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MOGALE CITY ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The 21st Special Council Meeting held today by the Mogale City Local Municipality culminated in the election of Cllr Danny Thupane of the African Transformation Movement (ATM) as the Executive Mayor.

Councillor Thupane was pitted against the outgoing mayor, Councillor Tyrone Gray of the Democratic Alliance (DA) and they tallied 43–31 votes respectively with no abstentions or spoiled votes.

Councillor Lucky Sele of the African National Congress (ANC) was also elected as Speaker of Council, also receiving 43 votes as opposed to his challenger Councillor Jacqueline Pannall of the DA who received 31 votes.

Councillor Tsholofelo Ramaisa of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) rounded up the election of the political management troika when she defeated Councillor Lesego Lekoto of the Democratic Alliance (DA) by receiving 43 votes and 31 votes respectively. Therefore, Councillor Ramaisa is now the Single Whip of Council.

The trio that the DA Coalition fielded were candidates who were removed through Motions of No Confidence in the positions they contested. The Coalition comprised of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC), the Freedom Front Plus (FFPlus) and the African Christian Democratic Party (ACDP). Council comprises seventy-seven (77) councillors and only seventy-four (74) councillors participated in this Special Council, i.e. one councillor of the DA as well as each of the single representatives of the IFP and PAC were not present at the meeting.

Delivering his acceptance speech, Executive Mayor Thupane, who comes with extensive local government experience-i.e. having begun his local government career as a youth councillor in the days of the Greater Krugersdorp Youth Organisation, promised to establish and announce a Mayoral Committee within the next forty-eight hours. He expects the team to be empathetic and responsive to the needs of the people of Mogale City.

The Executive Mayor expressed his wish to take Mogale City back to its days of glory where it punched above its weight in matters of service delivery and good governance. He promised to work on reversing the negative audits that the municipality got from the Auditor-General. He also said that the team he will lead will work tirelessly to return the city to being a preferred investment destination alongside Gauteng metros.

The Executive Mayor indicated that his team, which will be selected from the members of the Government of Local Unity (GLU) comprises of diverse political leanings derived from the ATM, the ANC and the EFF, will move the municipality to a higher plane of inclusive and sustainable service delivery for the remainder of the 2021-2026 political term of office.

For the full speech, receive copy attached or visit: www.mogalecity.gov.za

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