

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (PMT) INTERACTS WITH TRADITIONAL LEADERS

The Mayor of Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality, Cllr Meriam Molala, joined by the Speaker of Council, Cllr Joyce Nkoabela, and the Chief-whip, Cllr Given Sello met with traditional leaders at The Ranch Hotel, in Polokwane on the 24 January 2022 as part of the municipal stakeholders' engagement program.

The main purpose of the meeting was to brief the newly elected leadership about the challenges regarding the participation of Traditional Leaders in service delivery and Council meetings and to make recommendations in this regard so as to ensure effective, responsive, and accountable local governance for communities.

Issues that were raised by traditional leaders as a collective include service delivery projects backlogs (roads, water, housing, electricity, etc) exclusion of traditional leaders in the formation of ward committee members, regular service delivery updates meetings amongst others that the municipality will need to deal with.

The Mayor and her team managed to reply and made commitments to resolve all the challenges raised "The municipality will continue to work for hand in glove with traditional leaders to fast track the implementation of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) into reality and the inclusion of traditional leaders in Council meetings is an indication that the municipality regards traditional leadership as an important stakeholder." Cllr Molala emphasized

All traditional leaders pledged their full support to the Mayor and her team and indicated that they are looking forward to a healthy working relationship that will unlock the prospects of our land, the resources, and more importantly opportunities to our people.







