



Knysna's Council elects leadership

Following the local government elections held nationwide on 1 November this year, Knysna's Council elected its leadership contingent during its continued inaugural meeting held on 22 November. Councillor Levael Davis from the Democratic Alliance (DA) has been elected as Executive Mayor. He won the vote against Alberto Marbi from the Plaaslike Besorgde Inwoners (PBI) with 11 votes to 10.

Serving his second term as Ward 1 Councillor for Sedgefield, Mayor Davis assured all residents of the greater Knysna area that he will deliver on the DA Election Manifesto by ensuring that Knysna becomes a financially sustainable town; building a service driven municipal culture; promoting economic opportunities that stimulate economic growth; making Knysna a safe and healthy environment; and investing in key infrastructure. Mayor Davis will unpack these deliverables in his 100 Day Plan, which will be available soon.

An announcement on his Mayoral Committee will also be made soon.

Councillor Mark Willemse of the Knysna Independent Movement (KIM) takes office as Executive Deputy Mayor. Previously mayor for the DA, Deputy Mayor Willemse also won 11 votes against Councillor Aubrey Tsengwa from the African National Congress' 10 votes.

Councillor Julie Lopes of the DA has been elected as Speaker of Council and Councillor Hilton Stroebel, also from the DA, has been elected as the Municipal Whip - a first for Knysna Council. Councillor Marbi was nominated and elected unopposed as the Municipal Public Accounts Committee Chair (MPAC).

Knysna Municipality welcomes all councillors and the new leadership to office. The administration looks forward to working with Council to make greater Knysna the best that it can be.

Caption:

Executive Deputy Mayor Mark Willemse (KIM), Speaker Julie Lopes (DA), Executive Mayor Levael Davis (DA) with acting Municipal Manager Dawid Adonis.

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