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### **MEC Maile writes to the Mayor of City of Tshwane, Councillor Randall Williams to respond to allegations of impropriety levelled against the Executive Mayor pertaining to an unsolicited bid from an energy service provider**

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MEC for Human Settlements, Urban Planning and CoGTA, Lebogang Maile, has written a formal letter to the Executive Mayor of City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Cllr Randall Williams, requesting the Mayor to respond to allegations of impropriety levelled against the Executive Mayor and his Office pertaining to an unsolicited bid from an energy service provider.

MEC Maile said that the formal letter to the Executive Mayor was prompted by various media reports wherein it is alleged, amongst others, that the unsolicited bid in question fall foul of the applicable provisions of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003 and in particular the active role being played by the Executive Mayor and his Office, which may be considered as interference in the supply chain management processes, of which the MFMA patently prohibits councilors from doing so.

According to MEC Maile “the allegations are deemed very serious with far-reaching ramifications on the integrity and governance of the Office of the Executive Mayor and the Municipality and the Office of the Speaker. In this regard, section 106(1)(b) of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act. No 32 of 2000, as amended, empowers the MEC responsible for local government in a Province to designate a person or persons to conduct an investigation if the MEC has reason to believe that a municipality cannot or does not fulfil a statutory obligation binding on that municipality or that maladministration, fraud, corruption or any other serious malpractice has occurred or is occurring in a municipality in the Province”.

MEC Maile said that “it is appropriate before exercising my powers in terms of section 106(1)(b) of the Systems Act, to afford the Mayor an opportunity, in accordance with the *audi alteram partem* principles (rules of natural justice) to provide me, within **seven (7) days** of receipt of my letter, with a comprehensive response to all the allegations levelled against the Mayor and his Office pertaining to the unsolicited bid in question. The response must include relevant and applicable supporting documentation that has a bearing on the matter.”

MEC Maile further requested the Mayor to, in the response or representation, provide adequate reasons as to why the MEC should not discharge his statutory powers in terms of section 106(1)(b) of the Systems Act.

MEC Maile remains committed in making sure that municipalities focus on their core business of providing service delivery to communities. Where there are acts of impropriety, MEC Maile will act accordingly as empowered by the law, irrespective of the party in office.

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