Departments achieved employment of people with disabilities at SMS level. Four Departments achieved overall 2% employment of people with disabilities, namely, Office of the Premier, Roads and Transport, Agriculture and Sports, Arts and Culture" MEC Masoga said.

"The Public works, COGHSTA, Social Development, LPT, Safety, Security and Liaison have achieved above 1% employment of people with disabilities, then Health and Education have achieved below 1%" MEC Masoga added.

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, aims to promote an understanding of disability issues, the rights of persons with disabilities and gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of the political, social, economic and cultural life of their communities.

This provides an opportunity to mobilise action to achieve the goal of full and equal enjoyment of human rights and participation in society by persons with disabilities, established by the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1982.

By Tukisho Serite

## Newly Appointed Employees

					
Personal Assistant Mokobane M.J	Appointment Secretary Mogale W	Regeistry Clerk Maletsiri M.E	Risk Based Auditing Moraba M.E	Risk Based Auditing Mailula P.E	Risk Based Auditing Tshivhangani L.L

## CFO's Forum Pictures



## STRETCH YOUR LIPS

"That wife of mine is a liar", said the angry husband to his friend sitting next to him at the bar.

"How do you know?" the friend asked

"She didn't come home last night, and when I asked her where she'd been, she said she'd spent the night with her sister, Shirley."

"So?" the friend replied.

"So, she's a liar. I spent the night with her sister Shirley!"



## House Keeping

### THE 2013 PROVINCIAL BIG WALK

**When?** 07 December 2013

**Where?** Polokwane

**What is it?** Every Wednesday in November and the first week of December 2013 is declared as official training days for Government officials

**Who?** Those registered with the Mini-Leagues

**What is the slogan?** **"an active, healthy and winning nation"**

- The Departments will start playing in the Leagues as from the 13th November 2013 every Wednesday afternoon and this will culminate into a One-Day Tournament.
- The Sporting Codes will be Netball and Football
- The winning team will each receive Sporting apparels and a Trophy as incentives.
- The "Player of the Tournament" from Netball and Football streams will be selected and each receive a Bag of Sporting items.
- There shall be The Provincial Committee to oversee the planning and coordination of the Leagues. The Committee will comprise of representatives of all departments, the Limpopo Academy of Sports, Limpopo Athletics, Limpopo Netball, Limpopo SAFA, Health and Wellness Officers of each department will ensure that attendance registers are signed by all participants.
- The walking activities will be held on Wednesdays from 16h30 to 17h30 in preparation for the Provincial Big Walk.
- The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will provide funding and technical assistance.

**"an active, healthy and winning nation"**

### MISSION

**To provide ethical, consultative and people focused services through sound financial Management, including attaining and maintaining effective financial resources management**

## Did you know?

Did you know?

Animal production contributes approximately 41% to the country's agricultural GDP. About 500 000 people are employed by the indus Milk production in South Africa contributes approximately 0, 5% to the world's milk production. South Africa has four major dairy breeds, namely Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey and Ayrshire.

Did you know?

Mpumalanga commands the greatest share of beef production in South Africa, accounting for 23% in 2009, followed with the Free State and Gauteng, taking up 20% and 13% respectively. Commercial farmers own 60% of the 14, 1 million cattle available in South Africa.

Did you know?

Currently over 15 million eligible South Africans are receiving social benefits through the social assistance programme - of these beneficiaries over ten million are children

Did you know?

Cabinet approved the extension of the Child Support Grant to children aged 16 and 17, which increased the number of children benefiting from the grant to more than 10, 5 million.

Did you know?

Age equalisation between male and female recipients of the Grant for Older Persons entered its third and final phase when men aged 60 years started accessing the grant, thus increasing the number of older persons receiving the grant to 2, 7 million.

### VISION

**To be the best provincial Fund Raiser, Allocator, Monitor, Manager and Evaluator of the public finance for socio-economic development in South Africa**

*"We are the best in what we do"*