LITIGATION vs CITY OF TSHWANE: RATES CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES

Due to the failure of the City of Tshwane to meet its own commitments and formal undertakings with regard to the eradication of the backlog in Clearance Memos and Clearance Certificates, there has been significant demand by the Members of the PAA that legal action be taken against the City of Tshwane.

The PAA has therefore appointed Schindlers Attorneys for an Opinion and to potentially proceed with such an action on behalf of the PAA and/or its Members. Schindlers have provided two virtual feedback sessions for the Members of the PAA. A recording of the second session is available here: https://schindlers-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/gladwin-wood_schindlers_co_za/EYo3xpoyOlFJgxdMhgxbloUBgyI8cUadbNaQ9HijeQv4mw?e=jhPd62 and the PowerPoint Slides from the session are attached. The conclusion is that a multi-party Court Application is the most suitable solution to effect systemic change at the City of Tshwane in the provision of services related to Rates Clearance Certificates. The reasoning for such conclusion is contained in the above-mentioned Video and Slides.

If you would like your Firm's **Clearance Memos** (*outstanding for more than 21 days*) or **Clearance Certificates** (*outstanding for more than 10 days from payment of the figures*) included in the multi-party Court Application, please contact Chantelle or Maike at:

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The PAA thanks Schindlers for their commitment to supporting our Members through the significant discount on their normal fees that they are affording to paid-up Members of the PAA. However, individual Members are obviously free to proceed as they deem most appropriate and the PAA does not recommend or endorse any particular course of action in resolving our Members' issues with the City of Tshwane. The Property Committee will continue to actively engage with the City of Tshwane in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues. The latest statistics available from the City of Tshwane as at 20 September are:

	MEMO APPLICATION DATE				
Action	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Applications received	3169	4434	5061	4984	3894
Approved Memo	2856	3894	4298	3229	1746
Rejected Memo	268	259	100	342	105
Pending Memo	45	281	663	1413	2043

	CERTIFICATE APPLICATION DATE				
Action	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Certificates Requested	416	1500	2939	3939	2999
Certificates Approved	401	1431	2682	3333	1595
Certificates Rejected	15	57	171	318	30
Certificates Pending	0	12	86	288	1374