

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **NO RAID, NO MAYOR INVOLVEMENT — MUNICIPALITY COOPERATES WITH HAWKS**

Polokwane Municipality wishes to clarify reports regarding the visit by the Hawks to municipal offices on Wednesday, 17 September 2025. Contrary to certain claims, there was **no raid** conducted at the municipality. The Hawks formally requested specific documents as part of their investigative processes and the municipality duly provided these documents.

It is therefore misleading and inaccurate for some individuals and sections of the media to describe this process as a "raid." Equally, it is incorrect to attempt to draw the **Executive Mayor, Cllr Makoro John Mpe**, into this matter. The Executive Mayor's office was neither visited nor subjected to any request from the Hawks. At no point have the Hawks sought information from or about the Executive Mayor.

It is also important to clarify that the documents requested are not in any way related to multi-million rand tenders, as has been widely and incorrectly reported in some media platforms and on social media.

Furthermore, it must be emphasised that the municipality itself prepared the documents in question. The municipality has proactively opened cases relating to material irregularities in the past and once the cases are concluded, the findings will be communicated transparently to the public.

It is equally important to highlight that under the current leadership, Polokwane has recorded significant achievements that continue to shape the city's growth and progress.

Polokwane Municipality continues to cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies and respects the investigative process as it unfolds.

The municipality urges all stakeholders and members of the media to report responsibly, avoid sensationalism and allow due process to take its course.

## **ENDS**

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