



MEDIA BRIEFING SESSION ON THE RESIGNATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND SUSPENSION OF MUNICIPAL MANAGER, ADDRESSED BY THE ACTING EXECUTIVE MAYOR: CLLR M. MUIR, 26 MAY 2008

Our warm greetings to all representatives of various media houses present here today. We would like to express our appreciation for your response to our urgent call for a media briefing. We are well aware that speculation is rife and is likely to continue for as long as we do not continue communicating our position as a Municipality.

Resignation of the former Executive Mayor

The Executive Mayor of Emfuleni, Councillor Dikeledi Tsoetsi tendered her resignation on Friday 23 May, at a special Council sitting. As a sequel to her resignation, the African National Congress announced interim measures that have been taken to ensure that there is no interruption to service delivery and vacuum in the leadership of the Municipality. I was therefore requested to act in the position of the Executive Mayor of Emfuleni until the ANC has finalised its processes to choose a successor or replacement for the former Mayor of Emfuleni.

Suspension of the Municipal Manager, Dr. Manana Bakane-Tuoane

Council also took a resolution to suspend the Municipal Manager, Dr. Manana Bakane-Tuoane pending investigations into allegations of misconduct. A multiparty task team has been established to look at various allegations that have been

levelled against the Municipal Manager. Council also requested the task team to expedite this process timeously and report on their findings to Council in a month's time. Accordingly, by establishing such a multiparty task team, we want to ensure that nobody cries foul over a perceived witch hunt against the affected official. We can assure you that this will be a fair, open and transparent process that will not comprise anyone.

Corruption investigations

We have also learnt from media reports that we intend to interfere with current investigations into corruption in the municipality. On the contrary, it is our intention to continue with these investigations and send a strong message against those who are intent on enriching themselves through state resources.

In the light of the above, I have requested the Municipal Manager, Dr. Bakane-Tuoane to hand over all investigations for Council records.

Lastly, I would like to extend an invitation to all of you to attend our Council meeting on Thursday, 29 May 2008 where I will be delivering a budget speech outlining our priorities for the next financial year. This is a culmination of a process we undertook of IDP consultations in various communities within Emfuleni. We would like to thank residents of Emfuleni for attending IDP meetings that were called recently; in their numbers, we are really proud of them.

Once again I would like to thank you for attending this session at such short notice and hope that we will continue informing our people truthfully and objectively.

I thank you