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REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLANS FOR EMALAHLENI, THABA CHWEU, MSUKALIGWA, AND GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITIES TO STRENGTHEN MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

Following the 11 September 2025 meeting on the implementation of Financial Recovery Plans, MEC Bonakele Majuba convened the FRP council meeting with the Emalahleni, Thaba Chweu, Msukaligwa, and Govan Mbeki Local Municipalities virtually on 09 October 2025.

This represents the second meeting of the Council after the tabling of revised Financial Recovery Plans for these four municipalities earlier this year.

The establishment of the Council is one of the measures to improve accountability at both the administrative and executive levels regarding the non-negotiables of the new plans for these municipalities.

The primary objective of the meeting is for municipal management to present an overview of the progress achieved since the previous engagement concerning the FRPs. These meetings are convened quarterly to evaluate the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plans and associated revenue enhancement strategies.

Emalahleni Municipality

The municipality is in the process of implementing the financial recovery and revenue enhancement plans to ensure it improves its liquidity. This will enable the municipality to pay its creditors and collect more revenue through its debt collection strategy.

Notably, the municipality continues its commitment to an improved financial position. The progress achieved by Emalahleni Municipality is commendable, as the principal recommendations from the Provincial Treasury have been implemented and are yielding the intended outcomes, as observed by the MEC, Mr. Majuba.

Thaba Chweu

The municipality is under intervention in terms of Section 139 of the Constitution and Section 139 of the Municipal Finance Management Act. The FRP was officially handed over to the council in November 2019.

The municipality remains committed to its obligations under the financial recovery plan, as mandated by the Provincial Treasury.

The presentation by the municipality suggests that there is potential for further improvement in the billing field. There needs to be a comparison between the previous year's performance and the current year to identify gaps and areas for improvement, said Head Official, Ms. Gugu Mashiteng.

Msukaligwa

Msukaligwa Local Municipality is in the process of implementing the Financial Recovery Plan by enhancing debt collection among its own employees and consumers who use the municipality's services through property rates. The municipality is utilising all available avenues to ensure that service delivery is achieved.

Govan Mbeki

The municipality is currently implementing cost containment measures to ensure that there is a reduction in the Unauthorised, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure while the revenue enhancement committee looks into the municipality's strategy to continue

As closing remarks, the MEC reassured the municipalities that Mpumalanga Treasury continues to offer support in the improvement of their revenue and the financial health and sustainability thereof.

"Through this engagement, we have managed to grasp the challenges and have noted the concerns, and ultimately, as Mpumalanga Treasury, we are mandated to support all municipalities to realise their service delivery mandates, said MEC Majuba.

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