

# **OVERSIGHT VISIT REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS CONDUCTED AT TEKWANE NORTH - MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ON 14 FEBRUARY 2017 - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements and Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (the Committee) has a mandate in terms of Rule 119 of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature to conduct oversight over the Department of Human Settlements (the department) by holding it accountable through various measures which the Portfolio Committee may undertake during the course of a financial year.

One of the instruments that enable the Portfolio Committee on Human Settlements; Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs to execute its mandate is to conduct oversight visits to human settlements housing projects in the Province.

## **2. PURPOSE OF THE UNANNOUNCED OVERSIGHT VISIT**

The purpose was to assess progress made by the Department of Human Settlements on the Tekwane North Intergrated Residential Development Programme that was allocated 500 units.

## **3. METHOD OF WORK**

Only South African Local Government Association (SALGA), the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the House of Traditional Leaders (HTL) were invited. On 14 February 2017, the Committee conducted an oversight visit at Tekwane North Housing Project and a draft report was considered on 07 March 2017.

#### **4. OBSERVATION**

The houses reflected good quality workmanship.

#### **5. TEKWANE NORTH BREAKING NEW GROUND PROJECTS- MBOMBELA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

##### **Background**

Tekwane North is a settlement that is situated 26km outside Mbombela capital city and is in close proximity of the Moyeni Mall (6km), Msogwaba Pienaar, Kanyamazane and Karino Lifestyle Estate. The settlement is an extension of the existing settlement of Tekwane North Extension 1 with approximately 2000 households.

In this project, the committee visited one house. After inspecting the house, the Committee was satisfied with the good workmanship; the only major challenge was the issue of electricity.

##### **6. Findings**

After the site inspection, the Committee found that:

- a. The houses reflected good quality workmanship.
- b. Some houses were without electricity.

## 7. Recommendations

After the findings, the Committee recommended that the Department must:

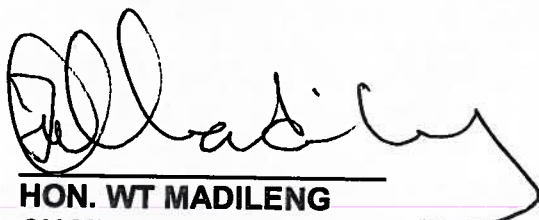
- a. Continue to build quality houses for residents of Tekwane.
- b. Ensure that all the houses are electrified and that a progress report be submitted to the Committee by 13 April 2017.

A progress report should be submitted to the Legislature on or before 13 April 2017.

## 8. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson wishes to thank the Hon. Members of the Committee for their sterling participation and input during the deliberations on the oversight visits of the Department of Human Settlements; representatives from Public Service Commission and South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and also thank the Legislature staff for the support they provided the Committee.

Lastly, the Chairperson requests the august House to adopt the report with its recommendations.



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