

THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/ 2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

14 March 2024

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(II) LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFS	ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AG	AUDITOR GENERAL
AGSA	AUDITOR GENERAL SOUTH AFRICA
AO	ACCOUNTING OFFICER
EM	EXECUTIVE MAYOR
AR	ANNUAL REPORT
COGTA	DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
IDP	INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN
IMATU	INDEPENDENT MUNICIPAL AND ALLIED TRADE UNION
MFMA	MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT
MM	MUNICIPAL MANAGER
MPAC	MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MSA	MUNICIPAL STRUCTURES ACT/MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS ACT
POE	PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE
SAMWU	SOUTH AFRICAN MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION
SCOPE	STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
SDBIP	SERVICE DELIVERY AND BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
THLM	THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
DORA	DIVISION OF REVENUE ACT
APR	ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT
AR	ANNUAL REPORT
RMAFACC	RISK MANAGEMENT, ANTI-FRAUD AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE

1. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 79A (1) of the Municipal Structures Act, no. 117 of 1998, a municipal council must establish a committee called the Municipal Public Accounts Committee.

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) of Thembisile Hani Municipality similar to other committees of council comprises solely of Councillors appointed by resolution of a full Council meeting. The mayor or executive mayor, deputy mayor or executive deputy mayor, any member of the executive committee, any member of the mayoral committee, speaker, chief-whip and municipal officials are not allowed to be members of the Committee;

The current Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality was established pursuant to council resolution TH-NDC 22/12/2021 on the 14th of December 2021.

The core of MPACs functions are to contribute to the governance of the municipality. Through its review of the annual report and various other reports, MPACs contribute to governance by providing assurance (on behalf of Council) on various issues pertinent to the Municipality and specifically the administration of the municipality.

The municipal council determine the functions of the MPAC

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to table to council, the MPAC Oversight Report on the probing of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality Draft Annual Report 2022/ 2023 for council consideration and adoption in terms of Section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act no. 56 of 2003.

Further this report serves to inform the local community of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality on the work performed by MPAC in holding the executive accountable for all decisions made throughout the 2022/ 2023 financial year.

3. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

In accordance with the provisions of Section 121(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003, every municipality and every municipal entity must for each financial year prepare an annual report in accordance with this Chapter. The council of a municipality must within nine months after the end of a financial year deal with the annual report of the municipality and of any municipal entity under the municipality's sole or shared control in accordance with section 129.

Section 121(2) of the same act provides that, the purpose of an annual report is-
(a) to provide a record of the activities of the municipality or municipal entity
(b) to provide a report on performance against the budget of the municipality or

(c) to promote accountability to the local community for the decisions made during the financial year to which the report relates; municipal entity for that financial year; and throughout the year by the municipality or municipal entity.

The annual report requirements are provided in Chapter 12 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), sections 45 and 46 of the MSA and the annual Division of Revenue Act (DoRA).

Section 46(1) & (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 provides that;

- (1) a municipality must prepare for each financial year a performance report reflecting
 - (a) the performance of the municipality and of each external service provider during that financial year;
 - (b) a comparison of the performances referred to in paragraph (a) with targets set for and performances in the previous financial year; and
 - (c) measures taken to improve performance;
- (2) An annual performance report must form part of the municipality's annual report in terms of Chapter 12 of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

Section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act no. 56 of 2003 requires the council of a municipality to consider the annual report of the municipality, and by 30 later than two months from the date on which the annual report was tabled in the council in terms of section 127 of the MFMA, adopt an oversight report containing the council's comments on the annual report, which must include a statement whether the council—

- (a) has approved the annual report with or without reservations;
- (b) has rejected the annual report; or
- (c) has referred the annual report back for revision of those components that can be revised.

4. ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

It is significant to have some understanding of the responsibility framework for municipalities in order to correctly comprehend the role of the Oversight Report as distinct from that of the Annual Report and any other reports required from the municipality. The following table displays the nature of the culpability framework for local government:

	Responsible for	Oversight over	Accountable to
Council	Approving for policy and budget	Mayor & Executive Committee	Community

	Responsible for	Oversight over	Accountable to
Mayor & Executive Committee	Policy, budget, outcomes,	Municipal manager	Council
Municipal Manager	Outputs and implementation	Administration	Mayor & Executive Committee (Council)
Chief Financial Officer and Senior Manager	Outputs and Implementation	Financial management and operational functions	Municipal Manager

5. THLM MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) COMPOSITION

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee of was established by council in terms of Section 7BA of the amended Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998.

MPAC Thembelle Hani Local Municipality comprise of the following members of councillors as appointed by council through council resolution TH-VDC 22/12/2021 on the 4th December 2021:

Members	
1. Cllr. LM Tshabangu	(Chairperson)
2. Cllr. SB Sindana	(Member)
3. Cllr. RB Jiyane	(Member)
4. Cllr. NE Redebe	(Member)
5. Cllr. P Mahlangu	(Member)
6. Cllr. LM Lukhele	(Member)
7. Cllr. KQ Mlawen	(Member)
8. Cllr. Mita Moleung	(Member)
9. Cllr. MA Makwena	(Member)
10. Cllr. ZI Mnguni	(Member)

6. MPAC SUPPORT STAFF

- a. Assistant Manager MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
- b. Chief Admin MPAC
- c. MPAC Intern

7. MPAC TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNITS

- a. The Internal Audit Unit
- b. Risk Management Unit
- c. Performance Management System Unit

8. FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Mbisile Hani Council determined functions of MPAC include:

- 8.1. To initiate and develop the oversight report contemplated in section 129 of the annual report as required in terms of section 129 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No 56 of 2003);
- 8.2. To attend to and make recommendations to the municipal council on any matter referred to it by the municipal council;
- 8.3. On its own initiative but subject to the direction of the municipal council, investigate and report to the municipal council on any matter affecting the municipality;
- 8.4. To examine the performance related information based on the functions assigned to the municipality as they are aligned to the financial information;
- 8.5. To evaluate the extent to which the Audit Committee's and the Auditor-General's recommendations have been implemented and to make additional recommendations to council for further actions arising from these reviews;
- 8.6. To review and recommend to Council actions or otherwise relating to the expediting and conclusion of Unauthorised, Irregular Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure.

9. ANNUAL REPORT CONSULTATION PROCESSES

The MPAC confirms the following Draft Annual Report processes:

- a) The Draft Annual Report was tabled to the municipal Audit Committee meeting on the 20th August 2023 and inputs and comments were received
- b) The report was tabled to council in terms of Section 127(2) of the MFMA on the 30 January 2024.
- c) An official notice inviting the public to submit comments/representations in terms of Section 127(5)(a) of the MFMA, was issued in the City Press newspaper (4 February 2024), posted on municipal buildings and municipal website. Further copies of the Annual Report were made available for community perusal and

comments at the Municipal offices and Satellite offices viz, Transfontein K Satellite Office, Kwamthanga Satellite office, Kwaggafontein Library, Phumula Library, Varona Library and Reception desk (New and Old Building at THLM Head Quarters) in new and old buildings of the municipality on the 5th February 2024.

- d) After the Draft Annual Report was tabled to council in January, copies of this report were forwarded to the following provincial departments as required by Section 127(5)(b) of the MFMA:
- (i) Provincial Treasury
 - (ii) Provincial COGTA
 - (iii) Provincial Legislature
 - (iv) Auditor General

10. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Representation received were from the Auditor General South Africa only

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee has noted with concern the lack of representations in respect of the Draft Annual Report from various stakeholders and the community at large.

MPAC therefore recommends that when the municipality publishes and distributes the Draft Annual Report for public comments, the municipality's public participation unit in the speaker's office, must be consulted to encourage the Ward Committee members to participate in making representations together with their respective communities

11. MPAC OVERSIGHT PROCESSES ON THE 2022/ 2023 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

- 11.1. In order to execute its oversight responsibility on the Annual Report, MPAC has developed an Oversight Process Plan (Gakondlar). The Oversight Process Plan is hereto attached as **Appendix A**.
- 11.2. The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) probed the municipality's Annual Report on the 12 – 14 April 2022
- 11.3. During the probing of the report, MPAC benefited from a briefing by the Provincial Auditor General South Africa on the municipality's audit outcome, on the 7th February 2024. Further on the same day the committee received a presentation by the RMAFACC chairperson, and on the 8th February 2024 received a presentation from the Audit Committee chairperson.
- 11.4. During the probing, the committee formulated a questionnaire on the Annual Report and directed the same to the office of the Executive Mayor for responses – see the attached **Appendix D**
- 11.5. On the 29th February 2024, the MPAC considered the responses of the Executive Mayor and follow-up questions were developed thereon.

- 11.6. On the 6th March 2024, the MPAC held a public hearing with the Executive Mayor.
- 11.7. On the 14th March 2024, MPAC convened a meeting for consolidation and adoption of the Draft MPAC Oversight Report on the Annual Report

12. PROBING METHODOLOGY

In probing of the Annual Report the committee resolved to make use of the following documents in order to ensure effective and efficient outcomes:

- a) The Municipality's Draft Annual Report for the year under review
- b) MFMA Circular 63
- c) The HLM management report

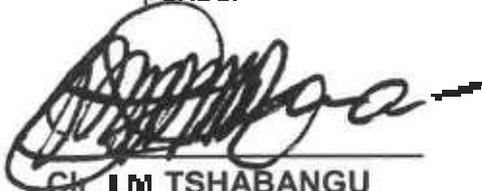
13. SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

- 13.1. The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) having fully considered the annual report, has observed that the report is in compliance with the National Treasury's MFMA Circular 63 and other guidelines.
- 13.2. The committee has observed an improvement of the overall performance of the municipality from 80% in 2021/ 2022 to 83% in 2022/ 2023
- 13.3. The municipality has maintained the unqualified audit opinion for the financial year 2022/ 2023.
- 13.4. The committee has observed with concern that the post of manager Social Services has been vacant since April 2023.
- 13.5. The committee has observed through the auditor general's report that there was a slow progress on the implementation of water infrastructure projects.

14. MPAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- 14.1. **THAT** the council having fully considered the draft Annual Report for 2022/ 2023, adopt the oversight report and approve the draft Annual Report 2022/ 2023 without reservations.
- 14.2. **THAT** in order to improve the current municipal audit outcome, the management must prioritise the implementation of the current and previous years' audit action plans and ensure continuous monitoring to prevent the recurring of findings
- 14.3. **THAT** though generally the Annual Report was prepared in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, the municipality going forward should pay due diligence when editing the report, to ensure that the content of this report is accurate, free from spelling errors and address grammar issues.
- 14.4. **THAT** the municipality must continue to enhance general services provisions to the community, by fast tracking the implementation of the services, mainly water projects

- *1.5. THAT the council must continue to improve revenue collection strategy, thereby encouraging a culture of paying for services consumed, in order to enable the municipality to meet its financial obligations and improve service delivery.
- *1.6. THAT the Executive Mayor must expedite the filling of the position of the manager Social Services, taking into account that the position forms part of the key component of the municipal structures and has been vacant for a long period.



CH. LM TSHABANGU
(MPAC CHAIRPERSON)

DATE: 14 March 2024

Appendix [A]

**MPAC Oversight Process Plan on the Draft Annual
Report 2022/ 2023**



NPAC OVERSIGHT PROCESS PLAN ON THE PROBING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/2023 FY

ACTIVITY	TO ATTEND/ SUPPORT	DATE
<p>I.</p> <p>NPAC PROBING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF A QUESTIONNAIRE</p> <p>Day 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHAPTER 7 – NATION'S ECONOMY AND FISCAL POLICY STATEMENT and Development of Questions CHAPTER 2 – OVERSIGHT and Development of Questions CHAPTER 6 – AFRICAN GENERAL ADOPT PRACTICES and Development of Questions <p>Day 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHAPTER 3 – SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN OR BUDGET, PUBLIC FINANCE REPORT PART I and Development of Questions CHAPTER 4 – ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE and Development of Questions <p>Day 3:</p> <p>CHAPTER 5 – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE and Development of Questions</p> <p>ADDITIONAL PLAN and Development of Questions</p> <p>CONCLUSION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE COMMENTS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, COUNCIL COMMENTS ON THE ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>ADDITION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE</p>	<p>MPAC Members, NPAC Support Staff, Chief Risk Officer, Chief Audit Executive, Assistant Manager (Internal Control & Compliance) Africa (2024)</p> <p>MPAC Members, NPAC Support Staff, Chief Risk Officer, Chief Audit Executive, Assistant Manager (Internal Control & Compliance) and Risk Management Committee Chairpersons</p> <p>MPAC Members, NPAC Support Staff, Chief Risk Officer, Chief Audit Executive and Assistant Manager (2023)</p>	<p>Wednesday, 7 February 2024</p> <p>Thursday, 8 February 2024</p> <p>Friday, 9 February 2024</p>



MPAC' OVERSIGHT PROCESS PLAN ON THE PROBING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/2023 FY

ACTIVITIES			TOP ATTENDEE SUPPORT	DATE
1.	DISSEMINATION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR		None	13 February 2024
2.	MPAC SITE INSPECTION ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS		MPAC members, MPAC for Technical Services and Technical Services Support Staff Meet Consultant, CIP and H&M Commission Secretaries	14 February 2024
3.	DISSEMINATION OF THE RESPONSES OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR TO MPAC OFFICE		None	23 February 2024
4.	MPAC SPECIAL MEETING - DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR		MPAC members	29 February 2024
5.	SPECIAL MPAC MEETING - HOLDING WITH THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR		MPAC Executive Mayor, Management, Chairpersons of Section 75 Committees, Maseru District Municipality, MPAC Chairperson, Auditor General, Audit Committee Chairperson, Risk Management Committee Chairperson, Water Committee, Mr. P. Mafika, SDFP Chairperson, Poodigane Commission, M&M, S&M, S&R&P	6 March 2024
6.	MPAC Special Meeting - Consolidation, information and submission of the oversight report to the office of the speaker for tabling to council		MPAC members	14 March 2024
7.	Oversight Report is tabled to council		None	26 March 2024

Cnr. LM Tshabangu
[MPAC Chairperson]

Appendix [B]

Copies of the MPAC Minutes on the probing of the
Draft Annual Report



THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

OF THE 3rd ORDINARY 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THE 7th - 8th FEBRUARY 2024 AT
DE VILLAGE VILLAS, KWAMHLANGA

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. LM Ishabangu (Chairperson)
Dr. BS Jiyane
Dr. F Mofokeng
Dr. NM Mofokeng
Dr. MA Mkwana
Dr. ZJ Ngweni
Dr. NE Radebe
Dr. RG Mlaweni
Dr. LM Lukhele (Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

LEAVE OF ABSENTS

Dr. SB Sindane

OFFICIALS PRESENT

KO Bapela	- Asst. Manager MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
I Enloyi	- Chief Risk Officer
A Malape	- Chief Audit Executive
S Mofepe	- Assistant Manager PMG
HB Dpoto	- Chief Admin MPAC
ET Nkheso	- MPAC Intern

OTHER ATTENDEES

B Zikhele	- AGSA Senior Manager (7 th February 2024)
T Doorman	- RMAFACC Chairperson (7 th February 2024)
F Mudeu	- NDM Shared Audit Committee Chairperson (9 th February 2024)



1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Mr. KG Bapela read the notice to the meeting

The committee chairperson, Cllr. LM Tshabangu welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting officially opened.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr. SB Sinyane

2. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The meeting would be joined by ACSA Branch Manager, RMAFACOC Chairperson and NDM Shared Asset Committee Chairperson for the purpose of making presentations to the MPAC.
- (ii) Cllr P Mahlangu would join the meeting late

3. MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS

None

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

6. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN

None

7. MATTERS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

8. REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

TH-MPAC 15/02/2024 to TH-MPAC 16/02/2024



Non-Delegated Items Index

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT
TH-MPAC 16/02/2024	MPAC PROBING OF THE THLM DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
TH-MPAC 16/02/2024	MPAC PROBING OF THE THLM MID- YEAR BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 2023/ 2024



TH-MPAC 15/02/2024

**MPAC PROBING OF THE THLM DRAFT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2023**

DISCUSSION

The chairperson informed the meeting that the purpose of this meeting was to interrogate the Annual Report for 2022/2023 and the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment report for 2023/2024.

The committee considered the annual report as well as starting from Chapter 1 until Chapter 6 of the report.

The report was discussed through commissions wherein questions were developed and discussed and ultimately adopted in plenary.

The meeting benefited presenters from the following representatives;

- (a) AGSA Senior Manager - he provided an overall briefing about THLM audit outcome
- (b) ND/M Shared Audit Committee Chairperson – she presented the Audit Committee perspective on the municipality's audit outcome and the draft annual report
- (c) RMAFACC Chairperson – he presented the RMAFACC perspective on the municipality's audit outcome and the draft annual report



RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the MPAC having investigated the Draft Annual Report for 2022/ 2023 resolved to develop a questionnaire for the Executive Mayor to respond within 7 working days.
2. THAT upon receipt of the Executive Mayor's responses, the MPAC should hold a meeting to consider the responses as per the MPAC oversight process plan.



TH-MPAC 18/02/2024

**MPAC PROBING OF THE THLM MID-YEAR
BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE
ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 2023/2024**

DISCUSSIONS

The committee considered the Mid-Year report.

The report was discussed through commissions wherein questions were developed and discussed and ultimately adopted in plenary.

RESOLVED

1. THAT the MPAC having interrogated the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report for 2023/2024 resolved to develop a questionnaire for the Executive Mayor to respond within 7 working days
2. THAT upon receipt of the Executive Mayor's responses, the MPAC should hold a meeting to consider such responses.



4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MOTION

None

6. CLOSURE

The meeting officially concluded on the 9th February 2024.

The chairperson appreciated the active participation of all the MPAC members, and the MPAC support staff.

She further expressed her gratitude to the AGSA, Audit Committee and BMAFAC in absentia for the role they played during the meeting.

The chairperson officially adjourned the meeting.

Ch. L.M TSHABANGU
(MPAC CHAIRPERSON)

14/03/2024
DATE



THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

**OF THE 3rd SPECIAL 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THE 29th FEBRUARY 2024
IN THE MAYORAL BOARDROOM**



MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mr. RB Jiyane (Acting chairperson)
- Mr. P Mchango
- Mr. MA Mchango
- Mr. MA Mkhwazi
- Ch. ZI Mjoni
- Ch. NE Radebe
- Ch. RG Mlweni

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

LEAVE OF ABSENTS

- Mr. LW Tshabalala
- Mr. SB Siccane
- Mr. LW Lukhele

OFFICIALS PRESENT

- KO Dapela - Asst. Manager MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
- S Moripe - Assistant Manager PMS
- I D. Dikhofo - Chief Admin MPAC
- ET Mkhwazi - MPAC Intern

OTHER ATTENDEES

None



1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Assistant Manager: MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Mr KO Bapela gave the notice to the meeting.

The committee acting chairperson, Cllr. RB Jiyane welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting officially opened.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr SB Sindana
Cllr LW Tshangangu
Cllr TM Likhela

2. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) Mr. KO Bapela reminded the committee members that on the 5th of March 2024 there would be MPAC hearing with the Executive Mayor
- (ii) The meeting was informed that Cllr RB Jiyane will be the acting chairperson of the meeting for the day since the chairperson of MPAC is off sick

3. MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS

None

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

6. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN

None

7. MATTERS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

8. REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

TH-MPAC 17/02/2024 to TH-MPAC 18/02/2024



Non-Delegated Items Index

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT
TH-MPAC 17/02/2024	MPAC CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S RESPONSES ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
TH-MPAC 18/02/2024	MPAC CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S RESPONSES ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM MID- YEAR BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 2023/ 2024



TH-MPAC 17/02/2024

**MPAC CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
MAYOR'S RESPONSES ON THE PROBING OF
THE THLM DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

DISCUSSIONS

The acting chairperson presented the MPAC questionnaire with the responses of the Executive Mayor for committee consideration.

The committee considered the responses of the Executive Mayor on the draft Annual Report, made comments and raised follow-up questions where it was necessary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the MPAC having considered the responses of the Executive Mayor on the committee questionnaire probing the draft Annual Report 2022/2023 resolved to develop follow-up questions where necessary, and schedule a one-on-one hearing with the Executive Mayor.



TH-MPAC 18/02/2024

**MPAC CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
MAYOR'S RESPONSES ON THE PROBING OF
THE THLM MID- YEAR BUDGET AND
PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR
2023/ 2024**

DISCUSSIONS

The acting chairperson presented the MPAC questionnaire with the responses of the Executive Mayor for committee consideration.

The committee considered all the responses of the Executive Mayor on the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report, made comments and raised follow-up questions where it was necessary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the MPAC having considered the responses of the Executive Mayor on the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report, resolved to develop follow-up questions where necessary, and schedule a one on one meeting with the Executive Mayor



4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MOTION

None

6. CLOSURE

The acting chairperson thanked all members for attending and participating effectively in the meeting. He declared the meeting officially adjourned.

Clr. R.B. JIYANE
(ACTING MPAC CHAIRPERSON)

14/03/24
DATE



THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

OF THE 4th SPECIAL 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING (HEARING) HELD ON THE 6th MARCH 2024
IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBER



MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. RD Diyane (Acting chairperson)
Mr. P Mchlangi
Mr. MA Mawona
Mr. ZI Mguri
Mr. MF Radebe
Mr. LM Likhole

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. RG Msweri

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. LM Tshabangu
Mr. SD Sincane
Mr. M.M. Mshungu

MPAC SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT

KO Bapela - Asst. Manager MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
HB Diphofa - Chief Admin MPAC
ET Nkhwazi - MPAC Intern

MEMBERS OF TROIKA PRESENT

Mr. LJ Dikgale - THLM Executive Mayor
Mr. J.E. Mtshanyane - Council Chairperson

MEMBERS OF MAYORAL COMMITTEE PRESENT

Mr. J Mthunyane - MMC Finance Services
Mr. EM Molekane - MMC Technical Services
Mr. JT Muli - MMC Social Services

THLM SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mr. DJD Mahlangu - Municipal Manager
Mr. MG Tsebe - Manager FCO
Ms. JB Mantsagel - CFO
Mr. V Mantsagel - Acting manager: Social Services
Mr. I Baboy - OIC
Ms. FT Mguri - Chief Legal Officer
Ms. F.I. Ndlovu - Chief CHS
Mr. F Mashamba - Asst. Manager: PED
Mr. A. Maseko - OIC



Mr. S Mkhango - Asst. Manager: Youth
Ms. S Mteveni - Asst. Manager: Water and Sanitation
Ms. S Moripe - Asst. Manager: PMS
Ms. S Mokoka - Asst. Manager: Communication

SECTION 79 CHAIRPERSONS AND OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Ch. Ew Mqhe - Finance Services
Ch. MT Ndaba - Social Services
Ch. MP Mchiri - Technical Services
Ch. K Mazarire - Ward Councillor
Ch. NS Mnguni - Ward Councillor
Ch. B Bongani - Ward Councillor
Ch. M Mdluli - Ward Councillor
Ch. TP Nkasi - Ward Councillor

STAKEHOLDER DEPARTMENTS PRESENT

Mr. I Gqirane - Chairperson of the Disciplinary Board (TIILM)
Mr. M Sashwa - AGSA
Ms. T Mashile - COXSLA
Ms. P Mchanda - SAI SA
Ms. F Mucou - Chairperson of the AGC (H.M)

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

Members of SANCC (THLM);
Members of MEDIA Trainers;
Members of IMATU and SAMPWU (THLM);
Members of the Ward Committees (THLM);
Community Development Workers (CDW);
Members of the community of Tembisa-Jabri Municipality



1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Assistant Manager: MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Mr. KO Espela read the notice to the meeting.

The committee acting chairperson, Cllr. HE Diyani opened the meeting and extended a warm welcome to all those gathered into the hearing on the today, including all distinguished guests, members of the community, management and media fraternity. He further expressed special welcome to the Hon. Executive Mayor, his colleagues and the council whip.

The acting chairperson introduced the functions of the MPAC indicating that it is a committee of council established in terms of the amended Section 79A of the Local Government Structures Act. He further indicated that one of the functions of MPAC is to promote good governance, accountability and value for money in the use of the municipal resources.

He informed the hearing that this hearing is the 3rd phase of the TILM MPAC in probing the municipality's draft Annual Report 2022/2023.

He declared the meeting officially opened.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cllr. LM Tshabangu

Cllr. SE Sindiwa

Cllr. NM Mubungu

OTHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cllr. MP Maiza - Council Speaker

Cllr. BN Dlamini - Chairperson, Section 19 PCD Committee

Mr. T. Sorman - Chairperson of RMAFACC

Hon. PV Mkhondwe - Chairperson of SCOPA, Mpumalanga Legislature

2. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Executive Mayor announced that the president of the Republic of South Africa, Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa, will on the following day, Thursday 7 March 2024 lead government's interaction in the form of a District Development Model Presidential Mbizo, with communities and stakeholders in the Maseru District Municipality.

3. MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS

None

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS



None

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

6. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN

None

7. MATTERS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

8. REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

TI-MPAC 19/03/2024 TH-MPAC 20/03/2024



Non-Delegated Items Index

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT
THMMPAC 19/03/2024	MPAC HEARING WITH THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
THMMPAC 20/03/2024	MPAC HEARING WITH THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM MID- YEAR BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 2023/ 2024



TH-MPAC 16/03/2024

**MPAC HEARING WITH THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR
ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM DRAFT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30
JUNE 2023**

DISCUSSIONS

The Executive Mayor greeted all members of the community councillors, MMCs, AC Chair, Chairperson of the Disciplinary Board, GALGA, COSTA and other stakeholders, the ODW and all present observed. He welcomed everyone to the session.

The acting chairperson allowed the committee members to raise the MPAC questions to the Executive Mayor probing the draft Annual Report 2022/2023.

The committee discussed all the responses Executive Mayor made comments and raised follow up questions where it was necessary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the MPAC having held a one on one hearing, and having considered the responses of the Executive Mayor on the probing the draft Annual Report 2022/2023, resolved to note the responses of the Executive Mayor.
2. THAT the MPAC resolved to hold a special MPAC meeting to develop and setup an Oversight Report on the draft Annual Report 2022/2023



TH-MPAC 20103/2024

**MPAC CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
MAYOR'S RESPONSES ON THE PROBING OF
THE THLM MID-YEAR BUDGET AND
PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR
2023/2024**

DISCUSSIONS

The acting chairperson allowed the committee members to raise the MPAC questions to the Executive Mayor probing the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report for 2023/2024.

The committee considered all the responses Executive Mayor, made comments and raised follow-up questions where it was necessary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the MPAC, having held a one on one hearing, and having considered the responses of the Executive Mayor on the probing the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report 2023/2024, resolved to note the responses of the Executive Mayor.
2. THAT the MPAC resolved to hold a special MPAC meeting to develop and adapt on the probing of the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report 2023/2024.



4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MOTION

None

6. CLOSURE

The acting chairperson thanked the Executive Mayor for appearing before the MPAC and responding to all committee questions on both the Draft Annual Report 2022/2023 and the Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report 2023/2024.

Cllr. R.B. JIYANE
(ACTING MPAC CHAIRPERSON)

DATE



THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MINUTES

OF THE 5th SPECIAL 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THE 14th MARCH 2024
IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBER



MEMBERS PRESENT

Clr. RB Jiyane (Acting chairperson)
Clr. P Mahlangu
Clr. NM Motaung
Clr. ZJ Mguni
Clr. NE Radebe
Clr. LM Luwale

MEMBERS ABSENT

Clr. MA Mkwana
Clr. ZJ Mguni
Clr. RQ Mswane

LEAVE OF ABSENTS

Clr. SP Sindane
Clr. LM Tshahangu

OFFICIALS PRESENT

KO Bapela Asst. Manager MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation
HB Diphofa Chief Admin. MPAC
ET Nkhwazi MPAC Intern

OTHER ATTENDEES

None



1. OPENING AND WELCOME

Assistant Manager MPAC Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Mr. KO Bapela read the notice to the meeting.

The committee acting chairperson, Cnr. RB Jiyane welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the meeting officially opened.

He thanked everyone to honour the meeting including the administration and he invited high level of participation by the committee members.

2. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cnr. LM Tshahangi.

3. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The minutes of the today's meeting will also be adopted in today's meeting to ensure that the minutes also forms part of the Oversight Report.

4. MOTION OF SYMPATHY AND CONGRATULATIONS

None

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1. Minutes of the 3rd Ordinary 2023/ 2024 Municipal Public Accounts Committee meeting held on the 7th – 9th February 2024

Mover: Cnr. LM Lukhele

Seconded: Cnr. NE Radebe

6.2. Minutes of the 3rd Special 2023/ 2024 Municipal Public Accounts Committee meeting held on the 29th February 2024

Mover: Cnr. N Motaung

Seconded: Cnr. NE Radebe

6.3. Minutes of the 4th Special 2023/ 2024 Municipal Public Accounts Committee meeting held on the 6th March 2024

Mover: Cnr. NE Radebe

Seconded: Cnr. LM Lukhele



5.4. Minutes of the 5th Special 2023/ 2024 Municipal Public Accounts Committee meeting held today, the 14th March 2024

Mover: Cnr. NE Rixolebe

Seconder: Cnr. LM Lukhela

7. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN

None

8. MATTERS DEFERRED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None

9. REPORTS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

TH-MPAC 21/03/2024 to TH-MPAC 22/03/2024



Non-Delegated Items Index

ITEM NO.	SUBJECT
TH-MPAC 21/03/2024	TABLING OF THE DRAFT MPAC OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
TH-MPAC 22/03/2024	TABLING OF THE DRAFT MPAC ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR



TH-MPAC 21/03/2024

**TABLING OF THE DRAFT MPAC OVERSIGHT
REPORT ON THE PROBING OF THE THLM
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

DISCUSSIONS

The Draft MPAC Oversight Report on the Probing of the THLM Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 was presented to the committee for consideration and adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **THAT** the Draft MPAC Oversight Report on the Probing of the THLM Draft Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023 be adopted.
2. **THAT** the MPAC resolved to recommend to council to adopt the MPAC Oversight Report, and approve the THLM Annual Report 2022/2023 without reservations.



TH-MPAC 23/03/2024

**TABLING OF THE DRAFT MPAC ANNUAL
WORK PLAN FOR 2024/2025 FINANCIAL
YEAR**

DISCUSSIONS

The Draft MPAC Annual Work Plan For 2024/2025 financial year was presented to the committee for consideration and adoption.

RESOLUTIONS

1. THAT the Draft MPAC Annual Work Plan For 2024/2025 financial year be adopted.
2. THAT the MPAC resolved to recommend to council to approve the MPAC Annual Work Plan for 2024/2025 financial year.



4. DEPUTATIONS

None

5. MOTION

None

6. CLOSURE

The acting chairperson thanked all members for attending and participating effectively in the meeting. He declared the meeting officially adjourned



Cnr. R.J. JIYANE
(ACTING MPAC CHAIRPERSON)

14/03/24
DATE

Appendix [C]

Consultation Processes on the Draft Annual Report



**MEMORANDUM
CORPORATE SERVICES**

TO : CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
FROM : MUNICIPAL MANAGER
SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS
DATE : 31/01/2024

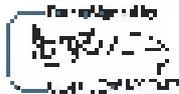
At its Ordinary Council meeting held on the 30th January 2024, Council resolved, amongst others, the following:

TH-NOG 199401/2024 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLVED

THAT the Draft Annual report for 2022/2023 be considered.

We live! Use the above will be found to be in order.


D.J.D. MAHLANGU

**D.J.D. MAHLANGU
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

Thembisile Hani Local Municipality



Public Notice

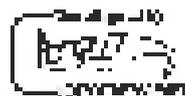
2022/ 2023 FINANCIAL YEAR DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Section 127(5) (a) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No. 56 of 2005, and Section 46 of the Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000, members of the community and interested groups are invited to submit written comments and/or representations on the 2022/ 2023 Financial Year (FY) Draft Annual Report as tabled in the Municipal Council .Net convened on the 30th of January 2024. Any person who cannot write may come during office hours for assistance with the transcribing at Municipal Head Office, In Mthombomhle (Kwaggafontein C).

Pursuant to Section 21A of the Municipal Systems Act, the 2022/ 2023 FY Draft Annual Report of Thembisile Hani Local Municipality is available at our Kwaggafontein, Kwamhlanga and Tweefontein K Offices during working hours (07:45 – 16:00), Municipal Public Libraries which are situated in Kwaggafontein, Phumula and Vereno, and also on our Municipal Website (www.thembisilehanilm.gov.za);

Submissions can be made via email to medpac@thembisilehanilm.gov.za and/ or at our above-mentioned offices, between the 6th and 26th February 2024.

Enquiries regarding the notice may be addressed to our Performance Management Systems (PMS) Assistant Manager, Ms. Sinah Moripe, through 013 986 9123 and/ or moripes@thembisilehanilm.gov.za.



Mr. D.L.D. Mahlangu
Municipal Manager

VACANCY

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LEGAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE
100, WATERLOO STREET, SUITE 1000, OTTAWA, ONTARIO K1P 0C8

Grade	Position	Salary Range	Posting Date
13	Legal Financial Officer	\$70,000 - \$80,000	2014-01-27

For more information, visit www.pso.gc.ca

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

LIQUOR PERMITTING REGULATIONS, 2014 (S.M. 2014/10)

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is seeking comments on the Liquor Permitting Regulations, 2014 (S.M. 2014/10). The regulations are intended to provide a framework for the regulation of liquor permits in Ontario.

Comments should be submitted to:

Director, Liquor Regulation
Ontario Liquor Board
100, Queen Street West, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2P2

Comments should be received by:

February 10, 2014

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- What is the purpose of the plan?
- Who is the plan for?
- What are the key objectives of the plan?
- What are the key risks of the plan?
- What are the key assumptions of the plan?

2. The second step in the process of writing a business plan is to conduct a market analysis. This involves researching the market and identifying the key players, competitors, and trends. This information is used to determine the viability of the business and to develop a marketing strategy.

3. The third step in the process of writing a business plan is to develop a financial plan. This involves estimating the costs of the business and determining the revenue and profit. This information is used to determine the financial viability of the business and to develop a financing strategy.

4. The fourth step in the process of writing a business plan is to develop an implementation plan. This involves identifying the key tasks and responsibilities of the business and developing a timeline for completion. This information is used to determine the operational viability of the business and to develop a management strategy.

5. The fifth step in the process of writing a business plan is to develop a monitoring and evaluation plan. This involves identifying the key performance indicators (KPIs) of the business and developing a system for tracking and reporting on these indicators. This information is used to determine the ongoing viability of the business and to develop a continuous improvement strategy.

6. The sixth step in the process of writing a business plan is to develop a communication plan. This involves identifying the key stakeholders of the business and developing a strategy for communicating with them. This information is used to determine the communication viability of the business and to develop a public relations strategy.

7. The seventh step in the process of writing a business plan is to develop a risk management plan. This involves identifying the key risks of the business and developing a strategy for managing these risks. This information is used to determine the risk management viability of the business and to develop a risk mitigation strategy.

8. The eighth step in the process of writing a business plan is to develop a contingency plan. This involves identifying the key contingencies of the business and developing a strategy for responding to these contingencies. This information is used to determine the contingency viability of the business and to develop a contingency management strategy.

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Acknowledgement of Receipt for 2022/ 2023 Draft Annual Report

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2.	S.S. Mqolo TD	Thembekele Hani Local Municipality Phumisa Library	066-224 5860	05-02-2024	M. Mthembu

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2.	S. M. Mabasa	Thembiwile Hani Local Municipality KwenMhlanga Satellite	0721908760	05/02/2024	[Signature]



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Ref: 8111
Enquiries: Sinah Mofe
05 February 2024

Auditor General South Africa
PO Box 288-1
Nelspruit
9200

For Attention: Mr. Bongumusa Zikhele

Dear Sir,

RE: SUBMISSION OF 2022/ 2023 FINANCIAL YEAR (FY) DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

1. The subject-mentioned matter bears reference.
2. Pursuant to Section 127(E)(b) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No. 56 of 2003, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality herewith submits the 2022/ 2023 Draft Annual Report for your consideration.
3. For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact our Performance Management Systems Assistant Manager Ms. Sinah Mofe, through smofe@thembisilehani.gov.za.
4. We trust that the above will be found to be in order.

Yours Sincerely

D.J.D Mahlangu
Municipal Manager

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Appendix [D]

**MPAC Questionnaire together with the Responses
of the Executive Mayor**

THEMBISILE HANI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



Probing the Draft Annual Report

**MPAC FINAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND RESPONSES OF
THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR ON THE PROBING OF THE
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

Question	Responses of the Executive Mayor	Follow-up Questions & Responses	MPAC Comments and Recommendations
Chapter 1			
<p>Observation: The committee was observed under Municipal Manager's forward that the following were omitted which is required by the National Treasury's MFMA Circular 33:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) A statement on the previous financial year's audit opinion (ii) Risk assessment, including the development and implementation of measures to mitigate the top 6 risks <p>1. Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide the committee with the reasons for omission?</p>	<p>1. Answer: There was no omission as the Municipal Manager must provide a Municipal Overview for forward as per the standardised Annual Report Template. The statement on the previous financial year is under 1.6 on page 32 and the Top 5 risks is on page 34 of the 2022/23 Draft Annual Report.</p> <p>Additionally, we have utilised the 2022/2023 MSCDA Consolidated Specimen AFS as at 30 June 2023 designed by National Treasury for the Municipality to use when compiling the 2022/2023 AFS.</p> <p>POE: Consolidated Specimen AFS as at 30 June 2023.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No follow-up question</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Respond accepted</p>
<p>Observation: The committee has viewed on page 33 of 1.4 FINANCIAL HEALTH OVERVIEW, on the Financial Overview table under line item Fines, Penalties & Forfeits that, the original budget of R13 100 976 was allocated to R2 456 553 which is 81.25% lower</p> <p>2. Question: Can the Executive Mayor advise why the committee the factors which influenced the variance of 81.25% budget adjustment?</p>	<p>2. Answer: The downward adjustment in Traffic Fines were as a result of the number of issued fines declining as a result of a malfunctioning speed camera.</p>	<p>Question: Does the Executive Mayor's response suggests that the Speed Camera contributes over 80% of the total budget of Traffic Fines Penalties and Forfeits for the year under review?</p> <p>Answer: No, as R 2 456 550 (11 budget of the current year review was contributed by handwritten fines Section 68 notices) issued by a Traffic Officer and usually</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Respond accepted</p>

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		<p>involves an offence that happens while the vehicle was moving.</p> <p>R 15 100 978 00 budget before adjustment budget was inclusive of offence section 56 vehicles and section 241 vehicles ven. 20 a motorist by post for violation caught on traffic and the actual collector was R 220 000.00 collector of business which contribute 63% (R8 220 800 13 100 097 -6 3%) of the Traffic Fines Penalties and Fines/forfeiture budget for the 2022/23 financial year before budget adjustment.</p> <p>See attached actual traffic fines collected and the total budget for 2022/2023 financial year before adjustment budget:</p> <p>R15 <small>Actual Traffic Fines Collected</small> <small>Financial Year 2022</small></p> <p>The actual collector for six months was R 228 375.00 which means we have under collected R 6 620 400 for the six months, which is R 1 104 748 per month x 12 = R</p>	

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		<p>R2 700 037,00. We have to reduce the budget for the revenue curing the adjustment budget based on the actual collection as at 31 December 2022 which is R2 04 712,50 per month x 12 = R2 456 000,00.</p> <p>The final budget for Insetle lines for the year under review was R 2 400 000,00</p> <p>See attached final Adjustment budget for the 2022/2023 financial year</p>  <p>Department of Infrastructure 2, 2023</p>	
Chapter 2			
<p>Observation: The committee has observed the spelling errors under ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY NEEDS table for example, under Para 23 the word 'unfished' was used consecutively at bullet number 1 and 2 respectively instead of using the word 'unfurnished', further the committee has noted a duplication of issues in the same Ward (Fossil Bridge and Euzibuhubhol Primary School and Acquiring for foot</p>	<p>2. Answer: The errors cited on Wards 28, 25 and 32 have been noted and a complete checking of errors on all Wards of the community needs is being carried out.</p>	<p>Question: Please provide PDE for the corrections made in the Draft Annual Report.</p> <p>Answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The correction of 700km to 700m (Ward 28). - Removal 200km Tweesdrift to B1 (because it is not there). - Removal of duplicated Ekurhuleni bridges. 	<p>Comments were effected and the report accepted.</p>

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<p>In light of Ekuphakweni and verify the committee also need misallocation of issues (Issue of Ward 32 which has been captured under Ward 26).</p> <p>Further to that the committee has observed overpayment of kilometers under Ward 23 for example; community needs of 100km route in Tsefanyani A2 and 200km route in Tsefanyani B1 which appears to be unrealistic.</p> <p>3. Question: Can the Executive Mayor confirm to the committee if the reported information is correctly captured?</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The misallocation issues from Ward 32 to 26 indicated that the Solomon Mahlangu Stadium can be utilized by all Wards. The POE for the corrected payments is attached hereto.  <p>Prof. Gert Kuper Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni</p>	
<p>Observation: On Table 2.2.2 Irregular Expenditure listed as at 30th June 2023, there are specific service providers for example Bidvest Bank which have been reported as irregular even during the previous financial years.</p>	<p>4. Answer: The Bidvest Bank contract has been extended until March 2024, to allow the seamless transition from Bidvest Bank to Fleet Harison and prevent any service delivery hindrance which might arise due to lack of operations fleet.</p> <p>The irregular expenditure in relation to Bidvest will be accounted for until end of March 2024, two years after that contract will officially come to an end.</p>	<p>Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide the committee with the progress update in relation to the deliveries that had to take place by the end of February 2024?</p> <p>Answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 vehicles have been delivered in the month of February 2024 a) 5 x LDV's Technical Services, and b) 3 x Binnans – Traffic Unit 	Response accepted
<p>4. Question: Can the Executive Mayor give confirm to the committee as to what is municipality's contract with Bidvest Bank ending?</p>	<p>The municipality has appointed Fleet Harison (Pty) Ltd on the 1st of November 2023, the Service Level Agreement and Fleet Service Agreement were subsequently signed on the 1st of December 2023. The bulk order for the</p>		

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	<p>that required by the municipality after consultation with internal departments and taking into consideration the available budget. 50 operational vehicles have been ordered against the departmental needs of 75 vehicles. We are anticipating ordering the additional 25 vehicles in the 2024/2025 financial year upon approval of additional budget. We are anticipating the first delivery of the vehicles to take place at the end of February 2024 and the last delivery end of March 2024.</p> <p>POE's:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request Bank extension letter 29/ June 2023 2. Appointment letter Hinc Hansen (My: Lid 16/ November 2023). 3. Service Level Agreement 09/Dec 13/ December 2023. 4. Master Service Agreement signed 10/ December 2023. 	<p>See attached confirmator email from Fleet Division re POE.</p> <p> K11 24/Nov 2023 to 25/Nov 2023</p> <p>Attached below is the revised delivery schedule of the remaining vehicles from Fleet Division re POE:</p> <p> K11 24/Nov 2023 to 25/Nov 2023</p>	

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Chapter 3			
<p>Observation: MPAC has observed the following spelling errors which needs to be corrected: on page 109 under CHALLENGES paragraph, from number 1; the word 'unstable' is misspelt, on page 129 paragraph 3.12 Libraries table (2021-2022) column, the word study is misspelt as study</p>	<p>Question: Does the municipality have the annual Report Editor to evaluate if the report is free from spelling errors and grammar issues?</p>	<p>Answer: The municipality has observed the errors and it should be noted that these challenges are not only realised in the annual report but on other municipal documents. The Executive therefore encourage the municipality to develop a mechanism to improve editing of municipal documents.</p> <p>Currently the municipality does not have any dedicated employees appointed specifically to do the editing of the documents.</p>	<p>It is recommended: THAT the municipality should pay due diligence when editing the Annual Report, to ensure that the content of the report is accurate, free from spelling errors and grammar issues.</p>
<p>Observation: The committee has observed under the CHALLENGES paragraph, page 108, line item number 2, there was a challenge of shortage of eye testing machines to process the applications for learners, drivers' licenses and professional driving licenses.</p> <p>5. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee whether the municipality did receive a challenge of shortage of the eye testing machines?</p>	<p>b Answer: THAT the challenge is resolved and a new eye testing machine to process the applications for learners, drivers, licenses and professional driving licenses was procured in March 2023 and is now functional.</p>	<p>Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide the committee with the ROL?</p> <p>Answer: We hereby request the indulgence of the committee in the provision of the ROL.</p> <p>Clear and we confirm the DLTC will be the Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison (DCESSL); the DCESSL took the action of the delivery note of the machine without leaving the delivery note behind (in size) as</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>

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<p>Observation: The committee has observed under EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION, page 114, that the status for the position of the IDP Coordinator is vacant, and the position has remained vacant for a longer period.</p> <p>6. Question: Can the Executive Mayor share with the committee if this position is still funded on the municipal program and what has status quo at the last to date?</p>	<p>6. Answer: The position of IDP coordinator is still funded. During the pre-auditing process it was found that only two (2) out of twenty-four (24) applicants meet the requirements as outlined in the advert. Most of the applicants meet the requisite qualifications but do not have relevant experience in the field of IDP. Therefore, the council will not advertise the position until a suitable candidate is identified. The original advertisement is attached hereto as Ex-101c.</p>	<p>The machine is an asset of the DCSS.</p> <p>In remedy the situation, we will be scanning the idle driving licenses and surplus driving licenses for the period between April and June 2023, notwithstanding a sample of existing licenses are professional driving licenses applications which we hope MIPAC will accept as a PCE.</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>
<p>7. Question: The committee has observed, that there is a typo error under 3.13 CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIUMS (Page 132), the first sentence is written as follows: "Currently eight (8) cemeteries under Theunisie Municipality..."</p>	<p>7. Answer: The typo error observed on Page 132 should read: "Currently there are forty (40) cemeteries under theunisie Municipality".</p>	<p>No follow-up questions</p>	<p>Corrections were effected and the response was satisfactory.</p>

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<p>7. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee on the contributing information?</p>	<p>Response: The committee has observed under 3.2 OTHER (DISASTER MANAGEMENT, SECURITY AND SAFETY) on the paragraph COMMENT ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE OVERALL that the reported information on number of disaster incidents attended is not quantified.</p>		
<p>8. Question: How many disaster incidents did the municipality reported in during the 2021/2022 financial year?</p>	<p>Answer: The municipality managed successfully to respond to 42 reported disasters and/or hazardous incidents during the 2021/2022 financial year.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Respond accepted</p>
<p>9. Question: Can the Executive Mayor share with the committee as to why is the Disaster Management Unit consisting of only one employee and what is the rationale of such arrangement in light of the fact that the incumbent is on leave?</p>	<p>Answer: The municipality is having two vacant Disaster Management Officers positions and one (1) Disaster Management Senior Clerk in its approved 2024/25 financial year programme.</p> <p>The one (1) Disaster Management Officer vacancy position on the current municipality's organisational structure could not be filled due to budgetary constraints.</p> <p>In order to mitigate the above challenge the municipality has allocated another official on the Disaster Management Officer post to work full-time in the Disaster Management Unit and the municipality is planning to fill the position of the other Disaster Management Officer post in the new 2024/25 financial year.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Respond accepted</p>

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<p>Observation: The committee has observed UNDER FLEET MANAGEMENT page 163 (REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE), that the Municipality terminated contracts on FLE Services.</p>	<p>13. Answer: Systems Terna (Pty) Ltd was terminated based on the following:</p> <p>a) The termination is in line with the initial contractual breaches on the part of Systems Terna (Pty) Ltd, which are based on a series of events which occurred. The conclusion was reached that Systems Terna (Pty) Ltd have failed to evetuate their contractual obligations in accordance with the signed Service Level Agreement entered between themselves and the Municipality.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Respond accepted</p>
<p>10. Question: Can the Executive Mayor benefit the committee with the reasons for the termination of the contract, and further share with the committee the measures that the Municipality employed to ensure that the service delivery program is not disturbed?</p>	<p>b) We therefore concluded that Systems Terna (Pty) Ltd has failed to carry out their contractual obligations under the contract pursuant to Clauses 3.1, 3.1 (a), 3.1 (g) bullet point number 5, 2.1(f) and 2.2(a) of the signed Service Level Agreement..</p> <p>Service delivery continuity plan:</p> <p>a) The municipality entered into a revision contract for the supply of fuel and lubricants with Mincotel (Pty) Ltd. The company was a operational existing station operating within the municipality. All the fuel procured from Mincotel (Pty) Ltd was procured at the dervies retail prices as determined by the Department of Minerals, Resources and Energy</p>		

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	<p>b) Once the termination was finalized, the municipality resources will be the procurement of a service provider for the supply and delivery of fuel and utilities. The process was concluded and New Dawn Energy (Pty) Ltd was appointed on the 18th of December 2022 for a period of 36 months.</p> <p>POE's:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service Level Agreement  Attachment  Attachment 2. Notice of termination letter  Attachment  Attachment 3. Termination letter  Attachment  Attachment 4. Appointment letter and matter memo  Attachment  Attachment 5. Appointment letter New Dawn Energy (Pty) Ltd  Attachment  Attachment 		

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<p>Observation: On project DTS140 the committee has observed that the expenditure on the project is R13 426 543:00 against the budget of R15 075 321:00 and part of the challenges for not achieving the target was variance and that of material which has caused the delay</p> <p>11. Question: Can the Executive Mayor explain to the committee as to who is held liable for the costs of stolen materials and vandalism occurred on site?</p>	<p> Answer sheet</p> <p>11. Answer: Through the public liability insurance taken up by the service provider for the project and is liable on the vendor and held liable if the project as the still under construction</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>
<p>Observation: On project DTS156 the committee has observed that the target was not achieved due to delay on allocation of contractors.</p> <p>12. Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide reasons that caused the delay on allocation of contractors?</p>	<p>12. Answer: The main delay was caused during the evaluation and adjudication stage of the projects as we had received a sizeable number of bids from prospective bidders and due diligence on the evaluation and adjudication of the bids had to be carried out to finalize the tender appointments between the 140 companies prior to appointment.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>It is recommended THAT going forward the management is urged to ensure that all on plans must be accurate and specific or projects not achieved</p>
<p>Observation: On project DTS200 the committee has observed that the target was not achieved and part of the reason was due to delay on the allocation with</p>	<p>13. Answer: The M mentioned is a decision to install 5 Solar High Mast Lights in Wards 1, 2, 3, 6 and 30. Currently the High Mast Light are installed and functional.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>It is recommended THAT based on the MPAC previous site visit inspect on variance on project DTS200, the</p>

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<p>regard to choice of the high mast to be installed</p> <p>13. Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide the committee with the current status quo of the project?</p>			<p>Initially, should consider to explore other options for the construction of highmast lights that are using electricity as opposed to solar energy lights, in order to ensure that the installed highmast lights serve the desired purpose of covering a broader geographic space</p>
<p>Observation: On project DT5202 the committee has observed that the budget of R1 020 000 was fully spent, however the target was not achieved or account of detailed assigned report not submitted.</p> <p>14. Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide the committee with the current status quo of the project?</p>	<p>14. Answer: The detailed design report and tender documentation of the project was completed. The project was scheduled on the 28th of September 2023, however the tender had to be put on hold due to M/G funding budget cut experienced this financial year</p>	<p>Question: Can the Executive Mayor furnish the committee with the POE regarding the MIG funding budget cut?</p> <p>Answer: The POE is attached here:  POE MIG 2023.pdf</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>

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<p>Observation: On project DT5206 the committee observed an over expenditure of the budget from R3 241 226.01 to R 547 403.25 due to low performance on site</p> <p>15. Question: Can the Executive Mayor advise the committee with reason for low performance that led to over expenditure of R3 188 658.84?</p>	<p>15. Answer: The project implemented on a multi year basis, and all 19.7m of budget adjustment, performance on site was low. Hence the budget was reduced significantly. However, performance went up during the last quarter of the financial year, which led to more expenditure by the end of the financial year.</p>	<p>Question: The response is not satisfactory to the committee as the reason for low performance is not stated, as such can the Executive Mayor respond appropriately to the question?</p> <p>Answer: The low performance experienced on the project was due to site establishment and resource mobilisation by the service provider prior to commencement of the works (construction) works.</p>	<p>Respond accepted</p>
<p>Observation: On project 5059004 the committee observed an over expenditure of budget from R7 100 000: to R11 675 679.81 due to low performance on site.</p> <p>16. Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide the committee with reason for low performance that led to over expenditure of R4 526 637.00?</p>	<p>16. Answer: When the project commenced the contractor had a slow start and the budget was not adjusted as we were not certain that the allocated amount will be spent by 30th of June 2023. Post budget adjustment, the progress of site gained momentum as multiple activities on site commenced which led to the budget that we had to be in a shared, and we therefore performed variations on the project to cover for the shortfall</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	

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<p>Observation: On page: DTB120 the committee observed that the municipality budgeted R25 Million and received additional R12 million for good performance, however it achieved target of still at 100% even though the additional amount was received.</p> <p>17. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee as what were the additional R12 million funding spent on?</p>	<p>17. Answer: The additional R2 million funding was added on the Construction of Mathematics cap Booster jump station as part of the budget of R 17 384 000 that was already approved by Council</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>
<p>Observation: On project DG6005 and DG9008 the committee observed that targets could not be achieved, 19 positions could not be filled on time due to the delay in capturing any recruitment success.</p> <p>18. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee on what led to the delays in capturing and recruitment processes?</p>	<p>18. Answer: The municipality advertised a lot of vacant positions that resulted in a high volume of responses from job seekers. The Human Resources Unit is only responsible for only two staff members to deal with recruitment, selection and appointment of staff. Thus, resulting in delays in finalisation of capturing the responses especially on interviews.</p> <p>Interviewers were devised to ask assistance for capturing purposes from other departmental units but that also did not assist immediately as those who were assisting in capturing were doing most of an ad-hoc basis since they were busy capturing their early tasks they are appointed for. E.g., the applications that were received for general workers only were amounting to 1300 for 10</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>

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<p>Observation: On project DC8008 the committee has observed that targets could not be achieved because the budget was depleted</p> <p>19. Question: Can the Executive Mayor verify the committee why the budget was depleted and what did the municipality do with DJS's variance of the budget?</p>	<p>positions that took some time to capture given the challenges as stated above.</p> <p>18. Answer: Historically the existing budget of the municipality have not been budgeted at 1% as required, thus training budget gets depleted before all planned trainings can be rolled out. The variance is as a result of the shortfall between the required budget of 1% in the skills levy vs the actual budget that the municipality made available for the financial year.</p>	<p>Question: How much exactly was the budget allocated for the project and how much was the sequential hierarchy?</p> <p>Answer: The budget was R 2 335 500 00 and expenditure was the R 1 877 473 72. The allocated budget includes accommodation and meals; hence the remaining funds are for transportation and meals and do not take for the verified findings identified the number of delegates to train</p>	Respond Accepted
<p>Observation: On project DBT005 the committee has observed that targets could not be achieved because of the resistance of payment of services from the community, Business and Government Departments.</p> <p>20. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee on what are the consequences of Community, Business and Governmental department for not paying services?</p>	<p>20 Answer: Management has appointed a panel of debtor collectors who deal with the businesses and the Government departments. There is daily evaluation on collection with regard to the Government Departments on ensuring the outstanding financial debt. MPAC has been collected in that regard and the work is ongoing. There is an improvement with regard to businesses and the work on collection is continuing to cover the entire area of the tax-paying businesses. The collection of households remains a challenge but there is an ongoing</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	Response accepted

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<p>21. Question: Can the Executive Mayor provide POE on to the community and members, Businesses and Government Departments that are serving the municipality.</p> <p>22. Question: Can the Executive Mayor confirm if the revenue enhancement strategy is making any improvement to our revenue collection?</p>	<p>programme implemented to improve the collection level through collection database for cleaning the billing information and ultimately the collection.</p> <p>POE: Debt Collectors Appointment Letters</p> <p> <small>4. 20. 2016 10:00 AM</small></p> <p> <small>4. 20. 2016 10:00 AM</small></p> <p>POE: Instruction to Issue Letter of Demands</p> <p> <small>4. 20. 2016 10:00 AM</small></p> <p> <small>4. 20. 2016 10:00 AM</small></p> <p>POE: Department of Public Works Commitment Letter.</p> <p> <small>4. 20. 2016 10:00 AM</small></p>		

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<p>Observation: Our project identifies the committee has observed that targets could not be achieved, because the reviewed communication strategy is still under review by the GCIS and COGTA</p> <p>21. Question: Can Executive Mayor clarify the rationale if there is requirement or is compulsory for GCIS and COGTA prior review the municipality's communication strategy before it can be approved by the council hence this is affecting the performance of the KPI?</p>	<p>21. Answer: Attached is the listing of the businesses as well as the government departments which are aiding the municipality and the work in ongoing.</p> <p>Attached: Government Departments and Businesses that are aiding the municipality.</p> <p>22. Answer: The revenue enhancement strategy is making an improvement on the businesses and the Government departments and the businessess. The bigger part is on the responsibilities of a massive programme in work-in-progress.</p> <p>PDE: Revenue enhancement strategy.</p> <p>23. Answer: It is not compulsory for the Communication Strategy to be reviewed by GCIS or COGTA however GCIS recommends that the document be reviewed in order to ensure that the strategy is aligned to the National Communication Policy.</p>		
		<p>No follow up question</p>	<p>Revised accepted</p>

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<p>Observation: On project LED017 the committee observed that the target could not be achieved, because the relevant urban development strategy was taken to Section 00 committee and Mayoral committee but it was not taken to council for approval due to administration issues.</p> <p>24. Question: Can the Executive Mayor identify the committee, what are the administrative issues which led to the youth development strategy not submitted to council?</p>	<p>24. Answer: The matter was pencilled for ordinary council seating scheduled for May however special council was convened instead hence target was not achieved.</p>	<p>No follow-up question.</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>
<p>Observation: On project PED007 the committee observed that the target could not be achieved due that No reports received for Land Inversion, committee was expired.</p> <p>25. Question: Can the Executive Mayor explain to the committee whether the municipality was not provide that the committee for this project was about expired and take proactive action to mitigate this risk well on time?</p>	<p>25. Answer: The municipality was aware; hence the municipality has currently taken a decision to ensure that the supply chain contracts must start 6 months before the already appointed a new service provider to assist with the land inversions to avoid any further delays.</p>	<p>No follow-up question.</p>	<p>Response accepted</p>
<p>Observation: On project ED008 the committee noted that target could not be achieved because the strategy was taken to both Section 00 committee and Mayoral Committee for consideration but could not find a way to council for a resolution.</p>	<p>25. Answer: The strategy could not be initially taken to council but was subsequently taken to council for consideration, through a resolution TH MDC 1300/2022.</p>		<p>Response accepted</p>

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<p>26. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee what has prevented the investment strategy to serve in the council after it has duly been submitted to Section 80 and Regional Committee respectively?</p>		<p>No follow-up question</p>	
Chapter 4			
<p>Observation: The committee has observed on Page 248 paragraph 4.1 under COMPLETION OF WORKS AND TURNOVER i.e. the pool of Manager Social Services has been vacant since April 2023</p>	<p>27. Answer: The position of a Manager Social Services became vacant upon resignation of the Social Services Manager on the 31st of March 2025. The position was advertised internally in the City Press Newspaper on the 12th of March 2023 and closed on the 27th of March 2023 and was re-advertised nationally on City Press Newspaper on the 3rd of September 2023 and closing date was the 22nd of September 2023. The job was re-advertised again in the national newspapers on the 24th of December 2023 and closed on the 13th of January 2024.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>It is therefore recommended THAT the Executive Mayor must expedite the filling of the position of the Manager Social Services, taking into account that the position forms part of the key component of the municipal structures and has been vacant for a longer period.</p>
<p>27. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee on what led to the delay in filling the position of Manager Social Services and what is the status quo at the moment?</p>	<p>The process of shortlisting, interviews, and competency assessments was concluded unfortunately on suitable candidate was found in both processes of the initial advertisement and re-advertisement that occurred in March and September, respectively.</p>		

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<p>Observation: The committee has observed on page 247, paragraph 4.5 that only twelve (12) senior managers and the managers were found to be compliant with the requirements of the Minimum Competency Regulations.</p>	<p>For the record, the assessment that occurred in December the municipality is in the process of shortlisting the positions and subsequently interview the candidates. Candidates to ultimately fill the position in due course.</p>		
<p>28. Question: Can the Executive Mayor share with the committee on how many line managers/senior managers does the municipality have?</p>	<p>28. Answer: The municipality has 23 Assistant Managers.</p>	<p>No follow-up question.</p>	<p>Respond asserted.</p>
<p>29. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee on why other line managers/senior managers are not appearing on the list?</p>	<p>29. Answer: In terms of the regulation on minimum competency levels of Government Gazette No. 29887 (Volume 504) categorises the minimum competency levels. Section 33(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act states that the Accounting Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and other financial officials must meet the competency levels. In this regard the municipality is in compliance and around 5 of Assistant Managers outside the finance department have attended the MFM program.</p>	<p>No follow-up question.</p>	<p>Respond asserted.</p>
Chapter 5			
<p>Observation: The committee has observed on Page 254, paragraph 5.3 ABBET MANAGEMENT that there is a sentence which starts with the phrase: 'the above projects'</p>	<p>30. Answer: This is a typing error, the correct word was supposed to be the 'below' projects under the heading COMPONENT B: SPENDING AGAINST CAPITAL on page 258.</p>	<p>No follow-up question.</p>	<p>Correcting this will be effected in the report and the respond is accepted.</p>

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<p>30. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee as to which projects are being referred to?</p>	<p>31. Answer: There was no disposal of assets in the 2022/2023 financial year, hence the omission of any asset disposal in the draft annual report.</p>		
<p>31. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee as to why the paragraph on Asset Management did not refer to the matter of asset disposal?</p>	<p>32. Answer: The 1st time the municipality posted an election was in the 2014/2015 financial year. We have started an procurement process to appoint an assessor to has an auction before the end of the 2023/2024 financial year.</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>Haspand accepted</p>
<p>32. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee as to when will have the Municipality dispose the municipal assets and when are we intending to dispose dispositive assets?</p>	<p>33. Answer: The municipality received interest from the investors. The interest earned on the R 25 million invested with Standard Bank was R 258 585.35 which was transferred together with the R 25 million capital amount upon maturity on the 22nd of June 2023 to the Call Deposit: 3385087280171</p> <p>FOIE: Investment Hogabe.  Information Request</p>	<p>No follow-up question</p>	<p>The interest amounts were incorporated in the report and the response is accepted.</p>
<p>Observation: The committee has observed on page 260, paragraph 5.10 BOROWING AND INVESTMENTS FOR 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR that the municipality invested R35 million with the Standard Bank.</p>	<p>33. Question: Can the Executive Mayor clarify the committee whether the municipality reached interests from this investment, and if the municipality did not receive any interests, why did we invest with Standard Bank knowing that there would be no return on investment?</p>		
	<p>34. Answer: The Municipality Invested R 100 million with the Standard Bank on the 2nd of July and R 50 million was withdrawn on the</p>		

Question	Responses of the Executive Mayor	Follow-up Question & Response	MPAC Comments and Recommendations
<p>34. Question: Can the Executive Mayor share with the committee if the municipality is currently investing with the Standard Bank?</p>	<p>24th of August 2023 and R 30 million on the 29th of November 2023. The current balance is R 32 274 609.25 with the interest amounting to R 2 271 509.25</p> <p>PDE: Investment register as at 30 January 2024.</p>  <p>M. M. M. M. M. Executive Mayor</p>		

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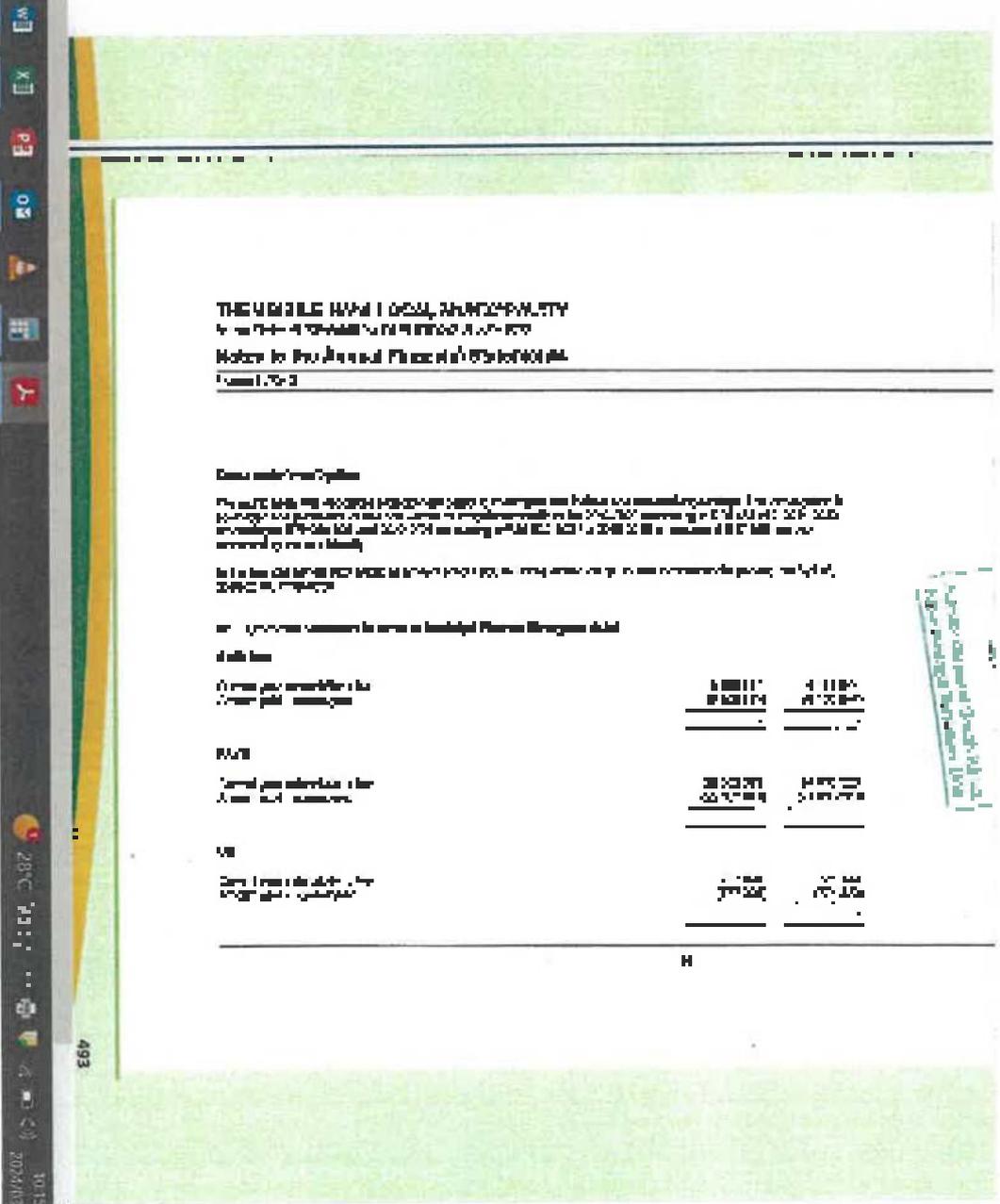
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THE EFFECT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY
 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY
 A Case Study of the District of ...

Executive Summary

This study aims to analyze the impact of local authority in the development of the local economy. The research is based on a survey of ...

The results of the study show that local authority has a significant impact on the development of the local economy. ...

1. Introduction

The local authority is the main actor in the development of the local economy. ...

The objectives of this study are to ...

2. Methodology

This study uses a survey method to collect data from ...

3. Results and Discussion

The results of the study show that local authority has a significant impact on the development of the local economy. ...

Variable	Value
Local Authority	100%
Local Economy	100%
Local Community	100%

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Chapter 6

COMPONENT B: AUDITOR-GENERAL OPINION 2022/2023

4.3 AUDITOR-GENERAL REPORTS 2022/2023

Report of the Auditor-General to Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature and the Council on the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

1. I have audited the financial statements of the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality set out on pages 364 to 400, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets, cash flow statement and statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended, as well as notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.
2. In my opinion, the financial statements presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality as at 30 June 2023 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Standards of Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (SAGAAP) and the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003 (MFMA) and the Council of Revenue Act of 2022 (CRA).

Basis for opinion

3. I conducted my audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA). My responsibilities under these standards are further described in the responsibilities of the auditor – general to the audit of the financial statements section of my report.
4. I am independent of the municipality in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International code of ethics for professional accountants (including requirements on independence) (IESBA code) and we also observed requirements that are relevant to my audit in South Africa. I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA code.
5. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of matters

6. I have drawn attention to the material weaknesses that are not remediated in respect of these matters.

Material weaknesses – Contingent debtors

7. As a result of note 12 to the financial statements, a total impairment of R1,87 billion was incurred as a result of provision to write off debtors as uncollectible.

