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## **MEDIA STATEMENT HARMFUL BUSINESS PRACTICES BY FOREIGNERS IN TSWELOPELE MUNICIPALITY**

**11 April 2022**

**Hoopstad:** The Council and the Municipality of Tswelopele in Lejweleputswa would like to provide its unequivocal support to the Mayor, Cllr Kenalemang Phukuntsi in her effort to rid Tswelopele Municipality of illegal and harmful business practices targeting unsuspecting, vulnerable poor people of Tswelopele.

The Municipality wish to condemn the unnecessary and uncalled for arrest and subsequent appearance in Hoopstad Magistrate Court of the Mayor on 08 April 2022. This unfortunate and heavy handed action of the police comes after a lawful inspection operation involving police, DESTEA Consumer Protection Officials and the Municipality Law Enforcement on 02 February 2022. These operations are conducted in terms of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008. The emphasis is on expired and illicit goods, unexplained price hikes and to educate store owners about the dangers of retailing in illicit goods.

The actions of a group of foreign nationals with the intentions of bullying the Mayor and the Municipality into submission to their illegal business activities will not deter the Mayor from executing her responsibility of serving the people of Tswelopele including protecting their rights as consumers. The Municipality view this ill-advised action as nothing but intimidation of the Municipality and warns the culprits and their supporters, wherever they are, that their tactics will not deter the Mayor from ensuring that no illegal activities are tolerated in Tswelopele Local Municipality.

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