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Gauteng Local Government Turnaround Committee prioritises service delivery as it concludes its inaugural meeting in Johannesburg

The Gauteng Local Government Turnaround Committee, also referred to as the Turnaround Committee, held its inaugural meeting today, 6 December 2024, in Johannesburg. The committee was established following the successful Gauteng Local Government Turnaround Summit held on 23–24 October 2024 in Mogale City, West Rand District. Its core mandate is to lead and oversee the implementation of decisions made during the summit.

Building on the resolutions of the summit and directives from Premier Panyaza Lesufi, the Turnaround Committee has pledged to prioritise improvements in critical bulk infrastructure, including water, energy, waste management, roads, and disaster management. Additionally, the committee will intensify efforts to combat crime and improve community safety as it begins its work.

The committee is composed of Members of Mayoral Committees (MMCs) delegated by Mayors, as well as Municipal Managers, who have been tasked with leading and championing the turnaround initiatives.

“We are extremely pleased as the Gauteng Provincial Government with the commitment our municipalities have shown towards a unified provincial strategy to transform municipal governance and service delivery. The Monitoring Committee has identified seven key focus areas that will guide their interventions going forward,” said MEC for

Infrastructure Development and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Jacob Mamabolo.

The committee reaffirmed the importance of public participation and announced plans to consult communities across all municipalities to ensure inclusive decision-making. Broader engagements with key stakeholders, including organised labour, businesses, academia, and civil society, will also form a critical part of the process. These efforts align with the Turnaround Summit's emphasis on cooperative governance, intergovernmental collaboration, and fostering strategic partnerships to address municipal challenges and improve service delivery across the Gauteng City Region.

The Turnaround Committee also resolved to convene an Imbizo to provide Ward Councillors with updates on key issues such as water security, by-law enforcement, energy, and community safety.

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