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500 workers transferred to staff of Lekoa Council

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The Lekoa Town Council near Vereeniging, has accepted the transfer of about 1500 black and white employees from the Orange/Vaal Development Board.

The council has also

agreed to carry the financial responsibility which will result from the transfer of the workers, said the Mayor of Lekoa, Mr Esau Mahlatsi.

The Orange/Vaal Development Board last week announced that a total of 17 000 employees

who had been on board's payroll would be transferred to the different councils falling under its jurisdiction.

These include councils in the Vaal Triangle, Kroonstad and Bethlehem.

Announcing the Lekoa Town Council's acceptance of the transfer of the workers, Mr Mahlatsi said the new employees would not be a financial burden on the council which he said, was on a sound monetary footing.

Referring to a recent

council decision to increase house rents by an average of R6, Mr Mahlatsi said this was necessary because of the need to engage new staff since the change over from a community council to a town council.

He said the council had to employ senior staff members such as a town clerk, engineers, technicians and professional people in the treasury department.

"This is the only reason for increasing rents on council rented houses," said Mr Mahlatsi.

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