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O.R. TAMBO SETS ITS SIGHTS ON A CLEAN AUDIT

"The question is no longer whether we are progressing. The question is how far we can go."

O.R. Tambo District Municipality has begun the 2026/27 financial year with a renewed commitment to institutional excellence, accountability and good governance.

Addressing the first Extended Management Meeting of the financial year, Municipal Manager Mr Basil Mase challenged management to confront a defining question:

"What is standing between O.R. Tambo District Municipality and a Clean Audit?"

The Municipal Manager emphasised that the municipality must be deliberate in addressing the areas consistently raised by the Auditor-General and Internal Audit. He called on all departments to work collectively to eliminate recurring findings, strengthen internal controls, improve compliance and enhance organisational performance.

Importantly, he indicated that these identified areas will become a standing item in management engagements throughout the year, ensuring that progress is continuously monitored and that corrective actions are implemented without delay.

Mr Mase reminded management that O.R. Tambo's progress has not happened by chance.

At a time when several municipalities across the country are grappling with financial distress, governance challenges and withheld transfers, O.R. Tambo District Municipality continues to demonstrate resilience, stability and a commitment to sound administration.

"Our progress is the result of discipline, accountability and hard work. The same commitment that brought us this far must now take us to the next level," he said.

The meeting reflected a shared understanding that a Clean Audit is more than an audit outcome. It is a reflection of strong systems, responsible leadership, sound financial management and an institution that is capable of delivering sustainable services to its communities.

As the municipality advances towards a new administration, the focus remains on building a stronger institution, improving service delivery and deepening public confidence in local government.

The message from management was clear: O.R. Tambo District Municipality is not content with maintaining progress.

The municipality is determined to transform progress into excellence and excellence into a lasting legacy for the people of O.R. Tambo.

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