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RESPONSE TO RULE 38 QUESTION. APPOINTMENT OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Your undated letter received on 12 June 2022, regarding the above-mentioned matter refers.

Question 1:

Has the office of the City Manager advertised for the position of the Ombudsman for the Mangaung Metro?

Response: A Council meeting considered a report regarding the establishment of office of the Mangaung Ombudsman on the 24 May 2018. The Council resolution reads as follows:

- a) That the report on the establishment of Office of the Ombudsman within the MMM be approved;
- b) That the CFO be tasked to secure the relevant budget for the establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman;
- c) That the post of the Ombudsman and supporting staff be advertised as soon as the budget has been allocated.

Following the Municipal Council resolution, the then City Manager was requested to initiate the process towards the institutionalization of the office of Ombudsman. During the 2019/2020 financial year the budgetary provision was made, for the office of the Ombudsman. The then City Manager was further required to have amended and submitted a report to the Municipal Council for approval the macro structure to include establishment of the Ombudsman office. The well documented leadership instability at the Executive Management Team (EMT) level unfortunately had the effect that no coherent plan could be put in place prioritising the implementation thereof. However, the ACM is giving particular attention to the matter and the

Executive Mayor should be able to submit a status report thereon in one of the coming ordinary Council meetings.

Question 2:

If yes, please provide proof of advertisement?

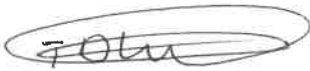
Response: Not applicable.

Question 3:

If not, when will the post be advertised?

Response: At this stage the macro-structure is still yet to be approved and once approved, the advertisement for the filling of the position will ensue.

Yours faithfully



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Acting City Manager

Date: 16/08/2022