



“Towards a Modern, Growing, and Successful Northern Cape”

# NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BULLETIN:

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## INTRODUCTION REMARKS

We are pleased to issue this edition of the Executive Council Bulletin which, we trust, incorporates matters of interest to the community of the Northern Cape.

Over and above communicating key decisions adopted by the Executive Council, we trust that all that is incorporated herein will, to a large extent, demonstrate to the public at large that, indeed, we are a government at work in serving all the people of the Province to the best of our collective ability

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BULLETIN

The Northern Cape Executive Council convened virtually, on Wednesday 28 April, a day after South Africa celebrated the 27th anniversary of Freedom Day under the theme “The year of Charlotte Maxeke: the meaning of Freedom under COVID-19”. In its deliberations the Executive Council reflected on the spike of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Province. It was noted that a considerable amount of work was done in terms of testing across the province in the past 7 days. The spike in the COVID-19 pandemic was placing pressure on hospitals across the province, with increased number of admissions to private and public hospitals, especially in the Sol-Plaatje and NamaKhoi municipal areas. EXCO once again commended the frontline workers who tirelessly work to ensure that we save more lives and reiterated the need for communities to continue observing the basic COVID-19 protocols and to avoid attending large gatherings.

### ON THE STATE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

The Executive Council noted the progress made in terms of the State Owned Construction Company, and expressed its satisfaction on the implementation plan that was presented. The State Owned Construction Company will respond to infrastructure development challenges in the province and serve as a bedrock for growth and opportunities for SMME's. It was also envisaged that it will respond to the need to create jobs in the province. Exco also noted that partnership could be formed such as that with Sol-Plaatje University in terms of training of people.

The construction company was set to work well with the infrastructure Unit in the Presidency headed by Dr Ramokgopa, who has outlined high value infrastructure initiatives for the province which will attract investment both from local and foreign sources.

### ON THE AFRICAN PEER REVIEW MECHANISM (APRM)

Exco received a presentation from the National General Council on the APRM, in an effort to orientate it on the work that the APRM is doing. The APRM team is tasked with setting up provincial structures in consultation with the Provincial Focal points. The team will also facilitate the induction of the Provincial Structures as per their guidelines. Exco appointed MEC Abraham Vosloo to be the Provincial Focal point, and he will, together with the Director General ensure that an Interim Provincial Structure is set up in the province. Exco committed to working with the team to ensure that we contribute to this all-important initiative results.

### ON THE R500 MILLION PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOL-PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY

Exco received a report on the work done towards fixing infrastructure challenges within the Sol-Plaatje municipal area and to also ensure that the town is neat and tidy on an ongoing basis. Exco noted that the work done in the municipal area is continuing and that there is a need for the Province to bring on board social partners which will ensure that once the work is done, it is accordingly maintained on a constant basis. Exco also appreciated the fact that the Hull Street housing project will be officially launched by the Premier in Mid-May 2021.

With regard to the recent community protests which were occurring in most parts of the Northern Cape, Exco condemned the destruction of public and private property during the protests and has called for calm.

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