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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY (MMM) JURISDICTION.

Purpose

To request Council approval for MMM to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The University of Free State, Central University of Technology, and Motheo TVET College.

Background

- The three institutions have operated, in their respective core function in the MMM jurisdiction for years, hence it could be confidently asserted that they are MMM key stakeholders.
- MMM had an MoU with Central University in the past, in 2016 and it was renewed in 2019. The MoU has since lapsed.
- MMM interaction and engagement with UFS and Motheo TVET has in the past been on an ad hoc basis and there was no coherence strategic engagement with these institutions.

Motivation

- Successful and well governed municipalities, locally and internationally, have leveraged on the knowledge and research expertise institutions of higher learning provide.
- For example, University of KwaZulu Natal has an MoU with eThekweni Metro, Wits University has an MoU with the City of Joburg, City of Cape Town has a MoU with the consortium of institutions of Higher Learning in Cape Town and University of Pretoria has a MoU with the City of Tshwane.
- UFS, CUT and Motheo TVET are involved in community development projects within the Metro. Unfortunately, these activities are not coordinated and recorded.
- Research has proven that there are economic spin offs of having a university in a municipal jurisdiction, for example, there are job opportunities created and the tourism industry is boosted.



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About the Envisaged MoU

There should be an endeavour that the MoU covers among others:

- I. MMM Integrated Development Plan priority needs.
- II. Address the District Development Model (DDM) priority goals, that is:
 - a. Peoples Development
 - b. Economic Positioning
 - c. Spatial Restructuring and Environmental Sustainability
 - d. Infrastructure Engineering
 - e. Integrated Service Provisioning
 - f. Governance.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- I. The Council approves the signing of MoUs with the UFS, CUT and Motheo TVET.
- II. The Council be provided with quarterly reports on the signed MoUs.

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