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LPP gains support from rival parties

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Two opposition parties in the Lekoa Town Council were dealt a heavy blow last week when some of their members crossed the floor to join forces with the Lekoa People's Party (LPP).

The defections came as a big surprise among the supporters of the two affected parties — the Bafutsana Party (BP) and the Mbumba Party (MP) — which have a good following in the Vaal.

The leaders of the two parties, Mr Stephen Ntsoereng of BP and Mr Knox Matjila of MP, confirmed the defections today.

The BP has lost four members. Mr Pheko Mokoena, Mr Nathan Mokoena, Mr Simon Mofokeng and Mr Joseph Rabodila — all executive members of the party. The MP has lost Mr Anazias Sekhobane and Mr Jacob Dlamini, who has been elected deputy mayor.

Mr Sekhobane has been elected chairman of the bursary committee and Mr Mokati, Mr Mofokeng and Mr Rabodila are members of the committee. Mr Mokoena has been elected a member of the management committee.

A disappointed Mr Ntsoereng told Star Africa today that the four members had defected to LPP because of the position they were offered. He would not say, without

any fear, that these members are position-mongers who do not have any feeling for the voters who elected them. They have not written any letters to the party explaining their actions," said Mr Ntsoereng.

Mr Matjila said he was not surprised about the defections of his two members, but "wished them all the luck" and hoped that they would work for the community.

Mr Mokoena said he had defected to the LPP "to serve the community and for progress."

He claimed that BP had no future. Star Africa could not reach any other members for comment at the time of going to press.

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