



28 February 2023

**The Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC)**

**Mahikeng Local Municipality**

Cllr T Motshabi

**The Municipal Manager**

**Mahikeng Local Municipality**

Adv D Mongwaketse

**RE: DELAY OF VEHICLE REPAIRS AT MECHANICAL WORKSHOP**

We refer to the above and confirm that, during an oversight inspection to the workshop last week, several challenges have been identified.

It was discovered that a TLB vehicle that needed service had been there for more than a year. It has been harmed by severe weather, and the warranty has now expired.

There have also been two Toyota trucks there for more than a year. The vehicles' turbochargers malfunctioned as a result of skipping their initial service. The supply chain procedure was delayed, therefore this couldn't be handled.

The DA reported on a truck that got stuck at the Mahikeng dumping site in June of last year due to missing wheel nuts. Only last week was this automobile taken to the shop.

This is very alarming, as you, MPAC chair, assured us that the issues at the dumping site will be dealt with. This demonstrates that your Committee neither followed up on this matter nor compiled a report to be presented to Council, as promised.

Due to lax security measures at the premises, thieves have easy access, and as a result, the majority of the vehicles there currently lack batteries.

The Directorate for Infrastructure stated in January 2023 that only one bo-mac roller, one plate compactor, one agrico equipment, one bakkie, four trucks, one grader, and two brush cutters were in use in November and December of 2022. Thus, Mahikeng's residents were unable to benefit from the use of tar cutters, drive-on rollers, or TLB vehicles for at least two months as during that time, the entire last-named machinery was at the workshop.

During a recent consultation with MPAC, the workshop's management attributed the delay to the Supply Chain Directorate, claiming that payment to suppliers takes longer than the 30



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days allowed by the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and that quotes are lost before payment is processed.

We therefore request you to find out why new vehicles are bought while the ones in the shop have simple problems that can be fixed. A critical issue that requires immediate action is the absence of maintenance on municipal vehicles.

The vehicles stuck at the workshop are impeding service delivery and we therefore, request the Municipal Manager (MM), Advocate Dineo Mongwaketse, to conduct a skills audit of every employee working at the mechanical workshop and Supply Chain Directorate and take the necessary measures to ensure optimal performance.

We further request MM to additionally provide Council with a thorough strategy to guarantee that vehicles are serviced on schedule, suppliers are paid within the allotted 30 days, repairs are completed quickly, and security measures on the property are upgraded.

Yours faithfully,

Arista Annandale

DA Councillor

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