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OVERSIGHT REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR





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1. COMPOSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The committee has thirteen (13) members proportionally representing political parties in Council as follows:

NO	NAME OF COUNCIL	DESIGNATION	GENDER
1	CLLR. E.D DIALE	CHAIRPERSON	MALE
2	CLLR. K.S KOMAPE	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
3	CLLR. E.D.F LOURENS	ORDINARY MEMBER	FEMALE
4	CLLR. A.W.S MALATSE	COMMITTEE WHIP	MALE
5	CLLR. B.A MAUBANE	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
6	CLLR. M.S MOLOI	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
7	CLLR. J. MOSITO	ORDINARY MEMBER	FEMALE
8	CLLR. MD MOSOLODI	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
9	CLLR. R.P PADI	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
10	CLLR. M.M SEKGOTHE	ORDINARY MEMBER	FEMALE
11	CLLR. K.M SHALANG	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
12	CLLR. P. TSHEOLA	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE
13	CLLR. E.VAN DER SCHYFF	ORDINARY MEMBER	MALE

The committee has four (4) support staff officials appointed permanently and reports administratively to the accounting officer.

NO	NAME OF COUNCIL	DESIGNATION	GENDER
1	MS. E T MOLEFE	MPAC MANAGER	FEMALE
2	MR. K N POO	RESEARCHER: FINANCE	MALE
3	MR. P M MAAKE	RESEARCHER: LEGAL	MALE
4	MR .J M KODISANG	SECRETARY	MALE

3. FOREWORD BY CHAIRPERSON OF THE MPAC CLLR ED DIALE ON THE 2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Honourable Speaker of Council; Cllr Ntshabele

Honourable Executive Mayor of Madibeng; Her worship Cllr Mothibe

Honourable Single Whip of Council; Cllr Makgabo

Honourable Members of Mayoral Committee

Chairpersons of Portfolio Committees and Section 79 Committees

Honourable Councillors

Magosi a rona

Ward Committee Members

Baeteledi-pele ba Dikereke

Acting Municipal Manager

Senior Managers of the Municipality

Office of the Auditor General

Baagi ba ba rategang ba Madibeng

Ladies and Gentlemen

Dumelang! Good morning! Avuxeni! Molweni! Goie more!

Mr Speaker and the august house at large, on behalf of the Committee allow me to convey words of gratitude to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) staff led by a lady who is driving the ship in the right direction administratively through thick and thin.

Mr Speaker let me convey words of appreciation to council for entrusting the MPAC members with huge task of playing oversight role on its behalf on the annual report for 2017/2018 financial year even though there were challenges faced by the

meetings where the annual report is discussed for purposes of responding to questions concerning the report.

- During public participation meetings of the 15th and 16th April 2019 respectively the accounting officer was not present and no member of the executive was present to answer to questions posed by members of the community.
- The committee was forced to compress the program to cater for election campaigns and Easter weekend.
- Some members of MPAC did not honour their programme.
- Resignation of senior managers contributed to a disclaimed audit outcome and poor performance by the municipality.

Mr Speaker one cannot talk of improvement unless there has been a start because of the challenges of non-responses to questions raised but the public, I am referring the speaker to section 130(1) (b) of the MFMA 56 of 2003 that states: council meetings open to public and certain public officials.

(1) "The meetings of municipal council at which the annual report is to be discussed or at which decisions concerning an annual report are to be taken must be open to the public and any organ of the state and reasonable time must be allowed for
(b) "For members of local community or any organ of state to address the council"

REPORTED CORRUPTION/MALADMINISTATRION

committee.

No future is a future without the past and the present.

One cannot make corrections unless errors have occurred.

Here are the errors faced as challenges:

- The municipality failed to table the draft annual report by end of August as per stipulations of circular 63.
- By end of January as per section, 121(1) and 127(2) of the MFMA council was expected to note the annual report together with the audited financial statements but failed to do so.
- Section 129 (2) (a) of the MFMA 56 OF 2003 state that "the accounting officer must attend council and council committee

There was an identified follow up on open cases of maladministration by MPAC to make sure that cases opened surface at court without fear

Mr Speaker with all challenges mentioned as formant to processes of going through the annual report for its acceptance after implementation of section 130 (1) (b), I submit on behalf of MPAC to council to accept the 2017/2018 annual report with reservations

The recommendations are on page 19.

Thank you!



4. MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE: OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/2018

4.1 PURPOSE

To submit the Municipal Public Accounts Committee's Oversight Report for the annual report for 2017/2018 financial year to Council for consideration and adoption in terms of the provisions of section 129 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act.

4.2 INTRODUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

4.2.1 In terms of section 121 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, the Municipality must prepare and adopt the annual report within a period of nine (9) months after the end of the financial year in terms of sections 127 and 129 of the Act. The Municipality is further required to deal with the annual report in accordance with the following provision of the Act:

□ Section 127: submission and tabling of the annual report in Council within a period of seven (7) months after the end of the financial year, and submission of the annual report to public participation process in terms of section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, inviting the community to submit comments on the annual report.

□ Section 129: consideration of the annual report by Council within a period of two (2) months after the report has been tabled in terms of section 127 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act and subsequent adoption of the Oversight Report and submission of the same to relevant authorities.

4.2.2 The purpose of the annual report is to provide a record of municipal activities during the financial year, report on performance against the budget of the municipality for that financial year and accountability to the local community

for the decisions the Municipality has taken throughout the financial year.

4.2.3 The annual report must further include, amongst others, the annual performance report in terms of section 46 of the Municipal Systems Act, the audited annual financial statements of the Municipality, Auditor-General's audit report and any other information as may be prescribed by the law.

4.2.4 The legislator and policy framework regulating the preparation, tabling and adoption of the annual report is more specific and provides members of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee with sufficient and practical guidelines to exercise its oversight responsibility diligently.

4.2.5 The responsibility to exercise oversight over the performance of the Municipality, including the process to consider and adopt the municipal annual report is vested in Council, however, it has delegated this oversight function to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee, which was established in December 2007 as per Council resolution A.0107 consisting of 13 members. The new committee was elected during the month of September as per resolution A.0025 dated the 9 September 2016 following the election of new councillors during the month of August 2016. The resolution is attached herewith as ANNEXURE A.

4.2.6 Furthermore, the office of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) exercised oversight on matters outlined as per revised Terms of Reference for the 2017/2018 financial year adopted by Council on 27 June 2017 as per Council resolution A.0199 attached as ANNEXURE B.

5.1.1 During a Council sitting dated 26 March 2019, Council noted the final 2016/2017 Annual Report and referred it to Municipal Public Accounts Committee to embark on public participation to solicit comments from the community on the Annual Report.

5. ANNUAL REPORT CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

5.1.2 The Committee considered the report and adopted the public participation programme during its special meeting held on 3 April 2019, MPAC resolution 0061 attached as ANNEXURE C.

Kormorant newspaper dated 4 April 2019 ANNEXURE D and local radio station (Madibeng Community Radio) respectively calling on all community members and stakeholders to submit comments on the annual report for the financial year 2017/2018.

5.1.4 A total of 193 community members excluding ward committee members and Councillors turned-up for the public participation programme on the oversight process for 2017/2018 annual report:

5.1.3 The advertisement for the public participation programme was placed on

CLUSTERED WARDS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDED
Cluster 1 (7,25,26,27,28,31,32 & 40)	30
Cluster 2 (3,8,10,15,16,17,18,19,24,35,36,37,41)	61
Cluster 3 (1,2,4,5,6,9,11,12,34 & 38)	102
Cluster 4 (13,14,20,21,23,30,33 & 39)	Meeting postponed indefinitely.
Total	193

5.1.5 There was a high decline in terms of the total turnout of community members for participation during the 2017/18 financial year.

Offices, Libraries and Tribal Offices. Other copies were given to ward councillors to distribute to the community and relevant stakeholders. The public participation programme for the 2017/18 annual report was adopted as follows:

5.1.6 Copies of the Annual Report were also placed at the Municipal Satellite

DATE	CLUSTERS/WARDS	VENUE
15-Feb-19	Cluster 1	Brits Town Hall
16-Feb-19	Cluster 2	Brits Town Hall
24-Feb-19	Cluster 3	Brits Town Hall
25-Feb-19	Cluster 4	Brits Town Hall





5.1.7 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following are various issues that were raised by the community, including stakeholders, ward committee members and Councillors per cluster:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: CLUSTER 1

Member of public

Member of public (1) complained about the late arrival of the 2017/18 Annual Report and non-attendance of directors.

Member of public (2) proposed that the public be given an opportunity to go through the report thoroughly and they would send their comments at a later stage.

Mpho, raised concerns about the low employment rate within the jurisdiction of Madibeng Local Municipality. Furthermore, he wanted to know the reasons for slow urbanisation of places like Majakeng and similar areas. He concluded by asking about the plans to empower small agriculturists and lamented the Madibeng is not taking advantage of farms and mines in the jurisdiction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: CLUSTER 2

Mr. Mojalefa Matabane (Ward 10), raised concerns about the abuse of water by foreign nationals. Furthermore, he mentioned that there is sewer spillage and the City of Tshwane is doing nothing about it. He continued to say that Madibeng Local Municipality promised people of Kagiso view 50 houses and to date there are no houses. Mr Matabane concluded by saying that he noticed the same companies are appointed for major projects and that Ward committee members have not received stipend increase since their appointment in 2016.

Mr. Josiah Mokoena (Ward 15), complained about the fine print on Annexure C of the annual report and further asked the Chairperson of MPAC about what is he going to do with the non-attendance of the Municipal Manager and Directors.

A member of public who called himself **Juju Malema** (Ward 41) said that he is very concern about land invasion between the border of Madibeng Local Municipality and the City of Tshwane and that no one is going to reply their questions as the Directors are not present.

Mr Simon Makobe (Ward 3), complaint about an incomplete multipurpose centre that is being used a drug den and to commit crime. He further said the municipality is doing nothing about corruption cases.



PUBLIC COMMENTS: CLUSTER 2

Mr Kabelo Chauke (Ward 8), said water trucks are no longer delivering water in their ward and that MPAC must assist in improving the audit opinion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: CLUSTER 2

Mr Luzoko Baibai (Ward 37) congratulated Councillor Mhlambi for assuring that they have electricity in their ward.

Mr Richard Lubisi complained about non-attendance of MPAC members, the slow progress of formalising Oskraal and the provision of water and electricity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: CLUSTER 3

Mr. Lion (Ward 4), complained about the late arrival of the annual report. Furthermore, he asked about the failed water project in Maboloka and wanted clarity on the meaning of a disclaimer opinion from the Auditor General.

Mr. Rapula Molekoa (Ward 2), wanted to know MPAC the terms of reference and its mandate.

Miss Maggy Matlou (Ward 11), wanted to know what is Council going to do with non-performance and compliance of multi-year projects. Moreover, asked about Councillors and Officials who are doing business with the municipality.

Miss Masechaba (Ward 9) said that there must be transparency in terms of the scope of projects and monies paid to contractors.

Mr. Johannes Moloi (Ward 9) raised concerns about incomplete projects like Letlhabile fire station and Letlhabile reservoir.



Mr. Tabane (Ward 1) and Mr. Mabiletsa (Ward 2) both complained about water shortages in the wards, boreholes that are not working.







6. COMMENTS BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The office expect the comments from the Audit Committee b Wednesday, 15 May 2019.

7. COMMENTS BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Page number	Problem	Reference
5	4th paragraph have a redundant word: "evaluate our performance of the these functions"	n/a
15	Financial health overview – I cannot find the original budget and adjustment budget amounts – do not agree to adjustment budget book.	Adjustment budget book
15	Financial health overview – the sub total of income and the expenditure is incorrect, the income as well as the expenditure is understated with R29,722,000	AFS statement of financial performance page 12
16	First table – there is no heading, what budget is referred to in here?	n/a
23	Last table on the page – equity representation: the heading have a spelling error (representation), the last 2 columns do not have a heading so it is not indicated what constitutes the $9\# = 2\%$	n/a
4, 7, 46, 51	Reports needs to be signed.	n/a
90	The second paragraph still refers to 2017 and seems to be a copy and paste as the facility should have been operational already then, what is the update?	n/a
116	Second table on municipal sites according to clusters – most of the status of service level agreements have dates that already lapsed 2017, any extensions granted or was new contracts entered, need to indicate.	n/a
119	Table on vacant and filled positions – not all columns are completed	n/a
138	Seems the annual performance report was changed from the one audited as KPI27 shows achieved but on the audited report it shows not achieved.	Annual performance report 2017-18
171	Adjusted budget column seems incorrect as it does not agree to the adjustment budget book	Adjustment budget book

• Please remember that we do not audit the annual report and only check it for material inconsistencies.

8. MEETINGS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) convened its meetings as follows during the financial year 2017/18 as per approved Council calendar.

DATE	OUTCOME
31-Jul-17	Meeting successful
17 August 2017 (Special)	Meeting successful
25-Aug-17	Meeting successful
29 August 2017 (Special)	Meeting successful
26-Oct-17	Meeting successful
23-Nov-17	Meeting postponed due to non-attendance by Municipal Manager and directors.
04-Dec-17	Meeting successful
25-Jan-18	Meeting postponed due to non-attendance by Municipal Manager and directors.
08-Feb-18	Meeting successful
12-Feb-18	Meeting successful
28-Mar-18	Meeting successful
19-Apr-18	Meeting successful

9. MFMA SECTION 32 REPORTS: IRREGULAR, UNAUTHORISED AND FRUITLESS EXPENDITURE

9.1.1 During 2017/2018 financial year, the Accounting Officer did not report any unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure to Council however, the AG raised findings.

9.1.2 There was no proof of investigation on the unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure reports from prior years, as a result, the committee

instructed the Municipal Manager to investigate the reports as per section 32 of the MFMA and the committee referred the reports to his office in this regard.



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10. Below is a table for other matters referred to MPAC for further investigation during the 2017/2018 financial year.

	MATTERS REPORTED	RESOLUTIONS
MEETINGS 31 July 2017	MPAC.0021 – REPORT ON MPAC PENDING RESOLUTION	That all outstanding reports under pending resolutions (Annexure A1 of the agenda) be submitted to MPAC within 14 working days.
	MPAC.0022- REPORT OF CIVIL AND LABOUR MATTERS FOR 2015- 16	That a written response on the status quo in respect of civil and labour matters be submitted to MPAC within 14 working days.
	MPAC.0023- PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS AG 2015-16 FINDINGS	Of the verbal responses in respect of the action plan received from the administration.
	MPAC.0024- SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT PLAN TO ADDRESS THE UIF&W	That the project plan be adopted.
17 August 2017	MPAC.0025- REPORT OF THE 2015-16 UIF&W	That this matter be referred back and be resubmitted during the ordinary meeting to be held on 24 August 2018.
25 August 2017	MPAC.0026 - REPORT OF THE 2014-15 FINANCIAL YEAR WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE	That a special meeting be convened on Monday, 28 August 2017 to discuss a report on unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure.
	MPAC.0027 - REPORT ON THE ATTENDANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS.	Implement that Section132 of the Rules of Order By-Law.
	MPAC.0028 - REPORT ON EXPENDITURE ON STAFF BENEFITS (SECTION 66 OF MFMA) FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2015 MPAC.0029 - REPORT ON EXPENDITURE ON STAFF BENEFITS (SECTION 66 OF MFMA) FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2015	That management implement overtime policy without exceptions. Submit that monthly overtime report to MPAC for consideration. Take that cognizance of the report on expenditure on staff benefits as at February 2015.
	MPAC.0030 - REPORT ON EXPENDITURE ON STAFF BENEFITS (SECTION 66 OF MFMA) FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2015	That the Municipal Manager consult the Executive Mayor to discuss these alternative solutions. That overtime adhere to policy provisions.
	MPAC.0031- RESUBMISSION OF A REPORT ON THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR.	That it be recommended to council that the new mayoral vehicle be purchased in accordance with National Treasury guidelines taking into account the affordability of the municipality.
29 August 2017	MPAC.0032 - REPORT ON FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 AND 2015-16 FINANCIAL YEARS.	That this report be submitted to both the National and Provincial Treasuries once approved by Council.
26 October 2017	MPAC.0033 - REPORT ON THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR	That an assessment be made on the costs incurred during rental and the municipality having two mayoral cars. That a compulsory induction to drivers be done and checklists be kept for record purposes. That the new vehicle be fitted with an electronic log book system.
	MPAC.0034 - REPORT ON UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2013/14, 2014/15 AND 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEARS	That MPAC recommends to Council to write off the unauthorized expenditure on "non cash" items for the 2013/14-2015/16 financial years amounting to R 1 531 816 078 as per section 32 (2)(ii) of the MFMA
	MPAC.0035 - REPORT ON PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM ON OVERSIGHT ON ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017	That this item be withdrawn from the agenda
	MPAC.0036 - SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016-DECEMBER 2016	That directors submits requested reports timeously. That the directors implements MPAC resolutions adopted by Council.
	MPAC.0037 - SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017 – MARCH 2017	That the directors implements MPAC resolutions adopted by Council.
23 November 2017(postponed) 04 December 2017	MPAC.0038 - REVENUE MANAGEMENT FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR END SEPTEMBER 2017	That credit control measures be implemented in all areas of the municipality.
	MPAC.0039 - UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL, UNFORESEEN AND UNAVOIDABLE EXPENDITURE FOR OCTOBER 2016-DECEMBER 2016	That this matter be referred back to the office of the Municipal Manager for further investigation.
	MPAC.0040 - MPAC COMMITTEE: 2ND OVERSIGHT REPORT FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR (JULY 2017 – SEPTEMBER 2017)	That the 2nd oversight report of the MPAC for the period beginning July'17- September 2017 be accepted and submitted for consideration to Council.
	MPAC.0041 - REPORT ON UNAUTHORISED EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2013/14, 2014/15 AND 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEARS	That this matter be referred to the Municipal Manager for further investigation of the R 125 372 541 for general expenses and repairs and maintenance which led to unauthorized expenditure for the 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.
25 January 2018 (postponed) 08 February 2018	MPAC.0045 - REPORT ON PREPARATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM ON OVERSIGHT ON ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/2017	That this report be referred back to allow the administration to follow up on the issue of the signature of the accounting officer as well as ensuring that amendments raised by council are effected.
	MPAC.0046 - REPORT ON THE ATTENDANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITEE MEETING BY SENIOR MANAGERS	That the Accounting Officer take appropriate action to reprimand Directors who absented themselves from meetings without seeking leave of absence.



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28 March 2018	MPAC.0048 - ADOPTION OF THE OVERSIGH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEA	
19 April 2018	MPAC.0049 - REVISION OF THE TERMS OF F ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME OF THE MUN ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) FOR THE 2 YEAR	ICIPAL PUBLIC Annual work plan as required, including the amendment

PROJECTS SITE INSPECTIONS. 11.

11.1As part of oversight, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee ought to perform inspections on all CAPEX projects for 2017/18 financial year. However, the committee could not do their oversight work for the financial year in review because of failed meetings due to non attendance of either management or the committee.

12. MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) HEARING

12.1 The office of Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) drafted questions on the 2017/2018 annual report and requested the Accounting Officer to respond on the questions as per questionnaire attached as ANNEXURE G. The office of Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) has not 12.2 received responses from the office of the Accounting Officer on questions raised.

CHALLENGES ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON 2017/2018 ANNUAL 13. REPORT

Oversight on the annual report is legislative requirement that affords 13.1 the community to go through the report and comment on the overall performance of the municipality. Therefore, the municipality would have complied with section 16 (1) (iii) of Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 as amended.

13.2 The success of public participation depends on the support and cooperation of the role players (Executive Mayor, Speaker, Municipal Manager, Ward Councillors etc.) within a municipality as stipulated in the public participation policy as adopted by Council on 23 February 2016.

The Oversight processes on the 2017/2018 financial year; generally, 13.3

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBESR WERE AS FOLLOWS:

the Annual Report has experienced many challenges internally from the onset.

13.4 The municipality failed to table a draft annual report in August as per the stipulations of the MFMA Circular 63 that advices that, in August the Mayor must table an unaudited annual report to Council. Thereafter, sent it to the Auditor General. Consequently, that led to Council not being able to note the audited report by the end of January as per section 127 (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003.

- Section 129 (2) (a) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003, that states, "The accounting officer must attend Council and Council committee meetings where the annual report is discussed, for the purpose of responding to questions concerning the report.
- During the public participation meetings of 15 and 16 April 2019, the accounting officer was not present and no member of the executive was present to answer to questions posed by the members of the community.
- The introduction of the central location of the venue led to poor attendance.
- The public was not aware of the meeting and poor logistical problems related to transportation(poor coordination of the programme by supporting departments)
- The compressed schedule on the programme to cater for the election campaign and the Easter weekend.

The MPAC members did not take part on the oversight processes for the 13.5 annual report.

DATE	ATTENDANCE
15-Apr-19	5 members out of 13
16-Apr-19	5 members out of 13
25-Apr-19	3 members out of 13

Distribution of the annual report to the communities was led by the office of 13.6 the Speaker.

Ward councillors were requested to collect the annual reports for distribution 13.7 to the community. However, majority of councillors did not respond and communities did not have the report for engagement.

Coordination of transport to ferry people to the venue was also not properly 13.8 planned, that led to poor consultation with the public.

RECOMMENDATIONS 14.

adoption in terms of section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

- The Municipal Public Accounts Committee considered all the inputs from the community and its stakeholders on 10 May 2019 and prepared an oversight report.
- No written comments were submitted to the office of Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC).

14.1.2 That after Municipal Public Accounts Committee has fully considered the oversight report on the annual report for the financial year 2017/18 refers the report to Council and approve it with reservations in line with the provisions of section 129

14.1.1 That cognizance be taken of the following:

- The final annual report for 2017/18 financial year, attached as ANNEXURE H.
- Council referred the annual report for the financial year 2017/18 to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee for oversight.
- The Municipal Public Accounts Committee met on 3 April 2019 to adopt the programme to embark on the public participation process and adjourned the meeting to the 27 March 2018 pending:
- Referral of the annual report for public participation to solicit the inputs and comments from the community and its stakeholders.
- Submission of comments and inputs from ordinary members of the community and stakeholders on or before 10 May 2019.
- Development of oversight report for submission to Council for

(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act.

14.1.3 That the Municipal Public Accounts Committee monitor the implementation of the action plan to ensure that all issues that have been raised by the community and the A.G on the 2017/18 annual report are addressed by the Executive and Administration.



