

COGHSTA STRENGTHENS EFFORTS

TO BAIL A MUNICIPALITY FROM A SERVICE DELIVERY QUAGMIRE



The MEC for Treasury, Mr Rob Tooley, the Acting Chairperson of the NCOP on CoGTA, Mr George Mthimunye and the Mayor of Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality, Cllr Marlene van Staden attending the meeting.



The MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou attended the meeting and his presence was appreciated by the Committee.



The Deputy Director General for CoGTA, Dr Modjadji Malahlela said the Department is committed in ensuring that the Municipality is stabilized.

The National Council of Provinces (NCOP) Select Committee on Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) visited Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality on Tuesday, 16 October 2018. This is the municipality that has been placed under **Section 139 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 108 of 1996** as part of an intervention as it was declared technically bankrupt. The visit by the Committee offered an opportunity to interact with internal and external stakeholders of the Municipality. The stakeholders were given an opportunity to voice out their opinions on the constitutional, procedural and substantive matters related to the issuing of interventions in terms of the **section 139 (1) (b) of the Constitution**. The meeting was attended by the MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Jerry Ndou; MEC for Treasury, Mr Rob Tooley; Mayor of the Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality, Cllr Marlene van Staden, representatives from South African Local Government Association (SALGA), Local Traditional Leaders, political parties within the municipalities, ward committee members, organized labour, youth, women and the business forum. Presenting a progress report, the Deputy Director General: CoGTA, Dr Modjadji Malahlela said the Department appointed an Administrative Head to assist on the implementation of an EXCO resolution to urgently address the following gaps at the municipality:

- Development and implementation of a financial recovery plan in the municipality.
- Appointment of senior managers.
- Finalisation of all outstanding transitional measures resulting from the merger of former Mookgophong and Modimolle Local Municipalities.
- Stabilise the financial situation in the municipality, including ensuring that the municipality honours its repayment agreement with Eskom and Magalies Water Board to avoid service delivery interruptions.
- Oversee the Forensic Investigation and any other investigations to be undertaken by Treasury and other organs of state in the municipality.
- Any other issues from the rapid assessment report.

The Administrative Head is supported by a team of specialists, constituted as follows:

- Human Resource and Labour Management Specialist.
- 03 Financial Experts(1 seconded by National Treasury and 2 by Provincial Treasury.
- 1 Technical Expert(seconded by MISA)
- COGHSTA further provides Information Technology Specialists, Spatial Planning and Legal Services as requested by the municipality

The Acting NCOP Chairperson on CoGTA, Mr George Mthimunye thanked the Department for all the efforts made so far, and also emphasized that all hands should be on deck to ensure that the municipality is back on its feet again and be able to provide quality services to the people.

THE VISIT IN PICTURES

