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MEDIA STATEMENT: DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FILLS VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

Dipaleseng Local Municipality convened a Special Council Meeting to deliberate on the filling of a vacant Proportional Representation (PR) council seat. The vacancy arose following the resignation of Cllr. Zakhele Ernest Maya on the 5th February 2025 in accordance with Section 27(a) of the Local Government: Structures Act 117 OF 1998 [Vacation of Office as a Councillor].

Subsequently, the Municipal Manager, Mr. Lwazi Cindi officially declared the vacancy to the Independent Electoral Commission on the 11th February 2025. Following due process, the IEC issued a replacement confirmation letter to the municipality on the 27th February 2025, enabling Council to proceed with the filling the vacancy.

On 5 March 2025, Council formally elected Cllr. Mafunda Lendu Makhubu as a PR Councillor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality. His election was followed by an official swearing-in ceremony conducted by His Worship, the local Magistrate of the Balfour Magistrate Court, and the completion of his declaration of interest.

Council extends its sincere appreciation to former Cllr. Zakhele Ernest May for his dedicated service to the municipality and wishes him well in his future endeavours.

Cllr. Mafunda Makhubu is a seasoned public servant with extensive experience in municipal governance. As one of the longest-serving councillors of the institution, he

has previously held key leadership roles, including Ward Councillor, Speaker and Executive Mayor. His wealth of experience will undoubtedly contribute to the continued service delivery and development of Dipaleseng Local Municipality.

The municipality congratulates Cllr. Makhubu on his election and wishes him success in his tenure as a councillor.

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