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Mayoral Imbizo

Mayor to address challenges in Rustenburg North

Rustenburg – The executive mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality – Cllr Mpho Khunou – has pledged to address the challenges being faced by the city's residents living in the Rustenburg North area. Residents living in the area turned out in large numbers and highlighted their challenges during a Mayoral Imbizo session that was held at Rustenburg North Primary School on Wednesday 20 September. The Imbizo, which was held in the school hall, was also attended by the Rustenburg North councillor, Anthony Phologane (ANC) as well as several Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs).

Among some of the issues that residents have been grappling with for a number of years now are a high crime rate, prostitution and drug trafficking. One resident complained of how prostitution is negatively affecting their children and giving their area a bad name in the city. "We have a huge problem of prostitution in this area and we would like you to attend to this," said one of the residents.

"It is becoming difficult for us to raise our children in an area that has become notorious for prostitution. What will our children learn from this sort of behaviour? We are also concerned that prostitutes leave several condoms on the streets and our children may decide to pick them up."

A Nigerian man living in the area expressed concern at the xenophobic tendencies that some South Africans have towards foreigners living in Rustenburg North.

"We should work together to combat crime. If we do not come together then the crime in this area will continue to escalate. We cannot eradicate crime but we can reduce crime," said the man.

Other residents also expressed their concern at the high number of cases involving drug trafficking and house robberies in the area. In his response, Cllr Khunou urged residents to continue working hand in hand with the Community Policing Forum (CPF) to combat crime and pledged to work closely with the community to deal with prostitution in the area.

Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou



Rustenburg North
Cllr. Anthony Phologane

