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**THE SPEAKER
COUNCIL ITEM**

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to elect the Executive Mayor of the Mangaung Metro Council in terms of Section 55 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act (Act No. 117 of 1998) and as per Rule 21 of the MMM Standing Rules and Orders which sets out the order of business at the election of the Executive Mayor.

2. BACKGROUND

Mangaung Metro is a Category A Municipality with a combined Mayoral Executive and Ward Participatory System as contemplated in section 7 and 9 of the Municipal Structures Act.

The Mayoral Executive System allows for the exercise of the executive authority through an Executive Mayor in whom the executive leadership of the municipality is vested and who is assisted by a Mayoral Committee.

3. DELIBERATIONS

The procedure to be followed during the election of an Executive Mayor is prescribed in Schedule 3 of the Municipal Structures Act.

The Executive Mayor is the political leader of the Mangaung Metro and his/her are of responsibility will not be limited to the municipality itself but will extend to involvement in cooperative governance including participation in provincial structures and organizations such as SALGA.

The Executive Mayor will be required to promote and protect the constitutional status, the powers and functions of the municipality as well as the principles of co-operative governance and intergovernmental relations.

The Municipal Council is to delegate appropriate power to the Executive Mayor and important power will also be conferred by legislation such as the Structures Act and the MFMA. The Executive Mayor is accountable to the Municipal Council and must report to Council on the exercise, performance and discharge of powers and duties of the office. The Executive Mayor must report to the Municipal Council on all decisions taken by him/her.

This duty does not only relate to the Executive Mayor statutory powers, but also his/her delegated powers. The Municipal Council must determine the format of reports, as well as the frequency of reporting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Mangaung Metro is classified as a Category A Municipality and the Municipal Council as a metro is classified as a grade 6 as set out in Government Notice No, R 243 of March 2015.

The existing administrative resources and infrastructure which supported the previous Executive Mayor are still available and may be utilized without additional financial burden on the Council.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. That Council take note of the report and;

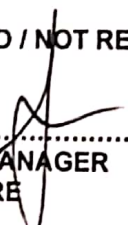
5.2. That the Mangaung Metro elect one councillor to serve as the Executive Mayor on full-time basis.

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RECOMMENDED / NOT RECOMMENDED



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