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# Full Refuse Removal Services to Resume at Pikitup by Thursday

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Today, Pikitup will be operating with limited capacity throughout Johannesburg due to the failure to manage the transition of our *ad hoc* fleet contracts in Pikitup.

The *ad hoc* fleet contract serves to provide additional vehicles to the City to compensate for the attrition of Pikitup's aged fleet.

In order to ensure that service delivery suffers minimal interruption, this morning, the City held a meeting with senior Pikitup management in order to put into place a plan that will mitigate the level of disruption to our residents.

I am assured that normal functioning at the entity will resume by Thursday morning.

In the interim, Pikitup, through maximising its existing fleet and operating additional overtime shifts, will ensure that the maximum level of refuse removal rounds are achieved under the circumstances.

Historically, the City has struggled with the timely management of contracts so as to ensure a smooth transition between the end of one contract and the commencement of another. This situation has been exacerbated by the advanced age and volatility of our existing fleet.

This is a set of circumstances which have recently been condemned by the Mayor. As such, I have requested a full investigation be instituted to determine the culpability of those responsible.

We cannot tolerate a situation where service delivery to our residents is compromised. I will ensure that Pikitup is issuing communication from our respective Regional Depots advising residents of the progress towards full operation on Thursday.

During this time, I would like to apologise to our residents for any inconvenience which they may experience and I will personally be seeing to it that normal operations are restored so that our residents may enjoy full services which they deserve.

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