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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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**MIDVAAL HOSTS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FIRST INSTALMENT OF BUANG
BATJHA YOUTH LISTENING CAMPAIGN**

Yesterday, the Executive Mayor, Alderman Peter Teixeira, held a highly successful engagement meeting with the youth of Lakeside (Ward 6) as part of the Buang Batjha youth listening campaign.

The meeting saw an impressive turnout of over 150 young people, who attended to discuss the socioeconomic challenges they face and present solutions.

The Executive Mayor was joined by the MMC for Development and Planning, **Cllr Mokete Motsamai**, MMC for Community Services, **Cllr Thembi Modiba**, MMC for Engineering Services, **Cllr Reginald Hubbard** and **PR Councillor Koena Hoyane**.

The discussions were robust and fruitful, covering a range of pressing issues such as unemployment, gender-based violence, substance abuse, crime, and developmental needs within the Lakeside community.

Listening to our people is non-negotiable, and it is especially important that the youth have a voice in the development of Midvaal and the country.

The municipality will ensure that these engagements extend beyond mere talk and produce a sustainable youth programme that will address the challenges and social ills faced across Midvaal.

The Buang Batjha listening campaign will extend across all 15 of our Wards, to allow for a diversity of ideas and perspectives.

We urge young people to take advantage of this opportunity to engage with us and work together to find lasting and sustainable solutions.

It is only through active collaboration and listening to the voices of our youth that we can build a better and brighter future for all.

ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR:

Yours in Service Excellence, Ald. Peter Teixeira

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