

Council called to account over bills

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A SERIES of information sessions have been organised to determine to the extent of the municipal accounts problem.

Arranged by civil rights initiative AfriForum, the first session takes place tonight at Zwartkop High School between 7pm and 9pm, while subsequent sessions will be held on Wednesday, July 7, at the Garsfontein Dutch Reformed Church, on Tuesday, July 13, at Tuine High School, and on Wednesday, July 14, at Wonderboom High School.

AfriForum's CEO, Kallie Kriel, said the organisation had launched a process to determine the nature and scope of the problems faced by residents regarding their water and electricity accounts.

Kriel said the results would be used to determine "whether the problems are of such an extent that AfriForum, in co-operation with residents, should take legal action against the Tshwane Metro Council should the metro not give urgent attention to the identified problems".

According to Kriel, his organisation decided to initiate the process of public participation after it received numerous complaints about water and electricity accounts from Pretoria residents.

Kriel said the public participation process involved, among other things, a survey and public information session where the public could report the problems they were experiencing with municipal accounts.

He said residents would be given questionnaires during the sessions.