



**MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
OVERSIGHT REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF
MANGAUNG METRO ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR**

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FOREWORD BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Once more it is that time of the year where our municipality as an institution, has gone through a rigorous exercise of the audit process with the Auditor General. While it is pertinent and critical for the process to unfold and deliver an independent expert opinion on the key performance areas as well as the financial management controls and capabilities of the metro; it brings to us as an organ of oversight a fundamental responsibility of being the guardians of good governance and prudent financial management practices as the City seeks to meet firstly; its Constitutional mandate and secondly; discharge its responsibilities of providing sustainably, services to the citizens of Mangaung.

As the Municipal Public Accounts Committee, we are tasked with a very challenging task of ensuring that the business of the municipality was conducted in line with what the key performance areas entailed and largely, in line with what the municipality has undertaken and promised to deliver to the citizens in a particular financial year.

The Back – to – Basics programme further enjoins us as institutions at the coal-face of service delivery, to pep up our commitment to providing basic services to our communities. As MPAC we are fully behind the programme and going forward in our role of oversight, we will also ensure that we assist the municipality to commit and dedicate resources to the fundamental rights of our people because together, we can do more.

Noting what the comments of the Auditor General’s team assigned to audit the City are, we have been tasked by this Council as one of its oversight committees to ensure that what is presented eventually to the Council as well as to the residents of Mangaung as an Annual Report; is a true reflection of the task that the municipality had undertaken to deliver.

We view with seriousness, the level of professionalism displayed by the City through its relationship with the Auditor General and the fact that there are still snagging areas where provision of information as required has been a challenge. In instances the quality and the relevance of information provided has also been raised as an area that requires attention even in the last audit report.

The Committee further wishes to acknowledge significant improvements that have been effected in the current Integrated Development Plan – which is a significant tool that assists us to assess municipal performance against set objectives. While this is the case, it remains an area that requires

continuous work to ensure that it not only assists the municipality to plan better and discharge resources accordingly – but that it also facilitates prudent financial management and accountability.

We wish to further acknowledge that the audit process in review and the Annual Report being scrutinized have both demonstrated an improved level of growth and maturity on the part of the City. The fact that there has been a significant decrease in matters of emphasis that the Auditor General has raised is indicative of the fact that the City has turned the corner. Over and above this, the manner in which the City is going to respond to the audit action plan will further attest to this growth.

Having said that and on close scrutiny of the Annual Report; a number of areas of clarity have been identified. These areas include performance management and reporting, performance information as well as financial statements. The issue of capacity in performance management in the supply chain management has also been raised as an area that needs attention. Further areas of concern raised include the issue of quality of performance reporting and the capacity of the responsible unit in the City.

Having noted the commitment to clean municipal books and ensure that the City obtains a clean audit by 2014 as espoused in the inaugural state of the City address delivered by our Executive Mayor, signs are there and giant steps have been taken by the City to ensure that this ideal is achieved however, more work still needs to be done and this just but the beginning.

All our efforts and commitment take premise from the fact that this is the fifteenth (15) year of the current local government dispensation. Therefore, it is befitting to acknowledge the giant leap that the municipality has taken in this period, to a point where the City has drastically improved the audit findings. Therefore the significance of oversight cannot be overstated.

This oversight report should therefore be viewed as an avenue that is intended to enshrine good governance, prudent financial management and improve the performance of Mangaung Metro and should be viewed in the spirit of a growing and developing municipality.

1. INTRODUCTION

Having guided by MFMA Circular 32 on how to play transparent oversight role on Annual Report, Municipal Public Accounts Committee as it has been mandated by Council to further scrutinise the report has managed to consult with role players to evaluate the performance of the municipality against set targets on Integrated development Plan of the year under review (2013/2014) and to consider whether legislations and systems governing the institution have been adhered to in order to realize transparency and accountability on public resources. Findings of Auditor General, inputs from Internal Auditor and other stakeholders have also been considered when analysing report.

2. WORKING SESSIONS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETINGS HELD AND SUMMARY OF THEIR OUTCOMES

The Committee conducted two working sessions and seven public hearing meetings in the three regions of Mangaung which is Thaba Nchu; Botshabelo and Bloemfontein respectively.

Type of Meeting	Date and Venue	Abridged summary of outcome
Working Session 1	Wednesday 11, February 2015 at 09:00 Committee Room A, Bram Fischer Building	<p>The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the working session of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked the delegation from the office of the Auditor General for making the presentation to members in order to assist the City to get a better audit and further afforded the opportunity to Mr Opperman to present the Audit report 2013/2014 whereupon he highlighted the following, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that there should be principles in place at the Municipality in order to work effectively; • that the Auditor General is responsible for accountability, governance and oversight; • that some documents of Centlec was still at the Municipality due to the movement; • that in 2013/2014 financial year the City received an unqualified audit with other matters meaning it was fairly presented and not 100%; • that there were still a lot of issues that

		<p>needed to be addressed in the financials of the City;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that there were still concerns in the Municipality and Centlec regarding service delivery i.e. potholes therefore there should be proper reporting; • that the Auditor General was struggling to get the information whilst conducting the audit therefore the provision of information was a major concern; • that the number of deviations for the financial year was a major concern; • that the oversight committee should ensure that they get enough information on the deviations and enquire on the number of deviations done and the reason thereof; • that the unauthorised expenditure exceeded the budget due to the provisions not budgeted for; • that the water distribution losses were too many, however it was indicated that the matter was in a process to be repaired; • that there were electricity losses/reduction and profits went down due to the load shedding; • that the bucket eradication system was the biggest worry; • that the financial statements were compiled by the interns but there were mistakes on the statements; and • that there were problems of ensuring completeness on the commitment register; <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked the Auditor General for presenting the report and for clarifying to members their duties such as oversight, accountability, own thorough investigation and research and follow up in order to assist the City to get a clean audit and further afforded members to make comments.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili informed members that the dates for the public participation meetings have been compiled and would be distributed to</p>
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		<p>members and the process to advertise and inform the public would commence as soon as members agree with the program in order to prepare on time and further afforded the opportunity to Councillors to present the annual report 2013/2014 as follows:</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR MOLOABI 3.1 Water Provision 3.2 Waste Water (Sanitation) 3.3. Waste Management</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR NKOE 3.4 Road and Stormwater 3.5 Electricity provision</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR VAN BILJON 3.6 Housing 3.7 Planning 3.8 Local and Economic Development</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR PATO 3.9 Libraries, archives community facilities other theatres, zoo 3.10 Cemeteries and crematoriums 3.11 Child care, care of the aged, social programs</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR MADELA 3.12 Bio-diversity and landscape – Parks 3.13 Pollution control 3.14 Health inspection, food and abattoir</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR MOSHWADIBA 3.15 Introduction to policing 3.16 Fire 3.17 Disaster Management</p> <p>The Chairperson Councillor LM Titi Odili, thanked members of the Committee for attending the meeting and inputs made, where after she closed the first session of the meeting.</p>
Working Session 2	Thursday 12, February 2015 at 09:00 Committee Room A, Bram Fischer Building	The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the working session of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present.

		<p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili afforded the opportunity to Councillor F Ramokotjo to begin with the second session of the meeting as follows:</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR RAMOKOTJO 3.18 Introduction to sports 3.19 Executive and Council</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR MONONYANE 3.20 Financial services 3.21 Human resource services</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR POWELL 3.22 Information and Communication Technology 3.23 Legal, risk management and internal audit services</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLR THIPENYANE Organisational Development and Performance</p> <p>DISCUSSIONS LED BY CLRS DYOSIBA AND BRITZ AG Report Annual Financial Statements</p> <p>The Chairperson Councillor LM Titi Odili, thanked members of the Committee for attending the meeting and inputs made, where after she closed the meeting.</p>
Public Hearing Meeting	Wednesday 25, February 2015 at 10:00 Botshabelo Nicro Hall	<p>The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the public participation meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present whereupon she requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayer.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor L M Titi Odili requested Councillor Madela to introduce members of the committee and further afforded an opportunity to Councillor Nkoe to highlight what the report entails whereupon he explained to members that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial</p>

		<p>Performance Report and the Audit Report and further stated the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that it was the duty and responsibility of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality to comply with the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No 56 of 2003 and present to the community, the annual performance report as required by the act; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities undertaken by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation and lastly to promote accountability to the local community and • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both on print and radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them to give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report. <p>The public mostly raised comments and questions which were service delivery related. Such inputs amongst others includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delapidated houses • Unemployment • Bad roads • Houses rented out to foreigners to run business • Skills training needed for unemployed community • Electricity connections • Non – waste collection / dirt left behind by the waste removal trucks • A dire need for RDP houses • Some aged headed families still struggling to qualify for grants. <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked members of the community for their time, questions and inputs and informed that they</p>
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		<p>could still submit their comments and questions in the comments box at all the Municipal libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
Public Hearing Meeting	Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 14h00, Kaizer Sebothelo Hall	<p>The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the public participation meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present whereupon she requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayer.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili apologized to the community as there was no water or electricity introduced members of the committee and further afforded an opportunity to Councillor Nkoe to highlight the purpose of the meeting and what the report entailed whereupon the following was highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial Performance Report and the Audit Report; • that it was the duty and responsibility of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality to comply with the Municipal Finance Management Act and present the community with the annual performance report as required by the act; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation and lastly to promote accountability to the local community and • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both print and

		<p>radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report.</p> <p>The public mostly raised comments and questions which were service delivery related. Such inputs amongst others includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full toilets • Bad roads • Open drainage • Challenges of unemployment • Need for residential land • Long awaited title deeds • Non-waste removal • Water leakages • Ward Councillors not communicating the Council programs to the communities. <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked members of the community for their time, questions and inputs and informed that they could still submit their comments and questions in the comments box at all the Municipal libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
Public Hearing meeting	Wednesday 03 March 2015 at 17h00, Bloemfontein, Floreat Hall.	<p>The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the public participation meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present whereupon she requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayer.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili elucidated to community members that MPAC was a committee appointed by Council to perform oversight role on the work done by the Municipality and requested Councillor Ramokotjo to introduce members of the</p>

		<p>committee and further afforded an opportunity to Councillor Britz to outline what the report entailed whereupon he highlighted the following, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the meeting should not be treated as a service delivery failure meeting but would also deal with any service delivery challenges experienced by the community; • that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial Performance Report and the Audit Report; • that it was the duty and responsibility of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality to comply with the Municipal Finance Management Act and present the community with the annual performance report as required by the act; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation and lastly to promote accountability to the local community; and • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both print and radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report. <p>The public mostly raised comments and questions which were service delivery related. Such inputs amongst others includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some residents stayed over sixteen years in shacks/ tin houses with no
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		<p>proper water connection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need for speed humps • Dumping sites all over • Streets left untidy after the municipal repairs • The invisible Ward Councillor becomes a challenge • Canals left open are life threats • Municipality failing to pay service providers. <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili highlighted that there were many service delivery issues which needed to be attended and also requested the residents to advise the communities that they should not occupy the sites which were not approved and further requested Councillor Mononyane to sum up the discussions.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked members of the community for their time, questions and inputs and informed that they could still submit their comments and questions in the comments box at all the Municipal libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
Public Hearing meeting	Wednesday 04, March 2015 at 10:00, Batho Hall.	<p>The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the public participation meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present whereupon she requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayer and further apologized to the community members for commencing the meeting late as a result of awaiting arrival of a bus delivering other community members.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili elucidated to community members that MPAC was a committee appointed by Council to perform oversight role on the work done by the Municipality and requested Councillor Madela to introduce members of the committee and further afforded an</p>

		<p>opportunity to Councillor Nkoe to outline what the report entailed whereupon he highlighted the following, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial Performance Report and the Audit Report; • that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial Performance Report and the Audit Report; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation and lastly to promote accountability to the local community and • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both print and radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report. <p>The public mostly raised comments and questions which were service delivery related. Such inputs amongst others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there was money budgeted for roads and storm water drainage • Holes left open and are life threatening especially to kids. • The community missed the public hearing notices on media
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shacks must be removed upon building RDP houses • A need for speed humps • Littering by the waste removal truck living the streets untidy. <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked members of the community for their time, questions and inputs and informed that they could still submit their comments and questions in the comments box at all the Municipal libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
Public Hearing Meeting	Wednesday 04 March 2015 at 16h00, Kagisanong Hall.	<p>Acting Chairperson, Councillor F Ramokotjo, officially declared the public participation meeting opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present whereupon all were requested to observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.</p> <p>The Acting Chairperson, Councillor F Ramokotjo, thanked members for their attendance and introduced members of the committee and emphasized that it was important for the community members to know their public representatives. He the further afforded the opportunity to Councillor MJ Nkoe to outline to the community what the Annual Report entailed whereupon he highlighted the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that it was the duty and responsibility of the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality to comply with the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act No 56 of 2003 and present to the community, the annual performance report as required by the act; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities undertaken by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation

		<p>and lastly to promote accountability to the local community;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both on print and radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them to give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report; and • that service delivery issues would not be addressed/responded to but will only be recorded and forwarded to the office of the City Manager for response and that the community shouldn't have fear of complaining about their councillors. <p>The following questions were raised by members of the community regarding service delivery;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An empty promise from the Executive Mayor on an unpleasant smell caused by sewage in Dinaweng; • An empty promise on the living conditions of Namibia communities. No water, no paving nor any tarred road; • Scarcity of water; • Unfulfilled promise of speed humps in streets especially the road leading to Dewetsdorp and the road to Fire Brigade/Turflaagte; • A request was made for the renovation of the white house and it's security • For Ward 7 to be included in the municipal budget. • Geysers were promised in vain • The construction and or renovations were stopped with no reasons provided to the communities • the residents deployed on EPWP projects not given any precautionary measures against diseases and illnesses
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road in Meriting needs to be repaired • Unregistered meters • If there could be late submissions towards the IDP • A need for a speed hump in the road leading to Phelindaba • Some issues raised in the previous IDP still not addressed and therefore need to be attended to • Residents leaving in dilapidated houses to be built the RDP houses • A whole in house no 1327 was left open by municipal employees since October 2003 to date • The work done in Singonzo and Magasane is applauded • 8 stands in Ranki square need rezoning • A need for tarred roads • That the community members do not know their Councillor • House 1796 receives high water bill despite payments • No street names in Sejake • Houses are damaged due to leakages <p>The following comments were made by councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the service delivery questions would be forwarded to the relevant department and to Councillors and the committee would conduct the follow up meetings in October later in the year <p>The Acting Chairperson Councillor F Ramokotjo, thanked members of the community for their time, questions and inputs and informed the community that they could still submit their comments and questions on the report in the comments box at all libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
Public Hearing Meeting	Thursday 05, March 2015 at 10:00 Thaba Nchu Civic Centre Hall.	The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili , officially declared the public participation meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts

		<p>Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present; she requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayer.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili elucidated to community members that MPAC was a committee appointed by Council to perform oversight role on the work done by the Municipality and requested Councillor Dyosiba to introduce members of the committee and further afforded an opportunity to Councillor Nkoe to outline what the report entailed whereupon he highlighted the following, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the meeting should not be treated as a service delivery failure meeting but would also deal with any service delivery challenges experienced by the community; • that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial Performance Report and the Audit Report; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation and lastly to promote accountability to the local community and • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both print and radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report. <p>The public mostly raised comments and questions which were service delivery related. Such inputs amongst others include:</p>
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		<p>Municipal libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
<p>Public hearing meeting</p>	<p>Thursday 05, March 2015 at 14:00 Sediti High School in Thaba Nchu.</p>	<p>The Chairperson, Councillor LM Titi Odili, officially declared the public participation meeting of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee opened and extended a word of welcome to everyone present whereupon she requested all to observe a moment of silence for meditation and prayer.</p> <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili elucidated to community members that MPAC was a committee appointed by Council to perform oversight role on the work done by the Municipality and requested Councillor Madela to introduce members of the committee and further afforded an opportunity to Councillor Nkoe to outline what the report entailed whereupon he highlighted the following, namely;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the meeting should not be treated as a service delivery failure meeting but would also deal with any service delivery challenges experienced by the community; • that the report consisted of three parts which were, the Annual Performance Report which dealt with the performance of the Municipality from June 2013 to July 2014, the Financial Performance Report and the Audit Report; • that the purpose of the annual performance report was to provide a record of activities by the Municipality and its entity Centlec, to report on the performance regarding service delivery in terms of the IDP document and budget implementation and lastly to promote accountability to the local community and; • that notice was sent out as well as media advertisement both print and radio to inform the community about the Public Participation meeting and

		<p>transportation was to be provided for the residents to attend the meeting in order for to them give comments, inputs and ask questions on the annual performance report.</p> <p>The public mostly raised comments and questions which were service delivery related. Such inputs amongst others include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete RDP houses • Bad roads • Unfulfilled service delivery promises • Communities been interrogated by some people from Cape Town • Leaking Water Meters thus causing water wastage • Residents of Botshabelo prioritised over residents of Thaba Nchu when there are job opportunities • Plants dying due to scarcity of water • Lack of high mast lights promote crime activities • A 56 year old resident of 13 years in the area living without water and a toilet • Invisible Ward Councillor • No electricity • Residents erfs not in the township map <p>The Chairperson, Councillor Titi Odili thanked members of the community for their time, questions and inputs and informed that they could still submit their comments and questions in the comments box at all the Municipal libraries before Tuesday, March 10, 2015.</p> <p>NB: A report on all service delivery issues raised will be compiled and sent to the Office of the City Manager.</p>
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3. NOTIFICATION AND QUESTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER

The Committee has formulated questions from the report under review which were forwarded to the Office of the City Manager on 17 March 2015 which are attached hereto as **Annexure A**

The City Manager responded to the questions in line with MFMA section 129(2)(a).

Type of a meeting	Date and Venue	Summary and Outcome
	17 March 2015 Office of the City Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The questions were sent to the Office of the City Manager as formulated and consolidated by the Municipal Public Participation Committee. • Formulated questions also include the representations from the public • The questions are attached as sent to the Office of the City Manager as ANNEXURE A
Responses and considerations to questions from the City Manager	Wednesday 01, April 2015 at Leslie Monnanyane Hall at 10:00	<p>The following was resolved:</p> <p>i) That the Committee will revert to the City Manager for further clarities</p> <p>The responses are attached as ANNEXURE B</p>

4. CHALLENGES AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

The table below shows challenges noted by the Committee during the public hearings and proposed solutions to these challenges;

CHALLENGES	PROPOSED SOLUTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS
1) The MPAC has noted that no or little inputs are made by members of the on the annual report and has received service delivery concerns as recorded in the minutes of the public hearings.	<p>a) Ward Councillors, through the assistance of ward committees, to convene community meeting where the objectives and purpose of the annual report are extensively discussed, in preparation for the MPAC's public participation process.</p> <p>b) The annual report contains information that may be received as complex for ordinary community members, it is therefore recommended that it should be compressed into a simplified version of the original document be made available to the community so as to ensure that the matters from the report are easily understood.</p>

5. ACHIEVEMENTS RECORDED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has executed its mandate as outlined by the provisions of the MFMA and the Terms of reference respectively.

The following were achieved:

- All the processes were meticulously followed with success
- The report was compiled and recommendations were made to Council

6. FINDINGS

The committee made the following findings as reservations and recommended on them.

6.1 Reservations and Recommendations

6.1.1 The response on the crematorium (page 65 of the Report) is inconsistent, the written response suggest that the crematorium is leased when the verbal response suggests the it is leased

Recommendation: The response needs to be clear and the copy of the contract be sent to MPAC immediately.

6.1.2 The threshold salary budget may not be exceeded as prescribed by National Treasury, yet positions that are budgeted for are still vacant

Recommendation: The MPAC be provided with a list of all vacancies in MMM and Centlec that have been budget for this current financial year.

6.1.3 The investigations on irregular expenditure where conducted by the Chief Risk Officer and a report on the findings submitted to Council. Furthermore, the Directorate: Finance supported recommendations for write-off while other cases have been referred to the SAPS for further investigations

Recommendation: The MPAC be provided with a detailed report on the investigations conducted for both MMM and Centlec, which must include all the values of the irregular expenditure incurred.

6.1.4. On page 52, table 3.3.7 of the APR. The response received with regard to the 70 court cases indicates that all cases have been withdrawn.

Recommendation: The matters are no longer sub judice, therefore the MPAC must be provided with a comprehensive report in that regard.

6.1.5 On Page 15, paragraph 1.2.2.4, The response provided regarding the installation of solar systems was not complete

Recommendation: The MPAC be provided with the full details of the service provider that installed the solar systems.

6.1.6 The response received with regard to the Airport Development Node indicates that 70% of the allocate budget was spent on Concept and Viability Designs: Water, Sanitation, Storm water, Roads, Earthworks, Bridges and Electrical, Geotechnical Survey, Infrastructure

Masterplan, Environmental Impact Analysis study, and Town Planning Process, Scrapping of roads, Design and development of basic infrastructure, and the Scoping report for Township Establishment Application.

Recommendation: The MPAC be provided with a detailed financial breakdown of amounts spent on each of the above-listed items and supporting documents. Information on any deviations from the SCM policy during procurement processes be provided to the MPAC if there are any.

6.1.7 The 2013/14 Annual Report is silent on the Intermodal Transport Facility.

Recommendation: Why are there delays in the operation of this facility? The MPAC should be provided with a report in this regard.

6.1.8 The Annual Report for the year under review does not report on the fleet that was stolen from municipal premises.

Recommendation: The MPAC be provided with a comprehensive report on the recovery of the stolen fleet and on disciplinary action that has been taken against the responsible officials.

6.1.9 On Page 89, table 3.67, the construction of a fire station in the south-eastern area (ward 45 -46) has been scheduled to roll out over two financial years from 2012/13 financial year.

Recommendation: The MPAC be provided with reasons why there are delays with construction and when this project will be completed.

7. CONCLUSION

This report is unique because of the achievement of being classified as unqualified; this reflects the commitment that different stakeholders have played in ensuring transparency and accountability. The Committee commit itself to be transparent to its operations and continue to share and communicate its findings to the benefit of the municipality. We are grateful to all participants who have contributed to ensure that the report reflects the true picture of our institution; their expertise and insight have made the committee to remain reliable on its findings.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered the report, the committee therefore recommends that;

- (i) Council adopt the Annual Report with reservations for MMM and Centlec; and the recommendations thereto.**
- (ii) Performance bonuses for Senior Management be considered after the reservations have been addressed before the end of the current financial year; and**
- (iii) Council be provided with separate annual reports for MMM and Centlec in future**
- (iv) Council condone the late submission of this oversight report**



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