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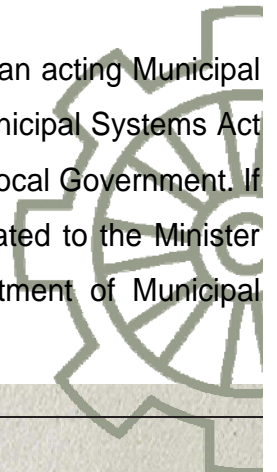
SECONDMENT OF THE ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

As from February 2015 the Municipality has been operating with an Acting Municipal Manager to date.

The Council resolved (SC 19/10/2014) before expiry of the contract of the former Municipal Manager to advertise the position of the Municipal Manager on national newspapers which were published on the 07th November 2014. The closing date for the advertisement was the 28th November 2014. On January 2015 Council resolved (C52/01/2015) that the Deputy Municipal Manager be appointed as Acting Municipal Manager until the position of the Municipal Manager is filled. Shortlisting was finalised on the 07th September 2015 for the advertised position. Interviews were conducted on the 14th September 2015. Assessments conducted on the 12th October 2015 and 30th October 2015.

The Council further resolved (SC 33/10/2016) to re-advertise the position of the Municipal Manager on national newspapers which were published on the 06th November 2016. The closing date for the advertisement was the 25th November 2016. The Deputy Municipal Manager continued to act as the Municipal Manager. Shortlisting was finalised on the 17th January 2017. Interviews were arranged for the 11th March 2017 and 15th July 2017.

The Council further resolved (SC 01/10/2017) to request for the MEC to second an acting Municipal Manager on the 09th October 2017. This request has been done according to Municipal Systems Act 54(A) (6) (a). This process involves only the Municipal Council and the MEC for Local Government. If the MEC has not seconded a suitable person after 60 days the matter is escalated to the Minister responsible for Local Government. The Premier plays no role in the appointment of Municipal officials.



It is against that background that we have arranged this press briefing to avoid any speculations. The request emanated from Council recognising the humane need to consider resting the Deputy Municipal Manager from Acting while we finalise the appointment of a permanent Municipal Manager. We know that this may bring anxiety, panic and uncertainty to the citizens of this Municipality. We are taking the citizens into our confidence that calm should be restored and provide Council with ample opportunity to finalise the appointment of the Municipal Manager as soon as it is possible.

Everyone interested in the position of Municipal Manager of STLM will be going through the recruitment process to finalise the appointment and we are confident that the outcomes will be favourable to the Municipality, however we cannot predict the outcomes.

We wish to urge everyone to remain calm and continue to have confidence in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Council to act in the best interest of the community because we are a listening Council and responsive to the plight of our community.

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Yours sincerely

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