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LEPHALALE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FORUM MEETING

As part of the Municipality's responsibility to establish a local stakeholder engagement forum.

The Honourable Mayor, Cllr Aaron Mokgetle, addressed members from various institutions, representatives of numerous community forums and other key stakeholders within the jurisdiction of Lephalale.

The Stakeholder Engagement Forum is constituted as a stakeholder consultative platform of the Municipality as anticipated in Chapter 4 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 Board.

The Forum shall focus, as it's main objective, on sustaining social stability in Lephalale through economic development, Local participation, protection of vulnerable groups, employment creation for local youth and women, skills development facilitation and protection of human rights. In addition, the Forum aims to foster open, transparent, and inclusive engagement between the Municipality and its stakeholders, provide a platform for stakeholders to voice concerns, suggestions and feedback on every project in the Municipal jurisdiction, policies and services, enhance stakeholders understanding of Municipal processes, initiatives—and challenges, facilitate collaborative problem solving and co-creation of solutions to local issues, strengthen trust and build stronger relationships between the Municipality, the community and its social partners.

The Stakeholder Engagement Forum shall have a steering committee comprising of two representatives from the Municipality, two representatives from Eskom Holdings SOE, One representative from Exxaro, one representative from Lephalale Coal Concession and two by members of the Forum.

The Mayor shall be the chairperson of the Forum and a nominee from Eskom shall be the deputy Chairperson. A nominee from Exxaro shall be the secretary and a nominee from Lephalale Coal Concession shall be deputy secretary.

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