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### **MEC CALLS FOR QUALITY SERVICE DELIVERY**

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Delivering a key note address at the King Sabatha Dalindyebo Local Municipality (KSDLM) strategic planning session MEC Xolile Nqatha (**right**) urged all political parties to work together to deliver quality service to the people. “This municipality must contribute to the renewal of our country by building a responsive institution, that is committed to professionalism and respect the will of the people,” said MEC Nqatha. The three-day session held in East London was attended by Councillors representing various political parties as well as senior managers.



MEC Nqatha said the municipal leadership gathered to conduct a detailed assessment of the municipality, discuss its challenges and acknowledge achievements that have been made. He cautioned them not to temper with their achievements rather focus on challenges confronting the institution.

“It is important that you emerge from this session with practical and measurable solutions to achieve your mandate. Our people want services which must be delivered by a caring and responsive government. So everyone must work hard to achieve those goals.”



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The MEC decried the negative impact and damage caused by the State Capture as contained in a series of reports of the Zondo Commission in public institutions as unbelievable.

“A collaborative effort of professionals and politicians with high ethics is sacrosanct. The agenda of the criminal state capture network was to weaken all accountability mechanisms including municipal internal controls such as Municipal Public Accounts Committees,” he added.

He advised the attendees to “seriously consider” the issue of poor road infrastructure in rural areas and towns. “Again, as you deliberate on local economy, I urge you to consider projects that will create jobs and boost the economy of your municipality including developing an effective revenue generation strategy,” he advised.

MEC Nqatha further spoke about another crisis facing communities which is Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBV). “We must confront this hyena and condemn it with the strongest possible terms. It has no place in our communities. We are therefore duty-bound to protect our women and children,” said MEC Nqatha.

Executive Mayor of KSDLM Councillor Nyaniso Nelani said the three-day session was aimed at helping the municipality to set up its strategic agenda and firm up on assessing the strategic agenda, institutional performance and implementation of the municipal programs and projects. “This session also provides an opportunity and ample time to incisively analyse our performance and collectively design a clear programme of action as we navigate towards Vision 2030,” said Mayor Nelani.