

## **MAYOR PROMISES CLEAN-UP**

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The mayor of Maluti-a-Phofung Balekile Mzangwa said that it wasn't an act of desperation, nor the lack of a sense of direction for the ANC to have elected on a new change in leadership in the municipality.

The newly elected mayor was deployed after Moody's independent investors decision to downgrade the municipality in October.

Mzangwa admitted that the municipality had faced a lot of service delivery shortfalls in the past and that he was there to deal with the problems.

"The challenges faced by Maluti-a-Phofung (MAP) in terms of service delivery include an unreliable electricity network and supply across the municipality, no access to water in some parts, shortage of serviced sites – both for housing and economic development – ageing infrastructure and bad access roads in the villages; and these are not insurmountable but can be decisively dealt with," he said.

Mzangwa said that if change was to occur there needed to be a deepened partnership between the government and private sector companies.

"We need to ensure that all of us councillors, ward committees, youth formations, organs of civil society and the private sector join hands for the benefit of MAP residents.

"In this path, we have to ensure partnership with the traditional leadership as well and respect or the role they have or can play alongside us," he said.

Mzangwa said he hoped to achieve a clean audit in the next financial year.

"We'll need to strengthen the internal audit committee."

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