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MABE VISITS MUNICIPALITIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION

Following the hiccups identified at Tswaing and Moses Kotane Local municipalities that did not warrant the provincial government and national government to allow the municipalities to run by the current leaders, the Executive Council of North West decided to invoke section 139 (1) b of the constitution to these municipalities in March this year.

As a result, the Provincial Treasury MEC Louisa Mabe has visited the Tswaing and Moses Kotane local municipalities last week to check whether the turnaround strategy implemented in both municipalities bears fruits.

The two municipalities are among the five municipalities that are put under administration following the service delivery challenges and financial mismanagement.

During the interaction with the council and administrators of both municipalities, Mabe was impressed by progresses registered by the administrators to turn around things at the municipalities. She said when the administrators assumed duties earlier, these municipalities were in a state of disarray, and hence there were protests by affected communities.

Amongst other identified problems that led to the dysfunction of these municipalities were lack of financial management skills and officials occupying positions with irrelevant skills. However, the skills audit strategies have been put in place to deal with such matters. This means officials will be placed according to their skills capability and this will assist the municipalities to function properly.

“I am adamant that when the administrators leave in September, the municipalities would have regained its feet and service delivery challenges will be a thing of a past.

Mabe said the administrators are deployed at the municipalities for six months has been agreed upon to assist the council to regain its feet in getting the administration and service deliver standards in order. “The cooperation of the council to the administrator will determine the stay of the administrator and the confidence of the provincial government to trust the council to run the municipality on its own, said Mabe.

“We requested in March the council to do their work and communicate constantly to the administrator their duties and the administrator must also inform the council on the developments registered. This will help the council to be on board so that when the administrator leaves, they are able to carry out their mandate”, said MEC.

Tiro Mose and Raedane Pringle have been appointed as respective administrators of Tswaing and Moses Kotane local municipalities.

“We believe, this interventions will change the complexion of these municipalities for better delivery of services”, said Mabe.

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