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The Executive Mayor
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Dear Madam

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING PORTFOLIO MMC

You are aware that the Infrastructure and Engineering portfolio committee has not yet had a full meeting since the November elections, and that it is highly unlikely to meet within the near future, given the uncertainty surrounding the incumbent MMC, and the potentially lengthy court processes in this regard.

You are also aware that the role of councillors, apart from exercising oversight, is to play an intermediary role between the community and the municipality. This will always include communicating the municipality's state of affairs, as it affects residents.

The drought crisis is affecting the entire Metro; its impact is set to worsen dramatically as the western dams run dry.

Right now, **there is an almost total blackout with respect to information on the water crisis.**

In light of the above, **I request that you urgently appoint an Acting MMC for Infrastructure and Engineering to allow meetings of the Infrastructure and Engineering portfolio committee to be held, including necessary crisis meetings to keep councillors informed as the drought disaster unfolds.**

I look forward to your response.

Yours in Service Delivery

COUNCILLOR DRIES VAN DER WESTHUIZEN