22 November 2018

**MEMORANDUM OF DEMANDS**

**FROM:** Democratic Alliance (DA)

**TO:** Executive Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality Cllr Jostine Mothibe

**DATE:** 22 November 2018

The Local Municipality of Madibeng has failed the residents of the community. Service delivery has stalled, and corruption is rampant. It is clear the ANC government does not care about the people and as the Democratic Alliance we have the following demands:

**1.**

The immediate resignation of the Executive Mayor of Madibeng Local Municipality Cllr Jostine Mothibe.

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We base these demand on the following:

**Corruption and financial mismanagement:**

* The Auditor General (AG) found that in the 2016/2017 financial year R561.9 million was wasted in irregular expenditure. Fraudulent credit cards were also opened in the name of the Madibeng municipality and unauthorised monthly deductions were made from the municipality’s bank account. According to the AG report, these transactions were not identified by the municipality’s system of internal control, such as the monthly bank reconciliations.
* The lack of leadership and mismanagement of funds was again emphasised during the municipality’s appearance before the Provincial Public Accounts Committee (PPAC) on 7 September 2018, where they had to account for the R30 million invested with VBS Mutual Bank, for which no council resolution had been taken.
* Executive Mayor Jostina Mothibe pleaded ignorance to the money invested with VBS, stating that she only became aware of this investment when the funds needed to be utilised for service delivery, clearly indicating that she had no intention of taking any responsibility for the mess this municipality finds itself in.
* The Municipality has spent R100 000 a month on a rented car for the Executive Mayor.

**Service delivery issues:**

* Repeat protests have occurred in the municipality due to a lack of service delivery, with some turning violent. The most recent, in September 2018, saw protestors dispersed with rubber bullets when they protested over a lack of roads and water. In July 2018, residents of Mothutlong in Brits shut down the municipal offices protesting the reallocation of funding to pave their streets to another area.
* In January 2018, residents of Mmakau in Brits protested and closed a road because they had not had water for five months.
* The Municipality owes over R55 million to Eskom. The municipality only narrowly avoided having its power cut in January 2017 after making a R40 million payment on its then-debt of R90 million.
* The Municipality also allegedly owes nearly R55 million to Rand Water. It faces an ongoing water supply problem, with sporadic water outages since 2012.
* Raw sewage being pumped in the Hartebeespoort dam has compromised the water supply and crop irrigation. Maintenance is not occurring, so pumps for water and sewage continually break down interrupting services, sometimes for months at a time. The ANC claimed that by 2017, Madibeng would have the cleanest water in the country, but clearly it doesn’t.
* The CFO was held hostage a gunpoint in June 2018 by a service provider who had not been paid. In February 2018, the Sheriff attached seven municipal vehicles – trucks and cars – due to non-payment of a supplier. SAMWU said that some of these trucks were essential for delivering water to communities.
* The Brits sewage plant operates on only 40% of its capacity – thus releasing poor quality water into the Crocodile River.

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