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FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY 2019 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION AT LAPENG LODGE FROM 19-20 MARCH 2019

The strategic planning process came at an opportune time as there have been significant changes in the political and administrative leadership of the municipality. The former speaker and chairperson of Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality council Cllr Tlakale Naome Phala has been elected anonymously as the new Mayor with effect from the 24 January 2019. Mayor Phala's election comes months after the resignation of Cllr Phokane Maudu Johannes's former mayor following the controversial VBS mutual bank investment. This effectively means that the position of the speaker is vacant in the council structure.

In terms of administrative leadership council has suspended the Municipal Manager Busane NP due to VBS investment which hamper service delivery and for having contravened all Treasury regulations. The Limpopo Provincial Government.....and seconded Mrs Ntshudisane MJ as Administrator and Mr S Mulenga Chief Financial Officer
To this end in its special council sitting Mrs MJ Ttshudisane and Mr S Mulenga were appointed Acting Municipal Manager and Acting CFO respectively

It is against this background that the leadership of FTLM has embarked upon a process to review their current strategic framework to curve a new way forward for the Municipality. The development of a Vision 2030 Blueprint represented the first step in broadening the long term planning horizon to beyond the current term of office.

The purpose of the strategic session was to reposition the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) in order to maximise the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the Municipal Council both within the municipality as well as the Limpopo Province.

The objectives of the strategic planning session as drawn from the Section 32 of the Municipal System Act were thus as follows:

- To develop a perspective of the imperatives driving the need for repositioning;
- To conduct an assessment of the current state and performance of the municipality;
- To develop a set of principles and operating framework that reflects the repositioning of the local municipality;
- To develop strategies to attain the proposed outcomes and indicators in the IDP and SDBIP; and
- To align the strategies to the perspective based on the balanced scorecard that will be used to monitor and evaluate the performance of the municipality on achieving the desired outcomes and indicators.

- Ensure that Draft IDP/budget;SDBIP and Performance indicators are finalised

It was further aimed at highlighting strategic and prudent areas of required support to enhance the organisational performance record of the Municipality and finally to allow a platform as a theatre of engagement to solicit collective understanding and approach in implementing and accounting on the back to basics in order to strengthen social contract between FTLM and other role players.

The following municipal key performance areas were discussed extensively in the session:

- KPA 1= Spatial Rational which focuses on township establishment at Appiesdoringsdraai
- KPA 2= Institutional Transformation and Organisational development
- KPA 3= Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Developed which focuses on completed projects.
- KPA 4= Local Economic Development which shows 2166 job opportunities created
- KPA 5= which encapsulates financial recovery plan and financial status report
- Good Governance and Public Participation focuses to reclaiming institutional reputation
- The Mid year performance report stood at 48% which is a decline of the previous mid-year in 2017/18 due to financial constraints like purchase of new landfill site and construction of praktiseer licensing office. For obvious reason these projects are plan for completion in the next financial year.

Discussions ensue on the amenable powers and function of the municipality to start the process of water and electricity function devolutions

The Strategic planning session have also noted the following completed projects:

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Worth reporting is the approval of Land Expropriation Notice to council which identified 90 properties to be evaluated.

The discussions resulted in the formulation of a report that will be adopted by council and drive the organisations strategic plan.

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