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Business as usual

During a Special Council meeting held this morning (25 October) a Motion of No Confidence against the Deputy Mayor, Peter Myers succeeded.

"I would like to assure residents of Greater Knysna that the removal of the Deputy Mayor will in no way impact on the functionality of the Municipality," said Knysna Municipal Manager, Kam Chetty.

He added: "When I took office on 1 July, 2017, the first thing I said was that I am not interested in politics and that my job was to ensure that the administration of the municipality is run well and according to legislation, and that is exactly what we are doing."

The Municipal Manager explained that a municipal council has various responsibilities. "These include making the laws and policies, providing financial oversight, planning the budget, and hiring the municipal manager. It is further responsible for ensuring that the municipal administration fulfils its duties to the community.

Council has not yet decided on the position of Deputy Mayor.

"It is important to note that Council is not the only oversight body of local government. The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) is the Supreme Audit institution (Sai) of South Africa. It is the only institution that, by law, has to audit and report on how the government is spending the South African taxpayers' money.

"All local government administrators need to answer to both the Council and the AGSA, so rest assured there is competent oversight in place. Residents must not lose sight of the fact that the Knysna Municipality received a clean audit by the AGSA during the last financial year." concluded Chetty.

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