

Speaker hosts empowerment session for councillors

Earlier this month, Councillors of Mangaung Metro underwent an intensive one day training session which was aimed at empowering them with knowledge and information which will help them better serve their communities and the city at large.

“The importance of the workshop is to ensure that councillors have information and are equipped with knowledge to serve the effectively; but also to deal with personal administrative matters to assist in planning for future and retirement,” said the Speaker, Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana in his welcome address to councillors, metro officials and service providers.

The workshop included, amongst other things, presentations on:

- The Regional Service Delivery Forums in the Metro areas;
- Governance processes and procedures;
- Cellular phone policy;
- Update on demarcation process (determination of outer boundaries);
- Lokisa ditokomane campaign;
- Municipal Councillors Pension Fund;
- Roll-out of awareness program on paraffin safety; and replacement of noncompliant appliances by the National Regulatory for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS).

NRCS is a public entity that administers compulsory specifications, otherwise known as technical regulations, on behalf of the Minister of Trade and Industry.

Tumelo Mashiane of the NRCS said the entity is going to distribute 188 paraffin stoves in order to educate the communities in the area about the danger of noncompliant paraffin stoves and that their local office will undertake the awareness jointly with the Mangaung Metro.

Part of the presentations revolved around a



Various councillors and officials attended the session



progress report on the EPWP. In her presentation, Ms Dikeledi Mohlakoana from the city’s EPWP programme updated councillors on EPWP projects currently being rolled-out in Mangaung.

In his remarks, the Speaker raised concerns at the manner in which some of the projects are being rolled out.

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