

RLM launches #ReDirelaSechaba

Rustenburg – Riding on the wave of its service delivery turnaround strategy in 2018, Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) launched its #ReDirelaSechaba ('we work for the community') service delivery programme on 22 February 2019.

"Having already seen favourable results from the turnaround strategy that we rolled out in our 2018/19 financial year, in terms of delivering much-needed services to the people of Rustenburg, we are excited to launch this programme. It will not only allow the municipality to further deliver on its mandate to communities and the business community, but it will also change the lives of our people by creating jobs and fostering entrepreneurship," said executive mayor of RLM

councillor Mpho Khunou.

The RLM has prioritised five focus areas namely: roads, electricity, water, sanitation and community development. The launch unpacked a service delivery programme that will ensure the rollout and maintenance of road infrastructure through a rapid response team, access to water and improvement of water conservation, stabilisation of electrical supply through the rollout of more substations and distribution lines as well as improved sanitation facilities. These projects will amount to about R110 million.

"Through our turnaround strategy last year, we were able to reduce the number of service complaints related to water services," added Khunou. "We increased the city's electrical

capacity to avoid power outages and straining of distribution lines. We saw an improvement of our Green Drop rating from the Department of Water and Sanitation, and our turnaround times in fixing our roads have lessened significantly. The programme will elevate the quality of service to our people exponentially and propel us even closer to our goal of being a world-class city."

The Mayor also revealed that the programme will create 150 jobs and empower local businesses to form cooperatives that will benefit directly from the opportunities to participate economically through the work opportunities that will result from the implementation of #ReDirelaSechaba.

RLM press release extracts, 22 February 2019



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"In Association with North-West Debt Counselling"

RLM appointed new CFO

Rustenburg – Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) is pleased to announce the appointment of Godfrey Ditsele, its new chief financial officer (CFO) who took office on 18 February. Godfrey Ditsele hails from Silverkrans village in the Moses Kotane region.

He is a qualified chartered accountant by profession and brings over 10 years of experience in the public sector. He joins RLM from the Auditor General North West, where he served as trainee accountant to senior manager.

Included in the list of major projects worked on, is the audit of African Union in Ethiopia. Besides accounting and audit technical skills, his passion and drive in people development and impactful change, will go a long way in rejuvenating the morale of his staff and positive turnaround of the department and the municipality. He is also involved in social integrated support and development programmes in the local communities as the current chairperson of the Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa (ABASA) North West, an organisation that aims to contribute in transforming the accounting profession.



The new CFO at RLM, Godfrey Ditsele.



Executive mayor of RLM councillor Mpho Khunou addressing the community.

RLM, MUCH TALKED ABOUT SECURITY TENDER

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) has noted with dismay an article which was published in the City Press newspaper dated 24 February 2019, on a security tender.

The article contains a number of serious misrepresentations and is laden with serious political grandstanding. These antics are opportunistic especially in view of that the matter is still receiving attention through the courts. The first thing that needs to be clarified, is that there is no security tender of R300 million. We are baffled by this sensational claim. The quoted amount, is at least four times above the current tender value.

The second matter which needs to be put on record is that, the court order to stop the enforcement of the award was done with the full consent of the municipality. The application to obtain this order was opposed by Ally's Counter Force, which ultimately became responsible for an order of costs.

The reason we consented to an application to halt the execution of the tender award was due to the fact that we were prepared to subject ourselves to complete review of the procurement process followed. This

review, which must be undertaken by an independent body is in the interest of transparency and the broad objectives of competitive bidding as enshrined in the Constitution and applicable legislation.

Until such time that this independent review has been completed, any suggestion of corruption is not only mischievous but political grandstanding of the highest order.

We would therefore like to urge all to await the outcome of this process and not recklessly jump to baseless conclusions.

RLM will abide by the decisions of any independent review process. We have also noted the suggestion that the matter must be reported to the Hawks. The municipality is prepared to cooperate with any investigation. However, we reject with utter contempt being subjected to a mala fide trial in the public domain, disregarding the due processes underway by competent authorities.

RLM press release, 26 February



RLM members at the #ReDirelaSechaba launch.

Mayor Khunou speaks out on eTV breakfast show

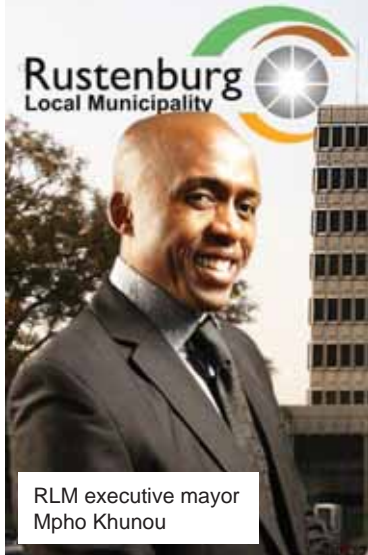
Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Local Municipality's (RLM) executive mayor councillor Mpho Khunou, had an exclusive interview on eTV's breakfast show – The Morning Show on Tuesday 26 February.

The purpose of the interview was to shed light on a number of key milestones in relation to service delivery, during his second term as executive mayor.

The mayor dismissed claims that the municipality is ridden with corruption and failing to act. "Last year alone, seven municipal officials were dismissed following the findings of a forensic investigation, as resolved by council into tender and supply chain management irregularities," Khunou said.

He highlighted that in the last five years, after being rocked by a fleet management leasing scandal, the municipal council had taken a decision to finance the purchasing of new vehicles, with the aim of accelerating service delivery while replacing aged fleet.

"We are excited that land has been set aside for the construction of a university. We also intend on building an international convention centre with the aim of opening up Rustenburg to regional and international markets."



RLM executive mayor Mpho Khunou



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