



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
FREETOWN MUNICIPALITY

The Minister of Local Government and Rural Development,
Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
Youyi Building, 6th Floor, Freetown
Sierra Leone
29th March 2021

Dear Honourable Minister

RE: CONTINUED CONCERNS ABOUT STAFF RECENTLY POSTED TO FREETOWN CITY COUNCIL

In the light the continuous insubordination of recently posted staff (Mr. Mustapha Kemokai and Mr. Peter Koroma), and particularly against the backdrop of their defiance of a resolution by Council of 10th February 2021, I informed LGSC that Freetown City Council would not accept the posted staff.

During the impasse between LOCASL and LGSC, staff posted to other local councils in February 2021 respected requests of their Mayors and Chairpersons for them to not come to the councils to work until the dispute was resolved. Colleague Mayors and Chairpersons confirmed that their posted staff respected their requests and stayed home. However, in a very public and open disregard for the instructions of the Mayor and the resolution of Councilors at Freetown City Council, Mr. Kemokai and Mr. Koroma kept coming to the council during the impasse and contrary to my specific instructions at that time, they were allocated offices in the New City Hall by the Chief Administrator. When engaged by various councilors about their behaviour the staff stated that they would not listen to the Mayor nor to the Councilors, they would only take instructions from the Chief Administrator. Throughout that period Mr. Kemokai and Mr. Koroma did not at any time attempt to report to or meet with me as the Mayor.

Therefore, following the general resolution of the impasse, I wrote to LSGC on 9th March and again on 24th March and asked that the postings of Mr. Kemokai and Mr. Koroma be withdrawn and that LGSC provide Freetown City Council with any other staff they identify as suitable. If FCC accepted the postings of Mr. Kemokai and Mr. Koroma this would send the message that you can work at Freetown City Council with total disregard for its leadership and this will make effective service delivery difficult. In respect of my flagship sanitation interventions, it is unacceptable that I would ask Mr. Kemokai (posted as Environment and Sanitation Officer) to implement an activity and continuing in his previous trend, he would say no.