To: Executive Mayor Cllr SSK Mabale Huma Speaker of Council Cllr L Pule MMC DTIS Cllr T. Rampou

Cc: Municipal Manager Adv. Ashmar Khuduge
Date: 14 May 2024

## URGENT REQUEST TO TABLE ITEM ON SAFEGUARDING ELECTRICAL SUBSTATIONS IN AND AROUND RUSTENBURG

Dear Executive Mayor, Speaker of the Council, MMC DTIS, and Municipal Manager,

Over the past year, there has been a concerning increase in vandalism targeting substations in and around the city of Rustenburg, resulting in widespread power outages. This trend poses a significant threat to the essential electrical infrastructure that serves our community.

I am hereby requesting an urgent item to be submitted to council for a comprehensive report on the following matters:

1. The total number of substations vandalized within the Rustenburg Local Municipality supply network.
2. The number of cases officially registered with the South African Police Services relating to these incidents.
3. The financial cost associated with the damages inflicted on critical infrastructure.
4. A detailed plan outlining security enhancements to safeguard all substations under our jurisdiction.
5. Additionally, please consider addressing any potential underlying causes or contributing factors to this surge in vandalism.

It is imperative that we take swift and decisive action to protect our vital electrical infrastructure and ensure the uninterrupted provision of essential services to our community. Your urgent attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

