

COUNCIL ELECTS THE NEW THABO MOFUTSANYANA MAYOR



Councillor Malefu Vilakazi was on Thursday, 10 June 2014, elected as the new Executive Mayor of Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality during a Special Council Meeting held at the District Council Chamber in Qwaqwa.

The election of Councillor Vilakazi comes after the resignation of Dr Balekile Mzangwa, who has joined the Department of Health in the Free State.

At the time of her election, Vilakazi, who is the Councillor for the African National Congress, was the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee in Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality.

Upon her election as the Executive Mayor, Vilakazi consequently resigned from her position as the Chairperson of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee.

Accepting her election, Councillor Vilakazi thanked the African National Congress for bestowing the responsibility of steering the district municipality and ensuring that it is a democratic state that is disciplined, people-centred, professional and accountable to its citizens.

“As both politicians and administration, we need to imagine a workforce where unity is the overarching goal. Every individual need to work towards unity of purpose that shall culminate in an environment of caring, support, truthfulness and trust,” she said.

She added that the district municipality, rural as it is, has every responsibility to ensure adequate, effective rural development, as well as to fight poverty and unemployment through systematic creation of decent work and adherence to the local government legislations, which intend to improve the capacity of municipalities to deliver services through qualified and experienced staff.

Vilakazi emphasised that, “the district municipality need to be a Champion of dedication, discipline, integrity, accountability and service excellence as these are the core values and principles that underpin the Constitution of the Republic and government programme of action.”