

“ The City of Heritage ”



ULUNDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

(Registration number KZN266)
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024

These annual financial statements were prepared by:
M.N Mahlaba
Deputy Director: Budget and Reporting

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General Information

Legal form of entity

Local Municipality

Nature of business and principal activities of the municipality are service delivery, rates and waster management

The main business operations of the Municipality is to engage in local government activities, which includes planning and promotion of integrated development planning, land, economic and environmental development and provision of the following services to the community rates and general service - Types of services rendered by the Municipality are provision of refuse collection and electricity. The mandate of the municipality is in terms of section 152 of the RSA Constitution.

Honourable Mayor

Deputy Mayor

Honourable Speaker

Member of the Executive Committee

Councillor W M Ntshangase (M)

Councillor T G Madela (F)

Councillor S M Buthelezi (M) - EXCO Ex Officio Member

Councillor S N Buthelezi (M)

Councillor S S Siwela (M)

Councillor M S Gcaba (M)

Councillor M B Buthelezi (M)

Councillor J B Mlotshwa (F)

Councillor S M Khuzwayo (M)

Councillor M R Dubazane (M)

Councillor M S Buthelezi (M) (Chief Whip)

Councillor C K Zungu (M)-(MPAC Chairperson)

Councillor N D Masondo (M)

Councillor P M Mthethwa (M)

Councillor L D Khumalo (M)

Councillor J E Xulu (M)

Councillor A M Sibiya (M)

Councillor T Ndlela (M)

Councillor M D Xulu (M)

Councillor M Mkhize (M)

Councillor N E Madela (F)

Councillor T D Sikhakhane (M)

Councillor F M Dlamini (M)

Councillor F Ndawonde (M)

Councillor M I Ngcobo (M)

Councillor L K Mbatha (M)

Councillor S B Mhlongo (M)

Councillor S D Siyaya (M)

Councillor S W Mkhize (M)

Councillor T P Khanyile (M)

Councillor S M Xulu (M)

Councillor N E Dhlamini (M)

Councillor T V Nxumalo (M)

Councillor T J Mnqele (F)

Councillor F M Buthelezi (M)

Councillor S Ntshingila (F)

Councillor B S Khanyile (M)

Councillor T M Khumalo (M)

Councillor H I Mkhize (F)

Councillor M N Mgabhi (F)

Ordinary Council Members

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	Councillor S S Ntombela (M) Councillor M B Ntombela (F) Councillor J S Mhlongo (M) Councillor X N Sithole (M) Councillor M O Zungu (M) Councillor M Magubane (M) Councillor T M Zungu (M)
Grading of local authority	Grade 3 Low Capacity
Municipal Manager	Mr S M Khomo
Chief Finance Officer (CFO)	Mr J H Mhlongo
Registered office	Cnr Princess Magogo & King Zwelithini Streets Ulundi 3838
Business address	Cnr Princess Magogo & King Zwelithini Streets Ulundi 3838
Bankers	First National Bank
Auditors	Auditor General of South Africa
Preparer	The annual financial statements were internally compiled by: M.N Mahlaba Deputy Director: Budget and Reporting
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Accounting Officer's Statement

The accounting officer is required by the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), to maintain adequate accounting records and is responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is the responsibility of the accounting officer to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the municipality as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements and was given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data.

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP) including any interpretations, guidelines and directives issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

The annual financial statements are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The accounting officer acknowledges that he is ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the municipality and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the accounting officer to meet these responsibilities, the accounting officer sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or deficit in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the municipality and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the municipality's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the municipality is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the municipality. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the municipality endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The accounting officer is of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or deficit.

The accounting officer has reviewed the municipality's cash flow forecast for the year to 30 June 2025 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, he is satisfied that the municipality has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Annual Financial Statements are prepared on the basis that the municipality is a going concern and that the Ulundi Municipality has neither the intention nor the need to liquidate or curtail materially the scale of the municipality.

Although the accounting officer are primarily responsible for the financial affairs of the municipality, they are supported by the municipality's external auditors.

I would like to bring to your attention the following material matters:

The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the municipality's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the municipality's external auditors and their report is presented on page 5.

The annual financial statements set out on page 5, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the accounting officer on 31 August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

S M Khomo
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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Abbreviations used:

GRAP	Generally Recognised Accounting Practice
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act
mSCOA	Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023 Restated*
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	4 872 121	8 556 513
Receivables from exchange transactions	3	1 901 236	3 246 122
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	4	13 363 418	12 653 436
Inventories	5	3 447 855	2 602 502
Other statutory receivables	6	-	3 680 367
VAT Receivable (Input VAT)	7	64 178 245	57 914 373
Other receivables (Indigent)	8	3 676 081	3 676 081
		91 438 956	92 329 394
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	587 131 583	623 957 548
Heritage assets	10	10 501	10 501
Investment property	11	16 921 000	16 921 000
Intangible assets	12	2 875	3 382
		604 065 959	640 892 431
Non-Current Assets		604 065 959	640 892 431
Current Assets		91 438 956	92 329 394
Total Assets		695 504 915	733 221 825
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables from exchange transactions	13	243 699 560	199 825 916
VAT Payable (Input VAT)	14	56 335 493	48 132 709
Provisions	15	16 414 083	16 012 858
Consumer deposits	16	2 829 976	2 813 995
Long service leave award	17	526 236	724 469
Unspent conditional grants	18	85 311	-
Income received in advance	19	6 187 208	7 342 803
		326 077 867	274 852 750
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long service leave award	17	8 160 764	9 323 532
Non-Current Liabilities		8 160 764	9 323 532
Current Liabilities		326 077 867	274 852 750
Total Liabilities		334 238 631	284 176 282
Assets		695 504 915	733 221 825
Liabilities		(334 238 631)	(284 176 282)
Net Assets		361 266 284	449 045 543
Reserves			
Reserves		122 732 313	122 732 313
Accumulated surplus		238 533 971	326 313 230
Total Net Assets		361 266 284	449 045 543

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Statement of Financial Performance

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023 Restated*
Revenue			
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Rental of facilities and equipment	20	1 128 639	1 078 597
Licenses	21	1 705 616	1 909 105
Proceeds from sale of land	22	-	2 108 289
Service charges	23	86 668 805	74 780 788
Operational Revenue	24	723 767	790 202
Interest earned - external	25	2 318 271	1 965 911
Actuarial gains	26	2 637 430	-
Total revenue from exchange transactions		95 182 528	82 632 892
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Taxation revenue			
Property rates	27	114 343 051	112 470 596
Interest on receivables	28	2 366 456	2 531 150
Interest recovered	6	-	3 680 367
Transfer revenue			
Government grants & subsidies	29	324 753 396	286 908 460
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	30	257 624	740 864
Total revenue from non-exchange transactions		441 720 527	406 331 437
		95 182 528	82 632 892
		441 720 527	406 331 437
Total revenue		536 903 055	488 964 329
Expenditure			
Employee related costs	31	(167 307 338)	(157 822 699)
Remuneration of councillors	32	(17 705 076)	(17 022 236)
Depreciation, impairment and amortisation	33	(85 747 416)	(67 320 904)
Finance costs	34	(2 312 489)	(8 235 095)
Provision for bad debts adjustment	35	(22 914 634)	(20 292 170)
Bad debts written off	35	(1 691 498)	(6 704 660)
Bulk purchases	36	(133 592 320)	(113 324 249)
Contracted services	37	(140 077 036)	(64 280 935)
Transfers and Subsidies	38	(286 388)	(524 036)
Actuarial (loss)	39	-	(148 522)
General expenses	40	(44 692 021)	(46 326 188)
Inventory consumed	41	(8 671 247)	(6 915 333)
Total expenditure		(624 997 463)	(508 917 027)
		-	-
Total revenue		536 903 055	488 964 329
Total expenditure		(624 997 463)	(508 917 027)
Operating surplus/deficit		-	-
Deficit before taxation		(88 094 408)	(19 952 698)
Taxation		-	-
Deficit for the year		(88 094 408)	(19 952 698)

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Figures in Rand	Revaluation reserve	Accumulated surplus / deficit	Total net assets
Opening balance as previously reported	122 732 313	403 246 574	525 978 887
Adjustments			
Correction of errors 50	-	(64 656 680)	(64 656 680)
Balance at 01 July 2022 as restated*	122 732 313	338 589 894	461 322 207
Changes in net assets			
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	-	(19 592 698)	(19 592 698)
Total changes	-	(19 592 698)	(19 592 698)
Restated* Balance at 01 July 2023	122 732 313	326 313 230	449 045 543
Changes in net assets			
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	-	(88 094 408)	(88 094 408)
Donated property, plant and equipment	-	315 149	315 149
Total changes	-	(87 779 259)	(87 779 259)
Balance at 30 June 2024	122 732 313	238 533 971	361 266 284

Cash Flow Statement

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023 Restated*
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts			
Property rates and other receipts from non-exchange transactions		95 919 875	83 705 866
Service charges and other receipts from exchange transactio		103 575 131	90 593 874
Transfers and subsidies		324 838 707	286 908 460
Interest received		2 318 271	1 965 911
		526 651 984	463 174 111
Payments			
Employee and councillors		(183 334 759)	(174 954 964)
Suppliers, service providers and other		(296 614 935)	(211 723 441)
Finance costs		(2 312 489)	(8 235 095)
Transfers and subsidies		(286 388)	(524 036)
		(482 548 571)	(395 437 536)
Total receipts		526 651 984	463 174 111
Total payments		(482 548 571)	(395 437 536)
Net cash flows from operating activities	42	44 103 413	67 736 575
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property plant and equipment	9	(47 787 798)	(67 280 277)
Proceeds from sale of PPE, Investment propertys and other	9	-	2 108 289
Net cash flows from investing activities		(47 787 798)	(65 171 988)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(3 684 385)	2 564 587
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		8 556 513	5 996 265
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2	4 872 128	8 560 852

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Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts

Budget on Cash Basis

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Figures in Rand

Statement of Financial Performance

Revenue

Revenue from exchange transactions

Sale of goods	694 000	-	694 000	-	(694 000)	Note 56
Rental of facilities and equipment	-	-	-	1 128 639	1 128 639	Note 56
Interest received (trading)	2 991 000	(2 991 000)	-	2 318 271	2 318 271	Note 56
interest earned from non current	1 258 000	500 000	1 758 000	2 366 456	608 456	Note 56
Agency services	-	1 895 000	1 895 000	-	(1 895 000)	Note 56
Licenses and permits	1 895 000	(1 895 000)	-	1 705 616	1 705 616	Note 56
Rental income	1 134 000	-	1 134 000	-	(1 134 000)	Note 56
Service charges	103 518 000	-	103 518 000	86 668 805	(16 849 195)	Note 56
Operational revenue	18 120 000	4 996 000	23 116 000	723 676	(22 392 324)	Note 56
Total revenue from exchange transactions	129 610 000	2 505 000	132 115 000	94 911 463	(37 203 537)	

Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Taxation revenue

Property rates	115 343 000	-	115 343 000	114 343 051	(999 949)	Note 56
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Transfer revenue

Government grants & subsidies	257 385 000	10 365 000	267 750 000	324 753 396	57 003 396	Note 56
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	105 000	203 000	308 000	257 624	(50 376)	Note 56
Interest - Transfer revenue	-	2 991 000	2 991 000	-	(2 991 000)	Note 56
Actuarial Gains	-	-	-	2 637 430	2 637 430	Note 56

Total revenue from non-exchange transactions	372 833 000	13 559 000	386 392 000	441 991 501	55 599 501	
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'Total revenue from exchange transactions'	129 610 000	2 505 000	132 115 000	94 911 463	(37 203 537)	Note 56
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'Total revenue from non-exchange transactions'	372 833 000	13 559 000	386 392 000	441 991 501	55 599 501	Note 56
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Total revenue	502 443 000	16 064 000	518 507 000	536 902 964	18 395 964	
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Expenditure

Employee related cost	(171 262 000)	-	(171 262 000)	(167 307 338)	3 954 662	Note 56
Remuneration of councillors	(17 615 000)	(301 000)	(17 916 000)	(17 705 076)	210 924	Note 56
Depreciation and amortisation	(21 425 000)	(40 103 121)	(61 528 121)	(85 747 416)	(24 219 295)	Note 56
Finance costs	(1 000 000)	(1 341 258)	(2 341 258)	(2 312 489)	28 769	Note 56
Debt Impairment	-	-	-	(22 914 634)	(22 914 634)	Note 56
Bad debts written off	(13 918 000)	-	(13 918 000)	(1 691 498)	12 226 502	
Bulk purchases	(136 275 000)	-	(136 275 000)	(133 592 320)	2 682 680	Note 56
Contracted Services	(40 965 000)	(46 196 793)	(87 161 793)	(140 077 036)	(52 915 243)	Note 56
Transfers and Subsidies	-	(293 789)	(293 789)	(286 388)	7 401	
Inventory consumed	(4 161 000)	(4 525 536)	(8 686 536)	(8 671 247)	15 289	
General Expenses	(49 047 000)	4 559 486	(44 487 514)	(44 691 930)	(204 416)	

Total expenditure	(455 668 000)	(88 202 011)	(543 870 011)	(624 997 372)	(81 127 361)	
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	-	-	-	(88 094 408)	(88 094 408)	Note 56
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Budget on Cash Basis

	Approved budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual amounts on comparable basis	Difference between final budget and actual	Reference
Figures in Rand						
	-	-	-	-	-	Note 56
Deficit before taxation	-	-	-	(88 094 408)	(88 094 408)	
Surplus before taxation	-	-	-	(88 094 408)	(88 094 408)	Note 56
Taxation	-	-	-	-	-	
Actual Amount on Comparable Basis as Presented in the Budget and Actual Comparative Statement	-	-	-	(88 094 408)	(88 094 408)	

Reconciliation

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Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts

Budget on Cash Basis

	Approved budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual amounts on comparable basis	Difference between final budget and actual	Reference
Figures in Rand						
Statement of Financial Position						
Assets						
Current Assets						
Inventories	2 186 000	1 351 300	3 537 300	3 447 855	(89 445)	
Receivables from exchange transactions	44 874 000	(19 529 366)	25 344 634	7 397 460	(17 947 174)	Note 56
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	52 068 000	9 973 119	62 041 119	7 867 194	(54 173 925)	Note 56
VAT receivable	48 713 000	(41 631 191)	7 081 809	64 178 245	57 096 436	Note 56
Other receivables (Indigent)	-	-	-	3 676 081	3 676 081	Note 56
Cash and cash equivalents	7 019 000	(1 862 968)	5 156 032	4 872 121	(283 911)	Note 56
	154 860 000	(51 699 106)	103 160 894	91 438 956	(11 721 938)	
Non-Current Assets						
Investment property	16 921 000	-	16 921 000	16 921 000	-	
Property, plant and equipment	549 887 000	169	549 887 169	587 131 583	37 244 414	Note 56
Intangible assets	9 000	(196)	8 804	2 875	(5 929)	Note 56
Heritage assets	11 000	(499)	10 501	10 501	-	Note 56
	566 828 000	(526)	566 827 474	604 065 959	37 238 485	
Non-Current Assets	566 828 000	(526)	566 827 474	604 065 959	37 238 485	
Current Assets	154 860 000	(51 699 106)	103 160 894	91 438 956	(11 721 938)	
Total Assets	721 688 000	(51 699 632)	669 988 368	695 504 915	25 516 547	
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Payables from exchange transactions	158 956 000	(15 440 790)	143 515 210	243 699 560	100 184 350	Note 56
Taxes and transfers payable (non-exchange)	-	-	-	56 335 493	56 335 493	Note 57
VAT payable	18 804 000	(18 804 000)	-	56 335 493	56 335 493	Note 56
Consumer deposits	2 741 000	3	2 741 003	2 829 976	88 973	Note 56
Long service leave award	-	-	-	526 236	526 236	Note 56
Unspent conditional grants	-	-	-	85 311	85 311	Note 56
Provisions	17 934 000	(988 141)	16 945 859	16 414 083	(531 776)	Note 56
Income received in advance	-	-	-	6 187 208	6 187 208	Note 56
Long service leave award	-	600 000	600 000	-	(600 000)	Note 56
	198 435 000	(34 632 928)	163 802 072	382 413 360	218 611 288	
Non-Current Liabilities						
Long service leave award	8 195 000	1 128 532	9 323 532	8 160 764	(1 162 768)	Note 56
Provisions	-	1 128 292	1 128 292	-	(1 128 292)	Note 56
	8 195 000	2 256 824	10 451 824	8 160 764	(2 291 060)	
	198 435 000	(34 632 928)	163 802 072	382 413 360	218 611 288	
	8 195 000	2 256 824	10 451 824	8 160 764	(2 291 060)	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Liabilities	206 630 000	(32 376 104)	174 253 896	390 574 124	216 320 228	
Assets	721 688 000	(51 699 632)	669 988 368	695 504 915	25 516 547	

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Budget on Cash Basis

	Approved budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual amounts on comparable basis	Difference between final budget and actual	Reference
Figures in Rand						
Liabilities	(206 630 000)	32 376 104	(174 253 896)	(390 574 124)	(216 320 228)	
Net Assets	515 058 000	(19 323 528)	495 734 472	304 930 791	(190 803 681)	
Net Assets						
Net Assets Attributable to Owners of Controlling Entity						
Reserves						
Revaluation reserve	515 056 000	(191 388 000)	323 668 000	122 732 313	(200 935 687)	
Accumulated surplus	-	172 064 472	172 064 472	238 533 971	66 469 499	
Total Net Assets	515 056 000	(19 323 528)	495 732 472	361 266 284	(134 466 188)	

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Budget on Cash Basis

	Approved budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual amounts on comparable basis	Difference between final budget and actual	Reference
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Figures in Rand

Cash Flow Statement

Cash flows from operating activities

Receipts

Sale of goods and services	229 516 000	5 303 000	234 819 000	199 495 006	(35 323 994)	Note 56
Grants	257 385 000	10 365 000	267 750 000	324 838 707	57 088 707	Note 56
Interest income	1 258 000	500 000	1 758 000	2 318 271	560 271	Note 56
	488 159 000	16 168 000	504 327 000	526 651 984	22 324 984	

Payments

Employee costs	(188 877 000)	(301 300)	(189 178 300)	(183 334 759)	5 843 541	Note 56
Suppliers	(251 728 000)	5 768 906	(257 496 906)	(296 901 321)	(39 404 415)	Note 56
Finance costs	(1 000 000)	(1 341 258)	(2 341 258)	(2 312 489)	28 769	Note 56
	(441 605 000)	4 126 348	(449 016 464)	(482 548 569)	(33 532 105)	

Total receipts	488 159 000	16 168 000	504 327 000	526 651 984	22 324 984	
Total payments	(441 605 000)	4 126 348	(449 016 464)	(482 548 569)	(33 532 105)	
Net cash flows from operating activities	46 554 000	20 294 348	55 310 536	44 103 415	(11 207 121)	

Cash flows from investing activities

Purchase of other asset	(46 892 000)	(7 435 000)	(54 327 000)	(47 787 798)	6 539 202	Note 56
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(338 000)	12 859 348	983 536	(3 684 383)	(4 667 919)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	5 996 000	-	5 996 000	8 556 513	2 560 513	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5 658 000	12 859 348	6 979 536	4 872 130	(2 107 406)	

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Significant Accounting Policies

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023
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1. Basis of Accounting

1.1 Basis of preparation

The annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and are in accordance with historical cost convention unless specified otherwise.

These annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), issued by the Accounting Standards Board in accordance with Section 122(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, (Act No 56 of 2003).

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these annual financial statements are set out below.

GRAP 1	Presentation of Financial Statements
GRAP 2	Cash Flow Statements
GRAP 3	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
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Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses have not been offset except when offsetting is required or permitted by a Standard of GRAP.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those used to present the previous year's financial statements, unless explicitly stated. The details of any changes in accounting policies are explained in the relevant policy.

1.2 Presentation currency

These annual financial statements are presented in South African Rand, which is the functional currency of the municipality and added and recorded to the nearest rand.

1.3 Going concern assumption

These annual financial statements have been prepared based on the assumption that the municipality will continue to operate as a going concern for at least the next 12 months.

1.4 Comparative Information

Budget information in accordance with GRAP 1 and 24, has been provided in a statement of comparison of actual and budget to these financial statements and forms part of the audited annual financial statements.

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1.4 Comparative Information (continued)

When the presentation or classification of items in the annual financial statements is amended, prior period comparative amounts are restated. The nature and reason for the reclassification is disclosed.

Where accounting errors have been identified in the current year, the correction is made retrospectively as far as is practicable, and the prior year comparatives are restated accordingly. Where there has been a change in accounting policy in the current year, the adjustment is made retrospectively as far as is practicable, and the prior year comparatives are restated accordingly.

1.5 Standard, Amendments To Standards And Interpretations Issued But Not Yet Effective

The following GRAP standards have been issued but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the municipality: GRAP 104 Financial Instruments.

1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Initial Recognition.

Property, plant and equipment are tangible non-current assets (including infrastructure assets) that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, rental to others, or for administrative purposes, and are expected to be used during more than one year. Items of property, plant and equipment are initially recognised as assets on acquisition date and are initially recorded at cost. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is the purchase price and other costs attributable to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the municipality. Trade discounts and rebates are deducted in arriving at the cost. The cost also includes the necessary costs of dismantling and removing the asset and restoring the site on which it is located.

When significant components of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Where an asset is acquired by the municipality for no or nominal consideration (i.e. a non-exchange transaction), the cost is deemed to be equal to the fair value of that asset on the date acquired.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or monetary assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets, the asset acquired is initially measured at fair value (the cost). If the acquired item's fair value was not determinable, its deemed cost is the carrying amount of the asset(s) given up.

Major spare parts and servicing equipment qualify as property, plant and equipment when the municipality expects to use them during more than one period. Similarly, if the major spare parts and servicing equipment can be used only in connection with an item of property, plant and equipment, they are accounted for as property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent Measurement - Revaluation Model - Land.

Subsequent to initial recognition, land and buildings are carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of revaluation.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation is credited directly to a revaluation surplus reserve, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in surplus or deficit.

A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation is recognised in surplus or deficit, except to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset. Revaluation is performed every five years with the last valuation was performed 30 June 2020.

Subsequent Measurement - Cost Model - Property, Plant And Equipment.

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1.6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Subsequent expenditure relating to property, plant and equipment is capitalised if it is probable that future economic benefits or potential service delivery associated with the subsequent expenditure will flow to the entity and the cost or fair value of the subsequent expenditure can be reliably measured.

Subsequent expenditure incurred on an asset is only capitalised when it increases the capacity or future economic benefits associated with the asset. Where the municipality replaces parts of an asset, it de-recognises the part of the asset being replaced and capitalises the new component.

Subsequently all property plant and equipment, are measured at cost (or deemed cost), less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Compensation from third parties for items of property, plant and equipment that were impaired, lost or given up is included in surplus or deficit when the compensation becomes receivable.

Derecognition.

The carrying amount of items of property, plant and equipment is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or disposal. The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying value and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Depreciation And Impairment.

Depreciation is calculated on the depreciable amount, using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Components of assets that are significant in relation to the whole asset and that have different useful lives are depreciated separately. The annual depreciation rates are based on the following estimated average asset lives:

Item	Depreciation method	Average useful life
Infrastructure	Straight-line	
• Roads and Paving		10-50
• Pedestrian Malls		30
• Transformer & Kiosks		25-30
• Sewerage		10-50
• Mini Substation		25-30
Community	Straight-line	
• Buildings		30-50
• Outdoor Facilities		10-50
Other	Straight-line	
• Buildings		30-50
• Air Conditioners		30
• Tractors		7-10
• Office Equipment		20
• Fire Engine		20
• Furniture And Fittings		10-30
• Machinery And Equipment		7-30
• Tools		30
• Radio		10
• Computer Equipment		5-10

The residual value, the useful life of an asset and the depreciation method is reviewed annually and any changes are recognised as a change in accounting estimate in the Statement of Financial Performance.

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1.6 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The municipality tests for impairment where there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. An assessment of whether there is an indication of possible impairment is done at each reporting date. Where the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount (or recoverable service amount), it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount (or recoverable service amount) and an impairment loss is charged to the Statement of Financial Performance.

Items of Property, plant and equipment are derecognised when the asset is disposed of or when there are no further economic benefits or service potential expected from the use of the asset. The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying value and is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

1.7 Intangible assets

An intangible asset is an identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance. Examples include computer software, licenses, and development costs. The municipality recognises an intangible asset in its Statement of Financial Position only when it is probable that the expected future economic benefits or service potential that are attributable to the asset will flow to the municipality and the cost or fair value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Internally generated intangible assets are subject to strict recognition criteria before they are capitalised. Research expenditure is never capitalised, while development expenditure is only capitalised to the extent that:

- The municipality intends to complete the intangible asset for use or sale;
- It is technically feasible to complete the intangible asset;
- The municipality has the resources to complete the project; and
- It is probable that the municipality will receive future economic benefits or service potential.

The municipality assesses the profitability of expected future economic benefits or service potential using reasonable and supportable assumptions that represent management's best estimate of the set of economic conditions that will exist over the useful life of the asset.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost.

Where an intangible asset is acquired by the municipality for no or nominal consideration (i.e. a non-exchange transaction), the cost is deemed to be equal to the fair value of that asset on the date acquired.

Where an intangible asset is acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or monetary assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets, the asset acquired is initially measured at fair value (the cost). If the acquired item's fair value was not determinable, it's deemed cost is the carrying amount of the asset(s) given up.

Subsequent Measurement - Cost Model

Intangible assets are subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairments. The cost of an intangible asset is amortised over the useful life where that useful life is finite. Where the useful life is indefinite, the asset is not amortised but is subject to an annual impairment test.

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1.7 Intangible assets (continued)

Amortisation And Impairment

Intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on all relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows or service potential. Amortisation is not provided for these intangible assets, but they are tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. For all other intangible assets amortisation is provided on a straight-line basis over their useful life.

The amortisation period and the amortisation method for intangible assets are reviewed at each reporting date.

Reassessing the useful life of an intangible asset with a finite useful life after it was classified as indefinite is an indicator that the asset may be impaired. As a result the asset is tested for impairment and the remaining carrying amount is amortised over its useful life.

Internally generated brands, mastheads, publishing titles, customer lists and items similar in substance are not recognised as intangible assets.

Internally generated goodwill is not recognised as an intangible asset.

Amortisation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of intangible assets over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The annual amortisation rates are based on the following estimated average asset lives:

Computer Software

The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at each reporting date and any changes are recognised as a change in accounting estimate in the Statement of Financial Performance.

The municipality tests intangible assets with finite useful lives for impairment where there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. An assessment of whether there is an indication of possible impairment is done at each reporting date. Where the carrying amount of an item of an intangible asset is greater than the estimated recoverable amount (or recoverable service amount), it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount (or recoverable service amount) and an impairment loss is charged to the Statement of Financial Performance.

Amortisation is provided to write down the intangible assets, on a straight-line basis, to their residual values as follows:

Item	Depreciation method	Average useful life
Computer Software, other	Straight-line	5

The municipality discloses relevant information relating to assets under construction or development, in the notes to the financial statements (see note).

Intangible assets are derecognised:

- on disposal; or
- when no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or disposal.

1.8 Investment property

Investment property includes property (land or a building, or part of a building, or both land or buildings held under a finance lease) held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, rather than held to meet service delivery objectives, the production or supply of goods or services, or the sale of an asset in the ordinary course of operations. The values were determined by the Municipal Valuers, and Civil Engineers appointed for the purpose, and the valuation process was completed during the financial year ending 30 June 2021.

At initial recognition, the municipality measures investment property at cost including transaction costs once it meets the definition of investment property. However, where an investment property was acquired through a non-exchange transaction (i.e. where it acquired the investment property for no or a nominal value), its cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition. The values did not change significantly since there were no major infrastructure developments that could have affect the market values.

Subsequent Measurement - Fair Value Model.

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1.8 Investment property (continued)

Investment property is measured using the fair value model. Under the fair value model, investment property is carried at its fair value at the reporting date. Any gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of the property is included in surplus or deficit for the period in which it arises. The fair values are determined every five years using the General Valuation Roll.

1.9 Inventories

Initial Recognition.

Inventories comprise current assets held for sale, consumption or distribution during the ordinary course of business. Inventories are initially recognised using weighted average method. Cost generally refers to the purchase price, plus taxes, transport costs and any other costs in bringing the inventories to their current location and condition. Where inventory is manufactured, constructed or produced, the cost includes the cost of labour, materials and overheads used during the manufacturing process.

Where inventory is acquired by the municipality for no or nominal consideration (i.e. a non-exchange transaction), the cost is deemed to be equal to the fair value of the item on the date acquired.

Subsequent Measurement.

Inventories, consisting of consumable stores, raw materials, work-in-progress and finished goods, are valued using weighted average method unless they are to be distributed at no or nominal charge, in which case they are measured using weighted average method. Redundant and slow-moving inventories are identified and written down in this way. Differences arising on the valuation of inventory are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance in the year in which they arose. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories arising from an increase in net realisable value or current replacement cost is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

The carrying amount of inventories is recognised as an expense in the period that the inventory was sold, distributed, written off or consumed, unless that cost qualifies for capitalisation to the cost of another asset.

1.10 Financial instruments

The municipality has various types of financial instruments and these can be broadly categorised as either financial assets, financial liabilities or residual interests in accordance with the substance of the contractual agreement. The municipality only recognises a financial instrument when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Initial Recognition.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the entity's Statement of Financial Position when the entity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The entity does not offset a financial asset or financial liability unless a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts currently exist; and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. "Fair value methods and assumption. The fair values of financial instruments are determined as follows: The fair value of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. If the market for a financial asset is not active (and for unutilised securities), the company establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of the recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models making maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs."

The Effective Interest Rate.

The effective interest rate method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

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1.10 Financial instruments (continued)

Subsequent Measurement.

Financial Assets are categorised according to their nature as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity, loans and receivables, or available for sale. Financial liabilities are categorised as either at fair value through profit or loss or financial liabilities carried at amortised cost ("other"). The subsequent measurement of financial assets and liabilities depends on this categorisation and, in the absence of an approved GRAP Standard on Financial Instruments, is in accordance with IAS 39.

Investments

Investments, which include listed government bonds, unlisted municipal bonds, fixed deposits and short-term deposits invested in registered commercial banks, are categorised as either held-to-maturity where the criteria for that categorisation are met, or as loans and receivables, and are measured at amortised cost. Where investments have been impaired, the carrying value is adjusted by the impairment loss, which is recognised as an expense in the period that the impairment is identified. Impairments are calculated as being the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the expected future cash flows flowing from the instrument. On disposal of an investment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Performance..

Trade And Other Receivables

Trade and other receivables are categorised as financial assets: loans and receivables and are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost. Amortised cost refers to the initial carrying amount, plus interest, less repayments and impairments. An estimate is made for doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year-end. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 30 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. Impairments are determined by discounting expected future cash flows to their present value. Amounts that are receivable within 12 months from the reporting date are classified as current.

An impairment of trade receivables is accounted for by reducing the carrying amount of trade receivables through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance within operating expenses. When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against operating expenses in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Trade Payables And Borrowings

Financial liabilities consist of trade payables and borrowings. They are categorised as financial liabilities held at amortised cost, are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost which is the initial carrying amount, less repayments, plus interest.

Cash And Cash Equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand (including petty cash) and cash with banks (including call deposits). Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments, readily convertible into known amounts of cash, that are held with registered banking institutions with maturities of three months or less and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, net of bank overdrafts. The municipality categorises cash and cash equivalents as financial assets: loans and receivables

Bank overdrafts are recorded based on the facility utilised. Finance charges on bank overdraft are expensed as incurred. Amounts owing in respect of bank overdrafts are categorised as financial liabilities: other financial liabilities carried at amortised cost.

Cash includes cash on hand (including petty cash) and cash with banks (including call deposits). Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments, readily convertible into known amounts of cash, that are held with registered banking institutions with maturities of three months or less and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, net of bank overdrafts. The municipality categorises cash and cash equivalents as financial assets: loans and receivables.

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1.11 Unauthorised expenditure

Unauthorised expenditure is expenditure that has not been budgeted, expenditure that is not in terms of the conditions of an allocation received from another sphere of government, municipality or organ of state and expenditure in the form of a grant that is not permitted in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003). Unauthorised expenditure is accounted for as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

1.12 Irregular expenditure

Irregular expenditure is expenditure that is contrary to the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003), the Municipal Systems Act (Act No.32 of 2000), and the Public Office Bearers Act (Act No. 20 of 1998) or is in contravention of the economic entity's supply chain management policy.

Irregular expenditure is accounted for as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

1.13 Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

Fruitless expenditure means expenditure which was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised.

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is accounted for as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

1.14 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when the municipality has a present or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the provision can be made. Provisions are reviewed at reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Where the effect is material, non-current provisions are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects the market's current assessment of the time value of money, adjusted for risks specific to the liability (for example in the case of obligations for the rehabilitation of land).

The municipality does not recognise a contingent liability or contingent asset. A contingent liability is disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. A contingent asset is disclosed where an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Future events that may affect the amount required to settle an obligation are reflected in the amount of a provision where there is sufficient objective evidence that they will occur. Gains from the expected disposal of assets are not taken into account in measuring a provision. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. The present obligation under an onerous contract is recognised and measured as a provision.

A provision for restructuring costs is recognised only when the following criteria over and above the recognition criteria of a provision have been met: the principal locations affected; the location, function, and approximate number of employees who will be compensated for terminating their services; - the expenditures that will be undertaken; and when the plan will be implemented; and.

- The municipality has a detailed formal plan for the restructuring identifying at least: - the business or part of a business concerned; - the principal locations affected; - the location, function, and approximate number of employees who will be compensated for terminating their services; - the expenditures that will be undertaken; and - when the plan will be implemented; and
- The municipality has raised a valid expectation in those affected that it will carry out the restructuring by starting to implement that plan or announcing its main features to those affected by it.

1.15 Leases

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. A lease is classified as an operating lease if it does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership.

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1.15 Leases (continued)

Finance leases - lessor

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the amount of the net investment in the leases. The receivable is calculated as the sum of all the minimum lease payments to be received, plus any unguaranteed residual accruing to the municipality, discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. The receivable is reduced by the capital portion of the lease instalments received, with the interest portion being recognised as interest revenue on a time proportionate basis. The accounting policies relating to derecognition and impairment of financial instruments are applied to lease receivables.

Finance leases - lessee

Leases are classified as finance leases where substantially all the risks and rewards associated with ownership of an asset are transferred to the municipality. Property, plant and equipment or intangible assets subject to finance lease agreements are initially recognised at the lower of the asset's fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liabilities are initially recognised at the inception of the lease and are measured as the sum of the minimum lease payments due in terms of the lease agreement, discounted for the effect of interest. In discounting the lease payments, the municipality uses the interest rate that exactly discounts the lease payments and unguaranteed residual value to the fair value of the asset plus any direct costs incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the leased assets are accounted for in accordance with the stated accounting policies applicable to property, plant, equipment or intangibles. The lease liability is reduced by the lease payments, which are allocated between the lease finance cost and the capital repayment using the effective interest rate method. Lease finance costs are expensed when incurred. The accounting policies relating to derecognition of financial instruments are applied to lease payables. The lease asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life or the lease term.

Operating leases - lessor

Operating lease income is recognised as revenue on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging operating leases are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and

Income for leases is disclosed under revenue in statement of financial performance.

Operating leases - lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The difference between the amounts recognised as an expense and the contractual payments are recognised as an operating lease asset/ liability. Any contingent rents are expensed in the period they are incurred.

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1.16 Revenue from exchange transactions

Revenue from exchange transactions refers to revenue that accrued to the municipality directly in return for services rendered / goods sold, the value of which approximates the consideration received or receivable.

Service charges relating to electricity and water are based on consumption. Meters are read on a quarterly basis and are recognised as revenue when invoiced. Provisional estimates of consumption are made monthly when meter readings have not been performed. The provisional estimates of consumption are recognised as revenue when invoiced. Adjustments to provisional estimates of consumption are made in the invoicing period in which meters have been read. These adjustments are recognised as revenue in the invoicing period.

Revenue from the sale of electricity prepaid meter cards is recognised at the point of sale.

Service charges relating to refuse removal are recognised on a monthly basis in arrears by applying the approved tariff to each property that has improvements. Tariffs are determined per category of property usage, and are levied monthly based on the recorded number of refuse containers per property.

Revenue from the rental of facilities and equipment is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease agreement.

Dividends are recognised on the date that the Municipality becomes entitled to receive the dividend.

Revenue arising from the application of the approved tariff of charges is recognised when the relevant service is rendered by applying the relevant gazetted tariff. This includes the issuing of licences and permits.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when substantially all the risks and rewards in those goods is passed to the consumer.

Revenue arising out of situations where the municipality acts as an agent on behalf of another entity (the principal) is limited to the amount of any fee or commission payable to the municipality as compensation for executing the agreed services.

1.17 Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Revenue from non-exchange transactions refers to transactions where the municipality received revenue from another entity without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange. Revenue from non-exchange transactions is generally recognised to the extent that the related receipt or receivable qualifies for recognition as an asset and there is no liability to repay the amount.

Revenue from property rates is recognised when the legal entitlement to this revenue arises. Collection charges are recognised when such amounts are legally enforceable. Penalty interest on unpaid rates is recognised on a time proportionate basis.

Fines constitute both spot fines and summonses. Revenue from spot fines and summonses is recognised when payment is received, together with an estimate of spot fines and summonses that will be received based on past experience of amounts collected.

Revenue from public contributions and donations is recognised when all conditions associated with the contribution have been met or where the contribution is to finance property, plant and equipment, when such items of property, plant and equipment qualifies for recognition and first becomes available for use by the municipality. Where public contributions have been received but the municipality has not met the related conditions, a deferred income (liability) is recognised.

Contributed property, plant and equipment is recognised when such items of property, plant and equipment qualifies for recognition and become available for use by the municipality.

Revenue from the recovery of unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure is based on legislated procedures, including those set out in the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003) and is recognised when the recovery thereof from the responsible councillors or officials is virtually certain.

1.18 Grants, Transfers And Donations

Grants, transfers and donations received or receivable are recognised when the resources that have been transferred meet the criteria for recognition as an asset. A corresponding liability is raised to the extent that the grant, transfer or donation is conditional. The liability is transferred to revenue as and when the conditions attached to the grant are met. Grants without any conditions attached are recognised as revenue when the asset is recognised.

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1.19 Construction contracts

Where the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, contract revenue and costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting date, as measured by [the proportion that contract costs incurred for work performed to date bear to the estimated total contract costs OR surveys of work done OR completion of a physical proportion of the contract work].

Variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments are included to the extent that they have been agreed with the customer.

When the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised to the extent that contract costs incurred are recoverable. Contract costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

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1.20 Impairment of cash-generating assets

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable service amount of the asset.

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable service amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable service amount of the individual asset, the recoverable service amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable service amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Value in Use

Value in use of a cash-generating asset is the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to be derived from the continuing use of an asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life. When estimating the value in use of an asset, the municipality estimates the future cash inflows and outflows to be derived from continuing use of the asset and from its ultimate disposal and the municipality applies the appropriate discount rate to those future cash flows.

Discount Rate

The discount rate is a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money, represented by the current risk-free rate of interest and the risks specific to the asset for which the future cash flow estimates have not been adjusted.

Recognition And Measurement

If the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. That reduction is an impairment loss. An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit. An impairment loss is recognised for cash-generating units if the recoverable amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets of the unit as follows: to the assets of the unit, pro rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. A municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amounts of those assets are estimated.

1.21 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets

Identification

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable service amount of the asset. If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable service amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable service amount of the individual asset, the recoverable service amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined. The recoverable service amount of an asset or a non-cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

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1.21 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets (continued)

Value In Use

Value in use of an asset is the present value of the asset's remaining service potential. The present value of the remaining service potential of an asset is determined using the following approach: Depreciated replacement cost approach: Value in use of an asset is the present value of the asset's remaining service potential. The present value of the remaining service potential of an asset is determined using the following approach:

Depreciation replacement cost approach

The present value of the remaining service potential of a non-cash-generating asset is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of the asset. The replacement cost of an asset is the cost to replace the asset's gross service potential. This cost is depreciated to reflect the asset in its used condition. An asset may be replaced either through reproduction (replication) of the existing asset or through replacement of its gross service potential. The depreciated replacement cost is measured as the reproduction or replacement cost of the asset, whichever is lower, less accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost, to reflect the already consumed or expired service potential of the asset.

The replacement cost and reproduction cost of an asset is determined on an "optimised" basis. The rationale is that the municipality would not replace or reproduce the asset with a like asset if the asset to be replaced or reproduced is an overdesigned or overcapacity asset. Overdesigned assets contain features which are unnecessary for the goods or services the asset provides. Overcapacity assets are assets that have a greater capacity than is necessary to meet the demand for goods or services the asset provides. The determination of the replacement cost or reproduction cost of an asset on an optimised basis thus reflects the service potential required of the asset.

Recognition And Measurement

If the recoverable service amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable service amount. That reduction is an impairment loss. An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

An impairment loss is recognised for non-cash-generating units if the recoverable service amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets of the unit as follows: to the assets of the unit, pro rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. The Municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable service amounts of those assets are estimated. The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable service amount of the asset.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the municipality also:

- tests intangible assets with an indefinite useful life or intangible assets not yet available for use for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount. This impairment test is performed during the annual period and at the same time every period.

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable service amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable service amount of the individual asset, the recoverable service amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable service amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

If the recoverable service amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable service amount. That reduction is an impairment loss.

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1.21 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets (continued)

An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit. Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

An impairment loss is recognised for cash-generating units if the recoverable service amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets of the unit as follows:

- to the assets of the unit, pro rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit.

A municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable service amounts of those assets are estimated.

The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss of assets carried at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit. Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.22 Employee benefits

Long Service Award

The present value of the long service award depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The Projected Unit Credit funding method has been used to determine the value of this liability.

Short-term Employee Benefits

The cost of short-term employee benefits, (those payable within 12 months after the service is rendered, such as paid vacation leave and sick leave, bonuses, and non-monetary benefits such as medical care), are recognised in the period in which the service is rendered and are not discounted. The expected cost of compensated absences is recognised as an expense as the employees render services that increase their entitlement or, in the case of non-accumulating absences, when the absence occurs.

The expected costs of surplus sharing and bonus payments are recognised as an expense when there is a legal or constructive obligation to make such payments as a result of past performance.

Defined Contribution Plans

Council employees contribute to the Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund. The retirement benefit fund is subject to the Pension Fund Act, 1956, with pension being calculated on the pensionable remuneration paid. A defined contribution plan is a plan under which the municipality pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The municipality has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to service in the current or prior periods. The municipality's contributions to the defined contribution funds are established in terms of the rules governing those plans. Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance in the period in which the service is rendered by the relevant employees. The municipality has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid.

1.23 Budget information

The Municipality's budget has been prepared on accrual basis method.

General purpose financial reporting by municipality shall provide information on whether resources were obtained and used in accordance with the legally adopted budget.

The approved budget is prepared on a cash basis and presented by functional classification linked to performance outcome objectives.

The approved budget covers the fiscal period from 2023/07/01 to 2024/06/30.

The annual financial statements and the budget are not on the same basis of accounting therefore a reconciliation between the statement of financial performance and the budget have been included in the annual financial statements.

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1.24 Commitments

Commitments are not recognised. Commitments are disclosed in the notes to the annual financial statements. A commitment is disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote.

1.25 Value Added Tax

The municipality accounts for Value Added Tax on the cash basis.

1.26 Related parties

The municipality operates in an economic sector currently dominated by entities directly or indirectly owned by the South African Government. As a consequence of the constitutional independence of the three spheres of government in South Africa, only entities within the local sphere of government are considered to be related parties.

Management are those persons responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the municipality, including those charged with the governance of the municipality in accordance with legislation, in instances where they are required to perform such functions.

Close members of the family of a person are considered to be those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that management in their dealings with the municipality.

Only transactions with related parties not at arm's length or not in the ordinary course of business are disclosed.

1.27 Events after reporting date

Recognised amounts in the financial statements are adjusted to reflect events arising after the reporting date that provided evidence of conditions that existed at the reporting date. Events after the reporting date that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting date are dealt with by way of a note to the annual financial statements.

1.28 Heritage assets

Heritage assets are assets that have a cultural, environmental, historical, natural, scientific, technological or artistic significance and are held indefinitely for the benefit of present and future generations.

An impairment loss of a cash-generating asset is the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

An impairment loss of a non-cash-generating asset is the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable service amount.

An inalienable item is an asset that an municipality is required by law or otherwise to retain indefinitely and cannot be disposed of without consent.

Recoverable amount is the higher of a cash-generating asset's net selling price and its value in use.

Recoverable service amount is the higher of a non-cash-generating asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Value in use of a cash-generating asset is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Value in use of a non-cash-generating asset is the present value of the asset's remaining service potential.

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2. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash on hand	3 150	29 885
Cash at bank	1 237 123	1 050 416
Call deposits	3 631 848	7 476 212
	4 872 121	8 556 513

The municipality had the following bank accounts

Account number / description	Bank statement balances			Cash book balances		
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2022	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
FNB - Current Account - 62033637846	149	840	-	149	840	-
FNB - Current Account (Main) - 62035267609	1 237 123	1 049 576	-	1 237 123	1 049 576	-
FNB - Call Deposit - 62064936093	1 200	91	-	1 200	91	-
FNB - Call Deposit - 62328066776	747 216	1 007 751	-	747 216	1 007 751	-
FNB BANK - Call Deposit- 62032833639	247 943	342 922	-	247 943	342 922	-
FNB BANK - Investment (Main) - 62179391190	2 169 202	249 989	-	2 169 202	249 989	-
FNB BANK - Call Deposit - 62064936340	3 890	4 000 450	-	3 890	4 000 450	-
FNB BANK - Call deposit - 62324120261	1 375	24 404	-	1 375	24 404	-
FNB BANK - Call Deposit - 62067492943	3 151	1 805 690	-	3 151	1 805 690	-
FNB BANK - Call Deposit - 62067492802	457 720	44 914	-	457 720	44 914	-
Total	4 868 969	8 526 627	-	4 868 969	8 526 627	-

3. Receivables from exchange transactions

Gross receivables from exchange transactions	33 518 308	33 461 493
Impairment from exchange transactions	(31 617 072)	(30 215 371)
	1 901 236	3 246 122

Trade and other receivables past due but not impaired

Current (0 - 30 days)	5 925 012	567 557
31 - 60 days	5 691	3 094
61 - 90 days	55 099	9 804
91 - 120 days	10 802	1 155
121 days and over	613 981	3 191 268
Total	6 610 584	3 772 877

Trade and other receivables past due and impaired

As of 30 June 2024, trade and other receivables of R31 617 071 (2023: R30 215 371) were impaired and provided for.

The ageing is as follows:

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3. Receivables from exchange transactions (continued)		
Current (0 - 30 days)	1 053 926	498 367
31 - 60 days	398 500	1 007
61 - 90 days	429 876	298 868
91 - 120 days	534 935	332 075
121 Days and over	24 490 486	28 558 300
	26 907 723	29 688 616

Reconciliation of provision for impairment of trade and other receivables

Opening balance	30 215 371	25 955 073
Provision for impairment	1 401 700	4 260 298
	31 617 071	30 215 371

4. Receivables from non-exchange transactions

Gross receivables from non-exchange transactions	156 331 007	134 108 090
Impairment on receivables from non-exchange transactions	(142 967 589)	(121 454 654)
	13 363 418	12 653 436

Statutory receivables general information

Transaction(s) arising from statute

Traffic fines amounting to R104 275 in 2024 (R86 250 2023) were issued.

The municipality assesses traffic fines at each reporting date for impairment.

The municipality accounts for traffic fines in terms of IGRAP1

Determination of transaction amount

Traffic fines are determined by reference to table of offenses from Road Traffic Management Act.

Statutory receivables past due but not impaired

Statutory receivables which are less than 3 months past due are not considered to be impaired. At 30 June 2024, 560 (2023: 750) were past due but not impaired.

The ageing of amounts past due but not impaired is as follows

1 month past due	560	750
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Receivables from non-exchange transactions past due but not impaired

Current (0 - 30 days)	4 765 157	2 281 369
31 - 60 days	2 070 098	12 435
61 - 90 days	251 353	39 408
91 - 120 days	48 844	4 642
121 days and over	2 203 417	12 433 014
Total	9 338 870	14 770 868

Receivables from non-exchange transactions impaired

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4. Receivables from non-exchange transactions (continued)

As of 30 June 2024, other receivables from non-exchange transactions of R142 967 589 (2023: R121 454 654) were impaired and provided for.

The ageing of these loans is as follows:

Current (0 - 30 days)	2 410 686	2 003 251
31 - 60 days	-	4 046
61 - 90 days	1 544 390	1 201 339
91 - 121 days	1 588 044	1 334 818
121 days and over	141 479 017	114 793 838
Total	146 992 137	119 337 293

Reconciliation of provision for impairment of receivables from non-exchange transactions

Opening balance	121 454 656	105 422 783
Provision for impairment	21 512 933	16 031 871
	142 967 589	121 454 654

5. Inventories

Consumable	1 594 208	1 409 783
Maintenance materials	1 853 647	1 192 719
	3 447 855	2 602 502

6. Interest recovered

Interest recovered from ESKOM	-	3 680 367
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7. VAT Receivable

VAT Input	64 178 245	57 914 373
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8. Other receivables (Indigent)

Receivable has been recognised for indigent customers as follows:

Indigent customers	3 676 081	3 676 081
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9. Property, plant and equipment

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Land	174 985 000	-	174 985 000	174 985 000	-	174 985 000
Buildings	67 500 266	(40 144 249)	27 356 017	67 349 796	(32 761 411)	34 588 385
Plant and machinery	9 036 026	(7 010 076)	2 025 950	8 794 566	(5 967 934)	2 826 632
Furniture and fixtures	6 619 540	(3 800 981)	2 818 559	5 958 990	(2 899 615)	3 059 375
Motor vehicles	3 851 471	(1 632 115)	2 219 356	3 851 471	(1 220 123)	2 631 348
IT equipment	7 392 681	(4 968 545)	2 424 136	6 321 266	(4 026 091)	2 295 175
Infrastructure	704 849 303	(596 501 274)	108 348 029	699 739 545	(564 284 390)	135 455 155
Community	215 236 909	(58 576 544)	156 660 365	193 212 156	(51 835 110)	141 377 046
Electricity	184 046 791	(160 639 476)	23 407 315	177 255 842	(149 167 871)	28 087 971
Boreholes	2 970 725	(1 139 553)	1 831 172	2 673 076	(1 018 238)	1 654 838
Stormwater	36 114 885	(31 193 208)	4 921 677	36 114 885	(28 155 398)	7 959 487
Outdoor Facilities	131 926 893	(51 792 886)	80 134 007	119 352 965	(30 315 829)	89 037 136
Total	1 544 530 490	(957 398 907)	587 131 583	1 495 609 558	(871 652 010)	623 957 548

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2024

	Opening balance	Additions	Transfers received	Transfers from WIP to Completed	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	174 985 000	-	-	-	-	-	174 985 000
Buildings	34 588 385	150 470	-	-	(7 382 838)	-	27 356 017
Machinery Equipment	2 826 632	241 460	-	-	(1 042 142)	-	2 025 950
Furniture and fixtures	3 059 375	660 550	-	-	(901 366)	-	2 818 559
Transport	2 631 348	-	-	-	(411 992)	-	2 219 356
Computer equipment	2 295 175	1 071 415	-	-	(942 454)	-	2 424 136
Roads	135 455 155	5 109 759	21 711 339	(21 711 339)	(32 216 885)	-	108 348 029
Community Halls/Cemetries/ Libraries	141 377 046	22 024 753	16 525 253	(16 525 253)	(6 721 565)	(19 869)	156 660 365
Electricity	28 087 971	6 790 949	-	-	(11 471 605)	-	23 407 315
Boreholes	1 654 838	297 649	-	-	(121 315)	-	1 831 172
Stormwater	7 959 487	-	-	-	(3 037 810)	-	4 921 677
Outdoor	89 037 136	12 573 929	34 415 624	(34 415 624)	(5 531 492)	(15 945 566)	80 134 007
	623 957 548	48 920 934	72 652 216	(72 652 216)	(69 781 464)	(15 965 435)	587 131 583

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Other changes, movements	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	174 985 000	-	-	-	-	174 985 000
Buildings	41 971 451	-	-	(7 370 753)	(12 314)	34 588 385
Plant and machinery	4 147 467	636 560	(23 495)	(1 104 086)	-	2 826 632
Furniture and fixtures	2 042 792	1 641 791	(1 908)	(817 618)	-	3 059 375
Motor vehicles	3 218 632	-	-	(385 147)	-	2 631 348
IT equipment	2 728 882	787 964	(81 889)	(977 284)	-	2 295 175
Infrastructure	149 976 242	16 601 580	-	(30 165 377)	(198 247)	135 455 155
Community	117 601 581	42 636 735	-	(6 255 978)	(1 019 251)	141 377 046
Other property, plant and equipment	39 049 060	726 352	-	(11 232 461)	-	28 087 971
Other equipment	1 944 627	-	-	(133 653)	(156 135)	1 654 838
Stormwater	8 593 142	-	-	(3 029 951)	(3 142)	7 959 487
Outdoor	76 760 636	7 564 279	-	(4 254 458)	(199 812)	89 037 136
	623 019 512	70 595 261	(107 292)	(65 726 766)	(1 588 901)	623 957 548

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2024

	Included within Infrastructure	Included within Community	Included within Other PPE	Total
Opening balance	16 601 580	28 197 925	20 558 702	65 358 207
Additions/capital expenditure	5 109 759	-	34 514 609	39 624 368
	21 711 339	28 197 925	55 073 311	104 982 575

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2023

	Included within Infrastructure	Included within Community	Included within Other PPE	Total
Opening balance	10 112 430	10 782 950	8 925 714	29 821 094
Additions/capital expenditure	6 489 150	17 414 975	11 632 988	35 537 113

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)	16 601 580	28 197 925
Expenditure incurred to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment	20 558 702	65 358 207
Expenditure incurred to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment included in Statement of Financial Performance		
Contracted services	34 655 128	33 202 173

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Maintenance of property, plant and equipment

Maintenance of property, plant and equipment by condition - 2024

	Preventative Maintenance		Corrective Maintenance		Total	Total
	Interval Based	Total	Planned	Emergency		
Motor vehicles	406 591	406 591	-	269 170	269 170	675 761
Infrastructure	-	-	7 344 228	368 159	7 712 387	7 712 387
Other property, plant and equipment	123 000	123 000	-	-	-	123 000
Other equipment	-	-	-	271 000	271 000	271 000
	529 591	529 591	7 344 228	908 329	8 252 557	8 782 148

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Maintenance of property, plant and equipment by condition - 2023

	Preventative Maintenance		Corrective Maintenance			Total
	Interval Based	Total	Planned	Emergency	Total	
Buildings	-	-	237 955	-	237 955	237 955
Motor vehicles	357 280	357 280	-	627 516	627 516	984 796
Office equipment	100 750	100 750	-	-	-	100 750
Infrastructure	-	-	1 894 220	-	1 894 220	1 894 220
Other equipment	-	-	-	447 282	447 282	447 282
	458 030	458 030	2 132 175	1 074 798	3 206 973	3 665 003

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10. Heritage assets

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated impairment losses	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated impairment losses	Carrying value
Mayoral chains	10 501	-	10 501	10 501	-	10 501

Reconciliation of heritage assets 2024

	Opening balance	Other changes, movements	Total
Mayoral chains	10 501	-	10 501

Reconciliation of heritage assets 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Other changes, movements	Total
Mayoral chain	10 501	-	-	10 501

Age and/or condition of heritage assets

The heritage assets of the municipality consist of mayoral chains which were bought in 1997. The condition of these chains is considered as good.condition.

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11. Investment property

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Investment property - Land	16 921 000	-	16 921 000	16 921 000	-	16 921 000

Reconciliation of investment property - 2024

	Opening balance	Additions	Depreciation	Total
Investment property - Land	16 921 000	-	-	16 921 000

Reconciliation of investment property - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Depreciation	Total
Investment property - Land	16 921 000	-	-	16 921 000

Investment property

Vacant land owned by the municipality	16 921 000	16 921 000
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12. Intangible assets

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Computer software	232 785	(229 910)	2 875	232 773	(229 391)	3 382

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2024

	Opening balance	Additions	Other changes, movements	Amortisation	Total
Computer software	3 382	-	-	(507)	2 875

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Other changes, movements	Amortisation	Total
Computer software, other	8 570	-	-	(5 188)	3 382

Other information

Fully amortised intangible assets still in use 232 785 232 785

A brief description of significant intangible assets controlled by the municipality but not recognised as assets because they did not meet the recognition criteria in this Standard or because they were acquired or generated before the version of IAS 38 Intangible Assets issued in 1998 was effective.

Intangible assets with indefinite lives:

The useful life of intangible assets is considered indefinite. It is not bound by any expiry period as there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash flows for the municipality.

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13. Payables from exchange transactions

Trade payables	18 164 091	16 838 612
Bulk purchases (ESKOM Purchases)	198 557 536	157 746 755
Land sales	8 933 754	8 736 254
Retention fees	7 234 428	6 416 442
Workmans compensation fund	10 809 751	10 087 853
	243 699 560	199 825 916

14. VAT Payable (Output VAT)

Output VAT	56 335 493	48 132 709
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15. Provisions

Reconciliation of provisions - 2024

	Opening Balance	Additions	Reduction	Total
Provision - leave	15 004 480	436 789	-	15 441 269
Provision - performance bonus	1 008 378	-	(35 564)	972 814
	16 012 858	436 789	(35 564)	16 414 083

Reconciliation of provisions - 2023

	Opening Balance	Reduction	Total
Provision - leave	15 256 279	(251 799)	15 004 480
Provision - performance bonus	1 008 378	-	1 008 378
	16 264 657	(251 799)	16 012 858

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16. Consumer deposits

Electricity customer deposits	2 829 976	2 813 995
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17. Long service leave awards

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are as follows:

Carrying value

Present value of the defined benefit obligation	10 048 000	9 865 000
Present value of the defined benefit obligation-wholly unfunded	840 329	786 000
Present value of the defined benefit obligation-partly or wholly funded	1 186 304	1 128 000
Fair value of plan assets	(750 481)	(1 772 230)
Fair value of reimbursement rights	(2 637 152)	41 230
	8 687 000	10 048 000
Long term liability	(8 160 764)	(9 323 532)
Short term liability	(526 236)	(724 468)
	(8 687 000)	(10 048 000)

Benefits paid and Actuarial loss/(gain) amount differs from Actuarial report since the amount disclosed is actual benefits paid and the report shows 2023/2024 estimate

Calculation of actuarial gains and losses

Actuarial (gains) losses – Obligation	(2 637 430)	148 522
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Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

18. Unspent conditional grants

Unspent conditional grants and receipts comprises of:

Unspent conditional grants and receipts

Global payment Reutlingen (Germany grant)	85 311	-
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Movement during the year

Additions during the year	995 971	-
Income recognition during the year	(910 660)	-
	85 311	-

The nature and extent of government grants recognised in the annual financial statements and an indication of other forms of government assistance from which the municipality has directly benefited; and

Unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government assistance that has been recognised.

See note for reconciliation of grants from National/Provincial Government.

These amounts are invested in a ring-fenced investment until utilised.

19. Income received in advance

Credit balances from customer overpayments	6 187 208	7 342 803
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20. Rental of facilities and equipment		
Premises		
Premises	1 128 639	1 078 597
Premises	1 128 639	1 078 597
Garages and parking	-	-
Facilities and equipment	-	-
	1 128 639	1 078 597
Included in the above rentals are operating		
21. Licences		
Licences	1 705 616	1 909 105
22. Proceeds from sale of land		
Land sales	-	2 108 289
23. Service charges		
Sale of electricity	76 580 092	64 846 905
Refuse removal	10 088 713	9 933 882
	86 668 805	74 780 787
24. Operational revenue		
Library copies	31 220	22 705
Business plans	277 694	312 021
Cemetery fees	82 606	64 332
Rates clearances	147 894	126 346
Incidental cash	10 689	2 217
Staff recoveries	124 487	132 088
Library membership fees	2 563	69
Transaction handling fees	46 615	130 425
	723 768	790 203
25. Interest earned - external investments		
Short term investments and call accounts	2 318 271	1 965 911
	-	-
	2 318 271	1 965 911
26. Actuarial gains and losses		
Actuarial gains/ (losses)	2 637 430	-
27. Property rates		
Rates		
Residential properties	26 992 732	25 670 955
Business and commercial properties	39 221 100	29 918 140
State owned properties	48 756 809	58 431 995
Agricultural property	6 719 548	6 218 996

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27. Property rates (continued)		
Rates rebates	(7 347 138)	(7 769 490)
	114 343 051	112 470 596

Valuations

Residential	1 394 717 000	1 384 557 000
Commercial	1 023 655 000	1 020 315 000
State	1 352 630 000	1 352 630 000
Impermissible	33 380 000	33 380 000
Small holdings and farms	960 260 000	960 260 000
PBO	59 420 000	59 420 000
PSI	13 736 000	13 736 000
Vacant Land	158 051 000	158 051 000
	4 995 849 000	4 982 349 000

Valuations on land and buildings are performed every 5 years. The last general valuation came into effect on 1 July 2019. Interim valuations are processed on an annual basis to take into account changes in individual property values due to alterations and subdivisions.

A general rate Randages for 2023/24	: Residential properties (0.01999)
	: Industrial properties (0.03998)
	: Business and Commercial (0.03998)
	: Agricultural properties (0.00501)
	: Mining properties (0.03998)
	: (PSP) (0.03998)
	: Public Benefit Organisation (0.00454)
	: Public Service Infrastructure (0.03998)
	: Vacant Land (BUS+RES) (0.03998)
	: Indigent customers (0.01999)

Rebates of first R15 0000 (per MPRA) and additional R45 000 (Approved by council) are granted to residential. Rates levied on an annual basis : Agricultural properties and Public Service Purposes (PSP).

Interest prime 5% is charged on outstanding accounts for more than 30 days. The new general valuation will be implemented on 01 July 2024.

28. Interest on receivables

Interest - Receivables	2 366 456	2 531 150
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29. Transfers and subsidies

Operating grants

Equitable Share (Unconditional)	207 486 000	196 348 000
Community Library Service (Conditional)	1 023 000	981 000
Provincialisation of Libraries (Conditional)	981 000	1 023 000
Finance Management Grant (Conditional)	2 100 000	2 100 000
EPWP (Conditional)	3 681 000	4 711 000

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29. Transfers and subsidies (continued)		
INEP (Conditional)	5 798 626	6 000 000
Housing (Conditional)	55 888 110	857 460
Global payment Reutlingen (Germany grant) (Conditional)	910 660	-
	277 868 396	212 020 460

Capital grants		
MIG (Conditional)	46 885 000	74 888 000
	277 868 396	212 020 460
	46 885 000	74 888 000
	324 753 396	286 908 460

Equitable Share

In terms of the Constitution, this grant is used to subsidise the provision of basic services to indigent community members.

All registered indigents receive a monthly subsidy of 57 (2023: 48), which is funded from the grant.

MIG

Current-year receipts	46 885 000	74 888 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(46 885 000)	(74 888 000)
	-	-

INEP

Current-year receipts	5 800 000	6 000 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(5 800 000)	(6 000 000)
	-	-

FMG

Current-year receipts	2 100 000	2 100 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(2 100 000)	(2 100 000)
	-	-

EPWP

Current-year receipts	3 681 000	4 711 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(3 681 000)	(4 711 000)
	-	-

Provincialisation of Libraries

Current-year receipts	1 023 000	1 083 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(1 023 000)	(1 083 000)
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29. Transfers and subsidies (continued)

Community Libraries

Current-year receipts	981 000	981 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(981 000)	(981 000)
	-	-

Global payment Reutlingen (Germany grant)

Current-year receipts	995 971	-
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(910 660)	-
Unspent conditional grant	(85 311)	-
	-	-

HOUSING

Current-year receipts	55 888 110	857 460
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(55 888 110)	(857 460)
	-	-

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 18).

Provide explanations of conditions still to be met and other relevant information.

30. Fines, Penalties and Forfeits

Forfeits	153 349	654 614
Fines	104 275	86 250
	257 624	740 864

31. Employee related costs (Inclusive of Senior Managers)

Basic salary	113 907 227	105 749 877
Bonus	7 075 405	7 008 347
Medical aid	9 120 765	8 485 059
UIF	686 142	665 563
Bargaining council	43 665	41 904
Service related benefits	4 233 518	4 497 363
Allowances	11 362 968	11 241 042
Pension	20 877 649	20 133 544
	167 307 339	157 822 699

Remuneration of municipal manager

Annual Remuneration	966 871	690 558
Car Allowance	252 000	210 390
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	15 255	53 192
	1 234 126	954 140

Remuneration of chief finance officer

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31. Employee related costs (Inclusive of Senior Managers) (continued)		
Annual Remuneration	825 434	855 518
Car Allowance	196 042	144 555
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	20 340	58 414
	1 041 816	1 058 487
Corporate and human resources		
Annual Remuneration	728 938	533 936
Car Allowance	288 000	228 144
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	19 200	43 810
	1 036 138	805 890
Protection Services		
Annual Remuneration	901 619	502 034
Car Allowance	108 509	84 436
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	11 865	34 075
	1 021 993	620 545
Technical Services		
Annual Remuneration	817 477	1 560 733
Car Allowance	204 000	392 846
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	20 340	324 672
	1 041 817	2 278 251
Planning Development		
Annual Remuneration	720 469	1 096 326
Car Allowance	81 381	154 188
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	141 654	72 486
	943 504	1 323 000
Community Services		
Annual Remuneration	617 724	855 518
Car Allowance	72 339	144 556
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	54 004	58 414
	744 067	1 058 488
32. Remuneration of councillors		
Executive Major	931 594	905 259
Deputy Executive Mayor	755 197	733 088
Speaker	755 198	723 088
Councillors	11 512 413	11 454 632
Exco councillors	2 931 427	2 417 558
MPAC	407 806	394 018
Chief whip	411 441	394 592
	17 705 076	17 022 235

Additional information

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32. Remuneration of councillors (continued)		
The salaries, allowance and benefits of councillors are within the upper limits of the framework envisaged in section 219 of the Constitution of South Africa. Refer to note 47 (Related parties) for detailed breakdown.		
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Speaker are full time and they each provided with office and secretarial support at the cost of the municipality.		
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Speaker each have separate use of council owned vehicles for official duties		
The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Speaker each have 2 full-time body guards.		
33. Depreciation, impairment and amortisation		
Property, plant and equipment	69 781 420	65 726 768
Impairment	15 965 435	1 588 902
Intangible assets	561	5 234
	85 747 416	67 320 904
34. Finance costs		
Interest on overdue accounts	2 312 489	8 235 095
35. Debt impairment		
Debt impairment	22 914 634	20 292 170
Bad debts written off	1 691 498	6 704 660
	24 606 132	26 996 830
36. Bulk purchases		
Electricity	133 592 320	113 324 249
37. Contracted services		
Outsourced Services		
Administrative and Support Staff	17 750	-
Pound management	1 412 500	-
Burial Services	1 081 541	1 628 323
Research and Advisory	1 395 350	500 200
Catering Services	1 418 612	55 053
Project management	7 188 738	2 596 945
LED items	35 905	-
Clearing and Grass Cutting Services	(2 612)	29 200
Hygiene Services	151 639	53 086
Valuer	1 335 587	106 319
Commission and committees	2 476 623	3 232 938
Refuse Removal	6 324 920	7 247 972
Researcher	51 500	-
Security Services	4 148 419	4 148 419
Drivers Licence Cards	26 373	-
Electrical	4 194 200	7 182 014
Housing projects	55 888 110	857 460
Consultants and Professional Services		
Business and Advisory	687 060	-
Infrastructure and Planning	621 709	-

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37. Contracted services (continued)		
Electrical	152 520	1 849 884
Legal advice and litigation	3 634 517	1 289 654
Contractors		
Audio-visual Services	3 692 061	673 898
Catering Services	272 225	2 633 716
Electrical	4 194 200	-
Employee Wellness	224 602	-
Event Promoters	1 161 270	-
Fire Protection	8 800	-
Maintenance of Buildings and Facilities	503 261	238 095
Maintenance of Equipment	3 265 660	903 517
Maintenance of Unspecified Assets	30 886 207	28 485 760
Prepaid Electricity Vendors	178 200	-
Traffic and Street Lights	-	568 481
Presented previously	-	-
Outsourced Services	87 145 155	27 637 929
Consultants and Professional Services	5 095 806	3 139 538
Contractors	44 386 486	33 503 467
	140 077 036	64 280 934
38. Transfer and subsidies		
Grant in Aid	286 388	524 036
39. Actuarial losses		
Actuarial losses recognised	-	148 522
40. General expenses		
TV and radio transmission	1 798 686	5 131 552
External audit fees	3 473 357	3 392 649
Bank related expenses	331 725	472 299
Pollution control	311 269	464 395
Consumables	44 393	-
Incidental cash shortages	2 087	108 861
Food and beverages	5 888	59 569
Gifts and promotional items	1 409 800	899
Hire charges	4 922 829	656 694
Insurance underwritings	2 469 703	2 241 561
Learnerships and internships	583 709	619 389
Seminars, Conferences, workshops and events	283 649	21 343
Transport assets	5 815 744	7 416 725
Skills development levy	1 178 310	1 136 587
Medical expenses	29 300	-
Wet fuel	4 762 234	4 315 560
Workmans compensation	729 904	5 629 571
Courier and delivery services	36 249	84 258
Printing, publications and books	4 204 447	735 260
Uniform and Protective clothing	1 548 594	1 433 376
Repairs and maintenance	183 353	-
Driver licenses and permits	315 468	365 533
Remuneration of ward committees	3 632 200	3 559 300
Software and licenses	4 173 131	4 251 752
Sitting allowance	4 800	5 600
Telephone and fax	365 905	629 466

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40. General expenses (continued)		
Own transport	190 910	3 600
Training	300 253	1 217 328
Air transport	8 271	7 748
Water	33 830	-
Street lights	147 297	239 804
Out of pocket expenses	-	30 000
Inventory Consumed	87 049	-
Bursaries	225 009	270 929
Accommodation	560 137	584 195
Permits	325 331	795
Municipal services	197 200	1 239 590
	44 692 021	46 326 188
41. Inventory consumed		
Consumables	8 671 247	(6 915 333)
42. Cash generated from operations		
Deficit	(88 094 408)	(19 952 696)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	85 747 412	67 320 904
Disposal of fixed assets	-	107 292
Fair value adjustments (Including Actuarial gains/(losses))	(2 637 430)	41 240
Contribution to provision - current	22 914 634	20 292 170
Bad debts written off	1 691 498	6 704 660
Defined employee benefits ,long service award and other	1 276 430	141 770
Leave pay provision	436 789	(251 799)
Performance bonus provision	(35 564)	-
Proceeds from sale of land and other non-current assets	-	(2 108 289)
Movement in payables relating to acquisition of assets - Retentions	(817 986)	(3 022 937)
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	(845 353)	(71 924)
Receivables from exchange transactions	(56 815)	(376 601)
Other receivables from non-exchange transactions	(18 542 550)	(28 129 638)
Bad debts written-off	(1 691 498)	(6 704 660)
Consumer deposits	15 982	73 002
Transfers and subsidies unspent	85 311	-
Payables from exchange transactions	42 718 049	27 385 563
VAT Receivable/(Payable)	1 938 912	2 608 151
Interest recovered (Debt waiver)	-	3 680 367
	44 103 413	67 736 575
43. Unauthorised, Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure		
Unauthorised expenditure	52 915 243	1 871 545
Irregular expenditure	447 760	42 768 427
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure	-	9 833 878
Closing balance	53 363 003	54 473 850

Criminal or disciplinary steps taken as a result of losses, irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure

Irregular, Fruitless and wasteful and Unauthorised expenditure

Investigations were conducted by council committee and no individual was charged.

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43. Unauthorised, Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure (continued)		
Investigations were conducted by council committee and no individual was charged.		
Additional Narratives		
Unauthorised expenditure		
Reconciliation of unauthorised expenditure		
Opening balance -	1 871 545	-
Unauthorised expenditure incurred during the year (Oerspending on non-cash items [Depreciation and Debt impairment])	35 002 846	1 871 545
Unauthorised expenditure incurred during the year (Grant expenditure relating to housing projects that was not budgeted for as money was not paid to the municipality)	52 915 243	-
Less: Unauthorised expenditure written off : Prior year year (Overspending on employee cost)	(1 871 545)	-
Less: Unauthorised expenditure written off : Current year (Oerspending on non-cash items [Depreciation and Debt impairment])	(35 002 846)	-
	52 915 243	1 871 545
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure		
Reconciliation of fruitless and wasteful expenditure		
Opening balance -	9 833 878	-
Fruitless incurred during the year	2 312 489	9 833 878
Fruitless and wasteful reversal	(3 680 367)	-
Less fruitless expenditure written off : Prior year year (Eskom interest)	(6 153 511)	-
Less fruitless expenditure written off : Current year year (Eskom interest)	(2 312 489)	-
	-	9 833 878
Irregular expenditure and Deviations		
Reconciliation of irregular expenditure		
Opening balance -	42 768 427	1 013 235
Irregular expenditure: current year (Local content and advertisement period)	102 316 034	28 431 462
Irregular expenditure identified during the audit	-	42 768 427
Instance of irregular (Three routes not obtained)	197 460	-
Instance of irregular (Tax matters not in order)	1 796 572	-
Instance of irregular (Points incorrectly allocated)	2 018 330	-
Less: Irregular expenditure written off : Current year (Local content not stated on advert)	(102 316 034)	(28 431 462)
Less: Irregular expenditure written off : Prior year year (Local content) not stated on advert)	(42 768 427)	(1 013 235)
	4 012 362	42 768 427
44. Contingencies		
Contingent liability		
Contingent liability		
Claim for damages	-	-
The following matters are currently on the roll of the high court and as at balance sheet date the following amounts represent possible liabilities, they are an estimate from the Municipality's attorneys.		
Pinky Chiliza vs Ulundi Municipality and Minister of Police	-	250 000

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44. Contingencies (continued)		
Contingent asset		
Contingent asset		
Key Sources of Estimation		
No areas have involved a significant degree of estimation, uncertainty or judgements made by management in applying the municipalities accounting policies and that have a material and significant affect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.		
45. Risk management		
Financial risk management		
Service Charges		
Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or consumer contract, leading to financial loss. The municipality is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily for trade receivables)	85 859 181	28 121 905
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Credit risk consists mainly of cash deposits, cash equivalents and trade debtors. The municipality only deposits cash with major banks with high quality credit standing and limits exposure to any one counter-party.	1 237 123	8 556 513
Property Rates		
Trade receivables comprise a widespread customer base. Management evaluates credit risk relating to customers on an ongoing basis. If customers are independently rated, these ratings are used. Otherwise, if there is no independent rating, risk control assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set based on internal or external ratings in accordance with limits set by the municipality. These balances represent the maximum exposure to credit risk; Financial assets exposed to credit risk at year end were as follows:	109 381 425	132 104 875
Call Deposits		
First National Bank Call Investments	3 633 998	7 476 212
Liquidity risk		
The municipality's risk to liquidity is a result of the funds available to cover future commitments. The municipality manages liquidity risk through an ongoing review of future commitments and credit facilities. Cash flow forecasts are prepared and adequate utilised borrowing facilities are monitored.		
Unpresented Cheques	34 009 595	17 656 949

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46. Going concern

We draw attention to the fact that at 30 June 2024, the municipality had an accumulated deficit of (R88 094 408) (2023 (R19 952 698)) and that the municipality's current liabilities exceed its assets by R234 638 911 (2023 R182 523 356).

The current ratio of the municipality is sitting at 0.28:1 which is way below nom of 2:1. The main contributor to negative current(ration is ESKOM debt which is R198 557 536 as at 30 June 2024. The municipality was approved for write-off of ESKOM debt through Debt Relief Programme of R143 253 732. National Treasury is considering the first write-off of 1/3 for the first 12 months. The municipality is also experiencing high distribution losses of 57% (2023 32%) due to illegal connections and technical losses due to ageing infrastructure. Intensive collection initiatives like mass disconnections and meter audits are conducted by the municipality to reduce electricity theft. Treasury department is providing ongoing support to the municipality on revenue collection improvement focused initiatives and revenue enhancement strategies. It should also be noted that net balance of debtors has decreased significantly due to prior period correction adjustment on debt impairment. This represent 80% of total debtors being impaired. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be allocated to the municipality by government through DoRA allocation. Nothing has come to attention that there might be plans to discontinue or merge the functions of the municipality. Municipality will continue to participate in ESKOM debt relief until total debt is written off which address going concern issues in the near future. Municipality will finance future operations from grant funding and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

47. Operating lease

The municipality has leased its fleet for the duration of 36 months

No later than one year	5 800 607	6 587 708
Later than one year and no later than five years	-	5 800 607

48. Related parties

The municipality has the following related parties;

Senior management

2024

Name	Employee benefits	Post-employment benefits	Total
Municipal Manager	1 234 126	-	1 234 126
Chief Financial Officer	1 041 816	-	1 041 816
Director Corporate Services	1 036 138	-	1 036 138
Director Technical Services	1 041 817	-	1 041 817
Director Planning & Development	943 904	-	943 904
Director Community Services	744 067	-	744 067
Director Protection Services	1 021 993	-	1 021 993
	7 063 861	-	7 063 861

2023

Name	Employee benefits	Post-employment benefits	Total
Municipal Manager	902 543	-	902 543
Chief Financial Officer	1 002 198	-	1 002 198
Director Corporate Service	763 675	-	763 675

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48. Related parties (continued)

Director Technical Service	2 587 836	-	2 587 836
Director Planning & Development	1 252 639	-	1 252 639
Director Community Services	1 002 199	-	1 002 199
Director Protection Services	587 710	-	587 710
	8 098 800	-	8 098 800

Remuneration Councillors

2024

Name	Basic salary	Car allowance	Telephone allowance	Medical aid	Pension	Total
Mayor	567 901	217 600	45 919	17 280	82 894	931 594
Deputy Mayor	452 054	174 080	45 919	17 280	65 864	755 197
Speaker	452 054	174 080	45 919	17 280	65 864	755 198
Chief Whip	231 023	91 046	45 919	10 080	33 373	411 441
MPAC Chairperson	223 907	88 373	45 919	17 280	32 327	407 806
Executive committee members	1 616 880	637 324	321 433	122 180	233 610	2 931 427
Ordinary councillors	6 043 317	2 410 183	1 607 165	587 520	864 228	11 512 413
	9 587 136	3 792 686	2 158 193	788 900	1 378 160	17 705 076

2023

Name	Basic salary	Car allowance	Telephone allowance	Medical aid	Pension	Total
Mayor	546 404	215 215	44 400	17 280	81 961	905 259
Deputy Mayor	434 118	172 172	44 400	17 280	65 118	733 088
Speaker	424 118	172 172	44 400	17 280	65 118	723 088
Chief Whip	209 882	90 048	44 400	17 280	32 982	394 593
MPAC Chairperson	212 986	44 400	87 405	17 280	31 948	394 018
Executive committee members	1 309 294	540 289	266 400	103 680	197 894	2 417 558
Ordinary councillors	5 936 706	2 442 510	1 543 229	620 590	911 597	11 454 632
	9 073 508	3 676 806	2 074 634	810 670	1 386 618	17 022 236

49. Events after the reporting date

Disclose for each material category of non-adjusting events after the reporting date:

- It has come to management attention that there were trade receivables which were raised by AG in previous years. These receivables are not traceable as in some instances are deceased and are not property owners. The municipality has decided to write off these debtors as they are untraceable and council resolution will be sought.
- Estimated impact is debt write-off R3 676 081 that the municipality will write off.

50. Prior period errors

Management incorrectly recognised the following transactions in the previous financial periods.)

1. Debt impairment was understated as result of error of not correctly applying GRAP 104 on all debtors. Retrospective adjustment on debt impairment has been applied from 2021/22 financial period as it impracticable to go beyond this period. The effect of inability to go far back is not material as the debt impairment balance has been adjusted to reflect correct position.

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50. Prior period errors (continued)

2. Indigents raised as debtor in prior years were not correctly accounted for by raising corresponding revenue. Error relating to this was adjusted in 2022/23 financial period

3. Assets that were donated to the municipality during 2022/23 were not correctly brought into accounting system during that period.

4. Interest recovered which relates to 2022/2023 was only identified during 2023/2024 when it was shown on the statement.

5. Cash flow statement was incorrect due to receivables, impairment, assets and interes and was restated accordinglyt

Statement of Financial Position

Debt impairment 2022	66 721 174	131 377 855
Debt impairment 2023	91 191 331	151 670 026
Assets donated	-	323 867

Statement of Financial Performance

Revenue from indigent	-	3 676 081
Interest recovered	-	3 680 367

Cashflow Statement

Net cash flows from operating attiities	73 082 424	67 700 435
Net cash flow from investing activities	70 959 261	65 140 168
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2 560 166	2 560 267

51. Prior-year adjustments

Presented below are those items contained in the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance and cash flow statement that have been affected by prior-year adjustments:

Statement of financial position

2022

	Note	As previously reported	Correction of error	Restated
Impairment from exchange transactions		15 465 905	10 489 168	25 955 073
Impairment from non-exchange transactions		51 255 268	54 167 515	105 422 783
		66 721 173	64 656 683	131 377 856

2023

	Note	As previously reported	Correction of error	Re-classification	Restated
Statement of Financial Performance					
Revenue resulting from Indigent which was not accounted for	-	(3 676 081)	-	-	(3 676 081)
Interest recovered	-	(3 680 367)	-	-	(3 680 367)
Statement of Fiancial Position					
Assets donated	-	(323 867)	-	-	(323 867)
Impairment from exchange transactions	16 414 439	13 800 931	-	-	30 215 370
Impairment from non-exchange transactions	74 776 892	46 677 762	-	-	121 454 654
Gross receivables from exchange	28 121 905	-	5 339 587	-	33 461 492
Gross receivables from non-exchange	132 104 875	-	2 003 223	-	134 108 089
Payments received in advance	6 086 538	-	1 256 264	-	7 342 802
Income received in advance (Disclosed separately under liabilities)	-	-	(7 342 802)	-	(7 342 802)
Other creditors	437 935	-	(437 935)	-	-
Trade creditors	17 656 949	-	(818 337)	-	16 838 612
Property,plant and equipment (Community)	85 584 183	-	1 067 426	-	86 651 609

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51. Prior-year adjustments (continued)		
Property ,plant and equipment (Machinery)	9 677 751	- (1 067 426) 8 610 325
Cashflow Statement		
Net cash flows from operating actiities	73 082 424	(5 381 989) - 67 700 435
Net cash flow from investing activities	70 959 261	(5 819 093) - 65 140 168
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2 560 166	101 - 2 560 267
	517 463 318	41 597 397 - 559 060 706

Reclassifications

The following reclassifications adjustment occurred:

Gross receivables

Gross receivables from exchange were allocated incorrectly between exchange and non-exchange.

Payments received in advance

Payments received in advance were reclassified from other payables to be disclosed as a separate line item in the statement of financial position.

Other creditors and Trade creditors

Other creditors were reclassified to Trade creditors as these are all creditors with similar characteristics.

Property, plant and equipment

PPE reclassification within community and machinery was processed due to asset verification excercise that was performed.

52. Proceeds from sale of land

Land sales	-	2 108 289
	-	2 108 289
	-	-
	-	-

53. Construction contracts

Municipality is constructing electrification project at areas which are Eskom is license areas. Electrification asset will be Eskom asset once completed.

Municipality is also constructing housing project for Department of Human Settlement.

Agreements that meet all the criteria of GRAP11

The municipality recognise revenue using the percentage of completion method for agreements that meet all the criteria of GRAP11 (Construction Contracts), continuously as construction progresses.

The entity determines which agreements meet all the criteria in the Standard of GRAP on continuously as construction progresses in the following manner:

Electrification of Babanango (INEP)	5 800 000	6 000 000
ZUNGU RURAL HOUSING PROJECT	55 888 110	-
NDEBELE RURAL HOUSING PROJECT	-	758 955
NOBAMBA RURAL HOUSING PROJECT	-	98 505

The methods used to determine the stage of completion of agreements in progress is as follows:

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53. Construction contracts (continued)		
Reference to stage of completion		
The aggregate amount of costs incurred for agreements in progress	-	(6 206 000)
Electrification of Babanango	(5 800 000)	-
ZUNGU RURAL HOUSING PROJECT	(55 888 110)	-
NDEBELE RURAL HOUSING PROJECT	-	(758 955)
NOBAMBA RURAL HOUSING PROJECT	-	(98 505)
54. Distribution losses		
The municipality incurred distribution losses on Electricity amounting to approximately 39 492 613 units for the period ended 30 June 2024, this loss amounted to approximately R75 825 816. These losses are calculated as the difference between power supplies purchased and sales recorded.s		
Distribution loss break down		
Units purchased	69 401 340	67 279 102
Units sold	29 908 727	46 073 269
Units lost in distribution	39 492 613	21 205 832
% Lost in distribution	57%	32%
Avarage Cost per unit purchased (cents)	1.92	1.46
	75 825 816	30 966 098
Financial guarantee contracts		
The entity has its debt guaranteed by another entity . No fee has been paid to the issuer.		
55. Commitments		
Authorised capital expenditure		
Already contracted for but not provided for		
• Community	25 487 070	69 404 683
Not yet contracted for and authorised by accounting officer		
• Infrastructure	20 325 971	-
Total capital commitments		
Already contracted for but not provided for	25 487 070	69 404 683
Not yet contracted for and authorised by accounting officer	20 325 971	-
	45 813 041	69 404 683
Authorised operational expenditure		
Already contracted for but not provided for		
• Operational expenditure	26 117 807	34 819 535
Total operational commitments		
Already contracted for but not provided for	26 117 807	34 819 535

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55. Commitments (continued)		
Total commitments		
Total commitments		
Authorised capital expenditure	45 813 041	69 404 683
Authorised operational expenditure	26 117 807	34 819 535
	71 930 848	104 224 218

This committed expenditure relates to plant and equipment and will be financed by available funding and MIG.

56. Budget differences

Material differences between budget and actual amounts

The variances in excess of actual expenditure over the final budget of 10% for are explained below;

1. Operational revenue - Operational revenue was erroneously distorted by including VAT refund.
2. Property Rates - Due to valuation roll that is almost 5 years old, new valuation roll to implemented this financial year.
3. Government grants & subsidies Dora with reduction on EPWP grant.
4. Interest income - Due to customers not paying their account when due.
5. Employee cost - Cost containment measures that the municipality has adopted
6. Bulk purchases - Due to seasonal tariff and tariff hikes of more than 18% implemented by ESKOM
7. Actuarial gains - Due to changes actuarial valuation for provision on leave days and leave paid.
8. VAT receivable - Due to non-payment of PAYE and SARS off-setting VAT amount to PAYE.
9. Cash and cash equivalents - The municipality was paying its creditors as and when the fall due.
10. Property, plant and equipment - PPE carrying amount increased due additional MIG funding that was all used on WIP projects
11. Payables - Due to Eskom outstanding invoices
12. Long service leave award - Due to resignations and new appointments that happened during the year
13. Service charges - Illegal connections are main reason for decrease in electricity billing. All meters have been billed, meter auditing are done to identify all illegal connections which results to decrease in service charges
14. Interest on Receivables - More debtor fell on more than 120 days category attracting more interest on outstanding balances
15. Interest earned - external investments - More interest yielded due to funds maturity in call accounts since funds were kept for much longer period than previous year
- 16 Fines, Penalties & Forfeits - An operation was conducted on meter tampering resulting into increase tampering and reconnection fees.
17. Licences and permits - This is due to nature of the complexity of learner's licence test structure after replacement of the old papers by DOT resulting to a high failure rate

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56. Budget differences (continued)

18. Government grants and subsidies - Housing projects implementation which was not included on budget as this amount was not gazetted through DoRA

19. Sale of goods - This is budgeted under operational revenue

20. Operational revenue - Operational revenue was erroneously distorted by including VAT refunds

21. Provision for bad debts adjustment - This line item was budgeted under bad debts written-off

22. Depreciation and amortisation expense - This is due to assets impairment which was a once off adjustment

23. Bad Debts Written off - A portion of debt impairment is included here

24. Contracted services - Housing projects implementation which was not included on budget as this amount was not gazetted through DoRA

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57. Segment information

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57. Segment information (continued)

Segment surplus or deficit, assets and liabilities

2024

	Community and public safety	Trading services- Electricity	Trading Services- refuse	Unallocated	Economic and environmental services	Total
Revenue						
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	2 004 000	75 770 467	10 088 713	348 620 239	-	436 483 419
Revenue from exchange transactions	11 218 000	66 213 332	-	14 623 210	-	92 054 542
Interest revenue	-	2 318 271	-	6 046 823	-	8 365 094
Total segment revenue	13 222 000	144 302 070	10 088 713	369 290 272	-	536 903 055
Entity's revenue						536 903 055
Expenditure						
Salaries and wages	59 266 848	46 052 386	5 278 986	69 683 488	4 897 368	185 179 076
Other expenses	23 401 778	149 195 854	6 324 920	114 246 273	59 879 356	353 048 181
Depreciation, impairment and amortisation	7 397 191	11 399 835	6 495 825	59 165 355	-	84 458 206
Interest	-	2 312 000	-	-	-	2 312 000
Total segment expenditure	90 065 817	208 960 075	18 099 731	243 095 116	64 776 724	624 997 463
Total segmental surplus/(deficit)	(76 843 817)	(64 658 005)	(8 011 018)	126 195 156	(64 776 724)	(88 094 408)
Assets						
Segment assets	247 923 953	7 092 087	22 024 753	345 207 629	-	622 248 422
Investment property	-	16 921 000	-	-	-	16 921 000
Total segment assets	247 923 953	24 013 087	22 024 753	345 207 629	-	639 169 422
Total assets as per Statement of financial Position						639 169 422
Liabilities						
Segment liabilities	2 429 976	198 557 536	-	76 915 626	-	277 903 138

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	Community and public safety	Trading services-Electricity	Trading Services-refuse	Unallocated	Economic and environmental services	Total
57. Segment information (continued)						
Total liabilities as per Statement of financial Position						277 903 138

Only service related service departments are disclosed separately, all other non service delivery and administration departments are included under Unallocated.

2023

	Community and public safety	Trading Services - Electricity	Trading Services - Refuse	Unallocated	Economic and environmental services	Total
Revenue						
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	2 004 000	64 846 905	9 933 882	327 015 501	-	403 800 288
Revenue from exchange transactions	1 078 597	74 780 787	-	4 807 596	-	80 666 980
Interest revenue	-	1 965 911	-	2 531 150	-	4 497 061
Total segment revenue	3 082 597	141 593 603	9 933 882	334 354 247	-	488 964 329
Entity's revenue						488 964 329
Expenditure						
Salaries and wages	48 967 852	42 879 863	5 025 594	73 337 747	4 633 879	174 844 935
Other expenses	21 879 358	119 113 614	6 324 920	53 736 825	61 639 360	262 694 077
Interest expense	-	8 235 095	-	-	-	8 235 095
Depreciation and amortisation	4 862 148	18 480 288	5 897 663	30 391 021	7 689 785	67 320 905
Total segment expenditure	75 709 358	188 708 860	17 248 177	157 465 593	73 963 024	513 095 012
Total segmental surplus/(deficit)	(72 626 761)	(47 115 257)	(7 314 295)	176 888 654	(73 963 024)	(24 130 683)
Assets						
Segment assets	299 830 785	6 235 798	19 875 236	235 789 658	106 436 639	668 168 116
Investment property	-	-	-	16 921 000	-	16 921 000
Total segment assets	299 830 785	6 235 798	19 875 236	252 710 658	106 436 639	685 089 116

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57. Segment information (continued)

Total assets as per Statement of financial Position					685 089 116
Liabilities					
Segment liabilities	1 987 265	157 734 872	-	76 321 442	- 236 043 579
Total liabilities as per Statement of financial Position					236 043 579

Only service related service departments are disclosed separately, all other non service delivery and administration departments are included under Unallocated.

Information about geographical areas

The municipality's operations are in the Kwazulu Natal Province.

The table below indicates the relevant geographical information after eliminating inter segmental transfers:

2024

	External revenues from non-exchange transactions	External revenues from exchange transactions	Total expenditure	Non-current assets*
'Ward 8 - Mahlabathini	1 302 820	511 509	6 384 243	3 635 850
Ward 12 - BA, B & C	59 715 843	61 669 832	344 447 487	372 083 337
Ward 16 - Babanango	19 770 664	32 425	96 882 699	230 480
Ward 18 - Unit A	14 399 736	18 537 401	70 563 401	131 765 450
Ward 22 - Unit D & K	21 778 068	14 431 361	106 719 633	102 579 362
Total	116 967 131	95 182 528	624 997 463	610 294 479

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	External revenues from non-exchange transactions	External revenues from exchange transactions	Total expenditure	Non-current assets*
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57. Segment information (continued)				
'Ward 8 - Mahlabathini	1 281 485	445 509	3 051 673	7 298 612
Ward 12 - BA, B & C	63 109 224	53 444 332	313 157 610	319 837 439
Ward 16 - Babanango	19 446 904	28 241	193 448	110 758 509
Ward 18 - Unit A	14 163 929	16 145 524	110 594 498	80 669 688
Ward 22 - Unit D & K	21 421 435	12 569 286	86 097 783	122 004 316
Total	119 422 977	82 632 892	513 095 012	640 568 564
58. Additional disclosure in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act				
Contributions to organised local government (SALGA membership)				
Opening balance			1 197 837	4 983 077
Current year subscription / fee			1 930 251	-
Amount paid - current year			(1 930 251)	(3 785 240)
Amount paid - previous years			(1 197 837)	-
			-	1 197 837
Material losses through criminal conduct				
Opening balance as previously reported			108 861	-
Add: Losses identified - current period			-	108 861
Less: Amounts recovered - current			(48 712)	-
			60 149	108 861
This matter occurred in 2022/23 involving cash embezzlement, said employee resigned before disciplinary could be finalised and matter was reported to SAPS.				
Audit fees				
Current year subscription / fee			3 473 257	3 392 649
Amount paid - current year			(3 473 257)	(3 392 649)
			-	-
PAYE and UIF				
Opening balance			2 249 444	1 856 210
Current year subscription / fee			27 556 041	26 705 614
Amount paid - current year			(22 720 250)	(1 856 210)
Amount paid - previous years			(2 249 444)	(24 456 170)
			4 835 791	2 249 444
Pension and Medical Aid Deductions				
Opening balance			4 725 438	2 874 561
Current year subscription / fee			30 281 072	28 582 359
Amount paid - current year			(24 741 526)	(23 856 921)
Amount paid - previous years			(4 725 438)	(2 874 561)
			5 539 546	4 725 438
VAT				
VAT receivable			64 178 245	57 914 373
VAT payable			(56 335 493)	(48 132 709)

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58. Additional disclosure in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act (continued)

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VAT output payables and VAT input receivables are shown in note .

All VAT returns have been submitted by the due date throughout the year.

Councillors' arrear consumer accounts

The following Councillors had arrear accounts outstanding for more than 90 days at 30 June 2024:

30 June 2024	Outstanding less than 90 days	Outstanding more than 90 days	Total
Deputy Mayor - Councillor TG Madela	734	1 499	2 233
30 June 2023	Outstanding less than 90 days	Outstanding more than 90 days	Total
Deputy Mayor - Councillor TG Madela	730	-	730
Councillor AL Mgabhi	1 351	-	1 351
	2 081	-	2 081

During the year the following Councillors' had arrear accounts outstanding for more than 90 days.

Supply chain management regulations

In terms of section 36 of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations any deviation from the Supply Chain Management Policy needs to be approved/condoned by the City Manager and noted by Council. The expenses incurred as listed hereunder have been condoned.

Incident

Information technology upgrade	108 168	1 034 580
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