

# EXECUTIVE MAYOR CONFIDENT OF IMPROVED AUDIT OUTCOMES IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN THE DISTRICT



Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi is confident that Mopani District Municipality will achieve unqualified audit opinion with at least two local municipalities in the district are expected to move to clean audit “and add cherry on top of the achievements recorded by the provincial government.”

The Executive Mayor said this when delivering the opening address to the MPAC District-wide session held from 10 -12 of September at Zebula Golf Estate. The session is also held on the backdrop of the ongoing municipal audits by AGSA, and in attendance are the Speakers and members of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee from all the six municipalities.

He also said the Municipality is making progress in its efforts to improve the internal control systems, adding that the issue of EPWP fraud as well as the fuel fraud was detected through internal processes and consequence management is being implemented. “It was detected by us out of own system, and we said that we need to investigate. We suspended some officials.”

He said that part of the commitments made to the AGSA is to work on ensuring water provision to communities across the district. He said that the first and sustainable option is the bulk water supply from the source, reticulation into household, but where it is not possible boreholes become an option, and even water tankers.





“So that there is no gap. But if we are able to infuse all the three at once, they support each other. That is why we introduced Hi Nwa Mati Friday, brought the operations and maintenance team, engaged in Operation Fix All. We are focusing on boreholes while bigger projects are still running.”



The Executive Mayor urged MPAC to remain professional and ethical while executing their duties. “We must reaffirm our commitment in ensuring that the work of MPAC and council continues to be conducted in an open and transparent.



“As you do your work as MPAC, you should be able to make sure you don’t work outside your mandate. Don’t unwittingly erode your own credibility and create environment of fear in the institutions. Don’t divert your precious energy because you will be tempted to play into the space of abuse. Good luck on your work. We are depending on your investigation, the probing, so that we elevate and hold each other accountable.”

