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RE : The Promosa Protest

Housing Waiting list

Currently the municipality has a backlog of about 20 316 applications stretching from 1998 in the Potchefstroom region and about 10 000 in Ventersdorp. The Municipality is currently in the process of identifying and preparing land that can be proclaimed into townships.

This will unfortunately not be a swift process considering the shortage of suitable housing land as well as the resources available in our disposal to eradicate the backlog.

The Municipality is also in the process of migrating the housing waiting list to the national housing needs register. This is a national central database that offers households the opportunity to register their need for adequate shelter by providing information about their current living conditions, household composition and to indicate the type of housing assistance they require from government.

Provision of services

The Municipality needs to plan properly for the bulk supply of services such as water, roads and electricity. However, this planning and delivery cannot be carried out unless informal settlement are accordingly proclaimed for township development.

All that the Municipality can do is provide basic temporary services within available budget. However, this has to be in an informal settlement area that is legal. During the lockdown water was supplied by the national department of water and sanitation through tankers. However, it is impossible for this water to have been infested with worms as all this kind of water was purified.

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Allocation of Stands

The municipality is allocating stands to beneficiaries in accordance with the waiting list as and when there is availability of habitable land.

However the challenge is that some of the municipal land is underlain by dolomite and there is also an influx of illegal land invasion. This problem is often worsened by people who indiscriminately engage in land grabs.

At some point the Municipality has had to secure court orders to remove people who engage in this kind of activity, although some of these have not been activated.

Title deeds

The issuing of RDP title deeds rests with the provincial department of human settlement. This department is currently in the process of addressing the backlog of issuing title deeds.

Currently the Municipality has approximately 3 436 title deeds that have not yet been collected by the beneficiaries. Letters have been sent for beneficiaries to collect their title deeds.

Title deeds that remain uncollected are for areas such as Old Promosa, Aksiepark and Ext.3 Promosa (106), Ikageng Extension 6 – (70), Ikageng Extension 7 (405), Ikageng Extension 11 (304), Ikageng Ext. 2 Kanana, Extension 3, Sarafina and the old Ikageng (2 551).

We are making an appeal to all those who have received such letters to come visit the municipal Housing office with the letter to collect their title deeds.

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