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Council item

**REQUEST FOR BY LAW AND POLICY FORMULATION ON SOLAR PANELS
INSTALLATION BY CONTRACTORS AND HOUSEHOLDS DWELLING.**

1. Purpose

The purpose of the report is to submit to Council to request the Executive Mayor to compile and submit to council by-laws to regulate the installation for solar panels.

2. Discussions

NERSA has provided the rules for customers to register plants with a capacity exceeding 1MVA, the office has noticed a trend of contractors and community members installing solar panels that exceeds 1MVA without applying for a generation license as required by law.

These unregistered installations pose safety concerns to the community and the MMM employees since they can be electrocuted when working on these networks. For an installation to be complaint it requires the owner to register with the municipality and the metering equipment to be changed for the account of the owner.

In addition to the latter it is a legal requirement to report on a quarterly basis to the national government on installed solar installation

The process prescribed by NERSA requires amongst others that generators would need the consent from the municipality or its entity to install and utilise plants exceeding 1MVA.

3. Conclusion

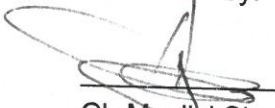
It should be noted that the main aim of this initiative or request is to ensure that residents abide by the laws and regulations applicable to embedded generation and therefore the compilation of a policy and bylaw would ensure community compliance.

4. Recommendations

It is therefore recommended that:

- 4.1 Council refer the matter to the executive mayor to compile or consider making a new by law or policy in regulating the installation of imbedded generation within a period of 6months.
- 4.2 Council approves that customers or community members who installed a plant without approval be required to pay for the actual consumption where more than 1MVA was illegally generated.

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