

**REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT; COMMUNITY SAFETY, SECURITY AND LIAISON OVERSIGHT VISITS CONDUCTED ON 17 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE BUSHBUCKRIDGE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, EHLANZENI DISTRICT**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (the Legislature) has a responsibility in terms of Section 118 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996, (the Constitution) to facilitate public involvement in its legislative and other processes. Sections 114 and 133, of the Constitution, read with Rules 218 and 131 of the Rules and Orders of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature as amended (the Rules) directs the Legislature to hold the Executive accountable for the exercising of powers and performance of their functions. Therefore, the **Portfolio Committee on Public Works, Roads and Transport; Community Safety, Security and Liaison** (the Committee) regularly conducts oversight visits to projects of the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport (the department); in Bushbuckridge local municipality.

The purpose of the oversight visit was to evaluate the progress made on projects reflected in the Annual Performance Plan (APP) implemented by the department.

The Legislature seeks to establish whether provincial government delivers services effectively and efficiently within the respective local municipality areas.

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES**

The following objectives shaped the oversight visit to the projects of the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison:

- To assess the progress with regard to the construction of the Matlolane and Relane Primary Schools.

### 3. METHOD OF WORK

In preparation for the oversight visit to the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, the research section prepared the briefing notes to members with regards to the progress made by the contractor. The Committee conducted oversight visits in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on 17 November 2016. The Committee met on 07 March 2017 to consider the draft Committee report.

### 4. OVERSIGHT ON GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS

#### 4.1. MATLOLANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- The School which is located at Bushbuckridge Local Municipality in Shatale.
- Budget allocated is R22 497 000.00 and budget spent is **R505 000.00**.
- There are successes identified so far from the project. It is noted that the project is within the planned time frame, meaning its progressing well.

##### 4.1.1. Project Profile/Description

- This project is implemented by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport on behalf of the Department of Education.
- The scope of the project was for demolition and construction of **06 x new class rooms, administration block, kitchen, guard house, 10 toilets, water, electricity and fence**. The project started on 30 September 2016 and the planned date for completion is 16 November 2017. Through inquiry from the contractor and the department it was noted that the project has commenced and is currently at 5% in terms of progress. This means that the project is at foundation level.
  - **Name of contractor: River Queen Trading 458cc**
  - **Cell no: 083 401 5110**
  - **DPWRT project manager: Mr L Buasi**

#### **4.1.2. Deliberations by the Committee**

The Committee appreciated the work done by the contractor. Mr Mandla Mayile (foreman) reported that since the project started 30 September 2016 no payment was received from the department. The Principal also reported that he is happy with the work done by the contractor so far.

#### **4.1.3. FINDING**

4.1.3.1. The department has not paid the contractor for the work done since 30 September 2016.

#### **4.1.4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1.4.1. The department must ensure that the contractor receives payment for the work done.

#### **4.2. RELANE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- The School which is located at Bushbuckridge Local Municipality in Shatale.
- Budget allocated is R25 431 000.00 and budget spent is R668 000.00.

##### **4.2.1. Project Profile/Description**

This project is implemented by the department of Public works, Roads and Transport on behalf of the department of Education. The scope of the project was for demolition and construction of **(six) 6 X new class rooms, administration block, kitchen, guard housed ten (10) toilets, water, electricity and fence.** The project started on 30 September 2016 and the planned date for completion is 16 November 2017. Through inquiry by the Committee to the contractor and the department, it was noted that the project has commenced; however, it is currently at 0% in terms of progress. It is also noted that the contractor has been paid an amount of R 668 000.00.

#### **4.2.2. DELIBERATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE**

- The Committee noted that the project was supposed to start 30 September 2016.
- Mr Dumisa Madolo Shirdo, site agent, reported that the project started on 26 October 2016, due to challenges on site with the community regarding the CLOs appointment. The community wanted the project to have two (2) CLOs and this should not be through the councilor but through the community. He also indicated that they were stopped from working for seven (7) days and this resulted in them resuming with construction on 26 October 2016. He further reported that there were three (3) meetings that were held by the community with the councilor and the SGB to try and resolve the matter.
- He further indicated that, according to their plan, the structure will be at the roof level by 23 December 2016.

#### **4.2.3. FINDINGS**

- 4.2.3.1. The project was supposed to resume on 30 September 2016. However, due to unrest in the community, it only commenced 26 October 2016.

#### **4.2.4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

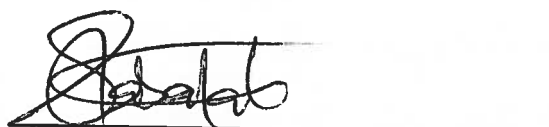
- 4.2.4.1. The department must ensure that monitoring and evaluation on the project takes place in order to avoid delays on the project.

**The Committee tables this report to the House for adoption with its recommendations.**

## 5. CONCLUSION

The Chairperson of the Committee, Hon GC Shabalala extends her appreciation to Members of the Committee, the Councillors of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, departmental officials, all stakeholders and the support staff of the Legislature for their participation during this oversight visit to the community of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality in enhancing the oversight role of the Legislature.

Unless otherwise stated, the departments should provide progress reports on all issues raised to the Committee by **13 April 2017** and thereafter on a quarterly basis.



**HON GC SHABALALA**

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