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Acting MEC Mazibuko request the Speaker of City of Tshwane to provide reasons why the municipal council has to date not elected an Executive Mayor

Acting MEC for CoGTA, e-Government, Research and Development, Ms Faith Mazibuko has written a formal letter to the Speaker of the City of Tshwane, Councillor Mncedi Ndzwanana to provide a comprehensive report as to the reasons why the Municipal Council has to date not elected an executive mayor.

The Speaker must respond within three days of receipt of the Acting MEC's letter. The letter to the Speaker was prompted by the adjournment of the council meeting that was convened on 22 March 2023, to elect an executive mayor.

Acting MEC Mazibuko indicated to the Speaker that "as the Acting MEC responsible for local government in the Province, I view the state of affairs in the City in a very serious light." It means that the City remains without a Mayor and is seized with a vacuum at executive leadership. The perpetual failure to elect an executive mayor places the integrity and governance of the Municipality in peril.

Acting MEC Mazibuko said that "this will no doubt have far-reaching ramifications on the stability of the Municipality."

In the circumstances, Acting MEC Mazibuko appeals to all Councillors to put the interest of the residents of Tshwane first and take the necessary steps to elect an executive mayor expeditiously. Acting MEC Mazibuko urges all Councillors to at all times act in the best interest of the Municipality and the citizens of the City.

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