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District Municipality

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COUNCIL GIVES EXECUTIVE MAYOR PERMISSION TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Council of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) yesterday in a special meeting delegated duties to Executive Mayor Cllr Keamotseng Stanley Ramaila to institute disciplinary action against acting municipal manager Mr Mpho Mofokeng.

This process will unfold in terms of Disciplinary Regulations for Local Government Senior Managers.

The special council meeting was held following the awarding of interim court order by the high court, which set aside appointment letters irregularly awarded to 8 companies for the Covid-19 emergency intervention projects worth R26 million.

While the municipality has successfully nullified the said appointment letters through a court order, it has an obligation to investigate allegations of financial misconduct and if warranted institute disciplinary proceedings against implicated officials as per section 171 (4) of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

Council has now endorsed the appointment Ms Molatelo Mabitsela, Director of Planning & Economic Development, as acting Municipal Manager.

As acting Municipal Manager, Ms. Mabitsela will henceforth initiate a disciplinary process against managers appointed in terms of section 57 of the

Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 44 of 2003 implicated in the matter.

She will also take disciplinary action against other implicated officials as per the South African Local Government Bargaining Council guidelines.

Executive Mayor Ramaila reiterates that the Sekhukhune District Municipality is tirelessly working toward building an administration that is fully accountable and responsive to the expectations and needs of ratepayers and residents.

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