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**CELEBRATING WOMEN IN STLM**

Known as a methodical decision maker who is determined to solicit opinions from Managers and win them over with logical argument, the new Executive Director: Community Services, Ms Thokozile Zulu is one of the Municipality's Lionesses whose prowess and talent are well placed. She is one of the few female leaders with high moral standards and still committed to their calling of serving the Nation.

As a former business woman and socialist, Zulu believes Government should be run business like. "Government must do business unusual and plan as though it was targeting profits in order to offer high levels of service delivery to its clients and to win over the trust of communities. "If we are willing to do things in an unusual way without compromising our legislated mandates we can turn Government institutions into reputable and sustainable powerhouses," she points out.

Zulu's career with Local Government started in 1995 when she was doing her In-Service training with the City of Tshwane. She gained experience into Environmental Health related services but specialised in Town Planning Services.

It was in 2005 that her true calling came knocking and gladly heeded the call and joined eMalahleni Local Municipality as a Supervisor: Waste Management responsible for street cleansing services and also coordinating the Cleanest Town Competition initiatives and also lending a hand into Environmental Health Services where possible.

In 2007, she joined Govan Mbeki Local Municipality as the Manager: Waste Management Services and drove the municipality into winning the Cleanest Town Competition, winning a total of R1. 1 million both at District (R100 000) and Provincial (R1 million) levels. She then moved to the City of Cape Town in August 2007 as a Head: Waste Management Facilities. In October 2007 she joined the City of Johannesburg as the Deputy Director: Waste Information Management and Regulation which she left in 2013 April to re-join Govan Mbeki Local Municipality as Director: Community Services.

She holds a National Diploma in Environmental Health (TUT), B-Tech: Environmental Health (TUT), Certificate in Labour Relations and Leadership (Wits Business School), Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (UNISA School of Business Leadership), and currently studying towards the Masters in Business Administration (Regent Business School) and Masters in Business Leadership (UNISA) School of Business Leadership)

"I am here to ensure the collapse of negative theories about Local Government institutions and ensure best quality services to our clients while working together with them every step of the way. We are Government because of the people therefore we cannot Govern without their involvement, participation and consent," she concludes.

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