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**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE
MAGARENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

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CHAPTER 1 – MAYOR’S FOREWORD AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMPONENT A: MAYOR’S FOREWORD

MAYOR’S FOREWORD

Magareng Local Municipality’s Draft Annual Report for the 2023/2024 financial year gives one an account of work that was undertaken during the past financial year, as required by the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 (Section 46) and Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 Section 121 & 127(2). This document helps us to evaluate our performance identify short comings and opportunities that will enhance our institutional capacity to deliver on our key strategic thrust of Local Government.

The year under review came to an end at a time when the country is confronted the deadly widespread global pandemic-Corona Virus as it is known, this is despite the persisting spell of drought that continue to confront us. This virus has ravaged many countries in the world and it has brought the global economy to a halt. This has presented challenges in our Country and our local economy as the municipality.

It is an honour to present the 2023/2024 Draft Annual Report for Magareng Local Municipality. Reflecting on the past year, there has been work done on the ground to address the needs of our people as stipulated in our IDP. This reflection must strengthen our purpose as we continue to work with our stakeholders towards fulfilment of our Strategic Objectives.

We present this annual report in our efforts to implement our Service Delivery Budget & Implementation Plan (SDBIP) 2023/2024, the year under review. This report serves as a record of accounting mechanisms to our communities on the institution’s achievements, challenges, mitigation and remedial measures implemented to address the latter. While it reflects progress that has been achieved in service delivery, there are still undeniable challenges confronting us as a municipality.

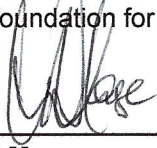
During the year under review our main focus of Council was on the Five (5) Developmental Local Government Key Performance Areas: **Municipal Transformation and Organisational Development, Basic Service delivery and Infrastructure Development, Local Economic Development, Municipal Financial Viability and Administration, Good Governance and Public Participations**

For the year under review the municipality has remained stagnant on the Qualified Audit. This outcome has been stagnant for the last four years. It is very critical for the municipality to improve and move to a better opinion. However, the municipality has developed Audit Action Plans in past to address issues raised by the AG during the Audit process, but we seem to be stagnant on the outcome. This time around as the municipality we will need to employ other mechanisms and come up with the new approach on how we tackle the issues raised by AG in order to attain a better opinion going forward. Management will have to go back to the drawing board and develop a new strategy to address issues raised by AG.

We will accelerate the institutionalisation of performance management to ensure that all Council Resolutions towards service delivery are implemented, monitored, evaluated and improved. It is through this approach that we will ensure the accountability of the municipality to local communities; the administration to Council;

and the line functions to executive management. We will work tirelessly to support an efficient, effective and highly skilled administration that delivers better services.

All our efforts during this period were made possible by working together as a team, from the Exco, Speaker of Council, Chief Whip, Chairpersons of committees, fellow Councillors, entire management team, staff members and our stakeholders. Your constructive criticisms remain a pillar of our public participation and solid foundation for good governance and service delivery.



Cllr N. Mase
Executive Mayor
Magareng Local Municipality

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COMPONENT B: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OVERVIEW

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S OVERVIEW

The Magareng Local Municipality prepared its Annual Report for the year under review in line with Section 121 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003 as well as accompanying circulars, templates and guidelines. This report provides the overview on the performance and progress made by the Local Municipality in fulfilling its strategic objectives and priorities as aligned in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget as well as Provincial and National strategic directives.

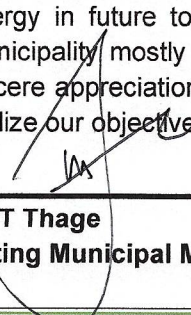
As part of this report, highlights of all the programmes and projects that were embarked on during this period to enhance service delivery within our area of jurisdiction are also presented here. We also do acknowledge our limitation which requires our concerted efforts in our quest to deliver quality services to our community. The outbreak of Covid-19 has put a strain on everyone globally including the local municipality and it has significantly impacted on our programmes.

The past two years has proven to be particularly difficult for our local municipality due to a range of issues that transpired. Economic conditions confronting us as the country continued to impact negatively on the collection rate of the revenue in the municipality. The local also experienced financial challenges which have compromised the municipality's ability to perform certain of its deliverables.

Our dysfunctional billing system coupled with the prevalent culture of non-payment for municipal services by some residents served as a major contributing factor to our financial situation. While water and sanitation services provision remains our main priority as the local, during this period, the service was faced with a myriad challenges related to aging infrastructure and backlogs.

We are however making all strides towards mitigating both our strategic and operational risks focused on improved billing systems for enhanced municipal revenue collection, water and sanitation services infrastructure and improved audit outcomes. As the local municipality, we are also hard at work employing all possible measures to move from the qualified opinion we have obtained to an improved audit outcome that we will all pride ourselves of. We still need more officials with the expertise; this will enable us to be confident that the ground has been levelled to achieve this goalpost.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the political leadership for their corporation and oversight role on the work that we have done. The manner in which our staff members execute their responsibilities must add more energy in future to contribute meaningfully to the lives of those we serve. Our existence as the local municipality mostly depends on the community and we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation on the constructive criticism from our community which serves as a steppingstone to realize our objectives.



Mr T Thage
Acting Municipal Manager

1.2. MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS, POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION TO BACKGROUND DATA

The Magareng Local Municipality was established on 5 December 2000 after the amalgamation of Warrenton TLC with portions of Hartswater TLC and Vaal River TRC (NC093 Magareng IDP). The area of jurisdiction is approximately 1 542 km² in extent and accommodates approximately 26816 people (Census 2011).

Magareng Local Municipality is situated in the Northern Cape Province and lies within the boundaries of the Frances Baard District Municipality. Warrenton, the administrative centre of Magareng Local Municipality, is situated approximately 75 km north of Kimberley on the banks of the Vaal River.

. It is one of the four municipalities that make up the district, accounting for 12% of its geographical area. Magareng is a Setswana name meaning 'in the middle'. The name reflects the geographic location of the municipality in relation to other areas.

According to Census 2022, Magareng Local Municipality has a total population of 26 816 people, of whom 74, 3% are black African, 14, 2% are coloured, 10, 4% are white and 1, 1% are Indian/Asian. The other population groups make up the remaining 0, 0%. In this municipality. 41, 7% of households are headed by females.

Of those aged 20 years and older, 5,0% have completed primary school, 32,6% have some secondary education, 24,0% have completed matric, and 3,5% have some form of higher education, while 16,6% of those aged 20 years and older have no form of schooling.

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE IDP

Section 156 of the Constitution assigns executive authority to municipalities in respect of, and the right to administer the local government matter listed in Part B of Schedule 4 and Part B of Schedule 5 and any other matter assigned to it by national or provincial government.

The following functions and powers of the District Municipality have been authorized to Magareng Local Municipality by the MEC for Local Government and Housing in terms of Provincial Notice 27 of 10 July 2003 to execute from 1 August 2003. In terms of the latter notice, the following Local Municipality functions will be performed by the District Municipality on behalf of the local municipality.

In addition to the above, the following exclusive Local Municipality functions will be performed by the local municipality. However, due to limited capacity, some of these functions may be performed by another service provider on behalf of the local municipality. The municipality is therefore obliged to enter into service level agreements (except for those functions authorized in terms of the above notices) with these service agents in order to ensure that these functions are performed on their behalf.

POPULATION DETAILS

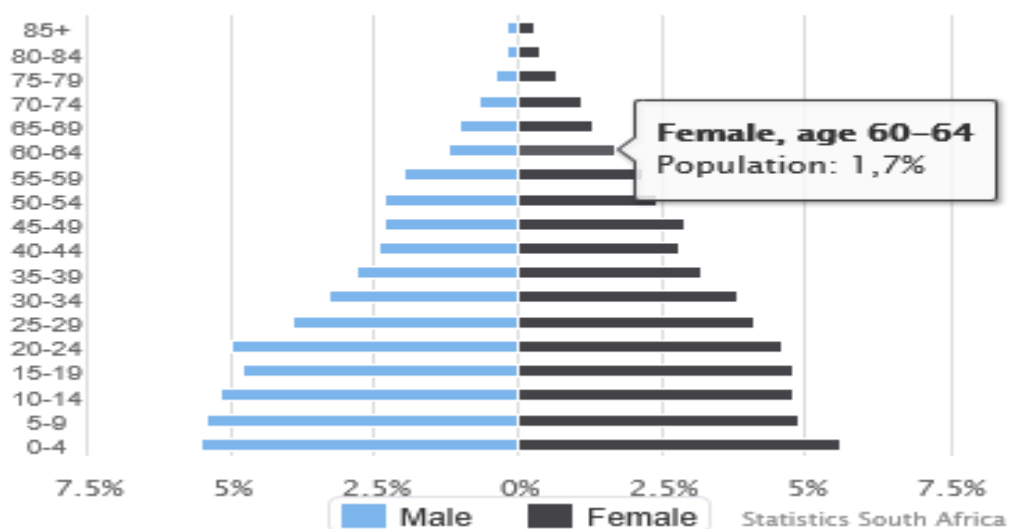
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Age group	Male	Male (%)	Female	Female (%)
85+	20	0,1%	97	0,4%
80-84	58	0,2%	144	0,5%
75-79	119	0,4%	180	0,7%
70-74	179	0,7%	315	1,2%
65-69	399	1,5%	539	2,0%
60-64	532	2,0%	604	2,3%
55-59	550	2,1%	756	2,8%
50-54	627	2,3%	814	3,0%
45-49	664	2,5%	832	3,1%
40-44	777	2,9%	860	3,2%
35-39	876	3,3%	896	3,3%
30-34	1 054	3,9%	964	3,6%
25-29	968	3,6%	963	3,6%
20-24	1 072	4,0%	1 168	4,4%
15-19	1 251	4,7%	1 216	4,5%
10-14	1 262	4,7%	1 213	4,5%
5-9	1 075	4,0%	1 170	4,4%
0-4	1 331	5,0%	1 268	4,7%

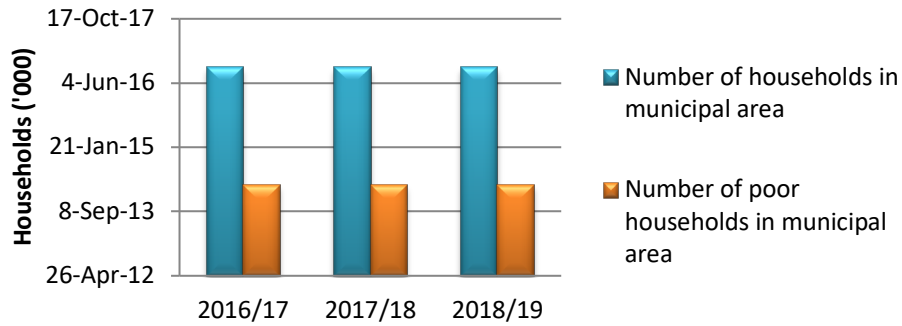
Stats SA Census 2022

Socio Economic Status						
Year	Housing Backlog (Informal Units %)	Unemployment Rate	Proportion of Households with no Income	Proportion of Population in Low-skilled Employment	HIV/AIDS Prevalence	Illiterate People Older than 19 Years
2018/19	19%	49.8%	10%	12%	14%	27%
2019/20	20%	49.8%	10%	12%	14%	27%
2020/21	21%	52%	20%	2%	14%	27%
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Sex and Age Distribution

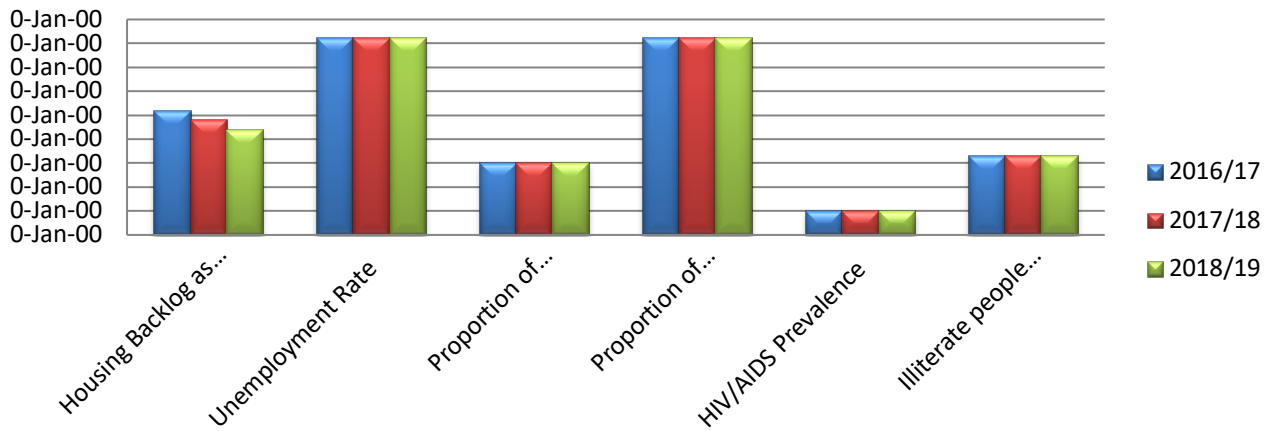


Households



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Socio Economic Status



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Natural Resources	
Major Natural Resource	Relevance to Community
Land	• Access to land • Security of Tenure • High Agriculture Potential • Food Production
Water	• Access to water • Food Production
Mineral Resources - Diamonds	• Job Creation • Remittances • Economic Development • Environmental Sustainability
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COMMENT ON BACKGROUND DATA:

Warrenton, the administrative centre of Magareng Municipality, is situated approximately 75 km north of Kimberley on the banks of the Vaal River. The N12 national road between Kimberley and Christiana as well as the N18 route to Vryburg passes through the centre of Warrenton.

The Railway line, that connects Gauteng with the Northern and Western Cape Province, runs through Magareng Municipality with a railway station at Warrenton and Windsorton station. The railway line also connects the Northern Cape and North West Province. The municipal area comprises an urban node, villages and farms. The urban node consists of Warrenton, Warrenvale and Ikhuseng while small agricultural villages have been established throughout the municipal area of which Bullhill, Fourteen Streams, Sydney's Hope, Windsorton Station, Moleko's Farm, Nazareth and Hartsvallei Farms are the most prominent.

The rest of the area comprises mainly mixed farming. The area of jurisdiction is approximately 1542 km² in extent and accommodates approximately 26,816 people (Stats SA – 2022). 74, 3% of the total population is Black, with 14, 2% Coloured while the White population represents only 10, 4% of the total population. The Indian and Asian population at (1, 1%) is insignificantly small to impact on the proportional representation. The municipal area is divided into 6 wards. Wards 1, 2, 3 and 6 are situated in Ikhuseng, a predominantly Black area, while Warrenvale is a predominantly Coloured area, constituting Ward 4. Ward 5 is made up of Warrenton town, which was previously a White area, and the surrounding rural and farming areas.

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1.3. SERVICE DELIVERY OVERVIEW

SERVICE DELIVERY INTRODUCTION

The South African constitution state that municipalities have the responsibility to ensure that all citizen residing within municipal area of jurisdiction are provided with service to satisfy their basic needs. These services have a direct and immediate effect on the quality of the lives of the people in that community. The Department Technical Services is devoted to improve the quality of life of its community by providing efficient, sustainable and affordable infrastructure specifically in terms of:

- Water and Sanitation
- Roads and Storm water
- Electricity, and
- Housing
- Effectively utilizing the available resources, and
- Identifying the best option that would maximize the output.

Expanded & accelerated economic investment and availability of reliable economic infrastructure. Section 229 of the Constitution allows municipalities to impose property rates and service charges. This obligation requires strict financial management and accountability to the public.

The provision of basic services is one of the Key Performance Areas as contemplated in Sect 152(1) of the Constitution. The National Minister in conjunction with the MEC for local government take their marching orders from the State of the Nation Address to continuously improve service delivery and assist local municipalities in meeting community needs.

Council conducted an audit of its indigent register to migrate as many deserving beneficiaries as possible. This will enhance our capacity to control and monitor our age analysis and ensure proper credit control and revenue collection.

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COMMENT ON ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES:

Access to Electricity

The Basic Services Policy adopted by government in 2001 addresses the right of all households, particularly those living in poor areas, to access a minimum amount of free basic electricity. This implies that distribution networks must be extended to ensure that all households are able to access the electricity grid.

According to the information gathered from different sources there is a decline in the accessibility to basic services. This decline is a mathematical reflection of Stats SA data set also relevant to the explanation that was given with regard to the change in the data set as well as what is considered to be acceptable access. The sharp drop in sanitation and waste services is because of the interpretation of

the data sets. Many households do have pit-latrines without ventilation improvement pipes (VIP) that is now considered not be an acceptable standard of sanitation access.

Access to Sanitation

The Basic Service Policy of 2001 also guarantees access to a minimum level of sanitation, which is defined as households having access to, at minimum, a ventilated pit latrine also known as a VIP toilet. This standard of service delivery is seemed necessary to ensure human dignity and prevent the spread of disease.

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1.4. FINANCIAL HEALTH OVERVIEW

NATIONAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND MANAGEMENT (RATIOS)

The following table indicates the municipality's performance in terms of the National Key Performance Indicators required in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Planning and the Performance Management Regulations of 2001 and section 43 of the MSA. These KPI is linked to National Key Performance Area: Municipal Financial Viability and Management.

National Key Performance Indicator	2023/24	2024/25
Debt Coverage (Total operating revenue- operating grant received) debt service payment due within the year. $(R156\,467\,989 - R76\,198\,433) / R317\,395\,369 * 100$	25%	12%
Service Debtors to Revenue – (Total outstanding service debtors: revenue received for services) $R13\,907\,538 / R9\,933\,263 * 100$	143%	13%
Cost Coverage (Available cash + Investment): Monthly fixed operating expenditure $(1\,104\,154 + 24\,867\,500) / (51\,783\,046 + 4\,457\,738) * 100$	46%	109%

Financial Overview: 2023/24			
			R' 000
Details	Original budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual

Income:	R217 028 667	R220 036 657	R211 120 288
Grants	R123 455 000	R136 767 000	R131 233 479
Taxes, Levies and tariffs	R92 744 887	R82 256 985	R70 317 537
Other	R834 780	R1 012 672	R9 776 872
Sub Total	R217 028 667	R220 036 657	R211 120 288
Less: Expenditure (excl. grants)	R54 218 719	R54 257 826	R73 347 292
Expenditure (grants)	R123 455 000	R136 767 000	R131 233 479
Net Total*	R39 354 948	R29 011 831	R6 747 117
* Note: surplus/(deficit)			

Operating Ratios	
Detail	%
Employee Cost = R 51 783 046/177 673 719*100	29
Repairs & Maintenance = R 9 980 573/177 673 719*100	6
Finance Charges & Impairment =R 3 377 279/177 673 719*100	2
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COMMENT ON OPERATING RATIOS:

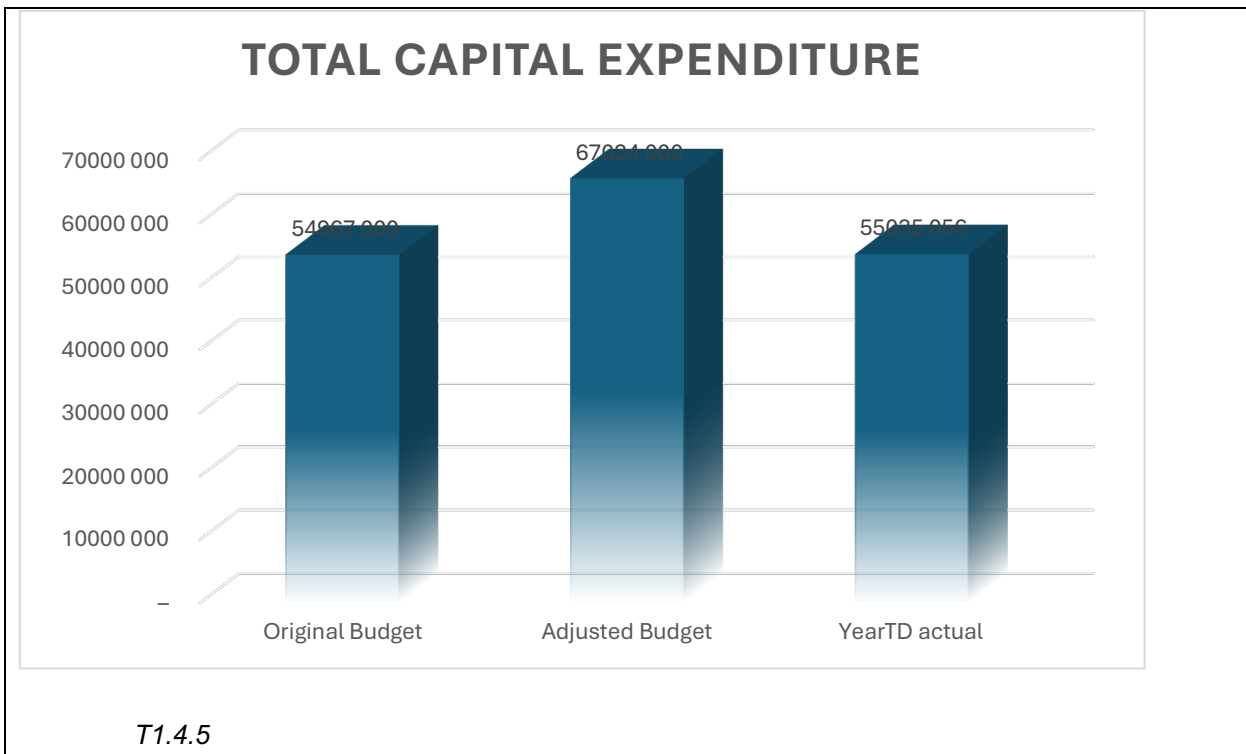
Employee Cost- The major portion of the revenue was spent on paying employee costs. It is calculated by dividing the total employees cost by the total operating expenditure. The ratio of personnel expenditure to operating expenditure is widely used as an indicator of the sustainability of municipal budget and expenditures. According to MFMA budget circular No. 59 there is no prescribed or recommended benchmark for the ratio personnel expenditure to operating expenditure. Currently among municipalities with electricity function, this ratio is tending to move downward despite large increases in personnel spending due to annual increase as per bargaining council gazette. This is because spending on bulk electricity purchases is increasing at a very fast rate, driving the relative share of all expenditure categories down

Repairs and Maintenance – this represent the proportion of operating expenditure spent and is calculated by dividing the total repairs and maintenance with the operating expenditure. National Treasury has recommended that repairs and maintenance expenditure budget should be 8 percent of the total value of assets.

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Total Capital Expenditure: 2022/23-2024/25			
			R'000
Detail	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Original Budget	R23 612 000	R54 967 000	R42 258 000
Adjustment Budget	R47 388 110	R67 024 999	R0.00

Actual	R28 817 196	R55 035 046	R38 254 664
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COMMENT ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:

Comments as per financial performance on the AFS for 30 June 2024.

The capital budget for 2023/24 was R54 967 000 with an adjustment budget of R67 024 000 with a total expenditure of R55 035 056 which is 82% of the total adjustment budget. There was an unspent of R802 453.

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1.5. ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE

The Municipal Systems Act, MSA 2000 S67, requires municipalities to develop and adopt appropriate systems and procedures to ensure fair; efficient; effective; and transparent personnel administration in accordance with the Employment Equity Act 1998. In order to comply with the prescripts of the Municipal

Systems Act No. 32 of 2000 the following strategic interventions, amongst others, have been invoked to ensure fair; efficient; effective; and transparent personnel administration.

Establishment of the Local Labour Forum (where Management and Organized Labour engage vigorously on matters relating to Conditions of Employment for employees), which is fully functional irrespective of the teething challenges, experienced.

A number of workforce policies that forms part of the Human Resources Strategy were compiled and reviewed during the period under review and have to been approved and adopted by Council after the Council members are work shopped on the policies. The policies will provide Management with strategic decision making and meeting the organization's strategic objectives.

The effective and efficient Human Resource Management and Development allowed us to identify and report on all HR matters, which could have an effect on financials, performance management and compliance with rules and regulations. Magareng Local Municipality has managed to become a Learning Organization with skills and capacity due to our dedication and commitment to Human Resource Management and Human Resource Development.

The position of the Municipal Manager (MM) is vacant and the position of Head Technical Department is filled. Site visits on Occupational health and Safety was done to educate and make employees aware about Health and Safety measures in the workplace. The OHS Committee monitors all instances of injuries on duty and makes follow up on all Occupational Health and Safety incidents within the Municipality and submits reports on progress.

A proper record is kept for all types of leave instances and an amount of time taken each year is recorded as per Human Resources Dashboard. The Workplace Skill Plan (WSP) for the year under review has been submitted after proper consultation all stakeholders within the Municipality. The WSP was populated based on the individual Personal Development Plans (PDP) of employees and training/development will be carried out on the basis of these. Some of the HODs and middle managers are currently attending the Competency Requirements course as determined by the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Challenges faced by the Municipality on Capacity Development are to some extent the unavailability or insufficient funds to finance developmental training and capacity building for career-pathing of employees within Municipality.

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1.6. AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT

AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT: 2023/2024 (CURRENT YEAR)

As required by section 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996) and section 4 of the Public Audit Act, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2004) (PAA), the responsibility of the

Auditor General is to express an opinion on the municipality's financial statements based on conducting an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing.

A report from the Auditor General for the financial year under review **will be** contained in chapter 6 of this report.

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1.7. STATUTORY ANNUAL REPORT PROCESS

No	Activity	Timeframe
1	Consideration of next financial year's Budget and IDP process plan. Except for the legislative content, the process plan should confirm in-year reporting formats to ensure that reporting and monitoring feeds seamlessly into the Annual Report process at the end of the Budget/IDP implementation period	May
2	Implementation and monitoring of approved Budget and IDP commences (In-year financial reporting).	
3	Finalize the 4th quarter Report for previous financial year	
4	Submit draft 2023/2024 Annual Report to Internal Audit	
5	Audit/Performance committee considers draft Annual Report of municipality	August
6	Mayor tables the unaudited draft Annual Report	
7	Municipality submits Draft Annual Report including consolidated annual financial statements and performance report to Auditor General	
8	Annual Performance Report as submitted to Auditor General to be provided as input to the IDP Analysis Phase	
9	Auditor General audits Annual Report including consolidated Annual Financial Statements and Performance data	September – November
10	Municipalities receive and start to address the Auditor General's comments	December
11	Mayor tables Annual Report and audited Financial Statements to Council complete with the Auditor- General's Report	January
12	Audited Annual Report is made public and representation is invited	
13	Oversight Committee assesses Annual Report	February – March
14	Council adopts Oversight report	
15	Oversight report is made public	March
16	Oversight report is submitted to relevant provincial councils	
17	Commencement of draft Budget/ IDP finalization for next financial year. Annual Report and Oversight Reports to be used as input	

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COMMENTSON THE ANNUAL REPORT PROCESS:

It is necessary that the municipality derive maximum benefit from its efforts in submitting reports. Such benefits are typically obtained in the form of being able to compare and benchmark against other municipalities and to learn from the feedback mechanisms.

The annual report process flow provides a framework for the municipality to follow in completing various reports within each financial year cycle. It is recommended that municipal manager study this process flow and ensure that reports are submitted timeously. If the process flow is followed, the municipality should be able to provide an unaudited annual report in August of each year, which is consistent with the MFMA.

The annual report of a municipality and every municipal entity must be tabled in the municipal council on or before 31 January each year (MFMA S127). In order to enhance oversight functions of the council, this must be interpreted as an outer deadline; hence the municipality must submit the annual report as soon as possible after year end.

The annual report must be aligned with the planning documents and municipal budget for the year reported on. This means that the IDP, budget, SDBIP, in-year reports, annual performance report and annual report should have similar and consistent information to facilitate understanding and to enable the linkage between plans and actual performance.

The above can only occur if the municipality set appropriate key performance indicators and performance targets with regards to the development of priorities and objectives in its IDP and outcomes (MSA S41). This requires an approved budget together with a resolution of approving measurable performance objectives for revenue from each source and each vote in the budget (MFMA, S24).

The annual report content will assist municipal councillors, municipalities, residents, oversight institutions and other users of annual reports with information and progress made on service delivery. It must align with the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Budget, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP), and in year reports.

The contents will also assist with the annual audits. Another key aspect of the reform in combining the relevant information into the new annual report format will assist the municipality to streamline operations and processes through combined committees, reduce costs, time and effort. There will be a limited need for the municipality to have different committees to deal with financial and non-financial related matters.

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CHAPTER 2 – GOVERNANCE

INTRODUCTION TO GOVERNANCE

Good governance has eight major characteristics. It is participatory; consensus oriented; accountable and transparent; responsive; effective and efficient; equitable; inclusive; and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimized, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society.

To govern is to exercise political, economic and administrative authority to manage the nation's affairs. Governance is the complex mechanisms, processes and institutions through which citizens and groups articulate their interests, exercise their legal rights and obligations, and mediate their differences.

The political and administrative components of Council maintain a sound working relationship by ensuring respect of procedures and protocols. The Magareng Local Municipality (MLM) as Legal entity relate to the other spheres of Government and Organized Local Government Bodies through the Intergovernmental Policy Framework. Communities as an Interest Group in Municipal Affairs participates through Public Participation Mechanisms and processes in the Decision-Making Systems of Council

This includes interaction with the stakeholders in shaping the performance of the municipality in order to enhance a healthy relationship and minimizing conflict.

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COMPONENT A: POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNANCE

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNANCE

The Executive Committee of Magareng Local Municipality is the political governance structure that is established in terms of Section 45 of Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998. Cllr Neo Mase is the Executive Mayor of Magareng Local Municipality and the face of the municipality. The Executive Mayor should be used in all public meetings, municipal stakeholders' forums and all media platforms.

The Speaker of council is elected in terms of section 36 of Local Government: Municipal Structures Act 117 of 1998 and he is responsible to carry out the duties of Chairperson of the Municipal Council under the Municipal Structures and Section 59 of the Systems Act No 32 of 2000. The Speaker enforces the Code of Conduct and exercises delegated authority in terms of the Municipal Systems Act.

Political governance ensures regular communication with the community at large by means of Imbizo's, IDP and budget consultations. This ensures that the community participates in identifying needs and make inputs on the performance of the municipality. This process ensures healthy relations with the community and minimizes conflict. Administrative governance ensures transparent

administration, regular feedback to the community, compliance to the required rules, processes, and laws by which Council is operated, regulated, and controlled.

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POLITICAL GOVERNANCE

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL GOVERNANCE

Council performs legislative functions. It focuses on legislative, oversight and participatory roles. Its primary role is to debate issues publicly and to facilitate political debate and discussion. Apart from their function as policy makers, Councillors are also actively involved in community work and the various social programmes in the municipal area.

COUNCILLORS

Magareng local Municipality is an Executive Council type of Municipality. The Council elects the Executive Committee members and the Executive Mayor. Magareng local Municipality consists of 11 Councillors' and has 6 wards. The Municipality has been established in terms of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa 1996 Chapter 7- Local Government 155 Establishment of Municipalities.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Municipal Public Accounts Committee has been established in terms of section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, No. 117 of 1998. The main purpose of the committee is to exercise oversight over the executive functionaries of council and to ensure good governance in the municipality and to consider annual report and submit oversight report on the annual report to council. The MPAC comprises of three (3) Councillors and one (1) support official. The Oversight Report will be published separately in accordance with MFMA guidance.

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POLITICAL STRUCTURE	FUNCTIONS
Executive Mayor	Provide political guidance over the fiscal and financial affairs of the municipality To oversee the preparation of the annual budget Submit quarterly reports to Council on the implementation of the budget and the financial status of the municipality Coordinate the annual review of the IDP To ensure that the Mayoral Committee is perform its functions properly Promotion of intergovernmental relations Convene public hearings and meetings Identifies the needs of the community in terms of the IDP processes. Reviews those needs in order of priority Recommend to the municipal council strategies, programmes and services to address priority needs through the IDP, estimates revenues and expenditure, taking into account any applicable National and Provincial Plans Recommend and determine the best way, including partnership and other approaches, to deliver those strategies, programmes and services to the maximum benefit of the community.
The Speaker	The Speaker presides over the council meetings and maintains order during council meetings. Ensure that the council meets at least quarterly. Ensure that the rules of order are complied with during the proceedings of council meetings. Execute any other duties as delegated to the speaker in terms of the council delegation systems. Maintains order during Council meetings Ensure that Councilors adhere to the Code of Conduct Support to Councilors Facilitate public participation coordinate the establishment and functionality of ward committees
Chief Whip:	The role of Chief Whip is to ensure that Councillors are accountable to the communities, that code of conduct is respected and adhered to by all Councillors. The Chief Whip ensures discipline during Council and Committee Meetings. He facilitates political debates, workshop for all Councillors.

COUNCILLORS

Councillors provide a vital link between communities they serve. They are responsible for representing the needs and interests of the people they represent, regardless of whether they voted for them. Although councillors are not usually full-time professionals, they are bound by a code of conduct.

A Ward Councillor has to balance the expectations of his/her ward and that of their political party. The Ward Councillor is the chairperson of the ward committee, responsible for convening the constituency meeting to elect ward committee members, calling ward committee meetings, ensuring that a schedule of meetings is prepared, handling queries and complaints in the ward, resolving disputes and making referrals of unresolved disputes to the municipality, ensuring that the ward committee does what the municipality expects about reporting procedures. See Appendix B which sets out committees and committee purposes.

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POLITICAL DECISION-TAKING

All council meetings are run according to the approved Standing Rules of Orders. These set out how the council meeting should be run, how you can propose motions or pass resolutions and how decisions will be made. The speaker or chairperson of the council decides whether anyone is breaking the Standing Orders and is responsible for keeping order.

The Political decision-making is done in the following manner:

1. The Corporate Services Department is responsible and ensures that the agendas are prepared in time before council and committee meetings. Any committee reports, petitions or motions have to appear on an agenda, before they can be discussed and must be received by all Councillors at least seven (7) days before the sitting of section 79 committee and Executive Council.
2. Often issues are discussed at committees before they can be brought to council.
3. The council will then resolve on the matter/s. Most council decisions are taken after a committee held its meeting and recommend to council. When council agrees by a majority resolution, the recommendation becomes a resolution of council.

SECTION 79 COMMITTEES

(a) The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is a committee of the Council and performs the statutory responsibilities assigned to it by the Local Government: Municipal Finance MFMA (sections 165 and 166), and other relevant responsibilities delegated to it under its charter by the Council.

It is an independent advisory body that advises Council, the political office-bearers, the accounting officer and the management of the municipality on matters relating to:

- Internal financial control and internal audits;
- Risk management; Accounting policies;
- The adequacy, reliability and accuracy of financial reporting and information;
- Performance management;
- Effective governance and compliance with the prescribed laws and regulations.

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2.2 ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNANCE

INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNANCE

Municipal Manager who is the head of administration and therefore the Accounting Officer is in terms of section 55 of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 as amended the Municipal Manager as head of administration is subject to policy directives of the municipal council responsible for the formation and development of an efficient, economical, effective and accountable administration and must manage the municipality in accordance with all legislation and policies pertaining to Local Government. In terms of section 50 of the Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 as amended, the Council in consultation with the Municipal Manager must appoint managers who are directly responsible to the Municipal Manager who must have relevant and requisite skills and expertise to perform the duties associated with the posts they each occupy.

The Municipal Manager is also accountable for all the income and expenditure and all assets as well as the discharge of liabilities of the municipality including proper and diligent compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act, 53 of 2003. Each senior manager or director who reports directly to the Municipal Manager are delegated the functions which the Municipal Manager may delegate to them and are responsible for all those matters delegated to them including financial management as well as discipline and capacitating of officials within their areas of responsibility and compliance to all legislation governing Local Government, its policies and by-laws.

The Municipal Manager and Directors forms the senior management core and all directors are accountable to the Municipal Manager in terms of strategic management and oversight of their departments.

TOP ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE	FUNCTIONS
Acting Municipal Manager Mr T Thage	Forming and developing an economic, efficient and accountable administration; Implementing and managing the MLM's performance management system; Coordinating and implementing the MLM's IDP; Implement departmental Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). Managing the Municipality's administration in accordance with the Constitution, the Local Government Structures Act, the Municipal Systems Act, the Municipal Finance Management Act and all other national and provincial legislation applicable to MLM; Managing provision of services to the local community in a sustainable and equitable Manner; Developing and maintaining a system to access community satisfaction with Municipal Services; Appointing, managing, effectively utilizing and training staff and maintaining staff discipline; Advising political structures and political office bearers of the MLM, managing communications between them, administering, implementing council resolutions and carrying out their decisions; Being responsible for all income and expenditure of the MLM all assets, the discharge of all liabilities of the MLM and proper and diligent compliance with applicable Municipal Finance Management legislation.
CFO Ms K Khaziwa	Reporting directly to the Municipal Manager on key departmental activities. Develop and implement key strategic / business plans including Supply Chain Management, Revenue Management, Expenditure Management and Budget & Reporting. Prepare and implement municipal budget. Prepare Annual Financial Statements and other mandatory financial management reports. Manage Departmental budget, human resources & other resources in accordance with local government legislation; Establish, operate and maintain support structures, processes and systems; Management and monitoring of all income, expenditure, assets and Liabilities; Cash-flow management; Develop and implement Supply Chain Management Policy, specific procedures, systems and controls; Ensure timely preparation of Budget and Financial Statements; Implement all financial policies and ensure they comply with applicable legislation and National Treasury Regulations.

HOD: Corporate Service Mrs.Dibueng Corney Lentsoe	Managing and controlling various line functions within the Directorate which include general administration, Human Resources, Council Support, Corporate strategy; Leading, directing and managing staff within the Department so that they are able to meet their objectives; Rendering Support by advising and overseeing all matters of procedures relating to minutes and resolutions of the Council Committees; Managing and controlling the compilation and execution of the departmental capital and operating budget; Executing any function delegated by the municipal Manager in terms of powers and delegations in the relevant legislation and related to the functions of this post; Administering records/archives registry, skills development, legal matters and employment Equity; Developing, implementing Collective Agreements and managing strategic goals, policies, procedures and plans; Ensuring proper administration of Council delegation System;
HOD : Technical Services Mr Tumelo Thage	Management of the entire Technical Services department. Compile and manage the Directorate's annual Capital and Operational Budget. Management of Technical Services including Civil Engineering Services, electrical distribution and maintenance of roads and storm-water drainage. Planning and maintenance of water reticulation system and sewerage treatment infrastructure. Developmental strategic planning of infrastructure expansion and co-ordination. Ensure the sustainable provisioning of engineering services including infrastructure development and maintenance in line with the IDP. Management of civil engineering, projects and capital construction development
HOD: Community Service Vacant	Management of the entire Social Services department. Compile and manage the Directorate's annual Capital and Operational Budget. Strategically direct and manage services related to solid waste management. Provision of sports, recreation, cultural, arts and library information services. Responsible for setting standards for the maintenance of cemeteries, parks, halls and other community services. Management of refuse services of the entire Magareng area.

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COMPONENT B: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Chapter (3) three of the Constitution of 1996 is an overarching legislative tool used to guide and provide detailed pieces of legislation like Municipal Systems Act, section 3, Municipal Structures Act, section 88 and the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, Act 13 of 2005.

The Magareng Local Municipality complied with the above legislative requirements during the annual report under review to ensure the continuous consultation with relevant stakeholders at the level of Co-operative Governance and Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) across the spheres of government to provide basic services to the community of the district. Sectors do present their developmental projects and programs to IGR meetings for inclusion in the Integrated Developmental Plan (IDP) of the district. We normally have outreach and service delivery blitz programs where all sectors would provide services to a particular ward in one of our local municipalities. This is a response to the clarion call of having a developmental local government in South Africa. However, there are some challenges in this process that need attention to be able to achieve the intended objective. There is a perception that Intergovernmental Relations and Co-operative governance is the responsibility of municipalities alone and not the other two spheres of government.

Inter-Governmental Relations is the organization of the relationships between the three spheres of government. The Constitution states that "the three spheres of government are distinctive, interdependent and interrelated". Local government is a sphere of government in its own right and is no longer a function or administrative implementing arm of national or provincial government. Although the three spheres of government are autonomous, they exist in a unitary South Africa meaning that they have to work together on decision-making, co-ordinate budgets, policies and activities, particularly for those functions that cut across the spheres.

Co-operative governance means that the three spheres of government should work together (co-operate) to provide citizens with a comprehensive package of services (governance). Local government is represented in the National Council of the Provinces and other important institutions like the Financial and Fiscal Commission and the Budget Council. The South African Local Government Association [SALGA] is the official representative of local government.

SALGA is made up of nine provincial associations. Local Municipalities join their provincial association. Executive elections and decisions on policies and programmes happen at provincial or national general meetings. SALGA is also an employers' organization and sits as the employer in the South African Local Government Bargaining Council. SALGA's main source of funding is membership fees payable by municipalities. There is no intergovernmental strategy in the municipality.

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2.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES

The notion of Co-operative Governance and Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) in the country is rapidly evolving and gradually taking a particular shape and direction. The IGR system must be understood in the context of being a facilitating and engagement platform of sectors across the three spheres to amongst others ensuring the implementation of the National Development Plan (NDP), the Provincial Growth and Developmental Strategy (PGDS) and the District Growth and Development Strategy (DGDS) which includes local municipalities. Our engagements with national departments like Water and Sanitation, National Treasury, Land and Rural Development, Monitoring and Evaluation, Public Works on EPWP program and Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs amongst others and the support they provide despite some challenges.

Intergovernmental Relations is about relations between different governments or between organs of state from different governments about the conduct of their affairs. At its most basic level, intergovernmental relations is about the relationships between the three “spheres” of government – national, provincial and local government – and how these can be made to work together for the good of the country as a whole.

The function of the IGR Forums such as the Mayors Forum as (Political and Policy Directive), Municipal Managers Forum as a (Technical Implementation Forum) will be established and their function is to:

- A consultative forum for the District Municipality, the respective Local Municipalities in the area, and the relevant Sector Departments from the Northern Cape Provincial Government to discuss and consult each other on matters of strategic and mutual regional interest, including:
 - Draft national and provincial policy and legislation, relating to matters affecting local government interests in the municipal area;
 - The implementation of national and provincial policy and legislation with respect to such matters in the municipal Area;
 - Matters arising in the Premier’s intergovernmental forum affecting the municipal area;
 - Coherent planning and development in the Municipal Area, focusing on:
 - Water Services;
 - Sanitation
 - Land;
 - Subsistence farming;
 - The processing of agricultural products;
 - Housing; and
 - Traditional Leaders.
 - The provision of services in the Magareng Local Municipal Area;

At meetings of the IGR, as municipalities we discuss the implementation of national policy and legislation that affect the district and Provincial Government and discuss upcoming national policy and legislation that will affect the municipality.

The IGR is an ideal forum to discuss progress with regard to service delivery in the municipality as well as the problems that may impede such progress. Initiatives such as shared services models could also be dealt with at forum meetings.

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PROVINCIAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE

The Magareng Local Municipality as part of the Northern Cape Province does participate in all the provincial programmes that seek to improve the quality of the life of its area of jurisdiction. The Office of the Premier in the province does extend invitations for municipalities to attend the Northern Cape Extended IGR.

South African Local Government Association in the Northern Cape that represent the interest of municipalities in the provision of sustainable services to communities also ensured that it establish the provincial IGR practitioners' forum where all the municipalities in the province meet to chart a way of ensure that IGR and Back to Basics is implemented. Magareng Local Municipality is fully participating at that level.

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RELATIONSHIPS WITH MUNICIPAL ENTITIES

MLM does not have any entities in place.

T2.3.3

DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES

The White Paper on Local Government issued in 1998 expresses the role of the District municipalities as follows: to build local municipalities where there is no capacity, initiating economic development of the district, planning land-use in the district and providing in the basic needs of people living in deprived areas. Number of processes and structures has been established by law to manage the relations between municipalities exercising jurisdiction over the same geographical area. First, the relationship should be one of mutual support and coordination.

The Municipal Structures Act thus obliges district and local municipalities to support one another at the request of either. The most important aspect of the relationship is probably the drafting of a district-wide IDP. There are also a number of structures in place in Frances Baard District Municipality to give effect to the objectives of mutual support and coordination. The following are IGR structures that we have in the district that are operational: The local Intergovernmental Relations: According to section 88 of the Municipal Structures Act, Act 117 of 1998, the District Municipality has the responsibility to provide support to its family local municipalities. The district provides support to locals in jointly convening at least one local IGR forum.

T2.3.4

COMPONENT C: PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Section 16 (1) of the Municipal Systems Act (MSA), Act 32 of 2000, stipulates that a municipality must develop a system of municipal governance that complements formal representative governance with a system of participatory governance. Furthermore, Section 18 (1) of the MSA stipulates that a municipality is to provide its community with information concerning municipal governance, management and development.

Such participation is required in terms of:

- The preparation, implementation and review of the IDP;
- Establishment, implementation and review of the performance management system;
- Monitoring and review of the performance, including the outcomes and impact of such performance and Preparation of the municipal budget.

Community participation in local government affairs gives expression to the democratic principles and values of our Constitution and the political rights of the individual as entrenched in section 19 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

The Municipal Council encourages participation of the community and community organisations in local government matters and adheres to the democratic values and principles as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 which governs the public administration.

Public participation is a principle that is accepted by all spheres of government in South Africa. Participation is important to make sure that government addresses the real needs of communities in the most appropriate way.

Public participation also helps to build an informed and responsible citizenry with a sense of ownership of government developments and projects. It allows municipalities to get buy-in and to develop partnerships with stakeholders.

The Municipal Council encourages participation of the community and community organisations in the local government matters and to adhere to the democratic values and principles as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 which governs the public administration through:

- The preparation, implementation and review of the IDP
- Establishment, implementation and review of performance management system
- Monitoring and review of the performance, including the outcomes and impact of such performance and preparation of the municipal budget.

T 2.4.0

2.4 PUBLIC MEETINGS

COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION AND FORUMS

Local government has a legal obligation and a political responsibility to ensure regular and effective communication with the community. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and other statutory enactments all impose an obligation on local government and require high levels of transparency, accountability, openness, participatory democracy and direct communication with the communities to improve the lives of all.

Residents, Communities and Stakeholders (Civil Society)

To represent interests and contribute knowledge and ideas in the planning process by:

Participating in the IDP Representative Forum to:

- Inform interest groups, communities and organisations, on relevant planning activities and their outcomes
- Analyse issues, determine priorities, negotiate and reach consensus
- Participate in the designing of project proposals and/or assess them
- Discuss and comment on the draft IDP
- Ensure that annual business plans and budgets are based on and linked to the IDP
- Monitor performance in implementation of the IDP

Conduct meetings or workshops with groups, communities or organisations to prepare for and follow-up on relevant planning activities.

Communication is a two-way process in which there is an exchange of thoughts, opinions, or information by speech, writing, or symbols towards a mutually accepted goal or outcome. "Purpose of effective communication is sustaining the on-going work with maximum efficiency" Communication will help build good relationships with team members, sponsors, and other key stakeholders, to increase the likelihood of project or any activity success.

The Council also responds to the people's needs and encourage the public to participate in policy-making through IDP Representative Forums.

The Council fosters transparency by providing the public with timely, accessible and accurate information by publishing information in the local newspapers, using three predominant official languages of Setswana, Afrikaans and English. The municipality also make use of newspapers to communicate. The Municipal Council also engages the community through consultation in matters such as the IDP, budget, performance management, provision of services etc.

A key part of the municipality's annual plans should be how to communicate all this to the people and how to involve them in decisions or as partners. The municipality does not have public participation policy and communication policy but we have drafts in place of the two policies.

The Frances Baard District Municipality has established the Communication Forum and Magareng Local Municipality is part of the Communication Forum. Our current communication initiatives are the district external newsletters issued yearly and other means of communication available.

T2.4.1

WARD COMMITTEES

Legislation allows that Ward Committee be established in each ward of the local municipality. The purpose is to assist and advise Ward Councillors on matters relating to service delivery and the improvement of public participation.

Ward Committees are mainly advisory committees which can make recommendations on any matter affecting the ward within a municipality. It is thus the responsibility of the ward councillors to present the views or reports of ward committee to council for implementation purposes. The Municipal Council formulates the rules that guide Ward Committee Members, how often should meetings be held and the circumstances under which a member of a Ward Committee can be removed.

The purpose of a Ward Committee is to:

- Facilitate participatory democracy amongst community members.
- Ensure the dissemination of information or effective communication between the council and the Members of community.
- Help rebuild better partnership for better service delivery.
- Advise the ward councillor on service delivery and developmental projects in the community.

Structure of Ward Committee:

- Ward Committee shall consist of a ward councillor who must be the Chairperson of the Committee. In the absence of the Chairperson at a meeting, the councillor should delegate in writing the member who should chair.
- A Ward Committee shall be established in each ward and shall be inclusive of women, disabled and the youth etc, and not more than 10 (ten) people elected shall serve in a ward committee.
- Gender equity may be pursued by ensuring that there is an even spread of men and women on a ward committee, and a diversity of interest groups from within the ward.
- A ward councillor must at its first meeting nominate a secretary to fulfil the relevant duties of the ward committee.
- A ward committee may establish one or more subcommittees necessary for the performance of its functions and to involve organizations more broadly.
- The ward committee must appoint the members of such a sub-committee, from among its members and determine the functions of such a committee.
- The ward committee and subcommittees may meet together as a ward forum for major discussions.
- All relevant sectors in the ward are encouraged to participate in subcommittees that are relevant to their fields or interest and to their day-to-day functioning as a sector.

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Public Meetings						
Nature and purpose of meeting	Date of events	Number of Participating Municipal Councillors	Number of Participating Municipal Administrators	Number of Community members attending	Issue addressed (Yes/No)	Dates and manner of feedback given to community
Outreach Program	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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COMMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD:

Participation is one of the cornerstones of our democracy and has equal benefits for politicians, officials and civil society:

Consultation will help council make more appropriate decisions based on the real needs of people.

The more informed people are, the better they will understand what government is trying to do and what the budget and resource limitations are.

Councillors can only claim to be accountable if they have regular interactions with the people they represent and if they consult and report back on key council decisions.

Government cannot address all the development needs on its own and partnerships are needed with communities, civil society and business to improve service delivery and development.

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2.5 IDP PARTICIPATION AND ALIGNMENT

IDP Participation and Alignment Criteria*	Yes/No
Does the municipality have impact, outcome, input, output indicators?	Yes
Does the IDP have priorities, objectives, KPIs, development strategies?	Yes
Does the IDP have multi-year targets?	Yes
Are the above aligned and can they calculate into a score?	Yes
Does the budget align directly to the KPIs in the strategic plan?	Yes
Do the IDP KPIs align to the section 57 Managers	Yes
Do the IDP KPIs lead to functional area KPIs as per the SDBIP?	Yes
Were the indicators communicated to the public?	Yes
Were the four quarter aligned reports submitted within stipulated time frames?	Yes

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COMPONENT D: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

OVERVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate governance is the set of processes, practices, policies, laws and stakeholders affecting the way an institution is directed, administered or controlled. Corporate governance also includes the relationships among the many stakeholders involved and the goals for which the institution is governed. Corporate governance does cover a broad spectrum of elements that need to be aligned and integrated to ensure the smooth effective, efficient and economic functionality of municipalities.

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2.6 RISK MANAGEMENT

In terms of section 62(1)(c)(i) " the accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for managing the financial administration of the municipality, and must for this purpose take all reasonable steps to ensure that the municipality has and maintains effective, efficient and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal controls.

Risk Management plays a crucial role in identifying both risks and opportunities that are present and to take a strategic position in minimizing the said risks and maximizing present opportunities for the benefit of its citizens. The role of the Risk Management in the municipality is to provide the expertise and support for institutionalizing Enterprise Risk Management and thereby embedding a risk intelligent culture. This is achieved through various methods including employee training on the principles and practices of risk management, coordinating efforts in determining the municipality's risk exposure and in the development of mitigating actions by management for addressing the identified risks.

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2.7 ANTI-CORRUPTION AND FRAUD

FRAUD AND ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY

Section 83(c) of the MSA refers to the implementation of effective bidding structures to minimize the possibility of fraud and corruption and the MFMA, section 112(1)(m)(i) identify supply chain measures to be enforced to combat fraud and corruption, favoritism and unfair and irregular practices, section 115(1) of the MFMA states that the accounting officer must take steps to ensure mechanisms and separation of duties in a supply chain management system to minimize the likelihood of corruption and fraud.

Internal Audit Unit

Magareng Local Municipality make use of the internal audit shared services of Francis Baard District Municipality to advise the Accounting Officer and report to the Audit Committee on the implementation of the internal audit plan and matters as stipulated in section 165 of the MFMA.

Audit Committee

Magareng Local Municipality make use of a single audit committee established by the District municipality and its local municipalities to advise the municipal council, the political office-bearers, the accounting officer and the management staff of the municipality, or the board of directors, the accounting officer and the management staff of the municipal entity, on matters as stipulated in section 166 of the MFMA.

Human Resources Management

Screening procedures are performed prior to the employment of officials.
All employees signed the code of conduct on appointment.
New employees are inducted to introduce the employees to the culture of the municipality. In the process the employees are provided with the policies and procedures of the municipality to encourage good business conduct in performing the duties.

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2.8 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Magareng Local Municipality approved a supply chain management policy that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective. In case of an abuse of supply chain management system the accounting officer implement the procedures according to the supply chain management policy to combat fraud. Officials and other role players in the supply chain management system of the municipality signs a code of ethical standards as set out in the National Treasury's code of conduct for supply chain management practitioners and other role players involved in supply chain management" which is established to promote mutual trust and respect; and an environment where business can be conducted with integrity and in a fair and reasonable manner.

The supply chain management policy is aimed primarily at promoting uniformity in SCM processes and also in the interpretation of government's preferential procurement legislation and policies, which should themselves be seen in the context of other related legislative and policy requirements.

Essentially, SCM refers to managing the demand of goods and services to their acquisition, managing the logistics processes and finally, after use, to their disposal. It encompasses the procurement, contract management, inventory and asset management, and obsolescence planning processes.

The procurement processes covers:

- Pre-solicitation (need analysis, specification, award criteria)
- Solicitation (bidding process)
- Negotiation (bidding process, drafting of contracts)
- Performance (change orders, review of completed work and sign-offs compliance assessments of deliverables, release of funding etc.)
- Administration, within the municipal prescripts and policies.

The MFMA expects all municipalities to ensure that they develop and maintain a well-documented, operational procurement system, within a system which is fair equitable, competitive, cost effective and transparent. This process is, and will always remain one of the highest exposures to fraud and corruption in any organization in the government. The process is, by necessity, highly regulated and very complex including a wide array of legislative and procedural requirements and prescripts.

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2.9 BY-LAWS

By-laws Introduced during 2023/2024					
Newly Developed	Revised	Public Participation Conducted Prior to	Dates of Public Participation	By-Laws Gazetted* (Yes/No)	Date of Publication

		Adoption of By-Laws (Yes/No)			
No new By-Laws were Developed	No By-Laws were revised	No	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Note: See MSA section 13.					T 2.9.1

COMMENT ON BY-LAWS:

Section 11 of the MSA gives municipal council the executive and legislative authority to pass and implement by - laws and policies. Once the by-laws are gazetted, people who are in contravention will be criminally prosecuted in a court of law, and could be sentenced to pay a fine or even to direct imprisonment.

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2.10 WEBSITES

A municipal website should be an integral part of a municipality's communication infrastructure and strategy. It serves as a tool for community participation, improves stakeholder involvement and facilitates stakeholder monitoring and evaluation of municipal performance. Section 75 of the MFMA requires that municipalities place key documents and information on their website, including the IDP, annual budget, adjustment budget and budget related documents and policies.

Municipal Website: Content and Currency of Material		
Documents published on the Municipality's Website	Yes / No	Publishing Date
Current annual and adjustments budgets and all budget-related documents	Partially	N/A
All current budget-related policies	Yes	N/A
The previous annual report (2022/23)	Yes	February 2023
The Annual Report (2022/23) published/to be published	Yes	February 2023
All current performance agreements required in terms of section 57(1)(b) of the Municipal Systems Act (2021/22) and resulting scorecards	Yes	
All service delivery agreements (2023/24)	No	N/A
All supply chain management contracts above a prescribed value (give value) for 2022/23	No	N/A
An information statement containing a list of assets over a prescribed value that have been disposed of in terms of section 14 (2) or (4) during 2023/24	No	N/A
Contracts agreed in 2023/24 to which subsection (1) of section 33 apply, subject to subsection (3) of that section	No	N/A
All quarterly reports tabled in the council in terms of section 52 (d) during 2021/22	No	N/A
		T 2.10.1

COMMENT MUNICIPAL WEBSITE CONTENT AND ACCESS:

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2.11 PUBLIC SATISFACTION ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES

PUBLIC SATISFCATION LEVELS

For the year under review, the municipality did not conduct the public satisfaction survey.

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Satisfaction Surveys Undertaken during: 2021/22 and 2022/23				
Subject matter of survey	Survey method	Survey date	No. of people included in survey	Survey results indicating satisfaction or better (%)*
Overall satisfaction with:	Not conducted	n/a	None	None
(a) Municipality				
(b) Municipal Service Delivery				
(c) Mayor				
Satisfaction with:	Not conducted	n/a	None	None
(a) Refuse Collection				
(b) Road Maintenance				
(c) Electricity Supply				
(d) Water Supply				
(e) Information supplied by municipality to the public				
(f) Opportunities for consultation on municipal affairs				
* The percentage indicates the proportion of those surveyed that believed that relevant performance was at least satisfactory				T 2.11.2

Concerning T 2.11.2:

The table is relevant to MLM but information could not be provided due to the fact that no public satisfaction surveys were conducted.

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COMMENT ON SATISFACTION LEVELS:

Community satisfaction survey was not conducted, and the responsibility should first be delegated to a specific department. i.e Community Services

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CHAPTER 3 – SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE (PERFORMANCE REPORT PART I)

COMPONENT A: BASIC SERVICES

INTRODUCTION TO BASIC SERVICES

Generally, Magareng Local Municipality basic services provision is characterized with poor planning, adhoc implementation of capital projects with no systematic thought process. This can be mainly attributed to three aspects (i) the lack of planning tools such as service delivery frameworks;(ii) inadequate budgeting for infrastructure maintenance and new infrastructure development; and (iii) lack of qualifications and trade specific competencies in the technical department.

The lack of service delivery frameworks simply translates to poor planning and inefficient provision of service delivery to the community. Some of the primary grant funders of the municipality, such as MIG and WSIG, have indicated reluctance to continue funding municipal programmes in the absence of the service delivery frameworks. The following service delivery frameworks are identified as critical components that are lacking at the municipality:

- Capital Infrastructure Framework: medium to long term
- Integrated Waste Management Plan
- Water and Sanitation Masterplan
- Water Conservation and Demand Management Plan
- Electrification Masterplan
- Energy Saving and Demand Management Plan
- Sector based Operation & Maintenance Plans (O&M Plan)

The budget for basic services is not reflective of the service delivery challenges the municipality experiences. Firstly, by simply analysing the O&M budget over the 5 previous financial years, an irregular budget pattern is evident, to the extent that the budget is decreasing over the period; this simply means O&M it is grossly under budgeted. Secondly, the municipalities O&M activities are mainly reactive. In other words, the municipality does not know how to plan operation and maintenance activities, as a result there is no predisposition of the magnitude of the next breakdown.

The qualifications in middle management and trade specific competencies such as technicians, process controllers, plumbers, electricians are very low and non-existent in some areas in the technical department. This is a serious problem, as critical municipal infrastructure in roads, electricity, water and sanitation is managed and handled through 'common sense' that is not backed the application of scientific theory. Interrelated to all of the above is that, there is a direct linkage in the between irregular and wasteful expenditure that is continuously incurred due to inadequate budgeting and reactive O&M protocols.

WATER SUPPLY SERVICES

A common characteristic of the municipality's water distribution systems is that it is passively vulnerable and operates under extreme challenges. High water losses of the water distribution system is the most significant challenge, which best represents, the current status quo and is identified as playing a significant role on the vulnerability of the water distribution system. This is further demonstrated by disaggregating the water losses into two components financial and technical losses.

Firstly for financial losses, the Auditor General audit finding for the 2023/24, indicates that the material water losses accounts for 97% of the total water purchased, this percentage indicates the municipality only generates income from 3% of the total water purchased. Secondly, for the technical losses there is no bulk metering in place to ascertain the total system volume input. In other words, the municipality does not know how much water it produces on a daily basis vs the bulk purchases, how much is lost due to leakages, etc. It is also important to note that the municipality does not know if existing water demand exceeds the authorized raw water abstraction allowance. This clearly illustrates what was termed 'a growing water crisis' and an unsustainable water supply service provision. The character and scale of the problem requires an integrated management approach.

SANITATION SERVICES

The existing bulk sewer network is experiencing operational failures. The Warrenton Waste Water Treatment Works experiences a myriad of challenges on a daily basis. There are three primary challenges, which best represents, the current status quo and are identified as playing a significant role in the level of treatment of wastewater the facility achieves.

Firstly, the facility does not have enough capacity to deal with the existing wastewater flow and its constituent loading. In other words, the volume of the wastewater generated exceeds the capacity of the plant to adequately and efficiently treat the wastewater. This specific challenge creates an insidious overloading problem for the processes at the Clarifier, Aeration Basin and Maturation Pond. For example, at the secondary settlement tank, the increased 'load' has created a sludge build-up, which overtime has blocked the desludge valves and decreased the speed of the rotating bridge. At this point, the "activated sludge" is constrained from recirculating back to the aeration basin. This directly affects the rate of decomposition of bacteria and further biodegradation not occurring. This is also the reason why 'partially' treated water is being disposed into the maturation pond and ultimately into the Vaal River.

Secondly, major processing units such as the inlet works, horizontal aerators and clarifier are old, dilapidated and lost its optimal functionality over a period of time. Thirdly, it is the vandalism and theft of the existing infrastructure, moreover in the context of Magareng municipality, which has no financial

capability to replace major processing units and equipment as and when incidents of vandalism and theft occurs.

The existing pumpstations is experiencing operational failures. The operational failures are directly influenced by problems at the three pumping stations (vandalism of electrical panels, theft of submersible pumps, no roof structure, no site lighting, no screening equipment and backup power). This ultimately constrains the sewer in flowing at the required velocity.

In other words, due to the problems at the three pumping stations, the sewage is not draining adequately. It remains stationary for prolonged periods, resulting in blocked manholes downstream that subsequently creates refluxes of raw sewer back into the households, overflows of raw sewer from the blocked manholes on the road reserves and discharges to the natural environment.

ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Electrical service provision within the municipality is a balance between scarce financial resources and service priority; this has led to infrastructure delivery backlogs. There is significant backlog in the provision of public high mast lighting system and electrification of households in areas such as Majeng. The Majeng community is made-up mainly of indigent households and wholly depend on the municipality for the provision of basic services.

The Auditor General audit finding for the 2023/24, indicates that the material electricity losses accounts for 33% of the total electricity purchased, this percentage indicates the municipality only generates income from 66% of the total electricity purchased.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Magareng local municipality is faced with a precarious and hazardous situation where the solid waste disposal sites in Warrenton are in a bad state and in direct conflict with the provisions of the waste act. The Warrenton waste disposal site is in a more dire situation as a section 51(g) directive has already been issued by the Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation.

The following items are identified as shortcomings:

- Waste is windblown all over the area as there is no adequate fencing around the sites.
- There is no shelter for the caretaker/supervisor.
- There is no water supply to the site, and no sanitation facilities present.
- There is no weighing bridge to record procedures
- Dumping trenches need to be constructed.
- There is no classification of waste and general waste management practices on site

ROAD AND STORMWATER SERVICES

The provision of roads is the most notable feature in Magarengmunicipality's land development. However, the impact of O &M costs, stormwater management, increased traffic and vehicular movements has caused serious problems such as formation of excessive potholes and flooding downstream. The effects of flooding downstream also create new problems in the receiving streams i.e. high peak flows, excessive erosion and sedimentation, increased pollution and general decreased value of the environment.

FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Fleet Management Section consists of **14 petrol and diesel vehicles** (including earthmoving machinery & other miscellaneous equipment). For a municipality which consists of ±114 workers in the technical department 11 vehicles simply translates to inadequate tools of trade and shambled service delivery provision. Notwithstanding the condition of the vehicles, which is bad, as almost all the vehicles has failed roadworthy tests.

The municipality procured 3 bakkies and 1 sedan in the 2021/22 Financial Year.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DIRECTIVES ISSUED

The task of the Municipal Council and management is to respond to this historical anomaly, rectify the contravention and take reasonable measures to prevent such pollution from occurring, continuing or recurring.

WARRENTON WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

The Department of Environment and Nature Conservation has issued a notice of intent in terms of section 51(G) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No 59 of 2008) in respect of mismanaging the license conditions of the landfill site. Some of the findings against Magareng Municipality are:

- Waste is disposed haphazardly which causes the site to be unsightly and unhealthy
- Different waste are mixed with no control
- No management of Site
- Burning of waste
- Unformalised recyclers on site

WARRENTON WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS

The Department of Water and Sanitation has issued a directive in terms of sections 21(f) (g), 19(3) and 53(1) of the National Water Act, 1998 (Act no 36 of 1998). The substantive matters of the directive are summarised as follows:

- Section 19 (1) of NWA, 1998 – Engaging in water activities that cause pollution of a water resource
- Section 21(f) (g) & 22 (1) (a) (b) (c) of NWA, 1998 – Warrenton WWTW Water use authorisation

STATE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Perhaps it is pertinent to state that the current state of infrastructure in Magareng is in precarious and bad condition. Simply put, the infrastructure is old and has reached its design life. In certain instances, operation and maintenance activities are actually destroying the infrastructure further. For an example, a blocked sewer in Ikhutseng cannot be unblocked through a simple mechanism such as a drain rods as the asbestos cement pipes are heavily corroded that an application of pressure collapses a whole length of pipes. Similarly, in town, Erasmus Street is riddled with potholes, over the years the municipality has been patching potholes as the only remedy whereas a simple visual inspection indicates that the problem is the base layer materials thus a suitable option would have been to rehabilitate and mill the road.

All of the potable water bulk distribution pipeline materials is made of asbestos cement, which is not permitted by the current legislation for transportation of potable water. The long term effect of asbestos on human health has been well researched and published, resulting in review of various laws pertaining to the usage of Asbestos products.

It is in this context, that it is categorically stated that the infrastructure of Magareng municipality requires an urgent and comprehensive recapitalization program. This needs to be urgently undertaken to deliver services sustainably to the deserving communities of Magareng.

INTRODUCTION TO WATER SERVICES PROVISION

The Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997 (RSA, 1997) defines a water service as a water supply services and sanitation services. Accordingly, a water supply service is defined as the raw water abstraction from a source (river or dams), conveyance to a water purification facility, the treatment and subsequent distribution of potable water to households. Sanitation service is defined as the collection, removal, disposal or purification of human excreta, domestic waste-water (grey water), sewage and effluent from commercial sources.

Magareng municipality has a centralized water service system having its own Water Treatment Works (WTW), Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) and respective service distribution networks. The major attributes of the water service are summarized as follows:

Table 1: Attributes of the Water service

Attributes	Warrenton
WTW Capacity	9.79Mℓ/d
Boreholes	-
Water Distribution Network consists of asbestos and uPVC pipes (length)	125km
WWTW Capacity	2Mℓ/d
WWTW (Extended Aeration)	-
Sewer Distribution Network consists of asbestos and PVC pipes	80km

WATER SUPPLY SERVICES PROVISION

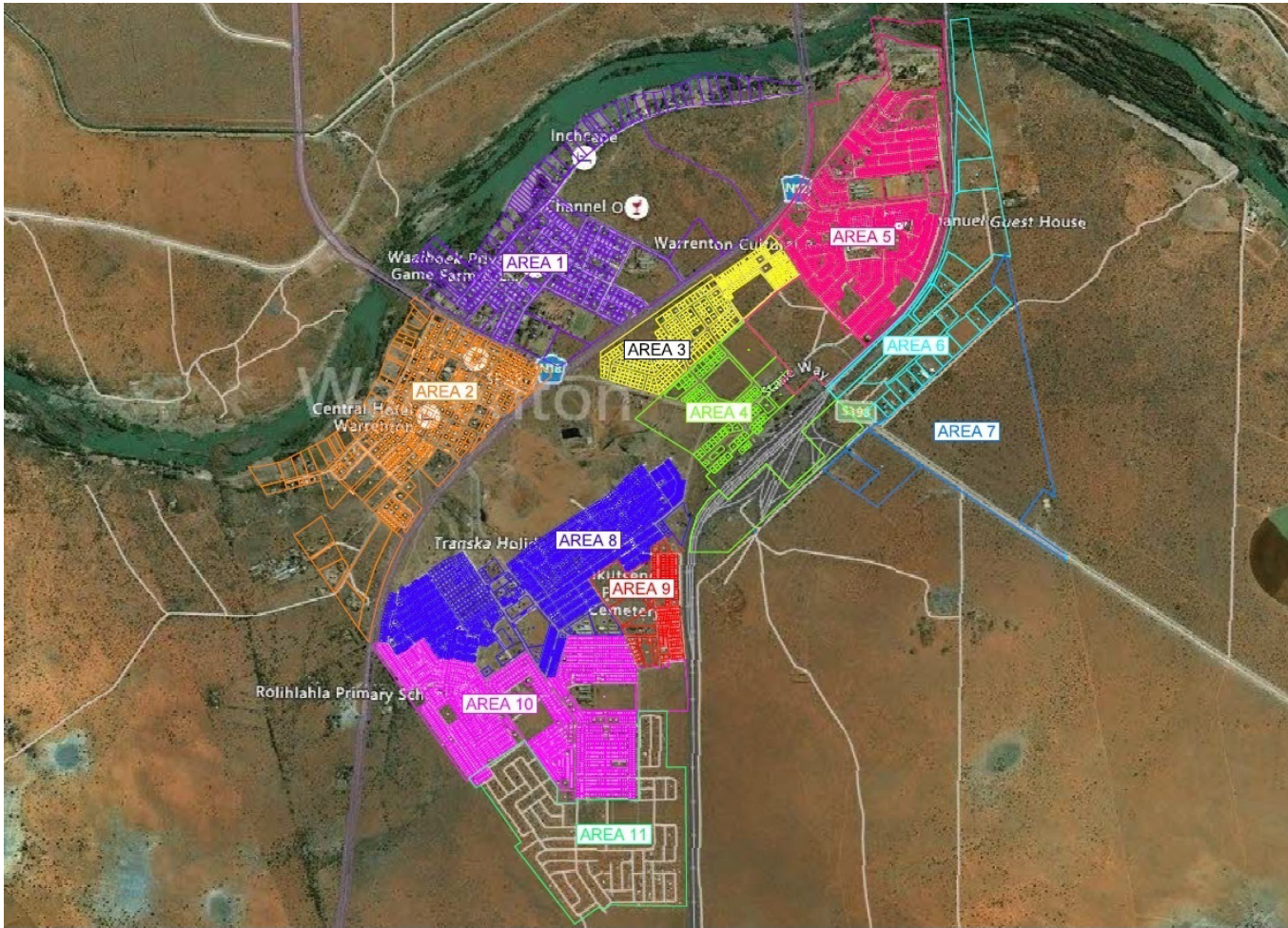
The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (1996) under the Bill of Rights, section 27(1) (b) states that it is a basic human right to have access to water. The Constitution under section 27(2) makes it an obligation for government to take practical legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realization of this right. In response to this constitutional injunction, it is important for Magareng Municipality to translate this mandate into tangible results on the ground, taking into account the realities as they exist within the municipality.

Magareng municipality has the Water Service Provider and Water Service Authority status as per the provisions of the Water Services Act, Act 108 of 1997. As such, Magareng municipality is responsible for raw water abstraction, water purification and the subsequent distribution to all households under its jurisdiction.

The Water Treatment Plant is located on the western side of the Vaal River and the water supply areas on the eastern side. The municipality is authorized to abstract 3 572 000 m³/year, this translated to 9.79Mℓ/d of raw water. The water purification plant was constructed in 1998 and no major upgrade has occurred since then. The process flow of the bulk water supply is summarised as follows:

- Raw water is obtained from two points, firstly, from the main water canals of the Vaalharts Irrigation Scheme and it gravitates towards water treatment works facilities. The second point, at the edge of the Vaal river where raw water is pumped to the water treatment works.
- From the Water treatment works, the water gravitates through a 500mm Ø asbestos pipeline, which crosses the Vaal River to a sump at the main water pump station.
- The main water pump station is equipped with two sets of electrically controlled pumps. The one set supplies purified water to an elevated reservoir located near Warrenton CBD. There is also an additional reservoir, which acts as a balancing tank to manage the pressure fluctuations in the Warrenton CBD system.
- The second set of pumps supply the Warrenton Railway Station elevated tank, the Ikhutseng reservoir and a ground concrete reservoir near the industrial area.
- Warrenton Railway elevated tank supplies water to the Railway stations residential area and back to the Warrenton suburbs.
- The Ikhutseng reservoir (5.2Mℓ) water is pumped into two elevated tanks, which supplies the Ikhutseng area.
- From the industrial reservoir (4.5Mℓ), water is pumped into an elevated tank, which supplies the Warrenvale residential area and the Industrial area.

Below is a schematic representation of the water demand areas in the Magareng Municipality's water distribution system.

AREAS	MAP OF WATER DEMAND AREAS
AREA 1 – WARRENTON CBD	
AREA 2 – WARRENTON CBD	
AREA 3 – WARRENTON	
AREA 4 – WARRENTON	
AREA 5 – NORTH-EAST OF WARRENTON	
AREA 6 – EASTERN SIDE OF WARRENTON	
AREA 7 – EASTERN SIDE OF WARRENTON	
AREA 8 – IKHUTSENG (CHRIS HANI)	
AREA 9 – EAST IKHUTSENG	
AREA 10 – IKHUTSENG (RICH BLOCK & LAS VEGAS)	
AREA 11 – DITSHOTSHWANENG, RABATJI & SONDERWATER	

WATER SUPPLY SERVICE DELIVERY DISTRIBUTION LEVELS

The water supply service delivery distribution is summarized in Table 2 below as extrapolated from the Community Survey 2016 data.

Table 2 Water Supply Service Delivery Distribution Levels

Description	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23
Water: Above min level					
Piped (tap) water inside dwelling	2265	2289	2313	2338	2341
Piped (tap) water inside yard	3015	3048	3079	3112	3115
Piped (tap) water on community stand: distance less than 200m from dwelling/institution	306	309	312	316	320
Piped (tap) water on community stand: distance between 200m and 500m from dwelling	117	118	119	121	124
Minimum Service Level and above Sub- Total	5703	5765	5823	5886	5900
Minimum Service Level and above Percentage	93%	94%	95%	96%	96%
Water: Below min level					
Piped (tap) water on community stand: distance between 500m and 1000m (1km) from dwelling /institution	12	12	12	12	12
Piped (tap) water on community stand: distance greater than 1000m (1km) from dwelling/institution	129	130	132	133	133
No access to piped (tap) water	276	279	282	285	285
Below Minimum Service Level Sub- Total	417	422	426	285	285
Below Minimum Service Level Percentage	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%

EMPLOYEES: WATER SUPPLY SERVICE

Employees: Water Services					
Job Level	2022/23	2023/24			
	Employees	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
0 – 3	1	1	1	0	0%
4 – 6	13	19	13	6	31.58%
7 – 9	1	1	1	0	0%
10 – 12	1	1	1	0	0%
13 – 15	1	1	1	0	0%
16 – 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 – 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	17	22	17	6	27,28%
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Financial Performance: FOR THE WHOLE MUNICIPALITY					
Details	R'000				
	2023/24	2024/25			
	Actual	Original Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual	Variance to Budget
Total Operational Revenue	Financial Information covered in the Annual Financial Statement				
Operational Revenue	R156 467 989	R161 455 421	-	R94 569 955	17%
Expenditure:					
Employees	R 56 240 784	R59 938 709	-	R27 783 244	-8%
Repairs and Maintenance	R9 290 047	R13 332 813	-	R3 724 675	-44%
Other	R139 049 940	R91 636 544	-	R43 189 193	-6%
Total Operational Expenditure	R204 580 771	R164 908 066	-	R74 697 112	-9%
Net Operational Expenditure					
Net expenditure to be consistent with summary T 5.1.2 in Chapter 5. Variances are calculated by dividing the difference between the Actual and Original Budget by the Actual. Repairs and maintenance include bulk purchases.					
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Capital Expenditure 2023/2024: Water Services					
R' 000					
Capital Projects	2023/2024				
	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance from Adjusted budget%	Total Project Value
Total All	Financial Information covered in the Annual Financial Statement				
Repairs of Warrenton Water Treatment Works(WSIG)	R19 515 000	R19 515 000	R 19 515 000	0%	R19 515 000
Upgrade of the internal water reticulation network(MIG)	R12 452 000	17 619 000	R18 764 242	7%	R17 619 000
RBIG	R20 000 000	R20 000 000	R12 010 804	-40%	R20 000 000
FBDM	R 3000 000	R4 745 000	R4 745 000	0%	
Municipal Disaster Grant		R5 145 000	R 5 145 001	0%	
T 3.1.9					

SANITATION SERVICES PROVISION

Magareng municipality is responsible for the collection, removal, disposal or purification of human excreta, domestic waste-water (grey water), sewage and effluent from commercial sources. The sanitation services is rendered typically through internal sewer reticulation networks, bulk distribution and honey sucker mechanisms, then ultimately to Waste Water Treatment Facilities.

A detailed overview of the existing wastewater distribution systems is presented in the following sections.

WARRENTON BULK SANITATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

The Warrenton bulk waste water distribution system is relatively diverse and complicated, as it consists of various components such as conveyance tanks, vacuum sewer, pumpstations, rising mainlines and gravitational water borne network. Fig 1 below indicates presents a schematic layout of the warrenton bulk waste water.

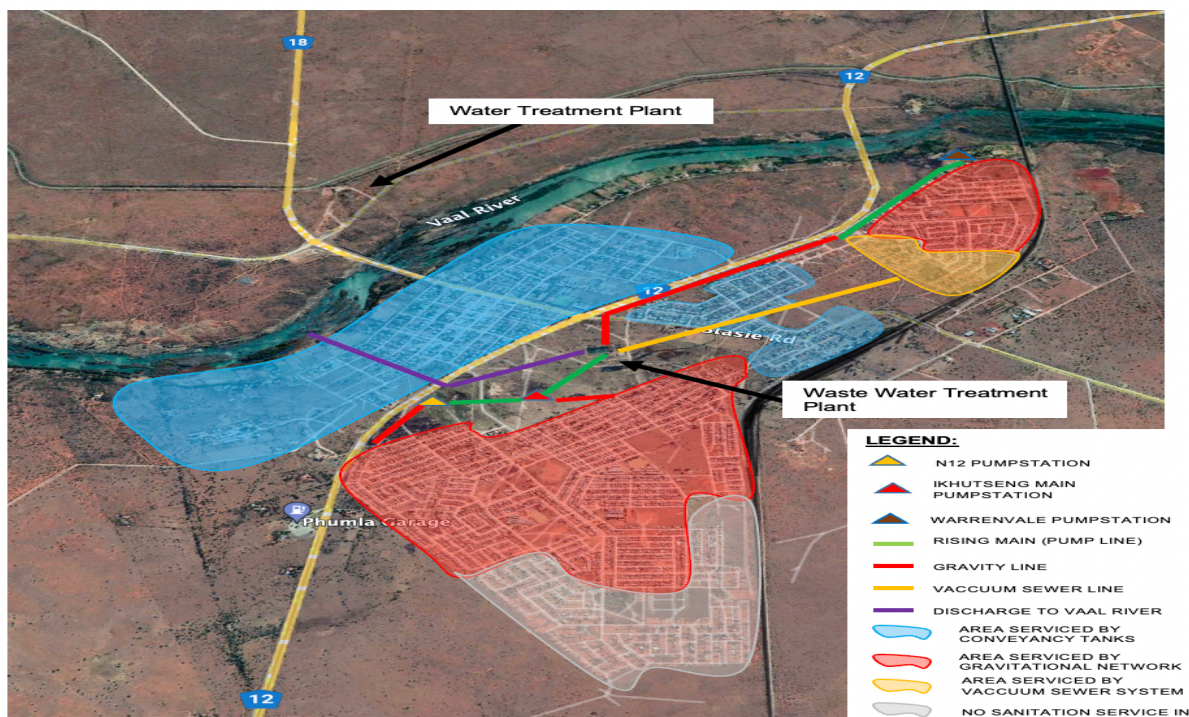


Fig 1 Schematic Layout of the Warrenton Bulk Waste Water System

The Warrenton bulk waste water distribution system is summarised as follows:

- The Ikhutseng area in the south eastern direction marked in red, sewerage gravitates towards the N12 and Ikhutseng main pumpstation.
- The Warranvale area in the north eastern direction marked in red, sewerage gravitates towards the Warrenvale pumpstation
- The new stasie area marked in orange is serviced through a vacuum sewer system, which discharges to the Warrenton WWTW.
- The town area on the western side of the N12 and the old stasie area on the eastern side of the N12 is serviced through conveyance tanks, of which the municipality uses two 18 000l Vacuum Sewer Trucks (honeysucker).
- The warrenvale pumpstation pumps through a rising main for about 2km into a sump. From the sump the sewerage, then gravitates to the Warrenton WWTW.
- The N12 pumpstation pumps directly into the Ikhutseng main pumpstation and then the Ikhutseng main pumpstation pumps collectively into the Warrenton WWTW.
- After the treatment process the treated effluent is discharged into the Vaal River.

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE WARRENTON WWTW AND SURROUNDING PUMPSTATION

WARRENTON WWTW

The existing Warrenton Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) was initially designed for an average flow of 2 Ml/d. All indications are that the existing process is an extended aeration activated sludge process, consisting of Inlet Works, Horizontal Aeration Basin (Reactor), Secondary Settling Tank (Clarifier) Return Sludge Pumps, Maturation ponds, Sludge Drying Beds and Chlorination Tank.

Figure 2 below shows the existing infrastructure of the Warrenton WWTW.

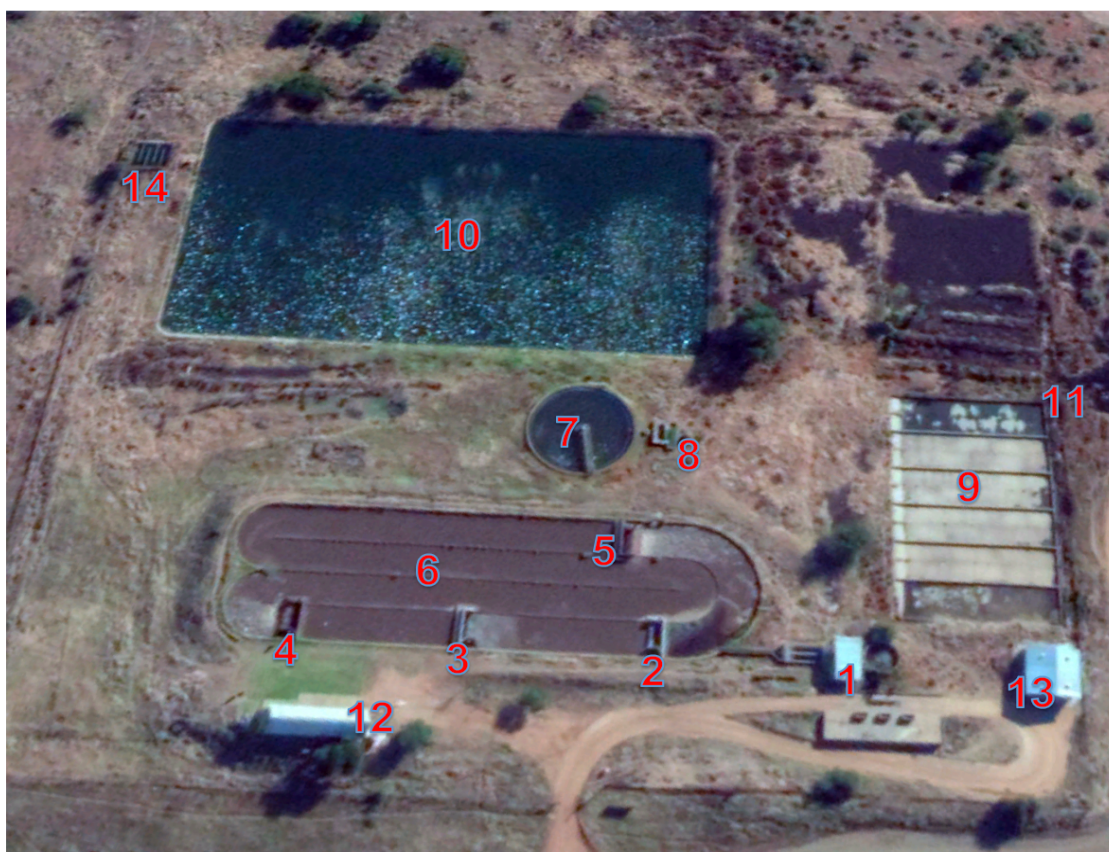


Fig 2 Existing Infrastructure Of The Warrenton WWTW

1. Inlet Works

2. Horizontal Aerator 1
3. Horizontal Aerator 2
4. Horizontal Aerator 3
5. Horizontal Aerator 4
6. Aeration Basin with Horizontal Flow Channels
7. Clarifier
8. Pumps to Anaerobic Process and to Sludge Drying Beds
9. Sludge Drying Beds (Concrete Surface)
10. Maturation Pond
11. Pumps for excess water to Anaerobic Process
12. Storeroom
13. Vacuum Sewer Pumps
14. Chlorination Contact Channel

DETAILS OF SURROUNDING PUMPSTATIONS

The details of the pumpstations was obtained through interviews conducted with the municipal sanitation team in Warrenton. The details are summarized in Table 2 below.

Table 2 Details of Pump stations in Warrenton

Pump Station	Make	Model	Impeller Diameter	Speed	Motor	Configuration	Capacity / Duty Point
Ikhutseng PS	LEO	2AC400H	234mm	2900rpm	4kw, 380V	Two Pumps alternating	4.25 l/s @ 45m
N12 PS	LEO	2AC400H	234mm	2900rpm	4kw, 380V	Two Pumps alternating	4.25 l/s @ 45m
Warrenvalle	LEO	2AC400H	234mm	2900rpm	4kw, 380V	Two Pumps alternating	4.25 l/s @ 45m

THE OPERATIONAL INADEQUACIES OF THE WARRENTON WWTW AND SURROUNDING PUMPSTATIONS

WARRENTON WWTW

The Warrenton Waste Water Treatment Works experiences a myriad of challenges on a daily basis. There are three primary challenges, which best represents, the current status quo and are identified as playing a significant role in the level of treatment of wastewater the facility achieves.

Firstly, the facility does not have enough capacity to deal with the existing wastewater flow and its constituent loading. In other words, the volume of the wastewater generated exceeds the capacity of the plant to adequately and efficiently treat the wastewater. This specific challenge creates an insidious overloading problem for the processes at the Clarifier, Aeration Basin and Maturation Pond. For example, at the secondary settlement tank, the increased 'load' has created a sludge build-up, which overtime has blocked the desludge valves and decreased the speed of the rotating bridge. At this point, the "activated sludge" is constrained from recirculating back to the aeration basin. This directly affects the rate of decomposition of bacteria and further biodegradation not occurring. This is also the reason why 'partially' treated water is being disposed into the maturation pond and ultimately into the Vaal River.

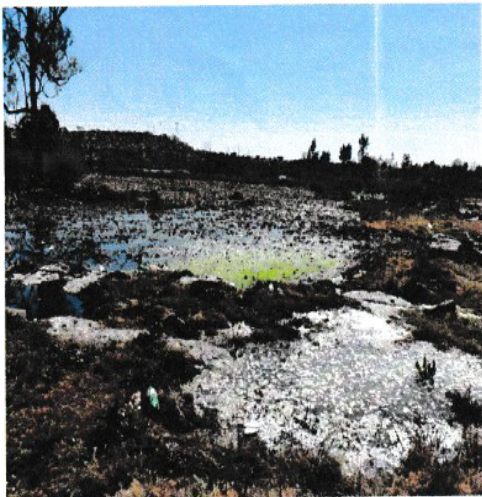
Secondly, major processing units such as the inlet works, horizontal aerators and clarifier are old, dilapidated and lost its optimal functionality over a period of time. Thirdly, it is the vandalism and theft of the existing infrastructure, moreover in the context of Magareng municipality, which has no financial capability to replace major processing units and equipment as and when incidents of vandalism and theft occurs.

SURROUNDING PUMPSTATIONS

The existing pumpstations is experiencing operational failures. The operational failures are directly influenced by problems at the three pumping stations (vandalism of electrical panels, theft of submersible pumps, no roof structure, no site lighting, no screening equipment and backup power). This ultimately constrains the sewer in flowing at the required velocity.

In other words, due to the problems at the three pumping stations, the sewage is not draining adequately. It remains stationary for prolonged periods, resulting in blocked manholes downstream that subsequently

creates refluxes of raw sewer back into the households, overflows of raw sewer from the blocked manholes on the road reserves and discharges to the natural environment. Figure 3 below indicates the spillages that has been occurring from the pumpstations.





SANITATION SERVICE DELIVERY DISTRIBUTION LEVELS

The sanitation service delivery distribution is summarised in Table 3 below as extrapolated from the Community Survey 2016 data.

Table 3 Sanitation Service Delivery Distribution Levels

Description	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Sanitation: Above min level				
Flush toilet (connected to sewerage system)	4968	5022	5076	5131
Flush toilet (with septic tank)	147	149	150	152
Chemical toilet	3	3	3	3
Pit toilet with ventilation (VIP)	393	397	402	406
Other	303	306	310	313
Minimum Service Level and above Sub-Total	5814	5877	5940	6004
Minimum Service Level and above Percentage	95%	96%	97%	98%
Sanitation: Below min level				
Bucket toilet	18	18	18	19
Other	24	24	25	25

None	264	267	270	273
Below Minimum Service Level Sub-Total	306	309	313	316
Below Minimum Service Level Percentage	5%	5%	5%	5%

Employees: Sanitation Services					
2023/24					
Job Level		Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
		No.	No.	No.	%
	0-3	11	8	3	28%
	4-6	9	2	5	56%
	7-9	2	0	2	100%
	10-12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total	22	10	10	46%

Capital Expenditure 2023/24 : Sanitation Services					
R' 000					
Capital Projects	2022/2023				
	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance from original budget	Total Project Value
Total All	R19 515 000	.			
New Internal Water Reticulation in Ditshotshwaneng, Rabaki&Sonderwater	R19 515 000		R 9 122 119	-7%	R19 515 000
Total project value represents the estimated cost of the project on approval by council (including past and future expenditure as appropriate).					
T 3.2.8					

ELECTRICITY SERVICES PROVISION

Electricity is one of the most sought after basic services. Local government plays a very important role in the provision of electricity, as an agent for Eskom. Section 153 of the Constitution places the responsibility on municipalities to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner for economic and social manner.

Eskom supplies 11kv bulk supply to a substation situated in Warrenton. From there the 11kv supply is distributed to 11kv transformers which steps it down to 380V networks in Warrenton CBD, Warrenton residential, Warrenvale and the surrounding plots. Supply in Warrenvale is by means of prepaid metering system and Warrenton CBD and residential is by means of credit meters. Some residences in Warrenton have also changed to pre-paid system. Municipality is planning to review to policy to standardize the electricity metering system. Moleko's farm gets the bulk supply from Eskom and the municipality distributes it by means of a pre-paid system. The following areas get both the bulk and low tension supply directly from Eskom: Ikhukseng, Bull Hill, Sydney's Hope and Hartsvally. Windsorton station and Majeng have not yet been electrified. Windsorton station previously was supplied by Transnet. Transnet gets the bulk 11kv supply from the municipality and further distribute this to their own transformers and networks. The electrical network also is very old therefore needs to be upgraded. Only indigents beneficiaries are receiving 50 kW of electricity free both the residents' services by Eskom and municipality as service providers.

Internal Reticulation

The municipality is responsible for electricity distribution to Warrenton, Warrenvale and Moleko's farm. The municipality is planning to upgrade existing and construct the electricity new mainline for the new developments as well as its electrification. Cost needed.

Backlogs in Electricity Supply

Most of the backlogs in electrical supply relates to the rural areas not yet serviced by Eskom as well as problem of ageing infrastructure. Windsorton station and Majeng are not electrified.

Warrenton Substation Bulk Supply Upgrade

The bulk supply upgrades at Warrenton substation will include the upgrading the existing substation with new switchgear to supply developments and infills in Warrenvale.

Warrenvale Bulk Supply Upgrade

The bulk supply lines and cables to Warrenvale will be upgraded to cater for new additional loads.

ELECTRICITY DELIVERY DISTRIBUTION LEVELS

Description	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Energy (above minimum level)				
Electricity (minimum level of service)	518	524	530	535
Electricity prepaid (minimum level of service)	5365	5423	5482	5541
Minimum Service Level and above Sub-Total	5884	5947	6011	6076
Minimum Service Level and above Percentage	95%	95%	95%	95%
Energy (below minimum level)				
No Access to Electricity (below minimum level)	279	282	285	288
Other Energy Sources	6	6	7	7
Below Minimum Service Level Sub-Total	286	289	292	295
Below Minimum Service Level Percentage	5%	5%	5%	5%

Employees: Electricity Services				
Job Level	2023/24			
	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3	4	4	0	0%
4 - 6	2	0	2	100%
7 - 9	4	1	3	75%
10 - 12	1	1	0	0%
13 - 15	1	1	0	0%
16 - 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	12	7	3	25%
				T 3.3.6

Capital Expenditure 2023/24 :Electricity Services					
					R' 000
Capital Projects	2023/2024				
	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance from original budget	Total Project Value
Total All	N/a	.			
Project A	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Total project value represents the estimated cost of the project on approval by council (including past and future expenditure as appropriate).					T 3.2.8

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVISION

Magareng local municipality is faced with a precarious and hazardous situation where the solid waste disposal sites in Warrentonare in a bad state and in direct conflict with the provisions of the waste act. The Warrenton waste disposal site is in a more dire situation as a section 51(g) directive has already been issued by the Provincial Department of Environment and Nature Conservation.

The following items are identified as shortcomings:

- Waste is windblown all over the area as there is no adequate fencing around the sites.
- There is no shelter for the caretaker/supervisor.
- There is no water supply to the site, and no sanitation facilities present.
- There is no weighing bridge to record procedures
- Dumping trenches need to be constructed.
- There is no classification of waste and general waste management practices on site

The Magareng Local Municipality does not have a dedicated unit responsible for Solid waste management but there are official responsible for waste collection placed under community service department.

SOLID WASTE DELIVERY DISTRIBUTION LEVELS

Description	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Solid Waste: Above min level	-	-	-	-
Removed at least once a week	3879	3921	3963	4006
Minimum Service Level and above Sub-Total	3879	3921	3963	4006
Minimum Service Level and above Percentage	63%	64%	65%	65%
Solid Waste: Below min level	-	-	-	-
Removed less than a week	132	133	135	136
Own refuse dump	0	0	0	0
Using communal refuse dump	0	0	0	0

No rubbish disposal	393	397	402	406
Other	45	45	46	46
Below Minimum Service Level Sub-Total	2196	2220	2244	2268
Below Minimum Service Level Percentage	36%	36%	37%	37%

Employees: Solid Waste Services				
Job Level	2023/24			
	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3	8	2	6	75%
4 - 6				N/A
7 - 9	2	2	0	0%
10 - 12	2	1	0	50%
13 - 15	1	1	1	100%
16 - 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	13	6	7	53.85%

T 3.3.6

Capital Expenditure 2023/4: Solid Waste Services					
R' 000					
Capital Projects	2022/2023				
	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance from original budget	Total Project Value
Total All	N/a	.			
Project A	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Total project value represents the estimated cost of the project on approval by council (including past and future expenditure as appropriate).					T 3.2.8

ROADS AND STORMWATER

The provision of roads is the most notable feature in Magarengmunicipality’s land development. However the impact of O&Mcosts, stormwater management, increased traffic and vehicular movementshas caused serious problems such as formation of excessive potholes and flooding downstream. The effects of flooding downstream also creates new problems in the receiving streams i.e. high peak flows, excessive erosion and sedimentation, increased pollution and general decreased value of theenvironment.

Consequently, the level of service of the road and stormwater infrastructure is below standard.

THE ROAD NETWORK

The total road network of the municipality is 354.6km. Unpaved roads constitutes a larger portion of the entire road network at 73% (259.3km) and paved roads at 27% (95.3km). The Rural Road Assessment Management System (RRAMS)programme that is currently underway, indicates that overall standards of unpaved roads ranges between fair andpoor, with a very significant percentage falling into very poor.Whilst the paved roads ranges between good and fair, with a small percentage ranging between very good and very poor. Table and Figure summarizes the overall conditions of unpaved roads.

Table for Condition of Unpaved Roads

Municipality	Unpaved Road Condition				
	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Magareng	0%	0%	23%	23%	54%

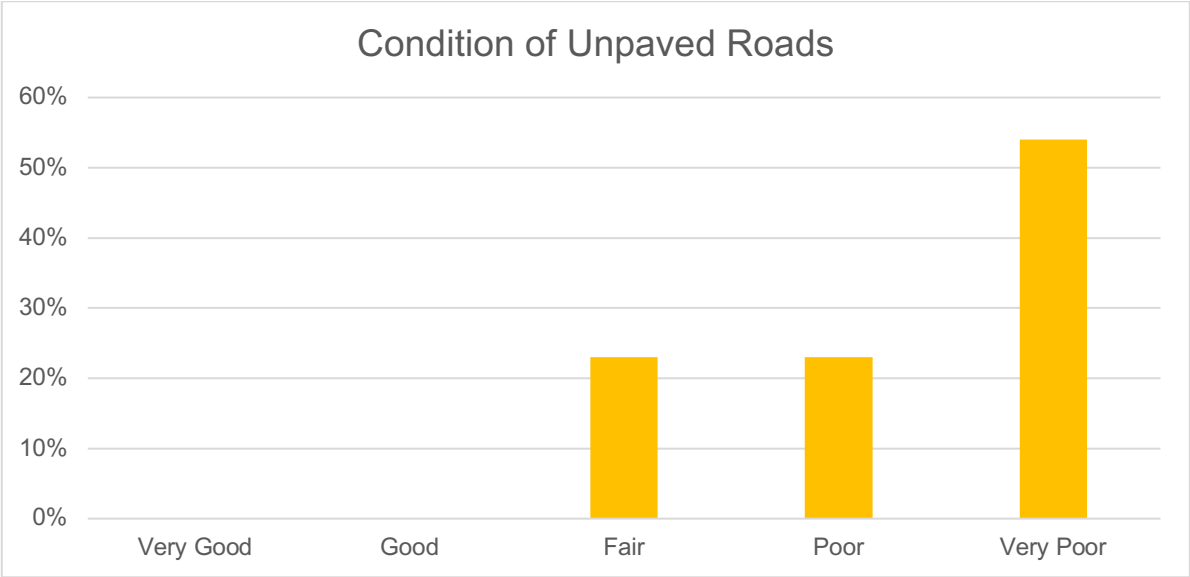


Figure for Condition of Unpaved Roads

Table and Figure summarizes the overall conditions of paved roads

Table Condition of Paved Roads

Municipality	Unpaved Road Condition				
	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Magareng	6%	42%	39%	13%	1%

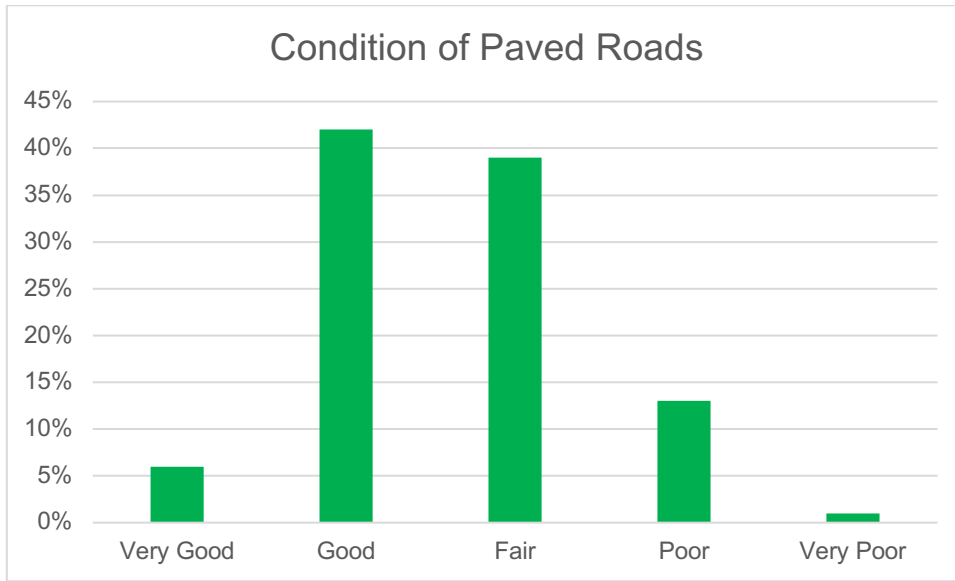


Figure Condition of Paved Roads

DISTRESS RATING FOR PAVED ROADS

The relative condition of the various types of distress on the road network that were detected during the visual inspections and computed using the deductmethod. The condition ratings per distress type for the road network are indicated per category in Figure for paved roads below.

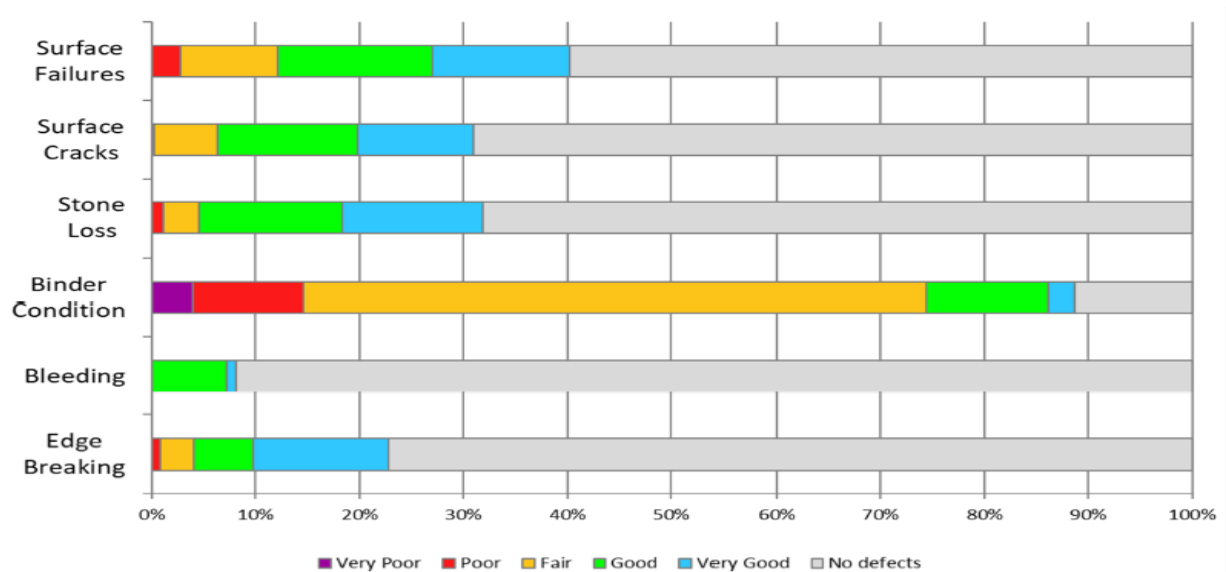


Figure for Condition Ratings (%) for Surfacing Distress Types For Paved Roads

From Figure above, the surfacing analysis indicates that the Binder Condition of 3.9% of the road network is Very Poor, 10.7% is Poor and 59.8% is Fair. This assessment indicates that the existing surfacing is fairly old.

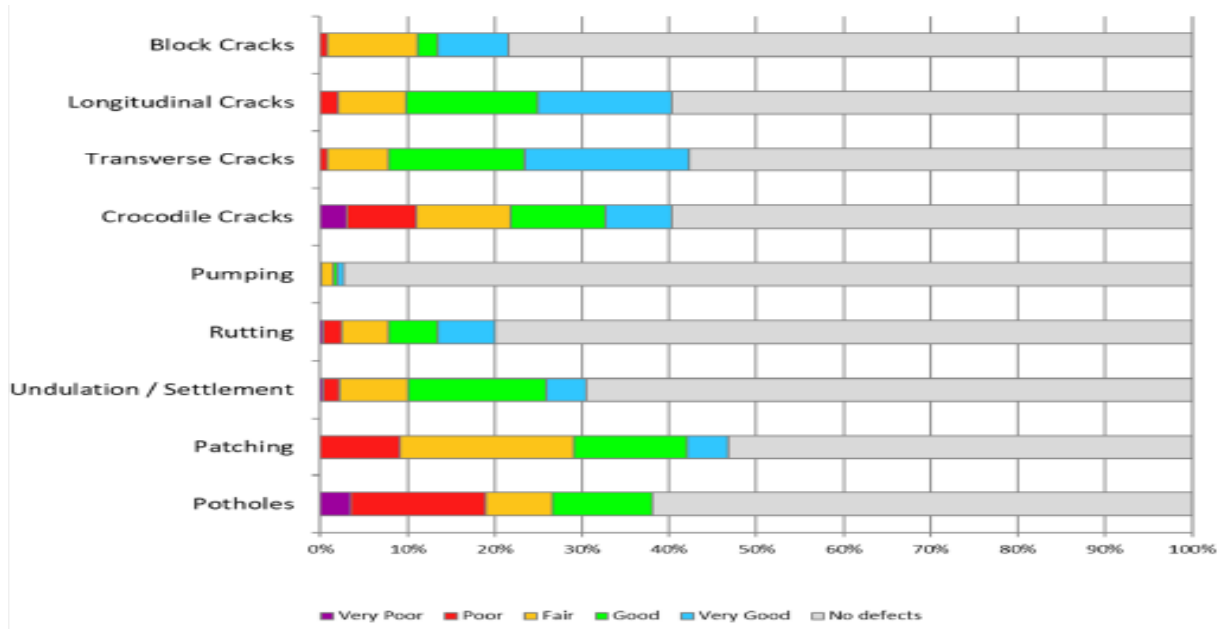


Figure for Condition Ratings (%) for Surfacing Distress Types for Paved Roads

A structural analysis of crocodile cracks, pumping, rutting and potholes provides a good indication of the structural capacity of the road network. The analysis revealed the following:

- 11.0% of the Flexible road network is in a Very Poor and Poor condition due to Crocodile Cracks,
- 9.1% of the network is in a Very Poor and Poor condition due to Patching,
- 19.0% of the network is in a Very Poor and Poor condition due to Potholes.

Preventative measures such as crack sealing, patching and resurfacing should be investigated to delay the deterioration of the road network.

DISTRESS RATING FOR UNPAVED ROADS

The relative conditions of various items on the Gravel/Earthroad network that were detected during the visual inspections and computed using the deduct method. The condition ratings per distress type for the road network are indicated per category in Figure 1.20 for gravel roads below.

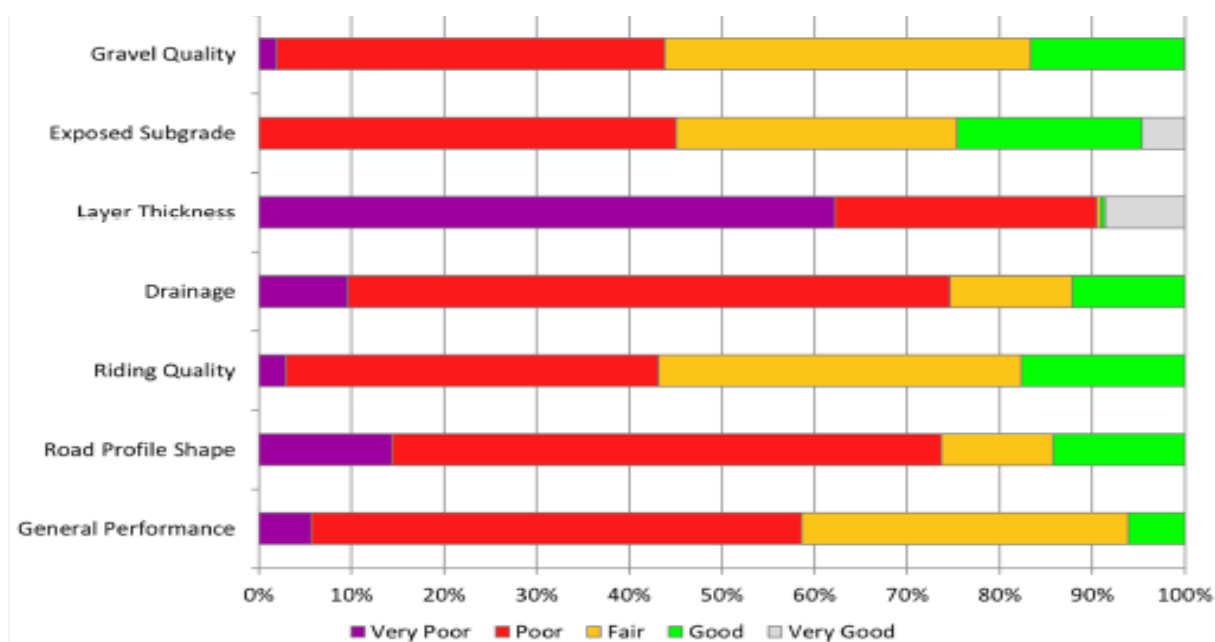


Figure Condition Ratings (%) for the Gravel Road Network

THE STORMWATER NETWORK

The management of stormwater in Magareng Municipality remains a major challenge; especially in low-lying areas as well as newly constructed roads where no consideration whatsoever was made for Stormwater management. The population growth experienced over the years and new surfaced roads has resulted in additional surface runoff, thus requiring upgrading of storm water infrastructure to accommodate the additional discharge. The effects of flooding downstream also creates new problems in the receiving streams i.e. high peak flows, excessive erosion and sedimentation, increased pollution and general decreased value of the environment.

Employees: Road and Stormwater Services				
Job Level	2023/24			
	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3	12	2	10	83%
4 - 6	2	1	1	50%
7 - 9	1	0	1	100%
10 - 12	0	0	0	0%
13 - 15	0	0	0	0%
16 - 18	0	0	0	0%

19 - 20				
Total	15	3	12	80%

T 3.3.6

Capital Expenditure 2022/23 :Road and Stormwater Services					
R' 000					
Capital Projects	2023/2024				
	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance from original budget	Total Project Value
Total All	N/a	.			
Project A	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
Total project value represents the estimated cost of the project on approval by council (including past and future expenditure as appropriate).					

T 3.2.8

FLEET MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Fleet Management Section consists of **14 petrol and diesel vehicles** (including earthmoving machinery&other miscellaneous equipment). For a municipality which consists of ±114 workers in the technical department 11 vehicles simply translates to inadequate tools of trade and shambled service delivery provision. Notwithstanding the condition of the vehicles, which is bad, as almost all the vehicles has failed roadworthy tests.

The municipality procured 2 bakkies and 1 sedan to the amount of R1.2 million in the 2021/22 Financial Year.

INTRODUCTION TO HOUSING

The Magareng Local Municipality continue to provide free basic services to the community on a regular basis. Indigent register is updated and a resident who which qualifies receives free basic services from the municipality.

T3.5.1

Percentage of households with access to basic housing

Year end	Total households (formal and informal settlements)	Households in formal settlements	Percentage of HHs in formal settlements
2019/20	7 301	5145	2156
2020/21	7 301	5145	2156
2021/22	7 301	5145	2156
2022/23	7 301	5145	2156
T 3.5.2			

Employees: Housing Services				
Job Level	2023/24			
	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3	4	0	4	100%
4 - 6	0	0	0	0%
7 - 9	1	1	0	0%
10 - 12	0	0	0	100%
13 - 15	1	1	0	0%
16 - 18				
19 - 20				
Total	6	2	4	67%
T 3.5.3				

COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE HOUSING SERVICE OVERALL:

Not function of the Magareng Local Municipality

T3.5.5

3.6 FREE BASIC SERVICES AND INDIGENT SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION TO FREE BASIC SERVICES AND INDIGENT SUPPORT

Services Delivered	2022-2023	2023-2024			
	Actual	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual	Variance to Budget %
Water	R 53 657	R2 441 610	-	R66050	-47%

Waste Water (Sanitation)	R 97 222	R 3 235 808	-	R 187 099	-44%
Electricity	R 22 277	R 3 666 379	-	R10 434	-50%
Waste Management (Solid Waste)	R109 142	R 1 941 050	-	R139 202	-43%
Total	R 282 297	R 11 284 119		R402 785	-46%

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T3.6.1

Information provided in terms of FBS does not automatically develop graph and the assumption is that there is an an error on the template as provided by NT.

T3.6.2

Free Basic Services To Low Income Households										
	Number of households									
	Total	Households earning less than R3,200 per month								
		Free Basic Water		Free Basic Sanitation		Free Basic Electricity		Free Basic Refuse		
		Total	Access	%	Access	%	Access	%	Access	%
2022/23	6522	1124	1124	17.23%	1124	17.23%	1124	17.23%	1124	17.23%
2021/22	6522	1259	1259	19.3%	1259	19.3%	1259	19.3%	1259	19.3%
2020/21	6522	1124	1124	17.23%	1124	17.23%	1124	17.23%	1124	17.23%

T 3.6.3

COMMENT ON FREE BASIC SERVICES AND INDIGENT SUPPORT:

Magareng Local Municipality has 1124 registered indigents and support provided in on basic water charges and 6kl water. They are also supported with basic electricity charges and 50kw. Basic refuse and basic sanitation and one free extraction for the town and station areas.

T3.6.5

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS 2023/24

KPA 1: BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

COMPONENT C: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

This component include splanning and local economic development.

3.10 PLANNING

INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING

The role of Planning and Development Department is to provide strategic management support to all the Departments within the municipality. It is also responsible for the development of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and implementation of Performance Management System (PMS), Strategic Planning, Facilitation, and also by proving support to local municipalities and further ensure that there is effective inter-governmental relations.

Planning and Development Department is responsibility is to ensure that there is efficient and effective compliance with legislation such as Integrated Development Plan (IDP), Public Participation, Performance Management System (PMS) and other applicable laws.

The top 3 service delivery priorities and the impact made during the year are outlined underneath together with the measures taken to improve performance and the major efficiencies achieved by the Department during the year:

1. Integrated Development Planning

The IDP Unit is responsible for ensuring compliance with implementation of Chapter 5 of the Systems Act, especially compliance with Section 25 by identifying with the key deliverables and immediate goals detailed in the Council's IDP in respect of communication, investment, tourism and agricultural dimensions of local economic development.

2. Performance Management System

The PMS Unit is responsible for the implementation of PMS in line with the Municipal Systems Act (MSA) 2000 which requires municipalities to establish a Performance Management System (PMS), the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) which requires that the IDP to be aligned to the municipal budget and to be monitored for the performance of the budget against the IDP via the Service Delivery and the Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP).

3. Governance

The Department is also charged with the responsibility to ensure that there is effective governance processes in the municipality. It has also been instrumental in ensuring that the Council performs its oversight responsibilities and functions by ensuring that the MPAC is functional in terms of Section 79 of the Structures Act and the MFMA Guideline on Establishment of MPACs.

The following were achieved during the financial year:

- The Executive Mayor approved the SDBIP by the 28 June 2022.
- The Municipal Manager and Section 56 Manager signed their Performance Agreements by the 31st July 2022.
- All Quarterly Reviews Sessions were held and the Quarterly Reports were done as required during financial year.
- The PMS Framework was tabled before Council
- The 2021/2022 Annual Reports and Oversight Report were tabled during the financial year and submitted to all the stakeholders i.e. Auditor-General, Provincial and National Treasuries.
- The Annual Performance Evaluation of the Municipal Manager and Section 57 for the year under review were not done.

T3.10.1

Applications for Land Use Development						
Detail	Formalisation of Townships		Rezoning, Sub-Division & Consolidation		Built Environment	
	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24
Planning application received	None	None	None	None	None	None
Determination made in year of receipt	None	None	None	None	None	None
Applications withdrawn	None	None	None	None	None	None
Applications outstanding at year end	None	None	None	None	None	None

Employees: Planning Services					
Job Level	2022/23	2023/24			
	Employees	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3					
4 - 6					
7 - 9	3	3	3	0	0%
10 - 12	2	2	2	0	
13 - 15					0%
16 - 18					
19 - 20					
Total					
T 3.10.3					

COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICAL PLANNING OVERALL:

The physical planning of the municipality, there is no qualified official performing this function.

T3.10.6

3.11 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING TOURISM AND MARKET PLACES)

INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Local Economic Development (LED) is an outcome: It is a continuous development process based on local initiatives and driven by local stakeholders. It involves identifying and using local resources and skills to stimulate economic growth and development. Source: "Northern Cape Local Economic Development Manual (NCLEDMDM).

LED is about communities continually improving their investment climate and business enabling environment to enhance their competitiveness, retain jobs and improve incomes. Local communities respond to their LED needs in many ways, and a variety of approaches can be taken that include:

- ☐ Ensuring that the local investment climate is functional for local businesses;
- ☐ Supporting small and medium size enterprises.
- ☐ Encouraging the formation of new enterprises.
- ☐ Attracting external investment (nationally and internationally);
- ☐ Investing in physical (hard) infrastructure.

- Investing in soft infrastructure (educational and workforce development, institutional support systems and regulatory issues);
- supporting the growth of clusters of businesses.

The Magareng Local Municipality is considered an agricultural hub within the province and as a result, special attention is given to promoting agricultural initiatives and ensure value chain benefits by the sector. While it is acknowledged that agriculture is one of the main sectors contributing effectively to the province's GDP, the district has ensured equitable focus on other sectors of the economy. Tourism for instance, is one area that has extreme potential for development and promotion. Equally so, other sectors of the economy including but not limited to trade, small businesses, cooperatives, etc. remain to be substantially harnessed for job creating opportunities. Focused attention has been towards supporting agricultural initiatives since they not only create significant job opportunities BUT also contribute towards human day to day livelihood. To date, a total of 269 emerging and established agricultural SMMEs and Cooperatives were provided with various interventions from skills development, market access to funding (livestock water infrastructure).

The anticipated establishment of the Agri-parks in the district has seen some progress with the sites' identification process undertaken and the Master Plan completed and duly adopted for implementation. Among some of the overall objectives of the Agriparks is to ensure that processing facilities, warehousing and distribution of raw material produced are directly linked with the production areas supporting small holder farmers, communities as well as emerging black farmers. Support will focus mainly in enhancing production, farm infrastructure, extension services, production inputs as well as mechanisation inputs. Thus far, sites have been identified through local municipalities and Service Providers for Infrastructure Development, EIA studies and Feasibility Studies regarding the establishment of the Agri-Hubs on identified sites are appointed and currently working on producing expected reports to guide implementation.

T3.11.1

MLM does not have accurate baseline information to complete the following table

Economic Activity by Sector			
			R '000
Sector	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Agric, forestry and fishing	0	0	0
Mining and quarrying	0	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0	0
Wholesale and retail trade	0	0	0
Finance,	0	0	0
Govt, community and social services	0	0	0
Infrastructure services	Unknown		

T3.11.2

Economic Employment by Sector			
Sector	Jobs		
	2021/22 No.	2022/23 No.	23/24 No.
Agric, forestry and fishing	0	0	0
Mining and quarrying	0	0	0
Wholesale and retail trade	0	0	0
Finance, property, etc.	0	0	0
Govt, community and social services	0	0	0
Infrastructure services	0	0	0
Total			
T 3.11.3			

COMMENT ON LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

LED strongly support the poverty alleviation projects in order to improve the community livelihood and create sustainable and decent jobs.

MLM need to give valuable support to the local SMMEs, especially the existing businesses, because they will create collectively the most jobs in the economy. In the medium to long term it is critical that we complete the integrated sustainable development plans so that we can budget adequately to support the various economic opportunity nodal developments.

T3.11.4

Jobs Created during 2022/23 – 2023/24 by LED Initiatives (Excluding EPWP projects)				
Total Jobs created / Top 3 initiatives	Jobs created No.	Jobs lost/displaced by other initiatives No.	Net total jobs created in year No.	Method of validating jobs created/lost
Total (all initiatives)				
2021/22	0	0	0	N/A
2022/23	0	0	0	N/A
2023/24	0	0	0	N/A
T 3.11.5				

Job creation through EPWP* projects		
Details	EPWP Projects	Jobs created through EPWP projects
	No.	No.
2021/22	50	50
2022/23	60	60
2023/24	60	60
* - Extended Public Works Programme		T 3.11.6

Employees: Local Economic Development Services				
Job Level	2023/24			
	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3				
4 - 6	0	0	0	0
7 - 9	2	2	0	0
10 - 12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13 - 15	1	1	0	100%
16 - 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	3	3	3	100
				T 3.11.7

Capital Expenditure 2023/24: Economic Development Services –						R'
Capital Projects	2023/24					
	Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Variance from original budget	Total Project Value	
Total All						
<i>Total project value represents the estimated cost of the project on approval by council (including past and future expenditure as appropriate.</i>						<i>T 3.11.9</i>

COMMENT ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE OVERALL:

Given the importance of LED, the municipal supply chain management environment, has enable the local micro & medium enterprise to fully participate in the municipal procurement processes, whether through directly scoring in municipal advertised procurement opportunities, or indirectly scoring procurement opportunities from contractors appointed by the municipality in a form of sub-contracting.

The municipality has been engaging in the creation of conducive environment, to attract investment to the municipal area, through a number of activities, the key one been the ability to avail municipal land for implementation of LED initiatives, and the support given to SMME's ranging from workshops which seeks to empower local businesses, as well as ensuring that contractors source labour locally, and ensure there is skills transfer in the process.

T3.11.10

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS 2023/24

KPA3: LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The number of employment opportunities created so far, whether through labour to different implemented projects locally.
- Continuous support provided to Small medium & micro enterprises (smme's) both financial and non-financial.
- The municipal availed pockets of land for economic activities.

COMPONENT D: COMMUNITY& SOCIAL SERVICES

This component includes:librariesandcommunity halls; cemeteries and crematoria

3.12 LIBRARIES; COMMUNITY FACILITIES; (ETC)

INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARIES;

Libraries are not the mandate of Local Municipalities but of Department of Sports, Arts and Culture

T3.12.1

COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OFLIBRARIES

Libraries reports on the quarterly basis and in the APR 2023/24

T3.12.2

3.13 CEMETORIES AND CREMATORIUMS

INTRODUCTION TO CEMETORIES & CREMATORIUMS

T3.13.1

SERVICE STATISTICSFOR CEMETORIES & CREMATORIUMS

Not applicable

T3.13.2

COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF CEMETORIES & CREMATORIUMSOVERALL:

Not applicable

T3.13.3

3.14 CHILDCARE; AGED CARE; SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

This function is not relevant to MLM but office of the Mayor supports and assists through special programmes budget.

COMPONENT E: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

This component includes pollution control; biodiversity and landscape; and coastal protection.

3.15 POLLUTION CONTROL

This function is relevant to MLM. The municipality is assisted by the Department of Environmental affairs to deal with pollution control

3.16 BIO-DIVERSITY; LANDSCAPE (INCL. OPEN SPACES); AND OTHER (EG. COASTAL PROTECTION)

This function is not relevant to MLM.

COMPONENT F: HEALTH

This component includes clinics; ambulance services; and health inspections.

3.17 CLINICS

This function is not relevant to MLM.

3.18 AMBULANCE SERVICES

This function is not relevant to MLM.

3.19 HEALTH INSPECTION; FOOD AND ABBATOIR LICENSING AND INSPECTION; ETC

This function is not relevant to MLM.

COMPONENT G: SECURITY AND SAFETY

3.20 POLICE

This function is not relevant to MLM.

3.21 FIRE

INTRODUCTION TO FIRE SERVICES

The District Municipality is responsible for provision of fire-fighting service throughout the District in terms of Section 84(1) j of the Municipal Structures Act, (Act 117 of 1998). "The District Municipality is,

inter alia, responsible for provision of fire-fighting services serving the area of the district municipality as a whole, which include:

- Planning, co-ordination and regulating fire services
- Specialised firefighting services such as mountain, veld and chemical fire services
- Co-ordination of the standardisation of infrastructure, vehicles, equipment and procedures
- Training fire officers"

Fire Fighting Service - Local Municipality Function

The District Municipality is also responsible for provision of fire-fighting service to local municipalities in terms of the adjustment by the of Section 84 (2) of the Municipal Structures Act, (Act 117 of 1998)The Act further describes the local function as:

- Preventing the outbreak or spread of a fire
- Fighting or extinguishing a fire
- The protection of life or property against a fire or other threatening danger
- The rescue of life or property from a fire or other danger"

T3.21.1

3.22 OTHER (DISASTER MANAGEMENT, ANIMAL LICENCING AND CONTROL, CONTROL OF PUBLIC NUISANCES AND OTHER)

This function is a shared service between MLM, FBDMand other Government departments.

COMPONENT H: SPORT AND RECREATION

This component includes community parks; sports fields; sports halls; stadiums; swimming pools; and camp sites.

3.23 SPORT AND RECREATION

INTRODUCTION TO SPORT AND RECREATION

The main of sport and recreation is to integrate local sport and recreation activities in the MagarengLocal Municipality, to transfer sustainable skills to the local sports people through development programmes. The ultimate is to ensure that all sporting codes are managed effectively and efficiently and running well in the local municipality

T3.23.1

Employee: Parks and Recreation				
Job level	2023/24			
	Posts No	Employees No	Vacancies (fulltime Equivalents) No	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
0 - 3	4	4	0	0%
4 - 6	3	3	0	0%
7 - 9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10 - 12	2	2	0	0%
13 - 15	1	1	0	0%
16 - 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	10	10	0	0%
				<i>T 3.23.2</i>

COMMENTS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF SPORT AND RECREATION OVERALL:

The municipality has no capital project budget for Sports and Recreation. There is no amount allocated from operational budget of the municipality. This is as a result of municipal powers and functions. Sport is not a core function of the municipality- it is the core function of Department of Sports. The municipality is just providing a supportive role to communities on certain sporting codes.

T3.23.3

COMPONENT I: CORPORATE POLICY OFFICES AND OTHER SERVICES

This component includes: corporate policy offices, financial services, human resource services, ICT services, property services.

INTRODUCTION TO CORPORATE POLICY OFFICES

Chapter 7 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa states that the municipality comprise of Councillors, Officials and the Community. In order for the municipality to govern its affairs correctly it must consult with the community to ensure that needs are correctly determined, explained and included in the IDP for service delivery purposes.

Policies must be put in place which will address the needs of the community in terms of how service delivery matters will be addressed.

In order for the municipality to be able to address the service delivery matters the municipality must within limitation approve a budget that will be commensurate with the needs/projects identified for the particular year.

A Municipal Council must, within the municipality's financial and administrative capacity and having regard for practical considerations,

- exercise the municipality's legislative authority and use the resources of the municipality in the best interests of the community;
- provide, without favour or prejudice, democratic and accountable government;
- encourage the involvement of the community;
- strive to ensure that municipal services are provided to the community in a financially and environmentally sustainable manner;
- consult the community about the level, quality, range and impact of municipal services and the available options for service delivery;
- give members of the community equitable access to the municipal services to which they are entitled;
- promote and undertake development in the municipality;
- promote gender equity in the exercise of the municipality's legislative authority;
- promote a safe and healthy environment in the municipality; and
- contribute, together with other organs of state, to the progressive realisation of the fundamental rights contained in sections 24, 25, 26, 27 and 29 of the Constitution.

T3.23.4

3.24 EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL

This component includes: Executive office (mayor; councilors; and municipal manager).

INTRODUCTION TO EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL

The top political office consists of the Offices of Mayor/Speaker. This political management cluster is led by the Mayor. The Municipal Manager is responsible for the administration wing of the municipality. The Annual Budget was also approved thirty days before the end of the Financial Year.

In accordance with chapter 7 section 151 (2) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, the Executive and Legislative authority of a municipality is vested in its Municipal Council.

In terms of delegation of powers certain matters may be delegated to the Mayor by Council who will in turn also sub-delegate to the Municipal Manager. The Municipal Manager may also sub-delegate to Directors who may in turn further sub-delegate to other officials.

Section 152 of the Constitution sets among others the following objectives for Local Government:

- (a) to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities
- (b) to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner
- (c) to promote social and economic development

T3.24.1

3.25 FINANCIAL SERVICES

INTRODUCTION FINANCIAL SERVICES

This department deals with the administration of finances of the municipality i.e. own budget as well as the money received from Government Fiscal i.e. allocation by Government to the municipality to enhance service delivery as in MIG and equitable shares. In order for the municipality to have effective service delivery, budget and IDP processes must be followed in order to ensure public participation to cover all community proposals in terms of projects. The department must develop budget related policies and by-laws which will govern consistent charging of moneys for services rendered to the communities.

Collection of moneys owed to Council as revenue must also be covered in terms of the approved policy. There will be internal and external audits in order to ensure management of risk and curbing corruption while encouraging effecting customer care service.

The financial management of the municipality is coordinated under the Budget and Treasury Office as established in terms of S80 of the MFMA. The responsibilities for the municipal coffers including financial management, financial planning, financial accounting and supply chain management are placed within the Budget and Treasury Office. The staff complement within the BTO is twenty people, headed by the Chief Financial Officer. The vacancy rate of the budget and treasury office increased from one vacant position to four during the financial year based on the newly reviewed organisational structure. Two resignations and one promotion contributed to the increased in the vacancy rate.

The Budget and Treasury Office is divided into two performance units, namely Income, Budgeting and Expenditure Management Unit and the Supply Chain and Reporting Unit. These units are further divided into four sections (Income and Budgeting section, Supply Chain and Asset Management section, Payroll section and Expenditure Management section). These performance arrangements were agreed upon during a strategic planning session which was held by the Budget and Treasury Office during the financial year. The department has gone through the year ensuring that the reporting requirements of the National and Provincial Treasury are timeously done, and that general compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act is achieved.

T 3.25.1

T3.25.2

The Municipality's collection rate is very low and cannot meet its financial obligations on time. The main contributing factor is community cannot pay their accounts due to are high unemployment rate and resulting in most of the residents to be recognized as indigent.

T3.25.2.1

Employees: Financial Services					
Job Level	2022/23	2023/24			
	Employees	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4 - 6	13	22	15	7	32%
7 - 9	12	14	12	2	14%
10 - 12	5	5	2	3	60%
13 - 15	4	4	4	0	0%
16 - 18	1	1	1	0	0%
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	35	46	34	12	26%
3ED 3.25.3					T

COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OFFINANCIAL SERVICESOVERALL:

Magareng LM have compiled its annual financial statements for the year 2022/23 and submitted to Office of the Auditor General on the 31st of August 2023. The total revenue amounts to R 161 668 141 versus the total expenditure of R 159 675 701 resulting in a surplus of R1 992 440

T3.25.6

3.26 HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

The Human Resources Section is responsible for ensuring that the organisation's most valuable asset, its employees, is taken care of.

Enhanced staff performance is fundamentally part of the achievement of the municipality's primary service delivery objectives. The municipality continually strives to promote a culture of good governance and an environment where the needs of employees can be addressed in a manner that is conducive for the persistent advancement of the interests of our local communities.

The Human Resources functions include, but are not limited to, administration of employee benefits, recruitment and selection of competent staff, Organisational Efficiency Improvement, employment equity, training and development of staff, sound labour relations, occupational health and safety and general support services to enhance staff capacity in the process of realising organisational strategic objectives of service delivery to the community.

The Corporate Services Department has developed the Human Resources Strategy which will assist the employees of the Magareng Local Municipality to perform better by sending them to different trainings and short courses as stated in the Workplace Skills Plan.

T3.26.1

Employees: Human Resource Services					
Job Level	2022/2023	2023/2024			
	Employees	Posts	Employees	Vacancies (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
0 - 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4 - 6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7 - 9	1	5	2	3	60%
10 - 12	2	2	1	1	50%
13 - 15	1	1	1	0	0%
16 - 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	4	8	4	4	50%

T3.26.4

COMMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES OVERALL:

HR is only support service and has no capital projects to deal with.

T3.26.3

3.27 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SERVICES

This component includes: Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services.

INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SERVICES

Key to the strategic nature of ICT in the Magareng Local municipality is the enabling of the municipal key objectives of the municipality in order to meet its constitutional obligations. Municipal ICT enable the achievement of these obligations by deploying relevant information technology solutions

Municipal ICT Unit intend to:

Services that are currently provided by the district municipality to locals are as follows.

- Collaborator Systems: records management system.
- TGIS: Geographical Information System
- IT Support Services
- Internet and email access (not all locals)
- To assist by addressing Auditor General IT findings

T3.27.1

Employees: ICT and Communications Services				
Job Level	2023/24			
	Posts	Employees	Vacancies/ (fulltime equivalents)	Vacancies (as a % of total posts)
	No.	No.	No.	%
7 - 9	2	2	0	0%
10 - 12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13 - 15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16 - 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19 - 20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	2	2		0%
T3.27.2				

3.28 PROPERTY; LEGAL; RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES

This component includes: property; legal; risk management and procurement services.

INTRODUCTION TO PROPERTY; LEGAL; RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES

T3.28.1

COMPONENT J: MISCELLANEOUS

This component includes: the provision of Airports, Abattoirs, Municipal Courts and Forestry as municipal enterprises.

INTRODUCTION TO MISCELLANEOUS

None.

T3.29.0

COMPONENT K: ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE SCORECARD 2022/2023

This component includes: Annual Performance Scorecard Report for the current year.

8. Departmental Scorecards.

The municipality reports departmental scorecards in accordance with Section 46(1) (b); wherein a municipality must prepare for each financial year a performance report reflecting a comparison of the performance with targets set for and performances in the previous financial year and (c) measures taken to improve performance.

9. Progress on Annual Performance Report 2023/2024.

There was no material misstatements on the performance information

Service Providers Strategic Performance

Section 76(b) of the MSA state that KPIs should inform the indicators set for every municipal entity and service provider with whom the municipality has entered into a service delivery agreement. A service provider:

- Means a person or institution or any combination of person and institution which provide to or for the benefit of the local community.
- External service provider means an external mechanism referred to in section 76(b) which provides a municipal service for a municipality
- Service delivery agreement means an agreement between a municipality and an institution or person mentioned in section 76(b) in term of which a municipal service is provided by that institution or person, either for its own account or on behalf of the municipality

During the year under review the municipality did appoint service providers who provided municipal services to or for the benefit of the local community on behalf of the municipality and below is performance assessment of some of the service provider appointed to render service for the benefit of the local community on behalf of the Municipality. All these projects were regularly monitored by Project Management Unit.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR											
Project name	Name of Service provider (Consultant &Contractor)	Source of funding	Start date	Completion date	Progress to date	Challenges and interventions	Assessment of service provider (Scale 1-5) 1 - Poor 2 - Fair 3 - Average 4 - Good 5 – Excellent				Assessment comments
							Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Compilation of the valuation roll and supplementary valuation roll and maintenance	TT Property consultants	Internal Funding	2025/01/07	30/06/2030	ongoing						
Mechanical works upgrade and extension of the warrenton WTP	Lebo Tebo Trading & Projects	RBIG	2024/01/16	2025/01/06	ongoing						
REPAIRS TO THE WARRENTON WWTW AND SURROUNDIN	Thavhani Trading Enterprises	WSIG	2023/01/10	2024/10/01	ongoing						

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESMENT OF SERVICE PROVIDERS 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR											
Project name	Name of Service provider (Consultant &Contractor)	Source of funding	Start date	Completion date	Progress to date	Challenges and interventions	Assessment of service provider (Scale 1-5) 1 - Poor Average 2 - Fair 4 - Good 3 - 5 – Excellent				Assessment comments
							Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
G PUMSTATIONS											
Upgrade of Internal Water Reticulation network in Chris hani, Richblock and Las Vegas in Ikhutseng Township Phase 1	Spagen TR JV Lebo Tebo	MIG	2024/05/22	?	ongoing						

CHAPTER 4 – ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE (PERFORMANCE REPORT PART II)

INTRODUCTION

This component represents the role that HRM&D plays in deciphering, defining, developing and rewarding an organizational culture that is conducive to achieving business objectives. This includes:

- Culture transformation and change management;
 - The development of individuals and teams with a systems view;
 - Review and design of organizational structures.
 - Training that related to job and personal growth equipping all employees with the necessary knowledge, skills and competencies to perform their work effectively, in pursuit of the vision and mission of Council as well as the employee's vision.
 - Enabling employees to deal effectively and pro-actively with change and to the challenges of dynamic work and external environment.
 - Enabling employees to acquire development orientated professionalism and the appropriate competencies.
 - Helping employees to address issues of diversity whilst promoting a common organization culture so as to or in doing support unity at the workplace.
 - Assisting employees in developing a better understanding of the needs of the communities that they are serving, as well as the capability to respond to these needs.
 - Creating an enabling environment for the training and development of present and future incumbents. Creating a pool of suitably qualified individuals to be identified and developed in terms of a succession planning program.
 - By providing job security to competent individuals.
- By providing equitable access and participation in properly structured training and appraisal processes that will ensure that every employee's work performance is maximized, and, that his/her potential is fully developed.

T4.0.1

COMPONENT A: INTRODUCTION TO THE MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL

4.1 EMPLOYEE TOTALS, TURNOVER AND VACANCIES

Description	Employees				
	2022/2023	2023/2024			
	Employees	Approved Posts	Employees	Vacancies	Vacancies
	No.	No.	No.	No.	%
Water	17	22	15	7	
Waste Water (Sanitation)	10	22	11	11	
Electricity	5	10	5	5	
Waste Management	27	28	10	18	
Housing	1	8	2	6	
Roads and Waste Water (Storm-water Drainage)	-	16	3	13	
Transport	-	1	1	0	
Economic Development	2	4	3	1	
Planning and Development (Strategic & Regulatory)	7		7	2	
Community & Social Services – Fire and Disaster	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environmental Health	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Security and Safety	15	10	6	4	
Parks and Recreation	3	10	10	0	
Corporate Services	15	29	19	10	
Budget and Treasury	35	46	35	11	

Executive Support		17	13	4	N/A
Internal Audit	0	1	1	0	0
Totals					
Headings follow the order of services as set out in chapter 3. Service totals should equate to those included in the Chapter 3 employee schedules. Employee and Approved Posts numbers are as at 30 June, as per the approved organogram.					

Vacancy Rate: 2023/2024			
Designations	*Total Approved Posts No.	*Vacancies (Total time that vacancies exist using fulltime equivalents) No.	*Vacancies (as a proportion of total posts in each category) %
Municipal Manager	1	0	0%
CFO	1	1	0%
Other S57 Managers (excluding Finance Posts)	3	1 (Community Services HoD) Post was never filled since it was introduced	33%
Line Managers: (including Finance Posts)	12	0	0%
Total	17	2	13%

T 4.1.2

Turn- over Rate			
Details	Total Appointment as of beginning of financial year No.	Termination during the financial year No.	Turn- over Rate No.
2019/20		NONE	
2020/21		NONE	
2021/22	16	17	-
T 4.1.3			

COMMENT ON VACANCIES AND TURNOVER:

T4.1.4

COMPONENT B: MANAGING THE MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE

INTRODUCTION TO MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT

The Municipality has reviewed 3 policies which are explained to the workforce as and when are adopted by Council or reviewed periodically. The workforce through the Local Labour Forum, as an important stakeholder, in the development of such policies are properly consulted on all matters of mutual interest. The departments, units and the organisation in general holding continuous staff meeting in order to create a platform for the staff to air their views in matters of mutual interest

T4.2.0

OCCUPATIONAL LEVELS	Male					Female				
	African	Colour	Indian	White	Total	African	Colour	Indian	White	Total
Senior Management	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
Professionally qualified and experienced specialists and mid-management	8	0	0	1	9	2	1	0	0	4
Skilled technical and academically qualified workers, junior management, supervisors, foremen, and superintendents										
Semi-skilled and discretionary decision making										
Unskilled and defined decision making										
TOTAL EMPLOYEES/POSTS										
AS % OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES/POSTS										
CURRENT MALE TO FEMALE RATIO	Male					Female				
TOTAL NUMBER OF MALE & FEMALE EMPLOYEES										
CURRENT % MALE TO FEMALE RATIO										

4.2 POLICIES

HR Policies and Plans				
No.	Name of Policy	Completed %	Reviewed %	Date adopted by council or comment on failure to adopt
1	Ethics Policy	0	0	The municipality does not have ethics policy
2	Fraud Prevention Policy	100	100	30 June 2019
3	Whistle Blowing Policy	0	0	28 June 2018
4	Risk Management Committee Policy	100	100	31 May 2019
5	Risk Management Strategy	0	0	
6	Asset Management Policy	100	100	31 May 2019
7	SCM Policy	100	100	25 June 2018
8	Cell phone Policy	100	100	31 May 2019
9	Notebooks and Mobile Computing Policy	100	100	In a process of developing it
10	Leave and Overtime Policy	100	100	28 June 2018

11	Recruitment and Selection Policy	100	100	28 June 2018
12	Information Technology (IT) Policy	100	100	28 June 2018
13	Information Technology (ICT Disaster Recovery Plan)	0	0	28 June 2018
14	IT Corporate Governance Policy Framework	100	100	28 June 2018

COMMENT ON WORKFORCE POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

All policies were in place and adopted by Council except the Ethics Policy.

T4.2.1.1

4.3 INJURIES, SICKNESS AND SUSPENSIONS

Number and Cost of Injuries on Duty					
Type of injury	Injury Leave Taken	Employees using injury leave	Proportion employees using sick leave	Average Injury Leave per employee	Total Estimated Cost
	Days	No.	%	Days	R'000
Required basic medical attention only	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary total disablement	20	2	0	0	R1600.00
Permanent disablement	0	0	0	0	0
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20	2	0	0	R1600.00
<i>T 4.3.1</i>					

Number of days and Cost of Sick Leave (excluding injuries on duty)						
Salary band	Total sick leave	Proportion of sick leave without medical certification	Employees using sick leave	Total employees in post*	*Average sick leave per Employees	Estimated cost
	Days	%	No.	No.	Days	R' 000
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	0	0	0	0	0	
Skilled (Levels 5-8)	0	0	0	0	0	
Highly skilled supervision (levels 9-12)	0	0	0	0	0	
Senior management (Levels 13-15)	0	0	0	0	0	
MM and S57	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	
* - Number of employees in post at the beginning of the year						
*Average is calculated by taking sick leave in column 2 divided by total employees in column 5						

T 4.3.2

T4.3.3

T4.3.4

Disciplinary Action Taken on Cases of Financial Misconduct			
Position	Nature of Alleged Misconduct and Rand value of any loss to the municipality	Disciplinary action taken	Date Finalised
	None		
T 4.3.6			

COMMENT ON SUSPENSIONS AND CASES OF FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT:

T 4.3.7

4.4 PERFORMANCE REWARDS

COMMENT ON PERFORMANCE REWARDS:

No performance rewards were paid out during the year under review.

T4.4.1.

COMPONENT C: CAPACITATING THE MUNICIPAL WORKFORCE

INTRODUCTION TO WORKFORCE CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The Human Resource Section is the custodian for capacity building of employees within the Municipality and contributes to the building and creation of a capable service delivery organization. The Skills Development Act No 97 of 1998 as Amended in 2008 sets clear guidelines and requirements for the organization to implement capacity building initiatives for employees.

In response to the quoted legislative framework and related regulations such as the National Skills Development Strategy (NSDSIII) and the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA), MLM acquitted itself well under the circumstances prevailing.

The Workplace Skills Plan (WSP) for 2022/23 financial year with its attended Training Plan was submitted to the Sector Education and Training Authority for Local Government (LGSETA) by as per requirement.

Emphasis has been on encouraging Municipal compliance with the Skills Development legislation, we continue to encourage compliance but we also emphasise on quality, in 2006 LGSETA began to issue completeness checks to Municipalities, in 2008 a quality criterion was developed, in 2009 evaluating the WSP/ATR in detail started to check if the WSP/ATR submitted is of required standards, feedback emanating from the evaluation is also given to the Municipalities in order to ensure that the gaps identified are addressed in future WSP & ATR,

The Municipality are ensuring that we are complying with the Skills Development Legislation and we will continue with our endeavour to have quality WSP/ATR, which will expose core IDP objectives of the Municipality

T4.5.0

5 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

The Skills Development Act (1998) and the Municipal Systems Act, (2000) requires employees to supply employees with the necessary training in order to develop its human resource capacity. Section 55 (i)(f) state that as head of the administrator the Municipal Manager is responsible for the management, utilization

Skills Matrix														
Management level	Gender	Employees in post as at 30 June Year 2023	Number of skilled employees required and actual as at 30 June Year 2024											
			Learner ships			Skills programmes & other short courses			Other forms of training			Total		
		No.	Actual: End of 2023/24	Actual: End of 2023/2024	2023/2024 Target	Actual: End of 2023/2024	Actual: End of 2023/2024	2023/2024 Target	Actual: End of 2023/24	Actual: End of 2023/2024	2023/2024 Target	Actual: End of 2023/24	Actual: End of 2023/2024	2023/2024 Target
MM and s57	Female	0							3	1		3	1	
	Male	0							2	1		2	1	
Councillors, senior officials and managers	Female	1							2	2		2	2	
	Male	2							2	2		2	2	
Technicians and associate professionals*	Female	0							3	2		3	2	
	Male	0							0	0		0	0	
Professionals	Female	0							3	2		3	2	
	Male	0							3	2		3	2	
Sub total	Female	1							11	7		11	7	
	Male	2							7	5		7	5	
Total		3				-	-		18	12		18	12	

*Registered with professional Associate Body e.g CA (SA)

T 4.5.1

4.5.2 MFMA Competencies

In terms of section 83(1) of the MFMA, the Accounting Officer, Senior Managers, the Chief Financial Officer, Non-financial Managers and other financial officials of a municipality must meet the prescribed financial management competency levels that are key to the successful implementation of the Municipal Finance Management Act. National Treasury has prescribed such financial management competencies in Government Notice 493 dated 15 June 2007.

To assist the above-mentioned officials to acquire the prescribed financial competencies, NT, with the collaboration of various stakeholders and role players in the Local Government sphere, developed an outcome based NQF level 6 qualifications in municipal finance management. In terms of the Government Notice 493 of 15 June 200017, "(1) No Municipality or municipal entity may, with effect 1 January employ a person as a financial official if that person does not meet the competency level prescribed for the relevant position in terms of these Regulation".

The table below provides details of the financial competency development progress as required by the regulation:

Financial Competency Development: Progress Report*						
Description	A. Total number of officials employed by municipality (Regulation 14(4)(a) and (c))	B. Total number of officials employed by municipal entities (Regulation 14(4)(a) and (c))	Consolidate d: Total of A and B	Consolidated: Competency assessments completed for A and B (Regulation 14(4)(b) and (d))	Consolidate d: Total number of officials whose performance agreements comply with Regulation 16 (Regulation 14(4)(f))	Consolidated: Total number of officials that meet prescribed competency levels (Regulation 14(4)(e))
Financial Officials	4					
Accounting officer	0					
Chief financial officer	0					
Senior managers	0					
Any other financial officials	0					
Supply Chain Management Officials	0					
Heads of supply chain management units	0					
Supply chain management senior managers	0					
TOTAL	4					
* This is a statutory report under the National Treasury: Local Government: MFMA Competency Regulations (June 2007)						

T 4.5.2

Skills Development Expenditure: 2023-2024						
Management level	Gender	Employees as at the beginning of the financial year	Skills Development			
		No.	Learnerships	Skills programmes & other short courses	Other forms of learning/ training	Total
MM and S57	Female	0				
	Male	0				
Legislators, senior officials and managers	Female	1				
	Male	2				
Professionals	Female	0				
	Male	0				
Technicians and associate professionals	Female	0				
	Male	0				
Clerks	Female	0				
	Male	0				
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	Female	0				
	Male	0				
Elementary occupations	Female	0				
	Male	0				
Sub total	Female	1				
	Male	2				
Total		3				
*% and *R value of municipal salaries (original budget) allocated for workplace skills plan.						*
NB. Portion of the allocation was used in profile searching, purchasing study books, catering and also for accommodation						

COMMENT ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED EXPENDITURE AND ON THE FINANCIAL COMPETENCY REGULATIONS:

Training and skills development interventions are mainly aimed at increasing the knowledge, proficiency, ability and skills of MLM Human Capital to improve bottom line performance. MLM Training Plan is informed by key strategic documents such as IDP and internal Skills Audit Results as well as the National Treasury Minimum Competency Regulations of 2007. September 2015 was set by National Treasury as the final deadline by which compliance at the various sectorial and professional work levels must be achieved.

In terms of Section 83 (1) of the MFMA, the accounting officer, senior managers, the chief financial officer, nonfinancial managers and other financial officials of a municipality must meet the prescribed financial management competency levels that are key to the successful implementation of the Municipal Finance Management Act. National Treasury has prescribed such financial management competencies in Government Notice 493 dated 15 June 2007.

The training plans specifically focus on the underneath aspects:

- **NEEDS ORIENTATED:**

It is important to align all training and development programs with needs based on post requirements, the tasks to be performed, and based on the performance gaps of the incumbent. The primary objective is to improve skills, knowledge, attitudes and values. These are to be specific and must at all-time indicate what the staff member should be able to demonstrate. At all times must individual, department needs and Municipality objectives be aligned in order to achieve the maximum.

- **OUTCOME BASED ORIENTATED:**

Here the emphasis is on outcomes, i.e. what the employee becomes and understands. The direct aim is to develop analytical thinking, improved attitudes, understanding and mastering skills. The main focus therefore is on the results expected at the end of a learning process, called the outcomes and the processes that will take the employee to these ends.

- **COMPETENCY BASED ORIENTATED:**

This is based on the identification of operational training and development needs, emanating from the strategic plan and the objectives of the Municipality. These learning modules, with specific training and development objectives, can subsequently be combined to determine if the employees met the training and development needs, and if the employees have the competency to apply the skill effectively.

T4.5.4

COMPONENT D: MANAGING THE WORKFORCE EXPENDITURE

INTRODUCTION TO WORKFORCE EXPENDITURE

Section 66 of the MSA states that the Accounting Officer of a Municipality must report to the Council on all expenditure incurred by the Municipality on staff salaries, wages, allowances and benefits. This is in line with the requirements of the Public Service Regulations, (2002), as well as National Treasury Budget and Reporting Regulations SA22 and SA23.

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4.6 EMPLOYEE EXPENDITURE

Source: MBRR SA22

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COMMENT ON WORKFORCE EXPENDITURE:

The strict control of the workforce budget enables the municipality to implement and achieve the pre-determined objectives as set out in the IDP because all vacant and budgeted posts will be fill immediately the vacancy arise. The workforce budget is spent with the parameters of the approved budget. Appointment is done in terms of the requirements of the post because the salary package is commensurate to the experience and qualifications of the post.

T4.6.1.1

Number Of Employees Whose Salaries Were Increased Due To Their Positions Being Upgraded		
Beneficiaries	Gender	Total
Lower skilled (Levels 1-2)	Female	0
	Male	0
Skilled (Levels 3-5)	Female	0
	Male	0
Highly skilled production (Levels 6-8)	Female	0
	Male	0
Highly skilled supervision (Levels 9-12)	Female	0
	Male	0
Senior management (Levels 13-16)	Female	0
	Male	0
MM and S 57	Female	0
	Male	0

Total	0
Those with disability are shown in brackets '(x)' in the 'Number of beneficiaries' column as well as in the numbers at the right hand side of the column (as illustrated above).	
T 4.6.2	

Employees Whose Salary Levels Exceed The Grade Determined By Job Evaluation				
Occupation	Number of employees	Job evaluation level	Remuneration level	Reason for deviation
None	N/A			
T 4.6.3				

Employees appointed to posts not approved				
Department	Level	Date of appointment	No. appointed	Reason for appointment when no established post exist
None	N/a	-	-	-
T 4.6.4				

COMMENT ON UPGRADED POSTS AND THOSE THAT ARE AT VARIANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE:

No posts were upgraded during the year under review.

T4.6.5

DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

The Municipality requires employees and Councillors to disclose financial interest annually. These disclosure forms are recorded and kept at Supply chain, and all these disclosure forms were requested by the AG and submitted as such.

T4.6.6

CHAPTER 5 – FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INTRODUCTION

This financial overview presents the brief summary of the financial performance of the municipality for the financial year under review. The detailed financial performance, financial position and cash flow activities of the municipality are presented in the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024. The municipality has during the financial year, strived to comply with the requirements of the relevant legislative prescripts and the guidelines set by the National Treasury in as far as financial management is concerned.

The municipality managed the budget process effectively and adhered to the time frames as set out by the Municipal Finance Management Act. The Budget Steering Committee was established and meetings of the committee were effectively held. Other success factors for the financial year 2023-2024 are amongst others being able to monitor and report effectively on the budgets as well as the submission of the Annual Financial Statements on time.

Chapter 5 contains information regarding financial performance and highlights specific accomplishments. The chapter comprises of three components:

- Component A: Statement of Financial Performance
- Component B: Spending Against Capital Budget
- Component C: Other Financial Matters

The original capital budget for the 2023-2024 was R54 967 000 and during the adjustment budget it was increased to R67 024 999 the actual expenditure incurred amounts to R55 035 046.

T5.0.1

COMPONENT A: STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements presented in this report are presented on the basis that the municipality is a going concern. The principles of GRAP have been taken into consideration when preparing these annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been prepared in-house and have been submitted on time as prescribed in the Municipal Finance Management Act to the Auditor General.

Analyzing the financial position of the municipality as outlined in the statement of financial position, in the annual financial statements, the municipality is still financially viable. The municipality has maintained a sustainable and sufficient asset base, despite the fact that providing enough for repairs and maintenance remains a challenge.

T5.1.0

5.1 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Statement of Financial Performance will form part of the Audited Financial Statement

COMMENT ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

The municipality's total expenditure was not within the approved budget during the year under review. *The municipal's total expenditure budget was R 177 673 719 and there was an adjustment made R 191 024 826 with total actuals of R 204 580 771. There was an overspending of R 13 555 945 which is -7%. This was due to an unfunded budget.*

T5.1.3

5.2 GRANTS

Operating transfers and grants for the financial year 2023/24 were received as per DoRA, except for EPWP grant according to Dora the municipal allocation for 2023/2024 was R 950 000 but the municipality only received R 712 000, this is due to lack of reporting.

T5.2.2

COMMENT ON CONDITIONAL GRANTS AND GRANT RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES:

The municipality received both Capital and operational grant from the district municipality (FBDM). *The original capital budget was R 3 000 000 and there was an adjustment of R 4 745 000 which was spent, with Operational grant the original allocation was R 1 800 000 with actuals of R 6 220 682 which is equals to what the district funded the municipality with.*

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5.3 ASSET MANAGEMENT**INTRODUCTION TO ASSET MANAGEMENT**

T5.3.1

TREATMENT OF THE THREE LARGEST ASSETS ACQUIRED 2023/24				
Asset 1				
Name	TRANSFORMER			
Description	EXTERNAL TRANSFORMER			
Asset Type	ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET			
Key Staff Involved	ELECTRICITY TECHNICIAN			
Staff Responsibilities	MAINTAINING THE FUNCTIONING OF ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK			
Asset Value	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	0	0	R627 198.00	R830 044.25

Capital Implications	ASSET NEEDS TO BE REPLACED			
Future Purpose of Asset	THE ASSET WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED IN THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK			
Describe Key Issues	REPAIR AND MINTENANCE ISSUES			
Policies in Place to Manage Asset	THERE IS AN ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY IN PLACE			
Asset 2				
Name	MINI SUB			
Description	TRANSFORMER MINI SUB			
Asset Type	ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET			
Key Staff Involved	ELECTRICITY TECHNICIAN			
Staff Responsibilities	MAINTAINING THE FUNCTIONING OF ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK			
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Asset Value	0	0	0	0
Capital Implications	ASSET NEEDS TO BE REPLACED			
Future Purpose of Asset	THE ASSET WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED IN THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK			
Describe Key Issues	REPAIR AND MINTENANCE ISSUES			
Policies in Place to Manage Asset	THERE IS AN ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY IN PLACE.			
Asset 3				
Name	PIPE			
Description	UPVC PIPE			
Asset Type	WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET			
Key Staff Involved	WATER INFRASTRUCYURE MANAGER			
Staff Responsibilities	MAINTAINING WATER NETWORK			
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
2018/19	0	0	0	0
Capital Implications				
Future Purpose of Asset	THE ASSET WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED IN THE WATER NETWORK UNTIL ITS DISPOSAL			
Describe Key Issues	NONE			
Policies in Place to Manage Asset	THERE IS AN ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY IN PLACE.			
T 5.3.2				

T 5.3.2

Magareng Local Municipality has compiled the fixed asset register for the year 2022/23 and will be audited by the Office of the Auditor General.

T5.3.3

Repair and Mainance Expenditure: 2022/23				
R' 000				
	Original Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual	Budget variance%
Repairs and Maintenance Expenditure	R 12 920 000	R 12 820 000	R9 980 573	-22%

T 5.3.4

COMMENT ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE:

The Municipality have budgeted an amount of R12 820 000. The expenditure incurred as at 30 June 2024 amounts R9 980 573 which results in an under spending against the budgeted amount.

T 5.3.4.1

5.4 FINANCIAL RATIOS BASED ON KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Employee Cost = $R\ 51\ 783\ 046 / 191\ 024\ 826 \times 100 = 27\%$

T 5.4.1

Repairs & Maintenance = $R\ 9\ 980\ 573 / 191\ 024\ 826 \times 100 = 5\%$

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Finance Charges & Impairment = $R\ 3\ 377\ 279 / 191\ 024\ 826 \times 100 = 2\%$

T 5.4.3

COMMENT ON FINANCIAL RATIOS:

T 5.4.4

COMPONENT B: SPENDING AGAINST CAPITAL BUDGET**INTRODUCTION TO SPENDING AGAINST CAPITAL BUDGET**

T 5.5.0

5.5 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Information will form part of the Annual Financial Statement.

T 5.5.1

5.6 SOURCES OF FINANCE

COMMENT ON SOURCES OF FUNDING:

Magareng Local Municipality is mostly reliant on government grants for service delivery related projects.

T5.6.1.1

5.7 CAPITAL SPENDING ON 5 LARGEST PROJECTS

Capital Expenditure of 5 largest projects*					
R' 000					
Name of Project	Current: 2023/2024			Variance: 2023/24	
	Original Budget	Adjustment Budget	Actual Expenditure	Original Variance (%)	Adjustment variance (%)
A – Water Treatment(RBiG)	R20 000 000		R1 358 003	-86%	-
B –Water reticulation Ditshotshwaneng	R19 515 000		R 9 122 119	-7%	-
C – Construction of 1.7km gravity Fed bulkwater supply	R12 452 000		R8 637 035	38%	-
* Projects with the highest capital expenditure in 2021//2002					
Name of Project - A	Upgrading of Warrenton Water Treatment Works.				
Objective of Project	Refurbish and upgrade major processing units that will increase the capacity from 9ML/d to 12ML/d.				
Delays	Protests				
Future Challenges	Rainfall and vandalism				
Anticipated citizen benefits	Sustainable water supply				
Name of Project - B	1.7km Bulkwater Gravity-fed pipeline				
Objective of Project	Construction of New 1.7 km Bulkwater pipeline from Warrenton Water Treatment Works to main pump station				
Delays	Environmental and Sanral compliance matters				
Future Challenges	High water level of the Vaal River				
Anticipated citizen benefits	Increased capacity of the bulkwater infrastructure in Magareng				
Name of Project - C	Ikhuseng Sports Stadium				
Objective of Project	To provide sport facilities to the community of Ikhuseng				
Delays	Covid-19 restrictions				
Future Challenges	Covid-19				
Anticipated citizen benefits	New sports facilities				
Name of Project - D					
Objective of Project					
Delays					
Future Challenges					
Anticipated citizen benefits					
Name of Project - E					
Objective of Project					
Delays					
Future Challenges					
Anticipated citizen benefits					

COMMENT ON CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Capital projects are funded through Government grants; Water Service Infrastructure Grant, Municipal Infrastructure Grant and Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant

T5.7.1.1

5.8 BASIC SERVICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOGS– OVERVIEW**INTRODUCTION TO BASIC SERVICE AND INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOGS**

No comments provided

T5.8.1

Service Backlogs as at 30 June 2021				
	*Service level above minimum standard		**Service level below minimum standard	
	No. HHs	% HHs	No. HHs	% HHs
Water	5052	77	1500	23
Sanitation	5052	77	1500	23
Electricity	5052	77	1500	23
Waste management		%		
Housing		%		%
% HHs are the service above/below minimum standard as a proportion of total HHs. 'Housing' refers to * formal and ** informal settlements.				

T 5.8.2

Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)* Expenditure 2023/24 on Service backlogs						
Details	Budget	Adjustments Budget	Actual	Variance		Major conditions applied by donor (continue below if necessary)
				Budget	Adj Budget	
Infrastructure -						
Water treatment plant	R22 258 000	R0	R26 984 536	142%	-	
Storm water						
highmast lights						
Community halls						
Sports Facilities						

<i>Economic Hubs</i>						
Total						
						<i>T 5.8.3</i>

COMMENT ON BACKLOGS:

The MLM's annual budget for infrastructure development is unable to address backlogs.

*T5.8.4***APPENDIX O – CAPITAL PROGRAMME BY PROJECT BY WARD 2023/24**

Capital Programme by Project by Ward: 2023/24			R' 000
Capital Project	Ward(s) affected		Works completed (Yes/No)
Upgrading of Warrenton WTW		1-5	Yes
1.7km Bulkwaterpiepline		1-5	Yes
Ikhutseng Sports Stadium		3,4&5	Yes
New Internal Water Reticulation network in Ditshotshwaneng , Rabatji&Sonderwater		4&5	No
Emergency repairs to the Warrenton WWTW and surrounding pumpstations		1-5	No

COMPONENT C: CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENTS

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5.9 CASH FLOW

Cash Flow Statement to be included once the AFS audited

COMMENT ON CASH FLOW OUTCOMES:

No borrowings

T5.9.1.1

5.10 BORROWING AND INVESTMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO BORROWING AND INVESTMENTS

Non borrowings

T5.10.1

COMMENT ON BORROWING AND INVESTMENTS:

No new loans were taken up in the financial year under review.

T5.10.5

5.11 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

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COMPONENT D: OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.12 SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Supply Chain Management Unit is established according to Section 111 of the MFMA that states that the municipality has to adopt and implement SCM Policy. Supply Chain Management System of the municipality provides a mechanism to ensure fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective procurement whilst promoting black economic empowerment.

T5.12.1

5.13 GRAP COMPLIANCE

Magareng LM have compiled the annual financial statements and Fixed Asset register in accordance to GRAP standards.

T5.13.1

T6.0.1

COMPONENT A: AUDITOR-GENERAL OPINION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS2021/22

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GLOSSARY

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COMPONENT B: AUDITOR-GENERAL OPINION 2023/24 (CURRENT YEAR)

6.2 AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT 2023/24

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AUDITOR-GENERAL
SOUTH AFRICA

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Magareng Local Municipality

2022-23

Date: 30 November 2023

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INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this management report is to communicate the outcomes of the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, as well as the insights and significant matters that require the attention of the accounting officer. The report should be read with the engagement letter, which sets out our responsibilities as well as the standards and processes we apply in performing our audits.
2. The auditor's report is finalised only after the management report has been communicated. All matters included in this report that relate to the auditor's report remain in draft form until the final auditor's report has been signed.
3. We communicated our audit findings and recommendations for improvement to management and obtained their responses throughout the audit. This report is a comprehensive summary of what we shared with management. In **annexure D**, we provide a summary of detailed findings communicated to management.
4. The management report is structured as follows:
 - In **section 1** we share the overall audit outcomes and the status of material irregularities. We also summarise the material irregularities in **annexure F**.
 - In **section 2** we provide the most significant matters from the audit and their impact, which we detail further in the annexures. Where appropriate, we also include:
 - significant deficiencies in internal control that caused the findings we report: significant internal control deficiencies occur when internal controls do not exist; are not appropriately designed or implemented; or are not operating as intended to prevent – or to promptly detect and correct – material misstatements, non-compliance or non-performance. In **annexure C** we expand on the state of internal control.
 - key recommendations and the responses received from management on implementing the recommendations.
 - In **section 3** we include observations on the overall internal control environment and the role of the accountability ecosystem, as well as key recommendations and responses from management.
 - In **section 4** we provide our view of the root causes of deficiencies in the overall internal control environment, as well as recommendations for the [party responsible] to address the root causes.
 - We end the report with a **conclusion**.

We trust the insights and recommendations in this report will be of value in your pursuit towards building and leading a municipality that is accountable and transparent, has institutional integrity, and performs at a level that has a positive impact on the lives of South Africans.

SECTION 1: AUDIT OUTCOMES AND MATERIAL IRREGULARITIES

OVERALL AUDIT OUTCOMES

5. The overall audit outcome of the municipality is qualified with findings. This is the same as the previous year's audit outcome.

Audit results per outcome area

Outcome area	Movement	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Financial statements	▶		[Colour]	
Annual performance report				
National KPA 1 – Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Development	▲			
Compliance with legislation				
Expenditure Management	▶			
Revenue Management	▶			
Annual financial statements, performance reports and annual reports	▶			
Consequence Management	▶			
Utilisation of conditional grants	▶			
Procurement and Contract Management	▶			
Asset Management	▶			
Strategic planning and performance management	▶			
Human Resource Management				

	Unqualified / No material findings		Qualified		Adverse		Disclaimed		Material findings		Not audited
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▲	Improvement	▼	Regression	▶	Unchanged
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6. The municipality's audit outcome has been stagnant with repeat findings on compliance related themes. This indicates that that the Accounting officer is not taking reasonable steps to ensure that repeat findings do not re-occur.
7. We provide further insight into the audit outcomes, the root causes of weaknesses and our recommendations in the rest of this report.

8. Annexure E lists matters that will affect future financial statements, annual performance reports and compliance with legislation.

MATERIAL IRREGULARITIES

9. Since we began implementing the material irregularity process, we have identified 2(two) material irregularities at the municipality.

Status of material irregularities

Year of notification	Total	Resolved	Appropriate actions	Following up actions taken	AGSA further actions	Notification response not yet due	Assessing response
2023	2	0	1	0	1	0	0

10. The material irregularities above were issued in the current year, one related to the use of consultants and one related to unauthorized debit orders.

Use of consultants

- Management has been responsive in their attempt to resolve the MI as raised. Management has provided a consultancy reduction plan to reduce the use of consultants over a period of three (3) years, however the consultancy reduction plan requires additional information such as the training plan, how the consultants will transfer skills to municipal staff members etc to enable the AGSA to follow up on the municipality's plan on reducing the use of consultants

Unauthorized debit orders.

- The municipality has been responsive in trying to resolve the MI as raised, and has taken steps to recover the money from the bank which includes but is not limited to requesting the bank to reverse the debit orders, for the bank to investigate the initiator of the transactions by contacting the initiating bank. The bank has managed to reverse most of the money that was debited from the municipality's bank. A determination subsequent to the notification was provided, which indicates that the municipality is taking appropriate action.
11. The auditor's report will detail all material irregularities as detailed above,
12. The auditor will continue with the MI progress by following up on the steps taken by the municipality in resolving the MI as well as provide feedback on any completed Material irregularities or material irregularities approved for further action.

SECTION 2: SIGNIFICANT MATTERS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Audit results

13. The financial statements were submitted to us for auditing on 31 August 2023.
14. We identified material misstatements in the financial statements submitted for auditing. The material misstatements constitute non-compliance with the MFMA. The non-compliance will be reported as a material finding in the auditor's report.

Material misstatements not corrected

Accounting standard / legislation	Nature	Value	Description	Prior-year misstatements	
				2021-22	2020-21
Expenditure					
GRAP	Overstatement	R2 714 592	Inventory consumed incorrect classification (COMAF 10: ISS.87)		
Interest income- exchange					
GRAP	Overstatement	R6 514 267	Interest calculation not according to policy COMAF 14;ISS 36		
GRAP	Understatement	R65 414	Interest non-exchange transactions: There is material misstatement on the amount of calculations (COMAF 19:ISS 70)		
Revenue service charges					
GRAP	Understatement	R7 256 165	Service charges- Not billed for 12 months (COMAF 25: ISS.84)		
Irregular expenditure					
MFMA	Understatement	R125 400	Reason for deviation assessed as not valid (COMAF 20: ISS 81)		
Prior year findings					
GRAP	Understatement	R2 078 562	Prior year follow-ups Debtors not billed for the water for 12 months (COMAF 6: ISS 75)		
GRAP	understatement	R4 664 389	Prior year follow up (ISS.76): Revenue from exchange transactions :Water - Difference between consumption as per the meter book and debtor's statement (COMAF 6: ISS.37)		

Accounting standard / legislation	Nature	Value	Description	Prior-year misstatements	
				2021-22	2020-21
GRAP	Understatement	R317 663	Prior year follow up (ISS.83): Revenue from exchange transactions : Conventional Electricity - Incorrect tariff used (COMAF 6: ISS 38)		
GRAP	Overstated	R1 128 721	Prior year follow up (ISS.84): Revenue from exchange transactions : Conventional Electricity - Differences between the auditor's calculation and debtor's statement (COMAF 6: ISS.39)		
GRAP	Understatement	R194 533	Prior year follow up (ISS.108): Revenue from Exchange transactions : Debtors not billed for refuse removal for the 2021/2022 financial period (COMAF 6:ISS 40)		
GRAP	Understatement	R56 438	Prior year follow up(ISS.77): Revenue from exchange transactions : Water - Incorrect tariff used (COMAF 6:ISS 43)		
GRAP	Overstated	R813 905	Prior year follow up(ISS.82): Revenue from exchange transactions : Conventional Electricity - Difference between meter book and debtor's statement (COMAF 6: ISS 44)		
GRAP	understatement	R695 154	Prior year fellow (ISS 194) Receivables from exchange transaction: Conventional Electricity (COMAF 8:ISS 67)		
GRAP	Understatement	R 433 123	Prior year follow-up (ISS 218):Receivables from non-exchange transaction: Amount as per General Ledger not agreeing to the AFS (COMAF 8:ISS 68)		

	Uncorrected		Corrected		No prior-year misstatement
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15. The material misstatements that were not corrected formed the basis for the modified opinion on the financial statements and will be reported in the auditor's report.

Material misstatements corrected

Accounting standard / legislation	Nature	Value	Description	Prior-year misstatements	
				2021-22	2020-21
Expenditure					
GRAP	Understatement	R3 009 126	Not all expenditure has been recorded(COMAF 5- ISS.23)		
GRAP	Limitation	R6 519 950	Prior year emerging risk- Auditor cannot confirm the occurrence of the bulk water (COMAF 22: ISS.7)		
GRAP	Limitation	R23 257 242	Prior year emerging risk- Auditor cannot confirm the occurrence of the bulk electricity (COMAF 22: ISS.7)		
GRAP	Understatement	R6 514 267	Interest calculation not in accordance with policy- Interest from exchange		
GRAP	Understatement	R3 020 068	Interest calculation not in accordance with policy- Interest from non-exchange		
Employee related costs					
GRAP	Understatement	R122 297	Overtime hours and rate that was used for overtime calculation not accurately recorded.(COMAF 23 ISS 27)		
PPE-					
GRAP	Understatement	R12 988 913	PPE disposed without council approval(COMAF 11: ISS.48)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R33 205 432	Classification on error on loss of disposal (COMAF 11: ISS.95)		
IGRAP 18	Understatement	R2 819 502	Land disposal: Disposal could not be evaluated based on the requirements of iGrap 18 (COMAF 11:ISS 77)		
GRAP	Understatement	R928 034	Building Disposal: Management did not provide detailed support to support disposal (COMAF 11:ISS 79)		
GRAP	Understatement	R54 5017,38	Incorrect asset included as disposal (COMAF 11: ISS 50)		
Investment Properties					
GRAP	Understatement	R1 309 200	Investment impairment performed incorrectly(COMAF 11:ISS 83)		

Accounting standard / legislation	Nature	Value	Description	Prior-year misstatements	
				2021-22	2020-21
Receivables					
GRAP	Understatement	R6 514 267	Interest calculation is not according to the policy (COMAF 14;ISS 36)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R965 085	Receivables increased by incorrect amount (COMAF 14;ISS 72)		
GRAP	Understatement	R1 025 053	The property rates receivable balance in age analysis does not agree to amount in financial statements (COMAF 19:ISS 102)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R599 159	Other receivables: Control deficiency: Suspense account not cleared		
GRAP	Overstatement	R185 132	Fines receipt added to the fines balance(COMAF 25: ISS 105)		
Revenue from non-exchange					
GRAP	Overstatement	R213 258	Classification error-Contributed PPE (COMAF 17:ISS 31)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R1 650 282	MIG-Incorrectly transferred all liability to revenue in the GL (COMAF 17:ISS 49)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R90 000	Contributed PPE - Assets recognised using purchase order amount instead of the invoice amount (COMAF 17:ISS 73)		
Revenue service charges					
GRAP	Overstatement	R66 781	Electricity: Differences noted in the calculations of the billing amount (COMAF 25: ISS. 76)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R657 796	Service Charges(water and Sanitation): Differences noted between billing per system and auditors recalculations (COMAF 25: ISS.85)		
GRAP	Limitation	Unquantifiable	Prepaid electricity		
Segment report					
GRAP			Segment report not included in the AFS (COMAF 2: ISS 15)		

Accounting standard / legislation	Nature	Value	Description	Prior-year misstatements	
				2021-22	2020-21
Principal Agent					
GRAP			Principal agent not disclosed in the AFS (Identified by client- response to ISS.15)		
Irregular expenditure					
MFMA	Understatement	R387 362	Reason for deviation assessed as not valid (COMAF 20: ISS 81)		
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure					
MFMA	Understatement	R61 550	SCM -Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure (COMAF 20: ISS 32)		
Unauthorized expenditure					
MFMA	Understatement	R167 077	EPWP-Overspending (COMAF 17:ISS 60)		
MFMA	Understatement	R8 285 864	Conditional Grants - Non-compliance with DoRA (COMAF 21 ISS 110)		
Prior year findings					
GRAP	Understatement	R2 078 562	Prior year follow-ups Debtors not billed for the water for 12 months (COMAF 6: ISS 75)		
GRAP	understatement	R4 664 389	Prior year follow up (ISS.76): Revenue from exchange transactions :Water - Difference between consumption as per the meter book and debtor's statement (COMAF 6: ISS.37)		
GRAP	Understatement	R317 663	Prior year follow up (ISS.83): Revenue from exchange transactions : Conventional Electricity - Incorrect tariff used (COMAF 6: ISS 38)		
GRAP	Overstated	R1 128 721	Prior year follow up (ISS.84): Revenue from exchange transactions : Conventional Electricity - Differences between the auditor's calculation and debtor's statement (COMAF 6: ISS.39)		
GRAP		R194 533	Prior year follow up (ISS.108): Revenue from Exchange		

Accounting standard / legislation	Nature	Value	Description	Prior-year misstatements	
				2021-22	2020-21
	Understatement		transactions : Debtors not billed for refuse removal for the 2021/2022 financial period (COMAF 6:ISS 40)		
GRAP	Understatement	R56 438	Prior year follow up(ISS.77): Revenue from exchange transactions : Water - Incorrect tariff used (COMAF 6:ISS 43)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R248 740	Prior year fellow up: Expenditure incorrectly classified (COMAF 8:ISS 64)		
GRAP	Overstated	R1 510 707	Prior year fellow up (iss 137) inventory consumed recorded in the incorrect period (COMAF 8:ISS 65)		
GRAP	Overstatement	R319 764	Prior year fellow-ups (ISS 151 and 170): Differences identified between GL and suppliers invoices (COMAF 8: ISS 66)		
GRAP	Limitation	R1 334 065	Prior year follow up: Expenditure occurrence could not be confirmed (COMAF 8:ISS 63)		
GRAP	Understatement	R 298 468	Prior year follow-up Leave accrual differences (COMAF 15:ISS 107)		

	Uncorrected		Corrected		No prior-year misstatement
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16. Some of the misstatements identified are repeat findings from the prior year, which were as a result of internal control deficiencies not being addressed and management not developing a complete comprehensive audit action plan to address issues previously raised.
17. **Impact:** The uncorrected misstatements indicates deficiencies in the overall control environment.
18. Management has however provided adjustment to resolve some of the above uncorrected misstatements.

Internal control and recommendations

19. We identified significant internal control deficiencies in financial recordkeeping and the financial statement preparation and related business processes, which caused the misstatements or could cause misstatements in future.

Significant internal control deficiencies – financial records and financial statements

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Prepare regular, accurate and complete financial and performance reports that are supported and evidenced by reliable information. Numerous misstatements were identified on the AFS including on the following components PPE, Expenditure, Revenue, segment report not included on the AFS an indication that the financial statements were not properly reviewed. Expenditure: Internal control deficiencies: Budget availability forms not attached to payment batches, the municipality's process might not be able to identify all unauthorised expenditure [Short description of deficiency]	[√]	[√]
Implement effective human resource management to ensure that adequate and sufficiently skilled resources are in place and that performance is monitored. Vacancies in Key positions and at organization level	[√]	[√]
Inadequate review and monitoring of compliance This has resulted in material non-compliance identified in the prior years as well as the current year.		

20. The significant deficiencies identified if not addressed, will result in repeat findings and the municipality's audit opinion not improving.
21. We made recommendations to improve the financial records and the financial statements preparation process to the senior management. Some of these recommendations were also made in prior years. A summary of the key recommendations and the responses received follows.

Key recommendations and responses – financial records and financial statements

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: Management must review the financial statements to ensure that all the transactions and disclosures are in accordance with the requirements of accounting framework (GRAP) Response: Management agrees to the findings raised, to implement per the auditor's recommendations.	2021-22	In progress
Recommendation: Management should exercise oversight responsibility regarding financial and performance reporting and compliance and related internal controls on the following: -Budget officer should perform budget checks on every payment before it is processed and attach proof the payment batches as proof budget checks were performed. Response: Management will implement controls of performing budget checks on every payment before its processed	2021-22	Not started
Recommendation: Compliance checklists should be put in place to ensure that management has measures in place to ensure compliance with laws and regulations applicable at the municipality. Response: Management to implement controls to ensure compliance with laws and regulations	2021-22	In progress

Information to be included in auditor's report

22. We may communicate in the auditor's report matters relating to the audit, the auditor's responsibilities and the auditor's report that are important for users of the financial statements to know about. The following matters will be included as 'other matters' in the auditor's report:

Material losses - Electricity

23. As disclosed in note 54 to the financial statements, material electricity losses to the amount of R4 067 942 (2022: R5 354 240) was incurred which represents 19% (2022: 24%) of total bulk electricity purchased.

Material losses - Water

24. As disclosed in note 54 to the financial statements, material water losses to the amount of R1 732 128 (2022: R1 991 769) was incurred which represents 80% (2022: 82%) of water purchased.

Material impairment – receivables from exchange transactions

25. As disclosed in note 6 to the financial statements, municipality reported a material impairment of R275 907 615 (2022: R256 346 610) as a result of debt impairment of receivables from exchange transactions due to non-collection of outstanding balance owed to the municipality.

Material impairment – receivables from non-exchange transactions

26. As disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements, municipality reported a material impairment of R103 759 280 (2022: R95 380 570) as a result of debt impairment of receivables from non-exchange transactions due to non-collection of outstanding balance owed to the municipality.

Restatement of corresponding figures

27. As disclosed in note 57 to the financial statements, the corresponding figures for 30 June 2022 were restated as a result of an error in the financial statements of the municipality as at 30 June 2022.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Going concern

28. Our audit included an evaluation of the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements and whether any material uncertainties exist about the municipality's ability to continue as a going concern.
29. We identified events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the municipality's ability to continue as a going concern.

Budget management

30. We tested compliance with the legislative requirements for budget management and performed tests to identify budget overspending or budgets not spent for their intended purpose. We identified findings to highlight in this area of financial management.

Budget spending

Nature	Description	Rand value		
		2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Budget not spent for intended purpose	The municipality spent money from conditional grants not in accordance with the intended purpose (Unauthorized expenditure)	R8 285 864	0	0

Findings on budget management

Finding	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
The municipality did not budget appropriately resulting in the municipality receiving a letter from National Treasury declaring their budget as unfunded. (ISS.110)	[√]	[√]

31. The municipality has for the past two(2) years, utilised funds from conditional grants to fund expenditure other than the expenditure approved per the conditions of the grants.
32. **Impact:** The use of the grants for expenditure has resulted in an increase in unauthorized expenditure per the Annual Financial Statements. This is also an indication that the municipality's infrastructure is not being upgraded/repared at the expected speed to realise a positive impact for the people of Warrenton.
33. The unauthorised expenditure incurred constitutes non-compliance with legislation. The non-compliance will be reported as a material finding in the auditor's report.
34. The unauthorised expenditure incurred was disclosed in the financial statements in the prescribed manner. As detailed in the section on financial statements, the material misstatement will be reported in the auditor's report.

Financial assessment and compliance

35. Our audit included a high-level assessment of the financial position and key financial ratios of the municipality based on its financial results to assess its going concern (as detailed earlier), and also to highlight to management those issues that may require corrective action to maintain financial stability. The financial ratios used for assessment include those that the National Treasury also apply when assessing whether a municipality is in financial distress. The assessment is intended to complement, rather than substitute, management's own financial assessment.
36. The detailed assessment is included in **annexure A**. We used the amounts and information in the financial statements to perform the assessment.
37. We concluded based on the assessment that the financial health of the municipality is concerning, which is the same as the previous year.
38. Next, we summarise the key matters identified through the assessment that require attention to improve the financial health.

Financial assessment – key matters

Revenue management

Debtors provision for impairment as a percentage of total revenue is 92% which indicates that the municipality although it is charging revenue, customers do not pay the municipality for municipal services provided.

Expenditure management

The municipality is not able to pay its creditors within 30 days as required by the MFMA S65(2)(e) which in turn results interest and penalties charged which then results in fruitless and wasteful expenditure

Asset and liability management

The municipality's current liabilities, far exceeds its current assets (A net current liability position) this indicates that the municipality is having financial constraints/difficulties and might not be able to pay its creditors as the amounts become due and payable.

Cash management

With the current municipal cash balance as well as the current commitments by the municipality, the municipality will not be able to honour it's commitments as the monthly expenditure (including employee related costs) far exceeds the cash balance as at 30 June 2023(cash coverage)

39. We identified non-compliance with legislation and other local government requirements on financial management. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.

Financial management – non-compliance

Finding	Material non-compliance	Prior years reported	
		2021-22	2020-21
Expenditure management - Payments were not made within 30 days of receiving the relevant invoice or statement, unless prescribed otherwise for certain categories of expenditure.(MFMA 65(2)(e)) - Reasonable steps were not taken to prevent irregular expenditure amounting to R20 685 834, as disclosed in note 53 to the annual financial statements, in contravention of section 62(1)(d) of the MFMA. - Reasonable steps were not taken to prevent fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R6 509 332, as disclosed in note 52 to the annual financial statements, in contravention of section 62(1)(d) of the MFMA. The disclosed fruitless and wasteful expenditure was caused by interest due to late payments. - Reasonable steps were not taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure amounting to R24 275 080, as disclosed in note 51 to the annual financial statements, in contravention of section 62(1)(d) of the MFMA. The majority of the unauthorised expenditure was caused by overspending on the approved budget.	Yes	[√]	[√]
AFS, APR, Annual report The financial statements submitted for auditing were not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the requirements of section 122(1) of the MFMA.	Yes	[√]	[√]
Revenue management - An effective system of internal control for debtors and revenue was not in place, as required by section 64(2)(f) of the MFMA. - An adequate management, accounting and information system which accounts for revenue and debtors was not in place, as required by section 64(2)(e) of the MFMA. - Revenue due to the municipality was not calculated on a monthly basis, as required by section 64(2)(b) of the MFMA - Accounts for municipal tax and charges for municipal service were not prepared on a monthly basis, as required by section 64(2)(c) of the MFMA	Yes	[√]	[√]
Strategic planning and performance management The performance management system and related controls were inadequate as it did not describe how the performance planning, monitoring, measurement, review, reporting, improvement processes should be conducted and managed, as required by municipal planning and performance management regulation 7(1).	Yes	[√]	[√]

Finding	Material non-compliance	Prior years reported	
		2021-22	2020-21
Utilisation of conditional grants - Performance in respect of programmes funded by the Municipal Infrastructure Grant, Water Services Infrastructure Grant, Local Government Financial Management Grant and Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant was not evaluated within two months after the end of the financial year, as required by section 12(5) of the Division of Revenue Act (Act 9 of 2021). - Evidence could not be obtained to confirm that the Municipal Infrastructure Grant, Water Services Infrastructure Grant, Library Development Grant as well as Municipal Disaster Relief Grant was spent for its intended purposes in accordance with the applicable grant framework, as required by section 16(1) of the Division of Revenue Act (Act 5 of 2022).	Yes	[√]	[√]
Consequence Management - Unauthorized expenditure incurred by the municipality was not investigated to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure, as required by section 32(2)(a) of the MFMA - Irregular expenditure and fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the municipality was not investigated to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure, as required by section 32(2)(b) of the MFMA	Yes	[√]	[√]

Losses

40. It is crucial for the municipality to implement the necessary disciplines to ensure that value is derived from money spent and that assets and resources are safeguarded. We identified findings to highlight in this area of financial management. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.

Disclosures on losses

Nature	Description	Rand value		
		2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure	Interest charged on overdue accounts and penalties from SARS, unauthorized debit orders	R25 553 968	R19 044 636	R14 943 934
Water distribution losses	Mega litres losses	R3 818 588	R8 177 190	R4 064 642

41. The significant water losses experienced by the municipality indicates a serious service delivery issue. This indicates that water infrastructure of the municipality is not serviced/repaired/maintained resulting in water losses which then results in water not reaching the community (water losses). In addition, to the above, the municipality is not charging some community members for water, only a basic charge is levied and this is as a result of broken meters that are not repaired/replaced by the municipality.
42. The fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred constitutes non-compliance with the MFMA. The non-compliance will be reported as a material finding in the auditor's report.

43. The fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred was disclosed in the financial statements and annual report as required. As detailed in the section on financial statements, the material misstatement in the financial statements will be reported in the auditor's report.
- The municipality is also incurring a lot of Fruitless and wasteful expenditure, and this is mainly as a **result** of the municipality not paying its creditors on time due to the municipality operating on an unfunded budget.
44. **Impact:** Lack of service delivery (services provided by the municipality), municipality incurring expenditure in vain for which money could have been utilised for service delivery.
45. Management should ensure that there are controls in place to curb the fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Management should ensure that there is an infrastructure maintenance plan more so for bulk infrastructure

Grant management

46. The municipality received grants totalling R95 234 355 to fund its programmes and projects in the current year. We audited compliance with the Division of Revenue Act and the use of the following grants:
- Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG)
 - Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)
 - Finance Management grant
 - Library Development Fund
 - Expanded Public Works Programme
 - Emergency funding- water supply
 - Frances Baard District Municipality Grant
 - Equitable shares
47. We identified findings to highlight in this area of financial management. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.

Findings on WSIG and MIG

	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Grant underspending- MIG		
Budget: R18 612 000	[√]	[√]
Underspending: R1 650 282 (9%)		
Material non-compliance		
The municipality did not within two months after the end of the financial year the municipality evaluated its performance in respect of programmes or functions funded by the MIG	[√]	[√]

	Prior years reported	
	2021 -22	2020-21
Grant underspending- WSIG		
Budget: R9 000 000	[√]	[√]
Underspending: R1 890 725 (21%)		
Material non-compliance		
The municipality did not within two months after the end of the financial year the municipality evaluated its performance in respect of programmes or functions funded by the WSIG.	[√]	[√]

48. Although 21% of the budget on WSIG was not spent, a finding was not raised as the underspent occurred due to the fact that the municipality had to cancel a contract with an underperforming supplier which resulted in the originally budgeted amount being underspent.
49. We audited a selection of key projects funded by the grants. Our findings are included in the section on key projects.

Internal control and recommendations

50. We identified significant internal control deficiencies, which caused the weaknesses in financial management and performance as reported.

Significant internal control deficiencies – financial management

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021 -22	2020-21
Inadequate review and monitoring of compliance This has resulted in material non-compliance identified in the prior years as well as the current year. Lack of proper budget management and compliance monitoring which results in the municipality utilising grants for purposes not intended	[√]	[√]

PERFORMANCE PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

Overall performance planning and management

51. We tested whether the municipality's performance planning and management processes, integrated development plan (IDP) and service delivery and budget implementation plan (SDBIP) complied with the key requirements from legislation.
52. We did not identify findings. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.

Audit of annual performance report

53. The SDBIP and annual performance report were submitted to us for auditing on 7 August 2023 and 31 August 2023, respectively.
54. As detailed in the engagement letter, we undertook a reasonable assurance engagement on specific development priorities selected for auditing. We will report only the material findings in the auditor's report and not the audit conclusions as included in **section 1**.
55. We selected the following development priority for auditing:
- Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Development
56. Core mandate in relation to the Development priority scoped in for audit was to eradicate backlogs in order to improve access to services and ensure proper operations and maintenance.
57. We evaluated the reported performance information for the selected development priority against the criteria developed from the performance management and reporting framework. When an annual performance report is prepared using these criteria, it provides useful and reliable information and insights to users of the report on the municipality's planning and delivery on its mandate and objectives.
58. We performed procedures to test whether:
- the indicators used for planning and reporting on performance can be linked directly to the municipality's mandate and the achievement of its planned objectives
 - the indicators are well defined and verifiable to ensure that they are easy to understand and consistently applied, and that we can confirm the methods and processes to be used for measuring achievements
 - the targets can be linked directly to the achievement of the indicators and are specific, time bound and measurable to ensure that it is easy to understand what should be delivered and by when, the required level of performance, as well as how performance will be evaluated
 - the indicators and targets reported on in the annual performance report are the same as those committed to in the approved initial or revised planning documents
 - the reported performance information is presented in the annual performance report in the prescribed manner
 - there is adequate supporting evidence for the achievements reported and for the measures included that are taken to improve performance .
59. We also performed procedures to test whether:
- the overall presentation of the performance information in the annual performance report is comparable and understandable
 - the indicators used for planning and reporting are complete by considering the core functions of the municipality as defined by its mandate, the prioritisation for delivery on those core functions and any applicable standardised indicators.

We will not report material findings on these matters in the current year's auditor's report, but such findings will be included from **2023-24**.

Audit results – KPA 1: Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Development

60. We identified material misstatements in the reported performance information in the annual performance report submitted for auditing.

Percentage completed on the Upgrading of Magareng Multipurpose Sporting Facility (Ikhuseng) – Phase 2				
Indicator inconsistent between the SDBIP and APR				
Uncorrected	Corrected	No prior-year misstatement	Indicator not audited/included in annual performance report	

61. The material misstatements that were not corrected will be reported in the auditor's report. These misstatements formed the basis for the modified opinion.

Material misstatements corrected

Description		Prior-year misstatements	
		2021-22	2020-21
Percentage completed on new internal water reticulation network construction in Ditshotshwaneng, Rabaki and Sonderwater by June 2022			
Indicator inconsistent between the SDBIP and APR			
Repairs to the Warrenton WWTW and Surrounding Pumpstations			
KPI not measurable			
Understatement of actual performance in the APR per auditor recalculation			
Number of basic service delivery vehicles and equipment procured by 30 June 2023			
Overstatement of actual performance in the APR per auditor recalculation			
Percentage completed on the Upgrading of Magareng Multipurpose Sporting Facility (Ikhuseng) – Phase 2			
Indicator inconsistent between the SDBIP and APR			

Uncorrected	Corrected	No prior-year misstatement	Indicator not audited/included in prior-year annual performance report
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Information to be included in auditor's report

62. We may communicate in the auditor's report matters about the audit, the auditor's responsibilities and the auditor's report that are important for users of the annual performance report to know about. We will include information on the corrections to the material misstatements in the submitted annual performance report in the 'other matters' section in the auditor's report.

Internal control and recommendations

63. We identified significant internal control deficiencies, which caused the weaknesses in the performance planning, management and reporting processes as reported.

Significant internal control deficiencies – performance planning, management and reporting

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Presentation and disclosure – Adjustment made to the SDBIP impacted the numbering of the indicators resulting in KPI 6 being missing (human error)	[√]	[√]

64. We made recommendations to improve the performance planning, management and reporting process to the senior management. Some of these recommendations were also made in prior years. A summary of the key recommendations and the responses received follows.

Key recommendations and responses – performance planning, management and reporting

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: Management should implement controls over the monthly processing and reconciliation of performance information Response: Management agrees and will implement the measures as recommended by the auditors	2022-23	In progress

ACHIEVEMENT OF PLANNED TARGETS

65. As disclosed in the annual performance report not all of the planned targets were achieved for the development priority we selected for auditing.
66. We will draw the attention of oversight to the non-achievement of key service delivery indicators by including the table that follows in the 'other matters' section in the auditor's report, with reference to the pages in the annual performance report where the measures for improvement are included.

Service delivery indicators not achieved – Service delivery indicators not achieved – KPA 1: Basic Service Delivery and Infrastructure Development

Targets achieved: (2) 40% Budget spent: [R22 986182] 51%		
Key service delivery indicators not achieved	Planned target	Reported achievement
Percentage completed on the upgrading of the Warrenton Water Treatment Works by end June 2023	[10%]	0%
Repairs to the Warrenton WWTW and surrounding Pumpstations	100%	79.9%
Percentage completed on the Upgrading of Magareng Multipurpose Sporting Facility (IkhuTseng) – Phase 2	50%	0%

67. Targets were not achieved due to the following reasons:

- Termination of contractor as a result of poor performance
- Delays due to Eskom's installation of transformer
- Project implementation delays from DSAC and MIG

OTHER INFORMATION IN ANNUAL REPORT

68. We did not audit the information in the annual report except for the financial statements and the development priority in the annual performance report selected for auditing.

69. However, the auditing standards require us to read the unaudited information and consider whether it is materially inconsistent with the information we audited or the knowledge we obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

70. This procedure will be performed upon receipt of the annual report. We will report this in the auditor's report and indicate that any material misstatements identified when we receive it that are not corrected might result in us retracting the auditor's report and reissuing an amended report.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

71. We selected key infrastructure projects for assessment over their project life cycle. We tested whether the projects are planned, implemented, managed and commissioned efficiently, effectively and economically. The following projects were assessed:

* New internal Water Reticulation – Phase 2

* Refurbishment of Warrenton WWTW and Surrounding Pumpstation

* Upgrading of Multipurpose Sporting Facility

* Upgrading of Water Treatment Plant

72. We did not identify significant findings on the key projects.

New Internal Water Reticulation

73. The areas of Ditshotshwaneng, Rabatji & Sonderwater are informal settlements that were developed in the last couple of years, there are no water services infrastructure available in these areas. It is recommended that a new water reticulation system be constructed in these areas

* Objective: Internal water reticulation network in Ditshotshwaneng, Rabatji & Sonderwater

* Budget cost: R14 082 473.35 (Phase 2 and 3)

* Expenditure to date: R9 671 242

Repairs to the Warrenton WWTW and Surrounding Pumpstations

74. The purpose is to improve sustainability of services and provide intermediate water and sanitation projects that would ensure the provision of services

* Objective: Refurbishment of the Warrenton Waste Water Treatment Works and Surrounding Pumpstations

* Budget cost: R9 000 000 (WSIG Allocation)

* Expenditure to date: R7 352 353

Upgrading of Sporting Facility (Ikhutseng)

75. The purpose of the project is to provide the community with a sports and recreational facility to support the development of sporting skills, to enhance physical wellness, stimulate and create opportunities for communal activities in the form of spectator cohesion, to stimulate the upliftment of the community and it will constructively promote the sense of human dignity.

* Objective: Upgrading of Ikhutseng Sporting Facility – Phase 2

* Budget cost: R8 786 993.60

* Expenditure to date: R0 (Project implementation was delayed by project registration)

Upgrading of the Warrenton Water Treatment Works

76. The purpose of the project is to upgrade current plant treatment capacity from 9ML/day to 12ML/day; Upgrade the current plant to effective water treatment and production processes; Final treatment water product to meet SANS241 potable water quality stands; Reduce current high plant production losses from >33% to <10% and Secure sufficient sustainable bulk water supply to meet water demand

* Objective: Upgrading of the Warrenton Water Treatment Works

* Budget cost: R86 996 120

* Expenditure to date: R73 178 662 (No expenditure incurred in the current year)

Internal control and recommendations

77. [We did not identify significant deficiencies in the project management controls. Where we identified possible improvements, we reported these to management. / We identified significant internal control deficiencies, which caused the weaknesses in the management and delivery of projects as reported.

Significant internal control deficiencies – project management and delivery

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Water Treatment Plant was identified as being significantly behind schedule	[X]	[X]

78. We made recommendations to improve the project management and delivery process to the senior management.

Key recommendations and responses – project management and delivery

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: New mechanical contractor to be appointed to ensure that the project progresses Response: The municipality is currently in the process of appointing a new contractor	[2022-23]	In progress

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

79. We audited compliance with legislation on human resource management and assessed the processes in place to ensure adequate and sufficiently skilled resources are in place.
80. We identified findings. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.

Findings on human resource management

Finding	Material non-compliance	Prior years reported	
		2021-22	2020-21
The following positions were vacant for a period longer than 12 months - Municipal Manager - HOD: Community services	No	√	√

81. In addition to the above the following relating to vacancies was also applicable at the municipality:
- The Chief Financial Officer's position was vacant for 6 months in the current year
 - There was a high vacancy rates in key department per the table below:

Key departments	Current year-vacancies
Corporate Services	33%
Budget and Treasury	40%
Community services	40%
Technical services	71%

82. We made recommendations to improve the human resource management to the position(s) in senior management. Some of these recommendations were also made in prior years.

Key recommendations and responses – municipal services

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: Management to fill vacancies of senior management Response: Management agrees to the finding, once Improvement of cash flows improve the municipality will be able to fill vacant positions in time.	2021-22	In progress

83. The position of the Municipal Manager became vacant at the beginning of the year prior year, the municipality has advertised a number of times however a suitable candidate for the position has not been found at the time of completing this report.

84. The position of the HOD: Community services has been vacant for more than 24 months and the municipality has not made any progress or taken initiative to fill the position in the current year.

USE OF CONSULTANTS

85. The municipality spent R967 010 on consultants to support the current year financial management and reporting processes – a reduction from the R1 652 099 (2021/22) and R1 586 268 (2020/21) in the previous years.
86. Our audit included an assessment of the effective use of consultants and compliance with local government requirements for the appointment and management of consultants.
87. We did not identify findings on the use of consultants except those from the prior year covered in the MI section of this report

PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

88. Section 217(1) of the Constitution envisages supply chain management systems that are fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective to achieve optimal value for public money spent and ensure equitable opportunities for suppliers to participate in government business. Meticulous contract management and rigorous payment control mechanisms should be in place to ensure that payments are made only upon the supplier's timely delivery, agreed-upon pricing is adhered to and specified quality standards are complied with.
89. We continued to focus on procurement and contract management processes, recognising that public procurement is the area at greatest risk of fraud, financial loss and irregular practices. We identified findings. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.
90. Next, we summarise the areas in procurement and contract management processes where we identified findings – these are the areas at greatest risk of fraud and financial loss. Details on the findings are included in **annexure B**.

Findings on procurement and contract management

Area	Findings		
	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Audit limitations			
Deviations			
Conflict of interest			
Non-compliance: competitive bidding process			
Non-compliance: quotation process			
Contract management			

	Material non-compliance with legislation		Findings		No findings
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IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE

91. Non-compliance with legislation resulted in irregular expenditure of R20 685 834. The irregular expenditure incurred constitutes non-compliance with MFMA. The non-compliance will be reported as a material finding in the auditor's report.
92. The irregular expenditure incurred was disclosed in the financial statements. As detailed in the section on financial statements, the material misstatement in the financial statements will be reported in the auditor's report.
93. Our findings on the disclosure of irregular expenditure in the annual financial statement were as follows:
94. COMAF 20: ISS.81: SCM - Reason for deviation not assessed as valid – Understatement of Current year irregular expenditure by R125 400. The irregular expenditure incurred, was of a result of the municipality contravening various procurement transcripts. Leadership should ensure that compliance is adhered to and that the municipality implements internal controls that would ensure compliance with laws and regulations.

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

95. Legislation stipulates that matters such as incurring unauthorised, irregular, and fruitless and wasteful expenditure; the possible abuse of the supply chain management system (including fraud and improper conduct); and allegations of financial misconduct should be investigated. Disciplinary steps should be taken based on the results of these investigations. Our audit included an assessment of municipality's management of consequences.
96. We identified findings. The findings on material non-compliance with legislation will be reported in the auditor's report.

Findings on consequence management

Finding	Material non-compliance	Value/instances	Prior years reported	
			2021-22	2020-21
Investigations				
Unauthorised expenditure incurred by the municipality was not investigated to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure, as required by section 32(2)(a) of the MFMA.	Yes	R200 990 614	[√]	[√]
irregular expenditure incurred by the municipality were not investigated to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure, as required by section 32(2)(b) of the MFMA.	Yes	R106 641 357	[√]	[√]
Fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the municipality was not investigated to determine if any person is liable for the expenditure, as required by section 32(2)(b) of the MFMA.	Yes	R19 044 636	[√]	[√]

97. The findings above are repeat findings, as management did not design, implement and monitor effective audit action plan to address prior year findings and internal controls relating to consequence management for Irregular, Unauthorised, Fruitless and wasteful expenditure incurred by the municipality.

Significant internal control deficiencies – consequence management

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Management did not provide effective leadership based on a culture of honesty, ethical business practices and good governance, protecting and enhancing the interests of the municipality	[√]	[√]

98. We made recommendations to improve the consequence management process to senior management. Some of the recommendations were also made in prior years but not yet implemented. A summary of the key recommendations and the responses received follows.

Key recommendations and responses – consequence management

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: The Accounting officer should ensure that controls are in place to prevent Unauthorised, Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure. 2. The accounting officer should ensure that where Unauthorised, Irregular and Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure is incurred, appropriate steps are taken in accordance with the requirements of the MFMA. 3. Municipal council should establish a disciplinary board investigate allegations of financial misconduct in the municipality Response: The MPAC was established from the new Council and training was provided and are still busy with the investigations of UIF&W expenditures. Refer to Oversight report attached	2021-22	Not started

99. No consequence management has been implemented at the municipality for the past 5 years. The absence of consequence management remains concerning, as it can lead to a lack of accountability, decreased efficiency and effectiveness, , increased risk of fraud and corruption, negative public perception, and potential legal and regulatory non-compliance

FRAUD RISK

100. Our auditing standards define fraud as an intentional act by one or more individuals who are employees, management, those charged with governance or third parties, and that involves the use of deception to obtain an unjust or illegal advantage.
101. We are required to evaluate whether the information obtained during our audit indicates whether there are any fraud risk factors present at the municipality and consider its impact on the audit. Fraud risk factors are events or conditions that indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or that provide an opportunity to commit fraud (e.g. inadequate controls to prevent or detect fraud). We identified the below fraud risk factor.

Fraud risk factors

Event or condition	Prior years reported	
	2022-21	2021-20
The municipality had unauthorized transactions/debit orders being deducted from the municipality's main account.	√	√

SECTION 3: CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

OVERALL CONTROL ENVIRONMENT

102. The significant internal control deficiencies as reported in **section 2** were caused by weaknesses in the overall control environment, for which the accounting officer and senior management are responsible.
103. The following are the main weaknesses that need urgent attention to improve the overall control environment:

Significant internal control deficiencies – overall control environment

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Annual financial statements and the annual performance report are not sufficiently reviewed.	[√]	[√]
The audit committee is not effective, as they did not exercise their oversight responsibility in accordance with the MFMA	[√]	[√]
Lack of leadership stability, due to the vacancy of the Municipal manager	[√]	[√]
Non-compliance with legislation could have been prevented had compliance been properly reviewed and monitored.	[√]	[√]

104. In **annexure C** we provide a more detailed view of the overall state of internal control.

ACCOUNTABILITY ECOSYSTEM

105. The accountability ecosystem is the collection of role-players that have a part to play in enabling and institutionalising a culture of performance, transparency, accountability and integrity at the municipality. These role-players include the officials, senior management and accounting officer, supported by the internal audit unit and the audit committee.
106. We observed strengths and weaknesses in the contributions to the ecosystem by leadership, management and the governance structures of the municipality. We share our observations with the intention to contribute to strengthening the overall control environment, performance and accountability.

Accounting officer and senior management

107. In the current year, the Municipal Manager position was vacant for the full year, the Chief Financial Officer position was also vacant for six(6) months in the year, the HOD community services position has been vacant for more than 24 months. In the position of both the Municipal Manager and the Chief Financial Officer, officials were appointed to act in those positions.
108. Review processes of the financial statements were not performed timeously and adequately to ensure that errors are detected and corrected before submission to the auditors. This has resulted in material misstatements in the AFS that were not detected by managements review control procedures.

109. The accounting officer did not have sufficient monitoring controls to ensure the proper implementation of the overall process of planning, budgeting, implementation and reporting. This pertains to the overall performance management system and processes, annual financial statements and compliance with laws and regulations.
110. There is a lack of internal controls in the finance and procurement directorate which has resulted in repeat material financial and compliance findings.
111. The municipality did not implement appropriate risk management activities to ensure that regular risk assessments, including the consideration of information technology risks and fraud prevention, are conducted and that a risk strategy to address the risks is developed and monitored. Controls were not developed to prevent, detect and correct material misstatements in financial and performance reporting and re-occurrence of compliance findings.
112. There are some improvements from the prior year in relation to the communication between the auditors and senior management. The turnaround time for both Request for information and the communication of audit findings has greatly improved compared to the prior year.

Audit committee

113. The audit committee must be an independent advisory body to the council and the management and staff of the municipality on matters relating to internal financial control and internal audits; risk management; accounting policies; the adequacy, reliability and accuracy of financial reporting and information; performance management; effective governance; the MFMA and any other applicable legislation; performance evaluation and any other issues.
114. The audit committee is also expected to review the annual financial statements to provide an authoritative and credible view of the Municipality, its efficiency and effectiveness and its overall level of compliance with the applicable legislation.
115. In addition to that non-compliance with the MFMA S166 was identified as the Audit Committee did not meet at least 4 times.
116. The audit committee also did not exercise oversight responsibility nor did it promote accountability as the times that the committee met was to review the financial statements.
117. The audit committee is therefore not effective.

Internal audit unit

118. Legislation in South Africa requires the establishment of, and provides for, the roles and responsibilities of internal audit units. Internal audit units must form part of the internal control and governance structures of the Municipality and must play an important role in its monitoring activities. Internal audit must provide an independent assessment of the Municipality's governance, risk management and internal control processes.
119. The internal audit unit of a Municipality must prepare a risk-based audit plan and internal audit programme for each financial year. It must advise the accounting officer and report to the audit committee on implementation of the internal audit plan and matters relating to internal audit; internal controls; accounting procedures and practices; risk and risk management; performance management; loss control and compliance with the MFMA. The internal audit unit must also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the accounting officer.
120. The Municipality does not have a fully functional internal audit, instead it is a shared service with Frances Baard District Municipality.

121. The auditing standards allow us to use the work of internal audit units for external audit purposes and for direct assistance. We have used internal audit work as follows for risk identification only.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES

122. We made recommendations to improve the overall control environment to the senior management. Some of these recommendations were also made in prior years. A summary of the key recommendations and the responses received follows.

Key recommendations and responses – control environment

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: Vacancies of key management should be filled to promote stability at the top Response: Management agrees to the finding, once Improvement of cash flows improve the municipality will be able to fill vacant positions in time.	2021-22	In progress
Recommendation: Leadership should ensure that the audit committee operates effectively by ensuring that the committee has at least four meetings in order for all governance and risk issues to be addressed by the committee Response: management agrees to the finding, 2022 AFS and APR were not reviewed, APR Committee did not sit as scheduled, management will implement the auditors recommendations	2021-22	Not started

SECTION 4: OVERALL RECOMMENDATIONS

123. We provided recommendations to senior management to rectify the weaknesses identified in financial management / performance management / compliance with legislation / service delivery. Our recommendation for the accounting officer is to focus on addressing the underlying root causes of these weaknesses, which stem from deficiencies in the overall control environment and failures in the accountability ecosystem.
124. In our view, the main root causes that need attention are as follows:
- Inadequate review of the AFS submitted for audit
 - Lack of consequence management implemented at the municipality
 - Vacancies in key management positions
 - Lack of internal controls to detect and prevent misstatements from re-occurring.
 - Leadership not monitoring and reviewing compliance with laws and regulations.
125. Addressing these root causes requires a focused and systematic approach. The municipality will need to implement an audit action plan that is focused on addressing root causes, with SMART targets and disciplined monitoring and implementation, which are fundamental in order for the municipality to be able to improve on some of the findings raised.
126. The following are our three main recommendations to address the identified root causes. We have shared some of these before and ask for urgent action to ensure their implementation.

Overall recommendations

	Recommendation	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
1.	Recommendation: Key management positions should be filled	2020-21	In progress
2.	Recommendation: Audit action plans for prior year misstatements identified during the audit	2020-21	In progress
3.	Recommendation: compliance checklists to be implemented to prevent UIFW	2020-21	Not started

CONCLUSION

127. The overall performance of the municipality is concerning, however the quality of the financial statements submitted for audit in the current year improved, turnaround time for management's responses to the communication of audit findings, and requests for information has greatly improved in the current year under the leadership of the current Acting Municipal Manager and Acting CFO.

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ANNEXURE A: FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

We included a summary of the financial assessment we did as part of the audit in the section on financial performance. This annexure includes the detailed ratios and information used for the assessment.

Financial health assessment

		Current year	Previous year
Expenditure management			
1.1	Creditor-payment period	1748 days	1506 days
1.2	Deficit was realised for the year (total expenditure exceeded total revenue)	Yes	Yes
	Amount of surplus / (deficit) for the year	44 156 973	26 889 768
Revenue management			
2.1	Debt-collection period (after impairment)	4 436 days	4 076 days
	- Amount of debtor's impairment provision - Amount of accounts receivable	275 907 615 23 950 288	256 346 610 7 594 410
2.2	Debt-impairment provision as a percentage of accounts receivable	92%	97%
	- Amount of debt-impairment provision - Amount of accounts receivable (before impairment)	275 907 615 299 857 903	256 346 610 263 941 020
2.3	Percentage distribution losses – electricity	19%	7,7%
	- Amount of units generated / purchased - Amount of units sold to consumers	10 043 152 8 136 805	10 043 152 9 274 013
2.4	Percentage distribution losses – water	80.1%	82.1%
	- Amount of units generated / purchased - Amount of units sold to consumers	1 444 772 287 356	2 424 781 433 012
Asset maintenance and renewal			
3.1	Percentage spending on repairs and maintenance	0%	0%
	- Amount of expenditure on repairs and maintenance - Amount of property, plant, and equipment (carrying value)	0 388 398 016	0 43 315 206
3.2	Total capital expenditure as percentage of total expenditure	31,2%	55,3%
	- Amount of capital expenditure - Amount of total expenditure (operating + capital)	23 885 466 76 471 843	25 421 983 45 972 193

		Current year	Previous year
3.3	Asset renewal / rehabilitation expenditure as a percentage of total capital expenditure	71%	32,2%
	Amount of asset renewal / rehabilitation expenditure	0	0
3.4	Asset renewal / rehabilitation expenditure as a percentage of total depreciation and impairment	72%	27,6%
	Amount of depreciation and impairment	23 553 434	29 567 324
Asset and liability management			
4.1	Total debt / borrowings vs total revenue for the year	871,5%	561,7%
	Amount of debt / borrowings	412 826 204	261 684 243
	Amount of revenue for the year	47 370 498	46 589 697
4.2	Current liabilities as a percentage of next year's budgeted resources	135,8%	129,3%
	Amount of current liabilities	301 247 599	274 419 427
	Total budgeted income for the next year, excluding employee costs and remuneration of councillors	274 419 427	212 281 000
4.3	Net current liability position was realised (total current liabilities exceeded total current assets)	No	No
	Amount of net current asset / (liability) position	301 247 599	274 419 427
4.4	Net non-current liability position was realised (total non-current liabilities exceeded total non-current assets)	No	No
	Amount of net non-current asset / (liability) position	421 820 491	471 145 545
4.5	Net liability position was realised (total liabilities exceeded total assets)	Yes	Yes
	Amount of net asset / (liability) position	192 228 478	242 709 259
4.6	Liquid assets as a percentage of total current liabilities (acid test percentage)	23,5%	16,2%
	Amount of liquid assets	70 875 727	44 454 722
4.7	Current ratio	0.24	0.17
	Amount of current assets	71 655 586	45 983 141
4.8	Total debt to total assets ratio	0.85	0.52
	Amount of debts	412 826 204	261 684 243
	Amount of assets	483 902 796	504 393 502

		Current year	Previous year
Cash management			
4.9	Year-end bank balance was in overdraft	No	No
	Amount of year-end bank balance (cash and cash equivalents)	733 583	241 514
4.10	Cash plus investments less applications	-11 313 739	-12 254 257
	- Amount of year-end bank balance (cash and cash equivalents) - Amount of total investments (short and long term) - Less: amount of cash applications/ commitments	733 583 183 241 12 230 563	241 514 172 296 12 668 067
4.11	Cash coverage	0.014	0.0062
	Amount of monthly expenditure	57 574 558	56 393 165
* [This/These] amount[s] [has/have] been adjusted for uncorrected misstatements that resulted in the modification of the audit opinion and will therefore not agree with the financial statement amounts.			

ANNEXURE B: PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

1. We included a summary of our findings and their impact in the section on procurement and contract management. This annexure provides the detailed findings.

Deviations

2. Supply chain management legislation and policy prescribe the processes that apply when procuring specific goods and services as well as their threshold values, including competitive bidding, obtaining quotations or participating in transversal contracts. It also defines the requirements for deviating from the prescribed processes. We identified deviations where the stipulated requirements for such deviations were not complied with.

Findings on deviations from prescribed procurement processes

Contract/quotation	Value and date of award	Finding	Material non-compliance
Kopano Mothibi Attorneys	Value: R125 400 Date: January 2023	Reason for Deviation not assessed as valid	No

3. **Impact:** On-compliance with the Supply Chain Management Regulations and possible understatement of Irregular expenditure by R125 400

Competitive bidding and quotation processes

4. Supply chain management legislation and policy prescribe the manner in which bidding and quotation processes should be performed to enable fair, competitive and equitable procurement. We did not identify non-compliance with the requirements for both processes.

Contract management

5. Supply chain management legislation and policy prescribe the manner in which contracts should be managed to ensure that payments are only made for goods and services that have been received and that have been delivered at the right quality. We identified non-compliance with these requirements.

Conflict of interest

6. We assessed the interests of officials and councillors and other persons in service of the state in the suppliers to the municipality. The supply chain management regulations prohibit awards to suppliers where there could be conflict of interest. We did not identify such interests.

Internal control and recommendations

7. We identified significant internal control deficiencies, which caused the weaknesses in the procurement and contract management processes as reported.

Significant internal control deficiencies – procurement and contract management

Internal control deficiency	Prior years reported	
	2021-22	2020-21
Contract register not frequently updated to ensure only valid contracts are included	[√]	[√]
No audit action plan to address prior year audit findings	[√]	[√]

8. We made recommendations to improve the procurement and contract management process to the senior management. Some of these recommendations were also made in prior years. A summary of the key recommendations and the responses received follows.

Key recommendations and responses – procurement and contract management

Recommendation and management response	Year originally recommended	Status of implementation
Recommendation: Management should implement controls on the accuracy and completeness of the contract register Response: Management agrees and will implement the recommendation of the auditors	2021-22	Not started

9. The internal control deficiencies above if not corrected, have a potential of creating material compliance deviations and material misstatements in relation to the completeness of Irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure.

ANNEXURE C: ASSESSMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

1. This annexure provides our assessment of the main internal controls in the areas of **leadership, financial and performance management**, and **governance** that should enable credible financial statements and performance reports and compliance with legislation.
2. The assessments are rated as follows:

	The required preventative or detective controls were in place.
	Progress was made in implementing preventative or detective controls, but improvement is still required or actions taken were not sustainable.
	Internal controls were not in place, were not properly designed, were not implemented or were not operating effectively. Intervention is required to design and/or implement appropriate controls.

3. Movement from the previous year is shown as follows:

	Improvement		Regression		Unchanged
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Internal control assessment

	Financial statements		Performance reporting		Compliance with legislation	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Leadership					[Arrow]	
Provide effective leadership based on a culture of honesty, ethical business practices and good governance, and protect and enhance the interests of the entity						
Exercise oversight responsibility regarding financial and performance reporting and compliance as well as related internal controls						
Implement effective human resource management to ensure that adequate and sufficiently skilled resources are in place and that performance is monitored						
Establish and communicate policies and procedures to enable and support the understanding and execution of internal control objectives, processes and responsibilities						
Develop and monitor the implementation of action plans to address internal control deficiencies						

	Financial statements		Performance reporting		Compliance with legislation	
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	Current	Previous
Establish and implement an information technology governance framework that supports and enables the business, delivers value and improves performance						
Financial and performance management						
Implement proper record keeping in a timely manner to ensure that complete, relevant and accurate information is accessible and available to support financial and performance reporting						
Implement controls over daily and monthly processing and reconciling of transactions						
Prepare regular, accurate and complete financial and performance reports that are supported and evidenced by reliable information						
Review and monitor compliance with applicable legislation						
Design and implement formal controls over information technology systems to ensure the reliability of the systems and the availability, accuracy and protection of information relating to user access management, programme change control and service continuity			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Governance						
Implement appropriate risk management activities to ensure that regular risk assessments, including considering information technology risks and fraud prevention, are conducted and that a risk strategy to address the risks is developed and monitored						
Ensure that there is an adequately resourced and functioning internal audit unit that identifies internal control deficiencies and recommends corrective action effectively						
Ensure that the audit committee promotes accountability and service delivery through evaluating and monitoring responses to risks and overseeing the effectiveness of the internal control environment, including financial and performance reporting and compliance with legislation						

ANNEXURE E: UPCOMING CHANGES

1. This Annexure lists upcoming changes and events that will potentially affect the preparation of financial statements and annual performance report and compliance with legislation.
2. The municipality should ensure that systems and controls are in place to implement upcoming changes in the accounting standards that could have an impact on future audit outcomes.

Upcoming changes

Description	Audit outcome area	Effective date
GRAP 1 on <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> (revised)	Financial statements	1 April 2023
GRAP 25 on <i>Employee benefits</i> (revised)	Financial statements	1 April 2023
GRAP 103 on <i>Heritage assets</i> (revised)	Financial statements	To be determined
GRAP 104 on <i>Financial instruments</i> (revised) *	Financial statements	1 April 2025
IGRAP 7 on <i>The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction</i> (revised)	Financial statements	1 April 2023
IGRAP 21 on <i>The effect of past decisions on materiality</i>	Financial statements	1 April 2023
Guideline on <i>Accounting for landfill sites</i>	Financial statements	1 April 2023

ANNEXURE F: MATERIAL IRREGULARITIES

This annexure lists the material irregularities (MIs) that will be included in the auditor's report.

Notified	Type	MI description	Status description	
			Actions taken	Actions planned / in progress
Appropriate action taken				
November 2023	Financial Loss	unauthorized debit orders Irregularity: Non-compliance MFMA S65(2)(a) Impact: R1 748 618	The municipal manager liaised with the bank to reverse the unauthorized debit orders	appropriate action taken
No adequate appropriate action				
November 2023	Non-compliance	Use of consultants Irregularity: Non-compliance MFMA S62(1)(a) Impact: R1 652 099 (2021/22) and R1 586 268 (2020/21)	Consultancy reduction plan to be updated	in progress
Further AGSA actions				
[Date]	[Type]	[Short description] Irregularity: [Irregularity] Impact: [Impact]	AGSA action: Recommendation in auditor's report	

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Accessibility indicators	Explore whether the intended beneficiaries are able to access services or outputs.
Accountability documents	Documents used by executive authorities to give “full and regular” reports on the matters under their control to Parliament and provincial legislatures as prescribed by the Constitution. This includes plans, budgets, in-year and Annual Reports.
Activities	The processes or actions that use a range of inputs to produce the desired outputs and ultimately outcomes. In essence, activities describe “what we do”.
Adequacy indicators	The quantity of input or output relative to the need or demand.
Annual Report	A report to be prepared and submitted annually based on the regulations set out in Section 121 of the Municipal Finance Management Act. Such a report must include annual financial statements as submitted to and approved by the Auditor-General.
Approved Budget	The annual financial statements of a municipality as audited by the Auditor General and approved by council or a provincial or national executive.
Baseline	Current level of performance that a municipality aims to improve when setting performance targets. The baseline relates to the level of performance recorded in a year prior to the planning period.
Basic municipal service	A municipal service that is necessary to ensure an acceptable and reasonable quality of life to citizens within that particular area. If not provided it may endanger the public health and safety or the environment.
Budget year	The financial year for which an annual budget is to be approved – means a year ending on 30 June.
Cost indicators	The overall cost or expenditure of producing a specified quantity of outputs.
Distribution indicators	The distribution of capacity to deliver services.

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Financial Statements	Includes at least a statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, cash-flow statement, notes to these statements and any other statements that may be prescribed.
General performance indicators Key	After consultation with MECs for local government, the Minister may prescribe general key performance indicators that are appropriate and applicable to local government generally.
Impact	The results of achieving specific outcomes, such as reducing poverty and creating jobs.
Inputs	All the resources that contribute to the production and delivery of outputs. Inputs are “what we use to do the work”. They include finances, personnel, equipment and buildings.
Integrated Development Plan (IDP)	Set out municipal goals and development plans.
National performance areas Key	• Service delivery & infrastructure • Economic development • Municipal transformation and institutional development • Financial viability and management • Good governance and community participation
Outcomes	The medium-term results for specific beneficiaries that are the consequence of achieving specific outputs. Outcomes should relate clearly to an institution’s strategic goals and objectives set out in its plans. Outcomes are “what we wish to achieve”.
Outputs	The final products, or goods and services produced for delivery. Outputs may be defined as “what we produce or deliver”. An output is a concrete achievement (i.e. a product such as a passport, an action such as a presentation or immunization, or a service such as processing an application) that contributes to the achievement of a Key Result Area.
Performance Indicator	Indicators should be specified to measure performance in relation to input, activities, outputs, outcomes and impacts. An indicator is a type of information used to gauge the extent to which an output has been achieved (policy developed, presentation delivered, service rendered)
Performance Information	Generic term for non-financial information about municipal services and activities. Can also be used interchangeably with performance measure.
Performance Standards:	The minimum acceptable level of performance or the level of performance that is generally accepted. Standards are informed by legislative requirements and service-level agreements. Performance

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	standards are mutually agreed criteria to describe how well work must be done in terms of quantity and/or quality and timeliness, to clarify the outputs and related activities of a job by describing what the required result should be. In this EPMDS performance standards are divided into indicators and the time factor.
Performance Targets:	The level of performance that municipalities and its employees strive to achieve. Performance Targets relate to current baselines and express a specific level of performance that a municipality aims to achieve within a given time period.
Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan	Detailed plan approved by the mayor for implementing the municipality's delivery of services; including projections of the revenue collected and operational and capital expenditure by vote for each month. Service delivery targets and performance indicators must also be included.
Vote:	One of the main segments into which a budget of a municipality is divided for appropriation of money for the different departments or functional areas of the municipality. The Vote specifies the total amount that is appropriated for the purpose of a specific department or functional area. Section 1 of the MFMA defines a "vote" as: <i>a) one of the main segments into which a budget of a municipality is divided for the appropriation of money for the different departments or functional areas of the municipality; and</i> <i>b) which specifies the total amount that is appropriated for the purposes of the department or functional area concerned</i>

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APPENDIX A – COUNCILLORS; COMMITTEE ALLOCATION AND COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Councillors, Committees Allocated and Council Attendance					
Council Members	Full Time / Part Time	Committees Allocated	*Ward and/or Party Represented	Number Council Meetings Attendance	Percentage Apologies for non-attendance
	FT/PT			%	%
Mrs Neo Lovedelia Mase	FT	Executive Mayor	PR ANC		
Mrs Nontsisi Mkomela	PT	Finance Committee Chairperson	WARD 1 Cllr ANC		
Mrs Masego Florence Melato	PT	Technical Services Committee Chairperson	WARD 2 Cllr ANC		
Mr Matlhomola Mere	PT	Corporate Services Committee Chairperson	WARD 3 Cllr ANC		
Ms Buhle Ouma Amos	PT	Community services chairperson	WARD 4 Cllr ANC		
Mr Willem Potgieter	PT	Exco member	WARD 5 Cllr DA		
Mr Bonakele Plata	FT	Speaker	WARD 6 Cllr ANC		
Boitumelo Mahapa	PT	Finance committee member	PR EFF		
Mrs Keolebogile Mekhoa	PT		PR EFF		
Mrs Diedre Watson	PT		PR DA		
Mrs Lorraine Valtyn	PT	Mpac Chairperson	PA Councillor		
Note: * Councillors appointed on a proportional basis have been allocated to different wards to assist the ward councillors					T A

Executive Committee Meetings				
Executive Committee Members	Total No of Meetings held	Attendance	Non attendance	
			With apology	Without apology
Cllr N Mase	4	All	None	None
Cllr N Mokomela		All	None	None
Cllr W Potgieter		All	None	None

APPENDIX B – COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Committees (other than Mayoral / Executive Committee) and Purposes of Committees	
Municipal Committees	Purpose of Committee
1. Corporate Services Committee	To assist the Executive Mayor in his/her responsibility to monitor the management of the municipality's administration in accordance with the directions of Council.
2. Technical Services Committee	To assist the Council in its responsibility to oversee the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner.
3. Finance Committee	provide political guidance of the fiscal and financial affairs of the municipality, including the budget process and the priorities that must guide the preparation of the budget; - monitor and oversee the exercise of financial responsibilities assigned to the Accounting Officer and Chief Financial Officer in terms of the MFMA; - take reasonable steps to ensure the municipality performs its Constitutional and statutory functions within the limits to the municipality's approved budget; - submit a report to Council, within 30 days of the end of each quarter, on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality; - co-ordinate the annual revision of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and the preparation of the annual budget, and determining how the IDP is to be taken into account, or revised, for the purpose of the budget; - ensure that the budget is approved by Council before the start of the budget year;

4. Community Services Committee	Hears presentations and receives correspondence and reports from the Community Development Department and from the Emergency Services Department, and shall make recommendations to Council on these matters.
5. MPAC	Is an oversight body whose main role is to hold the executive accountable on the spending of public funds.
6. Local Labour Forum	Are a structure designed to strengthen the relationship between organized labour and management. This then also means that the effectiveness of the structure will have an impact of policy frameworks that govern local government.

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APPENDIX C –THIRD TIER ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Third Tier Structure		
Directorate	Director/Manager - State title	Name
Municipal Manager's Office	Acting Municipal Manager	Mr Tumelo Thage
Corporate Services	HOD: Corporate Services	Mrs DibungLentsoe
Budget & Treasury	Acting Chief Financial Officer	Mss KedisaletseKhaziwa
Technical Services	HOD: Technical Services	Mr Tumelo Thage
Community Services	Acting HOD : Community Services	Vacant
<i>Use as a spill-over schedule if top 3 tiers cannot be accommodated in chapter 2 (T2.2.2).</i>		T C

APPENDIX D – FUNCTIONS OF MUNICIPALITY / ENTITY

New No	Function As Per Government Gazette No 6847 - 24 Dec 2010	Function Assigned	Done By MLM
1	Air Pollution		N/A
2	Amusement Facilities		Yes
3	Billboards & Display of Advertisements in Public Places		Yes
4	Building Regulations		Yes
5	Cemeteries, Funeral Parlours and Crematoria		Yes
6	Child Care Facilities		N/A
7	Cleansing		Yes
8	Control of Public Nuisances		Yes
9	Control of Undertakings that Sell Liquor to the Public		Yes
10	Facilities for the Accommodation, Care and Burial of Animals		Yes

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New No	Function As Per Government Gazette No 6847 - 24 Dec 2010	Function Assigned	Done By MLM
11	Fencing and Fences		Yes
12	Fire Fighting Service		N/A
13	Integrated (IDP) Municipal Planning		Yes
14	Levying of fees for Services Provided by LM		Yes
15	Levying of Rates on Property		Yes
16	Levying of Surcharges on Fees for Services Provided for or on behalf of the LM		Yes
17	Licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public		N/A
18	Licensing of Dogs		N/A
19	Local Amenities		Yes
20	Local Roads and Streets		Yes
21	Local Sport Facilities		Yes
22	Local Markets		Yes
23	Municipal Abattoirs		Yes
24	Municipal Airports		N/A
25	Municipal Health Service		N/A
26	Municipal Parks & Recreation		Yes
27	Municipal Planning (Town Planning)		Yes
28	Municipal Public Transport		Yes
29	Municipal Public Works relating to any Functions of the LM		Yes
30	Noise Pollution		N/A
31	Pontoons, Ferries, Jetties, Piers & Harbours		N/A
32	Pounds		N/A
33	Promotion of Local Tourism for the Area		Yes
34	Public Places		Yes
35	Refuse Removal, Refuse Dumps and Solid Waste Disposal Sites		Yes
36	Retail Potable Water Supply Systems and Domestic Waste-Water and Sewerage Disposal Systems Serving the Area of the Municipality		Yes
37	Retail Supply of Electricity and Gas		Yes
38	Street Lighting		Yes
39	Street Trading		Yes
40	Storm Water Management in Build Areas		Yes
41	Trading Regulations		Yes
42	Traffic and Parking		Yes
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APPENDIX E –WARD REPORTING

No.	Ward Councillors	Committee established (Yes / No)	Number of monthly Committee meetings held during the year	Number of monthly reports submitted to Speakers Office on time	Number of quarterly public ward meetings held during year
1	Nontsisi mokomela	Yes	14	14	4
2	Masego Melato	Yes	17	17	4
3	Matlhomola Mere	Yes	15	15	4
4	Willem Potgieter	Yes	17	17	4
5	Buhle Amos	Yes	15	15	4
6	Bonakele Plata	Yes	15	15	4

APPENDIX F – WARD INFORMATION

Full information provided in Appendix Q

Basic Service Provision					
Detail	Water	Sanitation	Electricity	Refuse	Housing
Households with minimum service delivery	5052	5052	5052		
Households without minimum service delivery	1500	1500	1500		
Total Households*	6522	6522	6522		
Houses completed in year					0
Shortfall in Housing units					3950
*Including informal settlements					T.F.2

APPENDIX G – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL AUDIT COMMITTEE 2023/24

Municipal Audit Committee Recommendations		
Date of Committee	Committee recommendations during 2023/2024	Recommendations adopted (enter Yes) If not adopted (provide explanation)
	Reports from Provincial Treasury <u>Property rates implementation</u>	
	Review of the 2022/2023 Draft AFS	
	Internal Audit Reports Revenue Management	
	Financial recovery plan	
	Analysis of the Draft Annual Report	

	Final Audit Report of 2022-23 by the Auditor General	
	Assurance Report on Mid-term budget assessment – Section 72	

APPENDIX H – LONG TERM CONTRACTS AND PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

None

APPENDIX I – MUNICIPAL ENTITY/ SERVICE PROVIDER PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

None

APPENDIX J – DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Disclosures of Financial Interests		
Period 1 July 2023 to 30 June of 2024 (Current Year)		
Position	Name	Description of Financial interests* (Nil / Or details)
Mayor	Neo Mase	None
Councillors		
Councillor	Bonakele Plata	None
Councillor	LeratoNamelang	None
Councillor	Buhle Amos	None
Councillor	KeolebogileMekhoa	None
Councillor	Diedre Watson	None
Councillor	NontsisiMokomela	None
Councillor	Masego Melato	None
Councillor	Willem J Potgieter	None
Councillor	Matlhomola Mere	None
Acting Municipal Manager	Tumelo Thage	None
Acting Chief Financial Officer	KedisaletseKhaziwa	None
Technical Services	TumeloThage	None
Social Services		
Corporate Services	Corney D Lentsoe	None
Other S57 Officials		
* Financial interests to be disclosed even if they incurred for only part of the year. See MBRR SA34A TJ		

APPENDIX K: REVENUE COLLECTION PERFORMANCE BY VOTE AND BY SOURCE

Incorporated in the AFS

APPENDIX K (i): REVENUE COLLECTION PERFORMANCE BY VOTE

Incorporated in the AFS

APPENDIX K (ii): REVENUE COLLECTION PERFORMANCE BY SOURCE

Incorporated in the AFS

APPENDIX L: CONDITIONAL GRANTS RECEIVED: EXCLUDING MIG

None

APPENDIX O – CAPITAL PROGRAMME BY PROJECT BY WARD2023/24

N/A

Capital Programme by Project by Ward: 2023/24		
Capital Project	Ward(s) affected	Works completed (Yes/No)
Roads	None	N/A
Stormwater	None	N/A
Economic development	None	N/A
Community Halls	None	N/A

APPENDIX P – SERVICE CONNECTION BACKLOGS AT SCHOOLS AND CLINICS

No information

APPENDIX Q – SERVICE BACKLOGS EXPERIENCED BY THE COMMUNITY WHERE ANOTHER SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVICE PROVISION

No information

APPENDIX R – DECLARATION OF LOANS AND GRANTS MADE BY THE MUNICIPALITY

No information

APPENDIX S – NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL OUTCOMES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

No information

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General Information

Legal form of entity	Municipality
Nature of business and principal activities	Magareng Municipality is a local municipality performing functions as set out in the Constitution, Act 105 of 1996
Mayoral committee	
Mayor	Ms N Mase
Speaker	BG Plata
Councillors	B Mokomela (Ward 1) MF Mokitimi (Ward 2) CM Mere (Ward 3) LO Amose (Ward 4) P Namelang (P.R Councillor EFF) - Until October 2023 BC Mahapa (P.R Councillor EFF) KC Mekhoa (P.R Councillor EFF) P Namelang (P.R Councillor EFF) L Valtyn (P.R Councillor PA) D Watson (P.R Councillor DA) WJ Potgieter (Ward 5)
Grading of local authority	Category B as defined by the Municipal Structures Act, Act no 117 of 1998
Accounting Officer	Mr T Thage - Acting since 1 July 2022
Chief Finance Officer (CFO)	Ms KV Khaziwa - Acting since 13 December 2022
Registered office	Magrieta Prinsloo Street Warrenton 8530
Business address	Magrieta Prinsloo Street Warrenton 8530
Postal address	PO Box 10 Warrenton 8530
Bankers	Absa Bank of South Africa
Auditors	The Auditor-General of South Africa
Attorneys	Matthews and Partners Frances Baard DM Legal and Compliance department State Attorney Frances Baard DM Legal and Compliance department
Members of Audit Committee	Mr GR Botha (Chairperson) Mr Masikela SP Mr T Mudamburi Mr Masikela SP

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Enabling Legislation

Municipal Finance Management Act (Act no.56 of 2003)
Division of Revenue Act
The Income Tax Act (Act no. 58 of 1962)
Value Added Tax Act (Act no. 89 of 1991)
Municipal Structures Act (Act no. 117 of 1998)
Municipal Systems Act (Act no. 32 of 2000)
Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulations
Housing Act (Act no. 107 of 1997)
Employment Equity Act (Act no. 55 of 1998)
Unemployment Insurance Act (Act no. 30 of 1966)
Basic Conditions of Employment Act (Act no. 75 of 1997)
Supply Chain Management Regulations, 2005
Disaster Management Act of 2016
Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (Act 16 of 2013)
Property Rates Act 6 of 2004
Municipal Regulations on Standard Chart of Accounts
Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations

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Abbreviations used:

COID	Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases
DoRA	Division of Revenue Act
DBSA	Development Bank of South Africa
EPWP	Expanded Public Works Programme
GRAP	Generally Recognised Accounting Practice
FMG	Finance Management Grant
IAS	International Accounting Standards
IDP	Integrated Development Plan
CIGFARO	Chartered Institute of Government Finance, Audit & Risk Officers
INEP	Integrated National Electrification Programme
NERSA	National Energy Regulator of South Africa
MSA	Municipal Systems Act
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act
MIG	Municipal Infrastructure Grant (Previously CMIP)
MSIG	Municipal System Improvement Grant
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
SARS	South African Revenue Services
SALGBC	South African Bargaining Council
VAT	Value Added Tax

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Accounting Officer's Responsibilities and Approval

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 municipality is wholly dependent on the municipality for continued funding of operations. The annual financial statements are prepared on the basis that the municipality is a going concern and that the 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.

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 6.

The annual financial statements set out on page 6, 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:

Mr T Thage
Acting Municipal Manager

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Accounting Officer's Report

The accounting officer submits his report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

1. Review of activities

Main business and operations

The municipality is engaged in providing municipal services and maintaining the best interest of the local community within the Magareng municipal area and operates principally in South Africa.

The operating results and state of affairs of the municipality are fully set out in the attached annual financial statements and do not in our opinion require any further comment.

Net surplus of the municipality was R 3 816 921 (2023: deficit R 1 904 661)

2. Going concern

We draw attention to the fact that at 30 June 2024, the municipality had an accumulated surplus (deficit) of R 211 553 999 and that the municipality's total liabilities exceed its assets by R 211 553 999.

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 available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

Furthermore, management has reviewed the municipality's cash flow forecast for the year ended 30 June 2025 and in light of this review and the current financial position, management is satisfied that the municipality has, or has access to, adequate resources to continue its operation existing for the foreseeable future.

The municipality still has the ability to levy services, rates and taxes and will continue to receive funding from government as is evident from the Equitable Share allocations as published in terms of the Division of Revenue Act (Act 1 of 2016).

For details of management's assumptions with respect to the applicability of the going concern assumption refer to note 43

3. Subsequent events

Matters arising since the end of the financial year have been disclosed on note 50.

4. Accounting Officers' interest in contracts

No matters to report.

5. Accounting policies

The annual financial statements prepared in accordance with the South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP), including any interpretations of such Statements issued by the Accounting Practices Board, and in accordance with the prescribed Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practices (GRAP) issued by the Accounting Standards Board as the prescribed framework by National Treasury.

6. Accounting Officer

The accounting officer of the municipality during the year and to the date of this report is as follows:

Name	Nationality	Changes
Mr T Thage	South African	Appointed 1 July 2022

7. Auditors

The Auditor-General of South Africa will continue in office for the next financial period.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2024

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023
Assets			
Current Assets			
Inventories	3	120 974	115 736
Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions	4	9 266 556	10 419 571
Statutory receivables from exchange transactions	5	42 384 029	35 226 185
Receivables from exchange transactions	6	4 640 982	23 854 350
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1 104 154	733 583
		57 516 695	70 349 425
Non-Current Assets			
Investment property	8	24 867 500	24 867 500
Property, plant and equipment	9	455 659 724	423 347 386
Intangible assets	10	12 779	9 895
Heritage assets	11	370 999	370 999
		480 911 002	448 595 780
Total Assets		538 427 697	518 945 205
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Finance lease obligation	12	140 157	13 016
Payables from exchange transactions	13	307 994 716	284 816 998
Consumer deposits	14	1 063 096	1 039 938
Employee benefit obligation	15	7 391 945	7 100 866
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	16	805 453	9 019 447
		317 395 367	301 990 265
Non-Current Liabilities			
Finance lease obligation	12	268 755	105 060
Employee benefit obligation	17	4 390 000	4 404 000
Provisions	18	4 819 576	4 708 803
		9 478 331	9 217 863
Total Liabilities		326 873 698	311 208 128
Net Assets		211 553 999	207 737 077
Accumulated surplus		211 553 999	207 737 077
Total Net Assets		211 553 999	207 737 077

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Statement of Financial Performance

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023
Revenue			
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Service charges	19	32 105 066	32 815 971
Interest received (trading)		19 766 642	13 928 848
Agency services	20	75 602	80 520
Rental income	21	14 448	2 521
Commission	21	43 318	34 802
Other income	22	1 401 661	659 413
Interest received - investment	23	357 474	10 944
Total revenue from exchange transactions		53 764 211	47 533 019
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Taxation revenue			
Property rates	24	12 915 506	12 263 191
Licences and Permits (Non-exchange)	25	178 782	287 541
Interest - Taxation revenue	26	5 530 323	3 020 068
Transfer revenue			
Government grants & subsidies	27	131 233 479	95 298 421
Public contributions and donations	28	-	1 672 536
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	29	394 732	586 325
Services in-kind	30	207 600	-
Contributed Property, plant and equipment	56	1 166 879	1 132 989
Debt Relief	31	5 936 376	-
Total revenue from non-exchange transactions		157 563 677	114 261 071
Total revenue	32	211 327 888	161 794 090
Expenditure			
Employee related costs	33	(51 783 046)	(52 887 749)
Remuneration of councillors	34	(4 457 738)	(4 672 680)
Depreciation and amortisation	35	(17 002 832)	(22 835 726)
Finance costs	36	(1 957 502)	(7 549 244)
Debt Impairment	37	(63 729 369)	(17 959 625)
Bulk purchases	38	(30 079 024)	(29 777 192)
Contracted services	39	(10 574 562)	(7 046 821)
General Expenses	40	(14 286 874)	(10 388 814)
Inventory consumed	41	(9 290 047)	(6 212 658)
Total expenditure		(203 160 994)	(159 330 509)
Operating surplus		8 166 894	2 463 581
Loss on disposal of assets and liabilities		(3 105 343)	(4 503 173)
Actuarial gains/losses	17	175 147	382 156
Impairment loss		(1 419 777)	(247 225)
		(4 349 973)	(4 368 242)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		3 816 921	(1 904 661)

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Figures in Rand	Accumulated surplus / deficit	Total net assets
Opening balance as previously reported	216 120 544	216 120 544
Adjustments		
Correction of errors 57	(6 478 806)	(6 478 806)
Balance at 01 July 2022 as restated*	209 641 738	209 641 738
Changes in net assets		
Surplus for the year	(1 904 661)	(1 904 661)
Total changes	(1 904 661)	(1 904 661)
Balance at 01 July 2023	207 737 078	207 737 078
Changes in net assets		
Surplus for the year	3 816 921	3 816 921
Total changes	3 816 921	3 816 921
Balance at 30 June 2024	211 553 999	211 553 999

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Cash Flow Statement

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts			
Sale of goods and services		35 030 338	26 029 826
Grants		124 186 364	100 248 404
Interest income		557 364	544 284
		<u>159 774 066</u>	<u>126 822 514</u>
Payments			
Employee costs		(56 322 558)	(57 650 430)
Suppliers		(48 652 260)	(28 923 550)
Finance costs		(537 055)	(12 019 032)
		<u>(105 511 873)</u>	<u>(98 593 012)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	44	<u>54 262 193</u>	<u>28 229 502</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	9	(54 168 863)	(27 855 509)
Purchase of other intangible assets	10	(13 595)	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(54 182 458)</u>	<u>(27 855 509)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Finance lease payments		<u>290 836</u>	<u>118 076</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>370 571</u>	<u>492 069</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		733 583	241 514
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	7	<u>1 104 154</u>	<u>733 583</u>

The accounting policies on pages 16 to 50 and the notes on pages 51 to 114 form an integral part of the annual financial statements.

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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
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Figures in Rand

Statement of Financial Performance

Revenue

Revenue from exchange transactions

Service charges	60 384 167	(23 151 584)	37 232 583	32 105 066	(5 127 517)	61, X1
Rental of facilities and equipment	6 040	(1 415)	4 625	-	(4 625)	61, X2
Interest received (trading)	13 631 696	9 617 812	23 249 508	19 766 642	(3 482 866)	61, X3
Agency services	-	-	-	75 602	75 602	61, X4
Rental income	-	-	-	14 448	14 448	61, X5
Commission	-	-	-	43 318	43 318	61, X7
Other income	694 140	189 807	883 947	1 401 661	517 714	61, X8
Interest received - investment	-	-	-	357 474	357 474	61, X9
Total revenue from exchange transactions	74 716 043	(13 345 380)	61 370 663	53 764 211	(7 606 452)	

Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Taxation revenue

Property rates	13 925 520	(1)	13 925 519	12 915 506	(1 010 013)	61, X10
Licences and Permits (Non-exchange)	134 600	(10 500)	124 100	178 782	54 682	61, X11
Interest - Taxation revenue	4 797 504	3 051 871	7 849 375	5 530 323	(2 319 052)	61, X12

Transfer revenue

Government grants & subsidies	120 455 000	11 567 000	132 022 000	131 233 479	(788 521)	61, X13
Public contributions and donations	3 000 000	1 745 000	4 745 000	-	(4 745 000)	61, X14
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	-	-	-	394 732	394 732	61, X15
Revenue from service concession arrangements	-	-	-	207 600	207 600	
Contributed Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	1 166 879	1 166 879	61, X16
Other transfer revenue 2	-	-	-	5 936 376	5 936 376	

Total revenue from non-exchange transactions	142 312 624	16 353 370	158 665 994	157 563 677	(1 102 317)	
Total revenue	217 028 667	3 007 990	220 036 657	211 327 888	(8 708 769)	

Expenditure

Employee related costs	(53 708 754)	-	(53 708 754)	(51 783 046)	1 925 708	61, X17
Remuneration of councillors	(4 807 054)	(805 284)	(5 612 338)	(4 457 738)	1 154 600	61, X18
Depreciation and amortisation	(25 953 554)	1 000	(25 952 554)	(17 002 832)	8 949 722	61, X19
Impairment loss/ Reversal of impairments	-	-	-	(1 419 777)	(1 419 777)	61, X20
Finance costs	-	-	-	(1 957 502)	(1 957 502)	61, X21
Debt Impairment	(35 390 971)	-	(35 390 971)	(63 729 369)	(28 338 398)	61, X22
Inventory consumed	(12 920 000)	100 000	(12 820 000)	(9 290 047)	3 529 953	61, X23
Bulk purchases	(25 000 000)	1 150 000	(23 850 000)	(30 079 024)	(6 229 024)	61, X24
Contracted Services	(9 593 930)	(1 335 170)	(10 929 100)	(10 574 562)	354 538	61, X25
Loss on disposal of assets	-	(5 171 767)	(5 171 767)	-	5 171 767	61, X27

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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						
General Expenses	(10 299 456)	(7 289 886)	(17 589 342)	(14 286 874)	3 302 468	61, X28
Total expenditure	(177 673 719)	(13 351 107)	(191 024 826)	(204 580 771)	(13 555 945)	
Operating surplus	39 354 948	(10 343 117)	29 011 831	6 747 117	(22 264 714)	
Loss on disposal of assets and liabilities	-	-	-	(3 105 343)	(3 105 343)	61, X29
Actuarial gains/losses	-	-	-	175 147	175 147	61, X30
	-	-	-	(2 930 196)	(2 930 196)	
Surplus before taxation	39 354 948	(10 343 117)	29 011 831	3 816 921	(25 194 910)	
Actual Amount on Comparable Basis as Presented in the Budget and Actual Comparative Statement	39 354 948	(10 343 117)	29 011 831	3 816 921	(25 194 910)	
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
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Figures in Rand

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Current Assets

Inventories	(136 189)	(857 415)	(993 604)	120 974	1 114 578	61, X31
Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions	15 689 684	790 067	16 479 751	9 266 556	(7 213 195)	61, X32
Statutory receivables from exchange transactions	30 911 030	(5 859 881)	25 051 149	42 384 029	17 332 880	61, X33
Receivables from exchange transactions	90 109 906	(54 498 960)	35 610 946	4 640 982	(30 969 964)	61, X34
Other assets	(1 809 860)	(3 921)	(1 813 781)	-	1 813 781	61, X35
Cash and cash equivalents	(138 557 869)	247 209 160	108 651 291	1 104 154	(107 547 137)	61, X36
	(3 793 298)	186 779 050	182 985 752	57 516 695	(125 469 057)	

Non-Current Assets

Investment property	23 831 200	-	23 831 200	24 867 500	1 036 300	61, X37
Property, plant and equipment	281 929 153	97 153 177	379 082 330	455 659 724	76 577 394	61, X38
Intangible assets	19 790	(9 896)	9 894	12 779	2 885	61, X39
Heritage assets	370 999	1	371 000	370 999	(1)	
	306 151 142	97 143 282	403 294 424	480 911 002	77 616 578	
Total Assets	302 357 844	283 922 332	586 280 176	538 427 697	(47 852 479)	

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Finance lease obligation	164 730	(164 729)	1	140 157	140 156	61, X40
Payables from exchange transactions	320 025 749	95 750 580	415 776 329	307 994 718	(107 781 611)	61, X41
Consumer deposits	610 644	698 056	1 308 700	1 063 096	(245 604)	61, X42
Employee benefit obligation	11 275 299	(3 871 311)	7 403 988	7 391 945	(12 043)	61, X43
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	-	-	-	805 453	805 453	61, X44
	332 076 422	92 412 596	424 489 018	317 395 369	(107 093 649)	

Non-Current Liabilities

Finance lease obligation	-	-	-	268 755	268 755	61, X45
Employee benefit obligation	-	794 000	794 000	4 390 000	3 596 000	61, X46
Provisions	11 910 990	(4 626 258)	7 284 732	4 819 576	(2 465 156)	61, X47
	11 910 990	(3 832 258)	8 078 732	9 478 331	1 399 599	
Total Liabilities	343 987 412	88 580 338	432 567 750	326 873 700	(105 694 050)	

Net Assets

	(41 629 568)	195 341 994	153 712 426	211 553 997	57 841 571	
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Net Assets

Net Assets Attributable to Owners of Controlling Entity

Reserves

Accumulated surplus	(41 629 568)	195 341 994	153 712 426	211 553 999	57 841 573	
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2024											
Financial Performance											
Property rates	13 925 520	(1)	13 925 519	-		13 925 519	12 915 506		(1 010 013)	93 %	93 %
Service charges	60 384 167	(23 151 584)	37 232 583	-		37 232 583	32 105 066		(5 127 517)	86 %	53 %
Investment revenue	4 797 504	3 051 871	7 849 375	-		7 849 375	357 474		(7 491 901)	5 %	7 %
Transfers recognised - operational	68 488 000	1 255 000	69 743 000	-		69 743 000	76 198 433		6 455 433	109 %	111 %
Other own revenue	14 466 476	9 795 000	24 261 476	-		24 261 476	34 891 510		10 630 034	144 %	241 %
Total revenue (excluding capital transfers and contributions)	162 061 667	(9 049 714)	153 011 953	-		153 011 953	156 467 989		3 456 036	102 %	97 %
Employee costs	(53 708 754)	-	(53 708 754)	-	-	(53 708 754)	(51 783 046)	-	1 925 708	96 %	96 %
Remuneration of councillors	(4 807 054)	(805 284)	(5 612 338)	-	-	(5 612 338)	(4 457 738)	-	1 154 600	79 %	93 %
Depreciation and asset impairment	(25 953 554)	1 000	(25 952 554)			(25 952 554)	45 306 760	-	71 259 314	(175)%	(175)%
Finance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1 957 502)	-	(1 957 502)	DIV/0 %	DIV/0 %
Inventory consumed and bulk purchases	(37 920 000)	1 250 000	(36 670 000)	-	-	(36 670 000)	(30 079 024)	-	6 590 976	82 %	79 %
Other expenditure	(55 284 357)	(13 796 823)	(69 081 180)	-	-	(69 081 180)	(37 256 826)	-	31 824 354	54 %	67 %
Total expenditure	(177 673 719)	(13 351 107)	(191 024 826)	-	-	(191 024 826)	(80 227 376)	-	110 797 450	42 %	45 %
Surplus/(Deficit)	(15 612 052)	(22 400 821)	(38 012 873)	-		(38 012 873)	76 240 613		114 253 486	(201)%	(488)%

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Transfers and subsidies - capital (monetary allocations)	51 967 000	10 312 000	62 279 000	-		62 279 000	55 035 046		(7 243 954)	88 %	106 %
Transfers and subsidies - capital (in-kind - all)	3 000 000	1 745 999	4 745 999	-		4 745 999	-		(4 745 999)	- %	- %
Surplus (Deficit) after capital transfers and contributions	39 354 948	(10 342 822)	29 012 126	-		29 012 126	131 275 659		102 263 533	452 %	334 %
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	39 354 948	(10 342 822)	29 012 126	-		29 012 126	131 275 659		102 263 533	452 %	334 %

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1. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), issued by the Accounting Standards Board in accordance with Section 122(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).

These annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and are in accordance with historical cost convention as the basis of measurement, unless specified otherwise. They are presented in South African Rand. All figures have been rounded to the nearest Rand.

Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses were not offset, except where offsetting is either required or permitted by a Standard of GRAP.

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

These accounting policies are consistent with the previous period.

1.1 Presentation currency

These annual financial statements are presented in South African Rand, which is the functional currency of the municipality.

1.2 Going concern assumption

These annual financial statements have been prepared based on the expectation that the municipality will continue to operate as a going concern for at least the next 12 months. Management considers key financial metrics and approved medium-term budgets to conclude that the going concern assumption used in the compiling of the Annual Financial Statements is appropriate.

1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the annual financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the annual financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the annual financial statements. Significant judgements include:

Other significant judgements, sources of estimation uncertainty and/or relating information, have been disclosed in the relating notes.

Trade receivables / Held to maturity investments and/or loans and receivables

The municipality assesses its trade receivables, held to maturity investments and loans and receivables for impairment at the end of each reporting period. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in surplus or deficit, the municipality makes judgements as to whether there is observable data indicating a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial asset.

The impairment for trade receivables, held to maturity investments and loans and receivables is calculated on a portfolio basis, based on historical loss ratios, adjusted for national and industry-specific economic conditions and other indicators present at the reporting date that correlate with defaults on the portfolio. These annual loss ratios are applied to loan balances in the portfolio and scaled to the estimated loss emergence period.

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1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the municipality is the current bid price.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. The municipality uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt. Other techniques, such as estimated discounted cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments. The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using quoted forward exchange rates at the end of the reporting period.

The carrying value less impairment provision of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the municipality for similar financial instruments.

Impairment testing

The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units and individual assets have been determined based on the higher of value-in-use calculations and fair values less costs to sell. These calculations require the use of estimates and assumptions. It is reasonably possible that the [name a key assumption] assumption may change which may then impact our estimations and may then require a material adjustment to the carrying value of goodwill and tangible assets.

The municipality reviews and tests the carrying value of assets when events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In addition, goodwill is tested on an annual basis for impairment. Assets are grouped at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of cash flows of other assets and liabilities. If there are indications that impairment may have occurred, estimates are prepared of expected future cash flows for each group of assets. Expected future cash flows used to determine the value in use of goodwill and tangible assets are inherently uncertain and could materially change over time. They are significantly affected by a number of factors including production estimates, supply demand, together with economic factors such as exchange rates inflation interest.

Provisions

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available. Additional disclosure of these estimates of provisions are included in note 18 - Provisions.

Post-retirement benefits

The present value of the post-retirement obligation depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact on the carrying amount of post-retirement obligations.

The municipality determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the pension obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the municipality considers the interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability.

Other key assumptions for pension obligations are based on current market conditions. Additional information is disclosed in Note 17.

Allowance for doubtful debts

On debtors an impairment loss is recognised in surplus and deficit when there is objective evidence that it is impaired. The impairment is measured as the difference between the debtors carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate, computed at initial recognition.

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1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Useful lives and residual values

The entity's management determines the estimated useful lives, residual values and related depreciation charges for assets as noted in accounting policy 1.5 Property Plant and equipment. These estimates are based on industry norms.

Management will increase the depreciation charge prospectively where useful lives are less than previously estimated useful lives. Management will decrease the depreciation charge prospectively where useful lives are more than previously estimated useful lives.

Where changes are made to the estimated residual values, management also makes these changes prospectively.

1.4 Investment property

Investment property is property (land or a building - or part of a building - or both) held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both, rather than for:

- use in the production or supply of goods or services or for
- administrative purposes, or
- sale in the ordinary course of operations.

Owner-occupied property is property held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

Investment property is recognised as an asset when, it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential that are associated with the investment property will flow to the municipality, and the cost or fair value of the investment property can be measured reliably.

Investment property is initially recognised at cost. Transaction costs are included in the initial measurement.

Where investment property is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Costs include costs incurred initially and costs incurred subsequently to add to, or to replace a part of, or service a property. If a replacement part is recognised in the carrying amount of the investment property, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

Fair value

Subsequent to initial measurement investment property is measured at fair value.

The fair value of investment property reflects market conditions at the reporting date.

A gain or loss arising from a change in fair value is included in net surplus or deficit for the period in which it arises.

If the entity determines that the fair value of an investment property under construction is not reliably determinable but expects the fair value of the property to be reliably measurable when construction is complete, it measures that investment property under construction at cost until either its fair value becomes reliably determinable or construction is completed (whichever is earlier). If the entity determines that the fair value of an investment property (other than an investment property under construction) is not reliably determinable on a continuing basis, the entity measures that investment property using the cost model (as per the accounting policy on Property, plant and equipment). The residual value of the investment property is then assumed to be zero. The entity applies the cost model (as per the accounting policy on Property, plant and equipment) until disposal of the investment property.

Once the entity becomes able to measure reliably the fair value of an investment property under construction that has previously been measured at cost, it measures that property at its fair value. Once construction of that property is complete, it is presumed that fair value can be measured reliably. If this is not the case, the property is accounted for using the cost model in accordance with the accounting policy on Property, plant and equipment.

Compensation from third parties for investment property that was impaired, lost or given up is recognised in surplus or deficit when the compensation becomes receivable.

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1.4 Investment property (continued)

Property interests held under operating leases are classified and accounted for as investment property in the following circumstances:

When classification is difficult, the criteria used to distinguish investment property from owner-occupied property and from property held for sale in the ordinary course of operations, including the nature or type of properties classified as held for strategic purposes, are as follows:

- Are the properties owner-occupied or occupied by external parties?
- Have the properties been strategically allocated for a specific purpose?
- Has the municipality commenced with a process to sell the properties?

The municipality separately discloses expenditure to repair and maintain investment property in the notes to the annual financial statements (see note 9). Costs of day-to-day servicing are primarily the costs of labour and consumables, and may include the cost of small parts. The purpose of these expenditures is often described as for the 'repairs and maintenance' of the item of property, plant and equipment.

The municipality discloses relevant information relating to assets under construction or development, in the notes to the annual financial statements (see note 9).

Derecognition

Items of investment property are derecognised when the asset is disposed of or when there are no further economic benefits or service potential expected from the use or disposal of asset.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of investment property is included in surplus or deficit when the item is derecognised.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of investment property is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset.

1.5 Property, plant and equipment

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 period.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset when:

- it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the municipality; and
- the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured 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 management. Trade discounts and rebates are deducted in arriving at the cost.

Where an asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is its fair value as at date of acquisition.

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, it's deemed cost is the carrying amount of the asset(s) given up.

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.

Costs include costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

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1.5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located is also included in the cost of property, plant and equipment, where the entity is obligated to incur such expenditure, and where the obligation arises as a result of acquiring the asset or using it for purposes other than the production of inventories.

Recognition of costs in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment ceases when the item is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Major spare parts and stand by equipment which are expected to be used for more than one period are included in property, plant and equipment. In addition, spare parts and stand by equipment which can only be used in connection with an item of property plant and equipment are accounted for as property plant and equipment.

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

Subsequent measurement

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation and impairment

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line basis over their expected useful lives to their estimated residual value.

Land, except for landfill and quarry sites, is not depreciated as it has an indefinite useful life.

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use, i.e. when it is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Each part of an item of property plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item shall be depreciated separately. Components of asset that are significant in relation to the whole asset and that have different useful lives are depreciated separately.

Subsequent to initial recognition, property plant and equipment on the cost model, is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or, where shorter, the term of the relevant lease.

The useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment have been assessed as follows:

Item	Depreciation method	Average useful life
Land	Straight-line	Indefinite
Buildings	Straight-line	10 - 30 years
Infrastructure	Straight-line	5 - 90 years
Community assets	Straight-line	7 - 30 years
Landfill sites	Straight-line	10 - 15 years
Heritage assets	Straight-line	N/A
Other assets	Straight-line	4 -15 years

The depreciable amount of an asset is allocated on a systematic basis over its useful life.

Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item is depreciated separately.

The depreciation method used reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits or service potential are expected to be consumed by the municipality. The depreciation method applied to an asset is reviewed at least at each reporting date and, if there has been a significant change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset, the method is changed to reflect the changed pattern. Such a change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate.

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1.5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that the municipality expectations about the residual value and the useful life of an asset have changed since the preceding reporting date. If any such indication exists, the municipality revises the expected useful life and/or residual value accordingly. The change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in surplus or deficit unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

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 from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is included in surplus or deficit when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

Assets which the municipality holds for rentals to others and subsequently routinely sell as part of the ordinary course of activities, are transferred to inventories when the rentals end and the assets are available-for-sale. Proceeds from sales of these assets are recognised as revenue. All cash flows on these assets are included in cash flows from operating activities in the cash flow statement.

The municipality separately discloses expenditure to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment in the notes to the financial statements (see note 10).

The municipality discloses relevant information relating to assets under construction or development, in the notes to the financial statements (see note 10).

Commitments:

Where the municipality has a contractual commitment in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, these are disclosed in note 42. The commitments as disclosed are the contractual amount less any payment made in respect of the contract.

1.6 Site restoration and dismantling cost

The municipality has an obligation to dismantle, remove and restore items of property, plant and equipment. Such obligations are referred to as 'decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities'. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment includes the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located, the obligation for which a municipality incurs either when the item is acquired or as a consequence of having used the item during a particular period for purposes other than to produce inventories during that period.

If the related asset is measured using the cost model:

- (a) subject to (b), changes in the liability are added to, or deducted from, the cost of the related asset in the current period;
- (b) if a decrease in the liability exceeds the carrying amount of the asset, the excess is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit; and
- (c) if the adjustment results in an addition to the cost of an asset, the municipality considers whether this is an indication that the new carrying amount of the asset may not be fully recoverable. If it is such an indication, the asset is tested for impairment by estimating its recoverable amount or recoverable service amount, and any impairment loss is recognised in accordance with the accounting policy on impairment of cash-generating assets and/or impairment of non-cash-generating assets.

1.7 Intangible assets

An asset is identifiable if it either:

- is separable, i.e. is capable of being separated or divided from an entity and sold, transferred, licensed, rented or exchanged, either individually or together with a related contract, identifiable assets or liability, regardless of whether the entity intends to do so; or
- arises from binding arrangements (including rights from contracts), regardless of whether those rights are transferable or separable from the municipality or from other rights and obligations.

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1.7 Intangible assets (continued)

A binding arrangement describes an arrangement that confers similar rights and obligations on the parties to it as if it were in the form of a contract.

An intangible asset is recognised 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.

The municipality assesses the probability 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.

Where an intangible asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its initial cost at the date of acquisition is measured at its fair value as at that date.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost.

Where an intangible asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its initial cost at the date of acquisition is measured at its fair value as at that date.

Expenditure on research (or on the research phase of an internal project) is recognised as an expense when it is incurred.

Subsequent measurement

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.

Amortisation begins when intangible assets are in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management and ceases at the date that the asset is derecognised.

Internally generated goodwill is not recognised as an intangible asset.

The depreciable amount of an intangible asset with a finite useful life is allocated on a systematic basis over its useful life. The amortisation method used shall reflect the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits or service potential are expected to be consumed by the entity. If that pattern cannot be determined reliably, the straight-line method shall be used. The amortisation charge for each period shall be recognised in surplus or deficit unless this or another Standard permits or requires it to be included in the carrying amount of another asset.

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	Straight-line	3 -10 years

Intangible assets are derecognised:

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

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of intangible assets is included in surplus or deficit when the asset is derecognised (unless the Standard of GRAP on leases requires otherwise on a sale and leaseback).

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1.8 Heritage assets

Initial measurement

A heritage asset that qualifies for recognition as an asset is measured at cost.

A heritage asset shall be recognised as an asset if, and only if:

- (a) it is probably that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the asset will flow to the municipality; and
- (b) the cost or fair value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Where a heritage asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition.

If a heritage asset is not recognised, any initial costs to assess the state of the heritage asset and any costs incurred subsequently is recognised in surplus or deficit as incurred.

The entity does not recognise in the carrying amount of a heritage asset the day-to-day operating costs of the heritage asset, or the costs to maintain or to hold the heritage asset. These costs are recognised in surplus or deficit as incurred.

Subsequent measurement

After recognition as an asset, a class of heritage assets, whose fair value can be measured reliably, is carried at a revalued amount, being its fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent impairment losses.

If a heritage asset's carrying amount is increased as a result of a revaluation, the increase is credited directly to a revaluation surplus. However, the increase is recognised in surplus or deficit to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same heritage asset previously recognised in surplus or deficit.

If a heritage asset's carrying amount is decreased as a result of a revaluation, the decrease is recognised in surplus or deficit. However, the decrease is debited directly to a revaluation surplus to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that heritage asset.

Impairment

The heritage assets of the municipality shall not be depreciated but, the municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that it may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable amount or the recoverable service amount of the heritage asset.

Transfers

Transfers from heritage assets are only made when the particular asset no longer meets the definition of a heritage asset.

Transfers to heritage assets are only made when the asset meets the definition of a heritage asset.

For a transfer from investment property carried at fair value, to heritage assets at a revalued amount, any difference between the fair value of the asset at that date and its previous carrying amount shall be recognised in surplus or deficit.

Derecognition

The municipality derecognises heritage asset on disposal, or when no future economic benefits or service potential are expected from its use or disposal.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of a heritage asset is included in surplus or deficit when the item is derecognised (unless the Standard of GRAP on leases requires otherwise on a sale and leaseback).

Application of deemed cost - Directive 7

The Municipality opted to take advantage of the transitional provision as contained in the Directive 7 of the Accounting Standards Board, issued in December 2009. The municipality applied deemed cost where the acquisition cost of an asset could not be determined. The fair value as determined by a valuator was used in order to determine the deemed cost as on 1 July 2010.

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1.9 Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or a residual interest of another entity.

The amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, and minus any reduction (directly or through the use of an allowance account) for impairment or uncollectibility.

A concessionary loan is a loan granted to or received by an entity on terms that are not market related.

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Derecognition is the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from an entity's statement of financial position.

A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract with all three of the following characteristics:

- Its value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index, or other variable, provided in the case of a non-financial variable that the variable is not specific to a party to the contract (sometimes called the 'underlying').
- It requires no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.
- It is settled at a future date.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability (or group of financial assets or financial liabilities) 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. When calculating the effective interest rate, an entity shall estimate cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment, call and similar options) but shall not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate (see the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Exchange Transactions), transaction costs, and all other premiums or discounts. There is a presumption that the cash flows and the expected life of a group of similar financial instruments can be estimated reliably. However, in those rare cases when it is not possible to reliably estimate the cash flows or the expected life of a financial instrument (or group of financial instruments), the entity shall use the contractual cash flows over the full contractual term of the financial instrument (or group of financial instruments).

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

A financial asset is:

- cash and cash equivalents;
- a residual interest of another entity; or
- a contractual right to:
 - receive cash or another financial asset from another entity; or
 - exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially favourable to the entity.

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

A financial liability is any liability that is a contractual obligation to:

- deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity; or
- exchange financial assets or financial liabilities under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the entity.

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1.9 Financial instruments (continued)

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Liquidity risk is the risk encountered by an entity in the event of difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Loan commitment is a firm commitment to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

Loans payable are financial liabilities, other than short-term payables on normal credit terms.

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

A financial asset is past due when a counterparty has failed to make a payment when contractually due.

A residual interest is any contract that manifests an interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. A residual interest includes contributions from owners, which may be shown as:

- equity instruments or similar forms of unitised capital;
- a formal designation of a transfer of resources (or a class of such transfers) by the parties to the transaction as forming part of an entity's net assets, either before the contribution occurs or at the time of the contribution; or
- a formal agreement, in relation to the contribution, establishing or increasing an existing financial interest in the net assets of an entity.

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the entity had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument.

Financial instruments at amortised cost are non-derivative financial assets or non-derivative financial liabilities that have fixed or determinable payments, excluding those instruments that:

- the entity designates at fair value at initial recognition; or
- are held for trading.

Financial instruments at cost are investments in residual interests that do not have a quoted market price in an active market, and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured.

Financial instruments at fair value comprise financial assets or financial liabilities that are:

- derivatives;
- contingent consideration of an acquirer in a transfer of functions between entities not under common control to which the Standard of GRAP on Transfer of Functions Between Entities Not Under Common Control (GRAP 106) applies
- combined instruments that are designated at fair value;
- instruments held for trading. A financial instrument is held for trading if:
 - it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near-term; or
 - on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short term profit-taking;
 - non-derivative financial assets or financial liabilities with fixed or determinable payments that are designated at fair value at initial recognition; and
 - financial instruments that do not meet the definition of financial instruments at amortised cost or financial instruments at cost.

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1.9 Financial instruments (continued)

Classification

The entity has the following types of financial assets (classes and category) as reflected on the face of the statement of financial position or in the notes thereto:

Class	Category
Cash and cash equivalents	Financial asset measured at amortised cost
Receivables from exchange and non-exchange transactions	Financial asset measured at amortised cost
Other receivables from exchange transactions	Financial asset measured at amortised cost

The entity has the following types of financial liabilities (classes and category) as reflected on the face of the statement of financial position or in the notes thereto:

Class	Category
Consumer deposits	Financial liability measured at amortised cost
Payables from exchange transactions	Financial liability measured at amortised cost
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	Financial liability measured at amortised cost

Initial recognition

The entity recognises a financial asset or a financial liability in its statement of financial position when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The municipality recognises financial assets using trade date accounting.

Initial measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

The entity measures a financial asset and financial liability initially at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability, unless the financial asset or liability is subsequently measured at fair value, in which case the municipality initially measures the financial asset or liability at its fair value.

The entity first assesses whether the substance of a concessionary loan is in fact a loan. On initial recognition, the entity analyses a concessionary loan into its component parts and accounts for each component separately.

The entity accounts for that part of a concessionary loan that is:

- a social benefit in accordance with the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements, where it is the issuer of the loan; or
- non-exchange revenue, in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Non-exchange transactions (Taxes and Transfers), where it is the recipient of the loan.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

The entity measures all financial assets and financial liabilities after initial recognition using the following categories:

- Financial instruments at amortised cost.
- Financial instruments at cost.

All financial assets measured at amortised cost, or cost, are subject to an impairment review.

Impairment and uncollectibility of financial assets

The entity assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

Financial assets measured at amortised cost:

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1.9 Financial instruments (continued)

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets measured at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly OR through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed directly OR by adjusting an allowance account. The reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial assets measured at cost:

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on an investment in a residual interest that is not measured at fair value because its fair value cannot be measured reliably, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment losses are not reversed.

Derecognition

Financial assets

The entity derecognises financial assets using trade date accounting.

The entity derecognises a financial asset only when:

- the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, are settled or waived;
- the entity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset; or
- the entity, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party, and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer. In this case, the entity :
 - derecognise the asset; and
 - recognise separately any rights and obligations created or retained in the transfer.

The carrying amounts of the transferred asset are allocated between the rights or obligations retained and those transferred on the basis of their relative fair values at the transfer date. Newly created rights and obligations are measured at their fair values at that date. Any difference between the consideration received and the amounts recognised and derecognised is recognised in surplus or deficit in the period of the transfer.

If the entity transfers a financial asset in a transfer that qualifies for derecognition in its entirety and retains the right to service the financial asset for a fee, it recognise either a servicing asset or a servicing liability for that servicing contract. If the fee to be received is not expected to compensate the entity adequately for performing the servicing, a servicing liability for the servicing obligation is recognised at its fair value. If the fee to be received is expected to be more than adequate compensation for the servicing, a servicing asset is recognised for the servicing right at an amount determined on the basis of an allocation of the carrying amount of the larger financial asset.

If, as a result of a transfer, a financial asset is derecognised in its entirety but the transfer results in the entity obtaining a new financial asset or assuming a new financial liability, or a servicing liability, the entity recognise the new financial asset, financial liability or servicing liability at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If the transferred asset is part of a larger financial asset and the part transferred qualifies for derecognition in its entirety, the previous carrying amount of the larger financial asset is allocated between the part that continues to be recognised and the part that is derecognised, based on the relative fair values of those parts, on the date of the transfer. For this purpose, a retained servicing asset is treated as a part that continues to be recognised. The difference between the carrying amount allocated to the part derecognised and the sum of the consideration received for the part derecognised is recognised in surplus or deficit.

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1.9 Financial instruments (continued)

If a transfer does not result in derecognition because the entity has retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the transferred asset, the entity continues to recognise the transferred asset in its entirety and recognise a financial liability for the consideration received. In subsequent periods, the entity recognises any revenue on the transferred asset and any expense incurred on the financial liability. Neither the asset, and the associated liability nor the revenue, and the associated expenses are offset.

Financial liabilities

The entity removes a financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) from its statement of financial position when it is extinguished — i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled, expires or waived.

An exchange between an existing borrower and lender of debt instruments with substantially different terms is accounted for as having extinguished the original financial liability and a new financial liability is recognised. Similarly, a substantial modification of the terms of an existing financial liability or a part of it is accounted for as having extinguished the original financial liability and having recognised a new financial liability.

The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability (or part of a financial liability) extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in surplus or deficit. Any liabilities that are waived, forgiven or assumed by another entity by way of a non-exchange transaction are accounted for in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers).

Presentation

Interest relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability is recognised as revenue or expense in surplus or deficit.

Dividends or similar distributions relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability is recognised as revenue or expense in surplus or deficit.

Losses and gains relating to a financial instrument or a component that is a financial liability is recognised as revenue or expense in surplus or deficit.

Distributions to holders of residual interests are recognised by the entity directly in net assets. Transaction costs incurred on residual interests are accounted for as a deduction from net assets. Income tax [where applicable] relating to distributions to holders of residual interests and to transaction costs incurred on residual interests are accounted for in accordance with the International Accounting Standard on Income Taxes.

A financial asset and a financial liability are only offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when the entity currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

In accounting for a transfer of a financial asset that does not qualify for derecognition, the entity does not offset the transferred asset and the associated liability.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

These are initially and subsequently recorded at amortised cost. Fair value approximates the carrying amount. However, where the asset is not readily convertible into cash amounts for a period exceeding three months these are treated as investments.

1.10 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.

When a lease includes both land and buildings elements, the entity assesses the classification of each element separately.

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1.10 Leases (continued)

Operating leases - lessor

Operating lease revenue 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 recognised as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as the lease revenue.

The aggregate cost of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental revenue over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

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 or liability.

1.11 Inventories

Inventories are initially measured at cost except where inventories are acquired through a non-exchange transaction, then their costs are their fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Inventories shall be recognised as an asset if, and only if:

- (a) It is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the asset will flow to the entity; and
- (b) the cost of the inventories can be measured reliably.

Subsequently inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and current replacement cost where they are held for;

- distribution at no charge or for a nominal charge; or
- consumption in the production process of goods to be distributed at no charge or for a nominal charge.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of operations less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale, exchange or distribution.

Current replacement cost is the cost the municipality incurs to acquire the asset on the reporting date.

The cost of inventories comprises of all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

The cost of inventories of items that are not ordinarily interchangeable and goods or services produced and segregated for specific projects is assigned using specific identification of the individual costs.

The cost of inventories is assigned using the weighted average cost formula. The same cost formula is used for all inventories having a similar nature and use to the municipality.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amounts of those inventories are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. If there is no related revenue, the expenses are recognised when the goods are distributed, or related services are rendered. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value or current replacement cost and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories, arising from an increase in net realisable value or current replacement cost, are recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

1.12 Impairment of cash-generating assets

Cash-generating assets are assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return. Commercial return means that positive cash flows are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the asset.

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1.12 Impairment of cash-generating assets (continued)

A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Costs of disposal are incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal of an asset, excluding finance costs and income tax expense.

Identification

When the carrying amount of a cash-generating asset exceeds its recoverable amount, it is impaired.

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

In assessing whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the Municipality considers the following indications:

(a) External sources of information:

(i) During the period, an asset's market value has declined significantly more than would be expected as a result of the passage of time or normal use;

(ii) Significant changes with an adverse effect on the Municipality have taken place during the period, or will take place in the near future, in the technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the Municipality operates or in the market to which an asset is dedicated;

(iii) Market interest rates or other market rates of return on investments have increased during the period, and those increases are likely to affect the discount rate used in calculating an asset's value in use and decrease the asset's recoverable amount materially.

(b) Internal sources of information:

(i) Evidence is available of obsolescence or physical damage of an asset;

(ii) Significant changes with an adverse effect on the Municipality have taken place during the period, or are expected to take place in the near future, in the extent to which, or manner in which, an asset is used or is expected to be used. These changes include the asset becoming idle, plans to discontinue or restructure the operation to which an asset belongs, plans to dispose of an asset before the previously expected date, and reassessing the useful life of an asset as finite rather than indefinite;

(iii) A decision to halt the construction of the asset before it is complete or in a usable condition

(iv) Evidence is available from internal reporting that indicates that the economic performance of an asset is, or will be, worse than expected.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the municipality also tests a cash-generating intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or a cash-generating intangible asset not yet available for use for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount. This impairment test is performed at the same time every year. If an intangible asset was initially recognised during the current reporting period, that intangible asset was tested for impairment before the end of the current reporting period.

Value in use

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 pre-tax 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.

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1.12 Impairment of cash-generating assets (continued)

Recognition and measurement (individual asset)

If the recoverable amount of a cash-generating asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. This reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any impairment loss of a revalued cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

When the amount estimated for an impairment loss is greater than the carrying amount of the cash-generating asset to which it relates, the municipality recognises a liability only to the extent that is a requirement in the Standard of GRAP.

After the recognition of an impairment loss, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Cash-generating units

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the municipality determines the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs (the asset's cash-generating unit).

If an active market exists for the output produced by an asset or group of assets, that asset or group of assets is identified as a cash-generating unit, even if some or all of the output is used internally. If the cash inflows generated by any asset or cash-generating unit are affected by internal transfer pricing, the municipality use management's best estimate of future price(s) that could be achieved in arm's length transactions in estimating:

- the future cash inflows used to determine the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use; and
- the future cash outflows used to determine the value in use of any other assets or cash-generating units that are affected by the internal transfer pricing.

Cash-generating units are identified consistently from period to period for the same asset or types of assets, unless a change is justified.

The carrying amount of a cash-generating unit is determined on a basis consistent with the way the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is determined.

An impairment loss is recognised for a cash-generating unit if the recoverable amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the cash-generating assets of the unit on a pro rata basis, based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. These reductions in carrying amounts are treated as impairment losses on individual assets.

In allocating an impairment loss, the entity does not reduce the carrying amount of an asset below the highest of:

- its fair value less costs to sell (if determinable);
- its value in use (if determinable); and
- zero.

The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other cash-generating assets of the unit.

Where a non-cash-generating asset contributes to a cash-generating unit, a proportion of the carrying amount of that non-cash-generating asset is allocated to the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit prior to estimation of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit.

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1.12 Impairment of cash-generating assets (continued)

Reversal of impairment loss

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a cash-generating asset may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of that asset.

An impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a cash-generating asset is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. The increase is a reversal of an impairment loss. 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 (net of depreciation or amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss for a cash-generating asset is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation increase.

After a reversal of an impairment loss is recognised, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

A reversal of an impairment loss for a cash-generating unit is allocated to the cash-generating assets of the unit pro rata with the carrying amounts of those assets. These increases in carrying amounts are treated as reversals of impairment losses for individual assets. No part of the amount of such a reversal is allocated to a non-cash-generating asset contributing service potential to a cash-generating unit.

In allocating a reversal of an impairment loss for a cash-generating unit, the carrying amount of an asset is not increased above the lower of:

- its recoverable amount (if determinable); and
- the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of amortisation or depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

The amount of the reversal of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit.

Redesignation

The redesignation of assets from a cash-generating asset to a non-cash-generating asset or from a non-cash-generating asset to a cash-generating asset only occur when there is clear evidence that such a redesignation is appropriate.

1.13 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets

Cash-generating assets are assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return. Commercial return means that positive cash flows are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the asset.

Non-cash-generating assets are assets other than cash-generating assets.

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

Identification

When the carrying amount of a non-cash-generating asset exceeds its recoverable service amount, it is impaired.

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

In assessing whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the Municipality considers the following indications:

(a) External sources of information:

(i) Cessation, or near cessation, of the demand or need for services provided by the asset;

(ii) Significant long-term changes with an adverse effect on the Municipality have taken place during the period or will take place in the near future, in the technological, legal or government policy environment in which the Municipality operates.

(b) Internal sources of information:

(i) Evidence is available of physical damage of an asset;

(ii) Significant long-term changes with an adverse effect on the Municipality have taken place during the period, or are expected to take place in the near future, in the extent to which, or manner in which, an asset is used or is expected to be used. These changes include the asset becoming idle, plans to discontinue or restructure the operation to which an asset belongs, or plans to dispose of an asset before the previously expected date;

(iii) A decision to halt the construction of the asset before it is complete or in a usable condition;

(iv) Evidence is available from internal reporting that indicates that the service performance of an asset is, or will be, significantly worse than expected.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the entity also tests a non-cash-generating intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or a non-cash-generating intangible asset not yet available for use for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable service amount. This impairment test is performed at the same time every year. If an intangible asset was initially recognised during the current reporting period, that intangible asset was tested for impairment before the end of the current reporting period.

Value in use

Value in use of non-cash-generating assets is the present value of the non-cash-generating assets remaining service potential.

The present value of the remaining service potential of a non-cash-generating assets is determined using the following approach:

Depreciated 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 current 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.

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

Recognition and measurement

If the recoverable service amount of a non-cash-generating asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable service amount. This reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any impairment loss of a revalued non-cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

When the amount estimated for an impairment loss is greater than the carrying amount of the non-cash-generating asset to which it relates, the municipality recognises a liability only to the extent that is a requirement in the Standards of GRAP.

After the recognition of an impairment loss, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the non-cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the non-cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Reversal of an impairment loss

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a non-cash-generating asset may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable service amount of that asset.

An impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a non-cash-generating asset is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable service amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable service amount. The increase is a reversal of an impairment loss. 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 (net of depreciation or amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss for a non-cash-generating asset is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued non-cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation increase.

After a reversal of an impairment loss is recognised, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the non-cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the non-cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Redesignation

The redesignation of assets from a cash-generating asset to a non-cash-generating asset or from a non-cash-generating asset to a cash-generating asset only occur when there is clear evidence that such a redesignation is appropriate.

1.14 Employee benefits

Employee benefits are all forms of consideration given by an entity in exchange for service rendered by employees.

A qualifying insurance policy is an insurance policy issued by an insurer that is not a related party (as defined in the Standard of GRAP on Related Party Disclosures) of the reporting entity, if the proceeds of the policy can be used only to pay or fund employee benefits under a defined benefit plan and are not available to the reporting entity's own creditors (even in liquidation) and cannot be paid to the reporting entity, unless either:

- the proceeds represent surplus assets that are not needed for the policy to meet all the related employee benefit obligations; or
- the proceeds are returned to the reporting entity to reimburse it for employee benefits already paid.

Termination benefits are employee benefits payable as a result of either:

- an entity's decision to terminate an employee's employment before the normal retirement date; or
- an employee's decision to accept voluntary redundancy in exchange for those benefits.

Other long-term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than post-employment benefits and termination benefits) that are not due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

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1.14 Employee benefits (continued)

Vested employee benefits are employee benefits that are not conditional on future employment.

Composite social security programmes are established by legislation and operate as multi-employer plans to provide post-employment benefits as well as to provide benefits that are not consideration in exchange for service rendered by employees.

A constructive obligation is an obligation that derives from an entity's actions where by an established pattern of past practice, published policies or a sufficiently specific current statement, the entity has indicated to other parties that it will accept certain responsibilities and as a result, the entity has created a valid expectation on the part of those other parties that it will discharge those responsibilities.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that are due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

Short-term employee benefits include items such as:

- wages, salaries and social security contributions;
- short-term compensated absences (such as paid annual leave and paid sick leave) where the compensation for the absences is due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related employee service;
- bonus, incentive and performance related payments payable within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service; and
- non-monetary benefits (for example, medical care, and free or subsidised goods or services such as housing, cars and cellphones) for current employees.

When an employee has rendered service to the entity during a reporting period, the entity recognises the undiscounted amount of short-term employee benefits expected to be paid in exchange for that service:

- as a liability (accrued expense), after deducting any amount already paid. If the amount already paid exceeds the undiscounted amount of the benefits, the entity recognises that excess as an asset (prepaid expense) to the extent that the prepayment will lead to, for example, a reduction in future payments or a cash refund; and
- as an expense, unless another Standard requires or permits the inclusion of the benefits in the cost of an asset.

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 entity measures the expected cost of accumulating compensated absences as the additional amount that the entity expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement that has accumulated at the reporting date.

The entity recognises the expected cost of bonus, incentive and performance related payments when the entity has a present legal or constructive obligation to make such payments as a result of past events and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made. A present obligation exists when the entity has no realistic alternative but to make the payments.

Post-employment benefits

Post-employment benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) which are payable after the completion of employment.

Post-employment benefit plans are formal or informal arrangements under which an entity provides post-employment benefits for one or more employees.

Multi-employer plans are defined contribution plans (other than state plans and composite social security programmes) or defined benefit plans (other than state plans) that pool the assets contributed by various entities that are not under common control and use those assets to provide benefits to employees of more than one entity, on the basis that contribution and benefit levels are determined without regard to the identity of the entity that employs the employees concerned.

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1.14 Employee benefits (continued)

Post-employment benefits: Defined contribution plans

Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

When an employee has rendered service to the entity during a reporting period, the entity recognises the contribution payable to a defined contribution plan in exchange for that service:

- as a liability (accrued expense), after deducting any contribution already paid. If the contribution already paid exceeds the contribution due for service before the reporting date, an entity recognises that excess as an asset (prepaid expense) to the extent that the prepayment will lead to, for example, a reduction in future payments or a cash refund; and
- as an expense, unless another Standard requires or permits the inclusion of the contribution in the cost of an asset.

Where contributions to a defined contribution plan do not fall due wholly within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service, they are discounted. The rate used to discount reflects the time value of money. The currency and term of the financial instrument selected to reflect the time value of money is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the obligation.

Post-employment benefits: Defined benefit plans

Defined benefit plans are post-employment benefit plans other than defined contribution plans.

Actuarial gains and losses comprise experience adjustments (the effects of differences between the previous actuarial assumptions and what has actually occurred) and the effects of changes in actuarial assumptions. In measuring its defined benefit liability the entity recognises actuarial gains and losses in surplus or deficit in the reporting period in which they occur.

Assets held by a long-term employee benefit fund are assets (other than non-transferable financial instruments issued by the reporting entity) that are held by an entity (a fund) that is legally separate from the reporting entity and exists solely to pay or fund employee benefits and are available to be used only to pay or fund employee benefits, are not available to the reporting entity's own creditors (even in liquidation), and cannot be returned to the reporting entity, unless either:

- the remaining assets of the fund are sufficient to meet all the related employee benefit obligations of the plan or the reporting entity; or
- the assets are returned to the reporting entity to reimburse it for employee benefits already paid.

Current service cost is the increase in the present value of the defined benefit obligation resulting from employee service in the current period.

Interest cost is the increase during a period in the present value of a defined benefit obligation which arises because the benefits are one period closer to settlement.

Past service cost is the change in the present value of the defined benefit obligation for employee service in prior periods, resulting in the current period from the introduction of, or changes to, post-employment benefits or other long-term employee benefits. Past service cost may be either positive (when benefits are introduced or changed so that the present value of the defined benefit obligation increases) or negative (when existing benefits are changed so that the present value of the defined benefit obligation decreases). In measuring its defined benefit liability the entity recognises past service cost as an expense in the reporting period in which the plan is amended.

Plan assets comprise assets held by a long-term employee benefit fund and qualifying insurance policies.

The present value of a defined benefit obligation is the present value, without deducting any plan assets, of expected future payments required to settle the obligation resulting from employee service in the current and prior periods.

The return on plan assets is interest, dividends or similar distributions and other revenue derived from the plan assets, together with realised and unrealised gains or losses on the plan assets, less any costs of administering the plan (other than those included in the actuarial assumptions used to measure the defined benefit obligation) and less any tax payable by the plan itself.

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1.14 Employee benefits (continued)

The entity account not only for its legal obligation under the formal terms of a defined benefit plan, but also for any constructive obligation that arises from the entity's informal practices. Informal practices give rise to a constructive obligation where the entity has no realistic alternative but to pay employee benefits. An example of a constructive obligation is where a change in the entity's informal practices would cause unacceptable damage to its relationship with employees.

The amount recognised as a defined benefit liability is the net total of the following amounts:

- the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date;
- minus the fair value at the reporting date of plan assets (if any) out of which the obligations are to be settled directly;
- plus any liability that may arise as a result of a minimum funding requirement

The amount determined as a defined benefit liability may be negative (an asset). The entity measures the resulting asset at the lower of:

- the amount determined above; and
- the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan. The present value of these economic benefits is determined using a discount rate which reflects the time value of money.

Any adjustments arising from the limit above is recognised in surplus or deficit.

The entity determines the present value of defined benefit obligations and the fair value of any plan assets with sufficient regularity such that the amounts recognised in the annual financial statements do not differ materially from the amounts that would be determined at the reporting date.

The entity recognises the net total of the following amounts in surplus or deficit, except to the extent that another Standard requires or permits their inclusion in the cost of an asset:

- current service cost;
- interest cost;
- the expected return on any plan assets and on any reimbursement rights;
- actuarial gains and losses;
- past service cost;
- the effect of any curtailments or settlements; and
- the effect of applying the limit on a defined benefit asset (negative defined benefit liability).

The entity uses the Projected Unit Credit Method to determine the present value of its defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost and, where applicable, past service cost. The Projected Unit Credit Method (sometimes known as the accrued benefit method pro-rated on service or as the benefit/years of service method) sees each period of service as giving rise to an additional unit of benefit entitlement and measures each unit separately to build up the final obligation.

In determining the present value of its defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost and, where applicable, past service cost, an entity shall attribute benefit to periods of service under the plan's benefit formula. However, if an employee's service in later years will lead to a materially higher level of benefit than in earlier years, an entity shall attribute benefit on a straight-line basis from:

- the date when service by the employee first leads to benefits under the plan (whether or not the benefits are conditional on further service); until
- the date when further service by the employee will lead to no material amount of further benefits under the plan, other than from further salary increases.

Actuarial valuations are conducted on an annual basis by independent actuaries separately for each plan. The results of the valuation are updated for any material transactions and other material changes in circumstances (including changes in market prices and interest rates) up to the reporting date.

The entity recognises gains or losses on the curtailment or settlement of a defined benefit plan when the curtailment or settlement occurs. The gain or loss on a curtailment or settlement comprises:

- any resulting change in the present value of the defined benefit obligation; and
- any resulting change in the fair value of the plan assets.

Before determining the effect of a curtailment or settlement, the entity re-measure the obligation (and the related plan assets, if any) using current actuarial assumptions (including current market interest rates and other current market prices).

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1.14 Employee benefits (continued)

When it is virtually certain that another party will reimburse some or all of the expenditure required to settle a defined benefit obligation, the right to reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset. The asset is measured at fair value. In all other respects, the asset is treated in the same way as plan assets. In surplus or deficit, the expense relating to a defined benefit plan is not presented as the net of the amount recognised for a reimbursement.

The entity offsets an asset relating to one plan against a liability relating to another plan when the entity has a legally enforceable right to use a surplus in one plan to settle obligations under the other plan and intends either to settle the obligations on a net basis, or to realise the surplus in one plan and settle its obligation under the other plan simultaneously.

Actuarial assumptions

Actuarial assumptions are unbiased and mutually compatible.

Financial assumptions are based on market expectations, at the reporting date, for the period over which the obligations are to be settled.

The rate used to discount post-employment benefit obligations (both funded and unfunded) reflect the time value of money. The currency and term of the financial instrument selected to reflect the time value of money is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the post-employment benefit obligations.

Post-employment benefit obligations are measured on a basis that reflects:

- estimated future salary increases;
- the benefits set out in the terms of the plan (or resulting from any constructive obligation that goes beyond those terms) at the reporting date; and
- estimated future changes in the level of any state benefits that affect the benefits payable under a defined benefit plan, if, and only if, either:
 - those changes were enacted before the reporting date; or
 - past history, or other reliable evidence, indicates that those state benefits will change in some predictable manner, for example, in line with future changes in general price levels or general salary levels.

Assumptions about medical costs take account of estimated future changes in the cost of medical services, resulting from both inflation and specific changes in medical costs.

Other post retirement obligations

The municipality provides post-retirement health care benefits, housing subsidies and gratuities upon retirement to some retirees.

The entitlement to post-retirement health care benefits is based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment. Independent qualified actuaries carry out valuations of these obligations. The municipality also provides a gratuity and housing subsidy on retirement to certain employees. An annual charge to income is made to cover both these liabilities.

The amount recognised as a liability for other long-term employee benefits is the net total of the following amounts:

- the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date;
- minus the fair value at the reporting date of plan assets (if any) out of which the obligations are to be settled directly.

The entity shall recognise the net total of the following amounts as expense or revenue, except to the extent that another Standard requires or permits their inclusion in the cost of an asset:

- current service cost;
- interest cost;
- the expected return on any plan assets and on any reimbursement right recognised as an asset;
- actuarial gains and losses, which shall all be recognised immediately;
- past service cost, which shall all be recognised immediately; and
- the effect of any curtailments or settlements.

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1.14 Employee benefits (continued)

Termination benefits

The entity recognises termination benefits as a liability and an expense when the entity is demonstrably committed to either:

- terminate the employment of an employee or group of employees before the normal retirement date; or
- provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made in order to encourage voluntary redundancy.

The entity is demonstrably committed to a termination when the entity has a detailed formal plan for the termination and is without realistic possibility of withdrawal. The detailed plan includes [as a minimum]:

- the location, function, and approximate number of employees whose services are to be terminated;
- the termination benefits for each job classification or function; and
- the time at which the plan will be implemented.

Implementation begins as soon as possible and the period of time to complete implementation is such that material changes to the plan are not likely.

Where termination benefits fall due more than 12 months after the reporting date, they are discounted using an appropriate discount rate. The rate used to discount the benefit reflects the time value of money. The currency and term of the financial instrument selected to reflect the time value of money is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the benefit.

In the case of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy, the measurement of termination benefits shall be based on the number of employees expected to accept the offer.

Provision for Staff Leave

Liabilities for annual leave are recognised as they accrue to employees. The liability is based on the total amount of leave days due to employees at year-end, capped at a maximum of 48 days, and also on the total remuneration package of the employee.

Accumulating leave is carried forward and can be used in future periods, if the current period's entitlement is not used in full. All unused leave will be paid out to the specific employee at the end of that employee's employment term.

Accumulated leave is vesting.

Staff Bonuses Accrued

Liabilities for staff bonuses are recognised as they are accrued to employees. The liability at year-end is based on bonus accrued at year-end for each employee.

1.15 Commitments

Items are classified as commitments when an entity has committed itself to future transactions that will normally result in the outflow of cash.

Disclosures are required in respect of unrecognised contractual commitments.

Commitments for which disclosure is necessary to achieve a fair presentation should be disclosed in a note to the financial statements, if both the following criteria are met:

- Contracts should be non-cancellable or only cancellable at significant cost (for example, contracts for computer or building maintenance services); and
- Contracts should relate to something other than the routine, steady, state business of the entity – therefore salary commitments relating to employment contracts or social security benefit commitments are excluded.

1.16 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when:

- the municipality has a present obligation as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

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1.16 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

The amount of a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

Where the effect of time value of money is material, the amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation.

The discount rate is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, the reimbursement is recognised when, and only when, it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the municipality settles the obligation. The reimbursement is treated as a separate asset. The amount recognised for the reimbursement does not exceed the amount of the provision.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Provisions are reversed if it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required, to settle the obligation.

Where discounting is used, the carrying amount of a provision increases in each period to reflect the passage of time. This increase is recognised as an interest expense.

A provision is used only for expenditures for which the provision was originally recognised.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating surplus (deficit).

If an entity has a contract that is onerous, the present obligation (net of recoveries) under the contract is recognised and measured as a provision.

A restructuring provision includes only the direct expenditures arising from the restructuring, which are those that are both:

- necessarily entailed by the restructuring; and
- not associated with the ongoing activities of the municipality

No obligation arises as a consequence of the sale or transfer of an operation until the municipality is committed to the sale or transfer, that is, there is a binding arrangement.

After their initial recognition contingent liabilities recognised in entity combinations that are recognised separately are subsequently measured at the higher of:

- the amount that would be recognised as a provision; and
- the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised. Contingencies are disclosed in note 47.

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

Loan commitment is a firm commitment to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

The municipality recognises a provision for financial guarantees and loan commitments when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits and service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

Determining whether an outflow of resources is probable in relation to financial guarantees requires judgement. Indications that an outflow of resources may be probable are:

- financial difficulty of the debtor;
- defaults or delinquencies in interest and capital repayments by the debtor;
- breaches of the terms of the debt instrument that result in it being payable earlier than the agreed term and the ability of the debtor to settle its obligation on the amended terms; and
- a decline in prevailing economic circumstances (e.g. high interest rates, inflation and unemployment) that impact on the ability of entities to repay their obligations.

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1.16 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

Where a fee is received by the municipality for issuing a financial guarantee and/or where a fee is charged on loan commitments, it is considered in determining the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at reporting date. Where a fee is charged and the municipality considers that an outflow of economic resources is probable, an municipality recognises the obligation at the higher of:

- the amount determined using in the Standard of GRAP on Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets; and
- the amount of the fee initially recognised less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Exchange Transactions.

1.17 Revenue from exchange transactions

Revenue is the gross inflow of economic benefits or service potential during the reporting period when those inflows result in an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

An exchange transaction is one in which the municipality receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value (primarily in the form of goods, services or use of assets) to the other party in exchange.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Measurement

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of trade discounts and volume rebates.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions have been satisfied:

- the municipality has transferred to the purchaser the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the municipality retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Rendering of services

When the outcome of a transaction involving the rendering of services can be estimated reliably, revenue associated with the transaction is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The outcome of a transaction can be estimated reliably when all the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality;
- the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

When services are performed by an indeterminate number of acts over a specified time frame, revenue is recognised on a straight-line basis over the specified time frame unless there is evidence that some other method better represents the stage of completion. When a specific act is much more significant than any other acts, the recognition of revenue is postponed until the significant act is executed.

When the outcome of the transaction involving the rendering of services cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Service revenue is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. Stage of completion is determined by services performed to date as a percentage of total services to be performed.

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1.17 Revenue from exchange transactions (continued)

Interest, royalties and dividends

Revenue arising from the use by others of entity assets yielding interest, royalties and dividends or similar distributions is recognised when:

- It is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality, and
- The amount of the revenue can be measured reliably.

Interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method for financial instruments, and using the nominal interest rate method for statutory receivables. Interest levied on transactions arising from exchange or non-exchange transactions is classified based on the nature of the underlying transaction.

Royalties are recognised as they are earned in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreements.

Dividends or similar distributions are recognised, in surplus or deficit, when the municipality's right to receive payment has been established.

Service fees included in the price of the product are recognised as revenue over the period during which the service is performed.

Pre-paid electricity

Prepaid electricity revenue is recognised at the point of sale. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of trade discounts and volume rebates. Pre-paid electricity sales are reconciled on a monthly basis and the sum of the monthly sales provides the total sales for the year. The financial year is divided in two seasons based on the application of tariffs with the seasons being summer (1 September – 31 May) and winter (1 June to 31 August). The deferred portion of revenue is accounted for by an adjustment for units not consumed at year end. This adjustment is based on the average consumption history, multiplied by the weighted average cost of units sold in June. Average consumption in units is determined per active prepaid meter using a trend analysis of historical consumer purchase data per meter for the months of May, June and July. The deferred portion of revenue is the amount by which the actual prepaid electricity sold for the month of June exceeds the average consumption calculated.

1.18 Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Revenue comprises gross inflows of economic benefits or service potential received and receivable by a municipality, which represents an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

Conditions on transferred assets are stipulations that specify that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset is required to be consumed by the recipient as specified or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

Control of an asset arises when the municipality can use or otherwise benefit from the asset in pursuit of its objectives and can exclude or otherwise regulate the access of others to that benefit.

Exchange transactions are transactions in which one entity receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value (primarily in the form of cash, goods, services, or use of assets) to another entity in exchange.

Expenses paid through the tax system are amounts that are available to beneficiaries regardless of whether or not they pay taxes.

Fines are economic benefits or service potential received or receivable by entities, as determined by a court or other law enforcement body, as a consequence of the breach of laws or regulations.

Non-exchange transactions are transactions that are not exchange transactions. In a non-exchange transaction, a municipality either receives value from another municipality without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange, or gives value to another municipality without directly receiving approximately equal value in exchange.

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1.18 Revenue from non-exchange transactions (continued)

Restrictions on transferred assets are stipulations that limit or direct the purposes for which a transferred asset may be used, but do not specify that future economic benefits or service potential is required to be returned to the transferor if not deployed as specified.

Stipulations on transferred assets are terms in laws or regulation, or a binding arrangement, imposed upon the use of a transferred asset by entities external to the reporting municipality.

Tax expenditures are preferential provisions of the tax law that provide certain taxpayers with concessions that are not available to others.

The taxable event is the event that the government, legislature or other authority has determined will be subject to taxation.

Taxes are economic benefits or service potential compulsorily paid or payable to entities, in accordance with laws and or regulations, established to provide revenue to government. Taxes do not include fines or other penalties imposed for breaches of the law.

Transfers are inflows of future economic benefits or service potential from non-exchange transactions, other than taxes.

Recognition

An inflow of resources from a non-exchange transaction recognised as an asset is recognised as revenue, except to the extent that a liability is also recognised in respect of the same inflow.

As the municipality satisfies a present obligation recognised as a liability in respect of an inflow of resources from a non-exchange transaction recognised as an asset, it reduces the carrying amount of the liability recognised and recognises an amount of revenue equal to that reduction.

Measurement

Revenue from a non-exchange transaction is measured at the amount of the increase in net assets recognised by the municipality.

When, as a result of a non-exchange transaction, the municipality recognises an asset, it also recognises revenue equivalent to the amount of the asset measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition, unless it is also required to recognise a liability. Where a liability is required to be recognised it will be measured as the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date, and the amount of the increase in net assets, if any, recognised as revenue. When a liability is subsequently reduced, because the taxable event occurs or a condition is satisfied, the amount of the reduction in the liability is recognised as revenue.

Receivables that arise from statutory (non-contractual) arrangements are initially measured in accordance with this accounting policy, as well as the accounting policy on Statutory Receivables. The entity applies the accounting policy on Statutory Receivables for the subsequent measurement, derecognition, presentation and disclosure of statutory receivables.

Interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method for financial instruments, and using the nominal interest rate method for statutory receivables. Interest levied on transactions arising from exchange or non-exchange transactions is classified based on the nature of the underlying transaction.

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1.18 Revenue from non-exchange transactions (continued)

Taxes

The municipality recognises an asset in respect of taxes when the taxable event occurs and the asset recognition criteria are met.

Resources arising from taxes satisfy the definition of an asset when the municipality controls the resources as a result of a past event (the taxable event) and expects to receive future economic benefits or service potential from those resources. Resources arising from taxes satisfy the criteria for recognition as an asset when it is probable that the inflow of resources will occur and their fair value can be reliably measured. The degree of probability attached to the inflow of resources is determined on the basis of evidence available at the time of initial recognition, which includes, but is not limited to, disclosure of the taxable event by the taxpayer.

The municipality analyses the taxation laws to determine what the taxable events are for the various taxes levied.

The taxable event for income tax is the earning of assessable income during the taxation period by the taxpayer.

The taxable event for value added tax is the undertaking of taxable activity during the taxation period by the taxpayer.

The taxable event for customs duty is the movement of dutiable goods or services across the customs boundary.

The taxable event for estate duty is the death of a person owning taxable property.

The taxable event for property tax is the passing of the date on which the tax is levied, or the period for which the tax is levied, if the tax is levied on a periodic basis.

Taxation revenue is determined at a gross amount. It is not reduced for expenses paid through the tax system.

Taxation revenue are not grossed up for the amount of tax expenditures.

Transfers

Apart from Services in kind, which are not recognised, the municipality recognises an asset in respect of transfers when the transferred resources meet the definition of an asset and satisfy the criteria for recognition as an asset.

The municipality recognises an asset in respect of transfers when the transferred resources meet the definition of an asset and satisfy the criteria for recognition as an asset.

Transferred assets are measured at their fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Fines

Fines are recognised as revenue when the receivable meets the definition of an asset and satisfies the criteria for recognition as an asset.

Assets arising from fines are measured at the best estimate of the inflow of resources to the municipality.

Where the municipality collects fines in the capacity of an agent, the fine will not be revenue of the collecting entity.

Gifts and donations, including goods in-kind

Gifts and donations, including goods in kind, are recognised as assets and revenue when it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential will flow to the municipality and the fair value of the assets can be measured reliably.

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1.18 Revenue from non-exchange transactions (continued)

Services in-kind

Except for financial guarantee contracts, the municipality recognise services in-kind that are significant to its operations and/or service delivery objectives as assets and recognise the related revenue when it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential will flow to the municipality and the fair value of the assets can be measured reliably.

Where services in-kind are not significant to the municipality's operations and/or service delivery objectives and/or do not satisfy the criteria for recognition, the municipality disclose the nature and type of services in-kind received during the reporting period.

1.19 Investment income

Investment income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

1.20 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are interest and other expenses incurred by an entity in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

1.21 Comparative figures

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

1.22 Unauthorised expenditure

Unauthorised expenditure means:

- overspending of a vote or a main division within a vote; and
- expenditure not in accordance with the purpose of a vote or, in the case of a main division, not in accordance with the purpose of the main division.

All expenditure relating to unauthorised expenditure is recognised as an expense in the statement of financial performance in the year that the expenditure was incurred. The expenditure is classified in accordance with the nature of the expense, and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.23 Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

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

All expenditure relating to fruitless and wasteful expenditure is recognised as an expense in the statement of financial performance in the year that the expenditure was incurred. The expenditure is classified in accordance with the nature of the expense, and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.24 Irregular expenditure

Where irregular expenditure was incurred in the previous financial year and is only condoned in the following financial year, the register and the disclosure note to the financial statements must be updated with the amount condoned.

Irregular expenditure that was incurred and identified during the current financial year and which was not condoned by the National Treasury or the relevant authority must be recorded appropriately in the irregular expenditure register. If liability for the irregular expenditure can be attributed to a person, a debt account must be created if such a person is liable in law. Immediate steps must thereafter be taken to recover the amount from the person concerned. If recovery is not possible, the accounting officer or accounting authority may write off the amount as debt impairment and disclose such in the relevant note to the financial statements. The irregular expenditure register must also be updated accordingly. If the irregular expenditure has not been condoned and no person is liable in law, the expenditure related thereto must remain against the relevant programme/expenditure item, be disclosed as such in the note to the financial statements and updated accordingly in the irregular expenditure register.

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1.24 Irregular expenditure (continued)

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 excludes unauthorised expenditure. 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.

1.25 Changes in accounting policies, estimates and errors

Changes in accounting policies that are affected by management have been applied retrospectively in accordance with GRAP 3 requirements, except to the extent that it is impracticable to determine the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change in policy. In such cases the municipality shall restate the opening balances of assets, liabilities and net assets for the earliest period for which retrospective restatement is practicable. Refer to notes for details of changes in accounting policies. Changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively in accordance with GRAP 3 requirements. Details of changes in estimates are disclosed in the notes to the annual financial statements where applicable.

Correction of errors is applied retrospectively in the period in which the error has occurred in accordance with GRAP 3 requirements, except to the extent that it is impracticable to determine the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the error. In such cases the municipality shall restate the opening balances of assets, liabilities and net assets for the earliest period for which retrospective restatement is practicable. Refer to the notes to the Annual Financial Statements for details of corrections of errors recorded during the period under review.

1.26 Conditional grants and receipts

Revenue received from conditional grants, donations and funding are recognised as revenue to the extent that the municipality has complied with any of the criteria, conditions or obligations embodied in the agreement. To the extent that the criteria, conditions or obligations have not been met a liability is recognised.

1.27 Materiality

Omissions or misstatements of items are material if they could, individually or collectively, influence the decisions or assessments of users made on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the nature or size of the omission or misstatement judged in the surrounding circumstances. The nature or size of the information item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor.

Assessing whether an omission or misstatement could influence decisions of users, and so be material, requires consideration of the characteristics of those users. The Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements states that users are assumed to have a reasonable knowledge of government, its activities, accounting and a willingness to study the information with reasonable diligence. Therefore, the assessment takes into account how users with such attributes could reasonably be expected to be influenced in making and evaluating decisions.

The entity does not retrospectively adjust the accounting of past items (or group of items) that were previously assessed as immaterial, unless an error occurred.

1.28 Budget information

Municipality are typically subject to budgetary limits in the form of appropriations or budget authorisations (or equivalent), which is given effect through authorising legislation, appropriation or similar.

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 accrual basis and presented by economic classification linked to performance outcome objectives.

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

The budget for the economic entity includes all the entities approved budgets under its control.

The annual financial statements and the budget are on the same basis of accounting therefore a comparison with the budgeted amounts for the reporting period have been included in the Statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts.

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1.29 Events after reporting date

Events after reporting date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the reporting date and the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the reporting date (adjusting events after the reporting date); and
- those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting date (non-adjusting events after the reporting date).

The municipality will adjust the amount recognised in the financial statements to reflect adjusting events after the reporting date once the event occurred.

The municipality will disclose the nature of the event and an estimate of its financial effect or a statement that such estimate cannot be made in respect of all material non-adjusting events, where non-disclosure could influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

1.30 Value Added Tax (VAT)

The municipality accounts to the South African Revenue Services for VAT on the Cash basis at the standard rate, except where the supplies are specifically zero-rated in terms of section 11, exempted in terms of section 12, or are out of scope for VAT.

VAT is recognised in the municipality's accounting records on the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with GRAP 1, paragraph 31. Under the accrual basis of accounting, VAT is recognised when the related expenditure or revenue transaction qualifies for recognition in the accounting records, and not when the related cash flow occurs.

1.31 Accumulated surplus

The accumulated surplus/deficit represents the net difference between total assets and total liabilities of the municipality. Any surpluses and deficits realised during a specific financial year are credited/debited against accumulated surplus/deficit. Prior year adjustments relating to income and expenditure are debited/credited against accumulated surplus when retrospective adjustments are made.

1.32 Statutory receivables

Identification

Statutory receivables are receivables that arise from legislation, supporting regulations, or similar means, and require settlement by another entity in cash or another financial asset.

Carrying amount is the amount at which an asset is recognised in the statement of financial position.

The cost method is the method used to account for statutory receivables that requires such receivables to be measured at their transaction amount, plus any accrued interest or other charges (where applicable) and, less any accumulated impairment losses and any amounts derecognised.

Nominal interest rate is the interest rate and/or basis specified in legislation, supporting regulations or similar means.

The transaction amount for a statutory receivable means the amount specified in, or calculated, levied or charged in accordance with, legislation, supporting regulations, or similar means.

Recognition

The municipality recognises statutory receivables as follows:

- if the transaction is an exchange transaction, using the policy on Revenue from exchange transactions;
- if the transaction is a non-exchange transaction, using the policy on Revenue from non-exchange transactions (Taxes and transfers); or
- if the transaction is not within the scope of the policies listed in the above or another Standard of GRAP, the receivable is recognised when the definition of an asset is met and, when it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the asset will flow to the entity and the transaction amount can be measured reliably.

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1.32 Statutory receivables (continued)

Initial measurement

The municipality initially measures statutory receivables at their transaction amount.

Subsequent measurement

The municipality measures statutory receivables after initial recognition using the cost method. Under the cost method, the initial measurement of the receivable is changed subsequent to initial recognition to reflect any:

- interest or other charges that may have accrued on the receivable (where applicable);
- impairment losses; and
- amounts derecognised.

Accrued interest

Where the municipality levies interest on the outstanding balance of statutory receivables, it adjusts the transaction amount after initial recognition to reflect any accrued interest. Accrued interest is calculated using the nominal interest rate.

Interest on statutory receivables is recognised as revenue in accordance with the policy on Revenue from exchange transactions or the policy on Revenue from non-exchange transactions (Taxes and transfers), whichever is applicable.

Other charges

Where the municipality is required or entitled in terms of legislation, supporting regulations, by-laws or similar means to levy additional charges on overdue or unpaid amounts, and such charges are levied, the entity applies the principles as stated in "Accrued interest" above, as well as the relevant policy on Revenue from exchange transactions or the policy on Revenue from non-exchange transactions (Taxes and transfers).

Impairment losses

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a statutory receivable, or a group of statutory receivables, may be impaired.

In assessing whether there is any indication that a statutory receivable, or group of statutory receivables, may be impaired, the municipality considers, as a minimum, the following indicators:

- Significant financial difficulty of the debtor, which may be evidenced by an application for debt counselling, business rescue or an equivalent.
- It is probable that the debtor will enter sequestration, liquidation or other financial re-organisation.
- A breach of the terms of the transaction, such as default or delinquency in principal or interest payments (where levied).
- Adverse changes in international, national or local economic conditions, such as a decline in growth, an increase in debt levels and unemployment, or changes in migration rates and patterns.

If there is an indication that a statutory receivable, or a group of statutory receivables, may be impaired, the municipality measures the impairment loss as the difference between the estimated future cash flows and the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount is higher than the estimated future cash flows, the carrying amount of the statutory receivable, or group of statutory receivables, is reduced, either directly or through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the losses is recognised in surplus or deficit.

In estimating the future cash flows, an municipality considers both the amount and timing of the cash flows that it will receive in future. Consequently, where the effect of the time value of money is material, the entity discounts the estimated future cash flows using a rate that reflects the current risk-free rate and, if applicable, any risks specific to the statutory receivable, or group of statutory receivables, for which the future cash flow estimates have not been adjusted.

An impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a statutory receivable is revised if there has been a change in the estimates used since the last impairment loss was recognised, or to reflect the effect of discounting the estimated cash flows.

Any previously recognised impairment loss is adjusted either directly or by adjusting the allowance account. The adjustment does not result in the carrying amount of the statutory receivable or group of statutory receivables exceeding what the carrying amount of the receivable(s) would have been had the impairment loss not been recognised at the date the impairment is revised. The amount of any adjustment is recognised in surplus or deficit.

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1.32 Statutory receivables (continued)

Derecognition

The municipality derecognises a statutory receivable, or a part thereof, when:

- the rights to the cash flows from the receivable are settled, expire or are waived;
- the municipality transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the receivable; or
- the municipality, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership of the receivable, has transferred control of the receivable to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the receivable in its entirety to an unrelated third party, and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer. In this case, the entity:
 - derecognise the receivable; and
 - recognise separately any rights and obligations created or retained in the transfer.

The carrying amounts of any statutory receivables transferred are allocated between the rights or obligations retained and those transferred on the basis of their relative fair values at the transfer date. The entity considers whether any newly created rights and obligations are within the scope of the Standard of GRAP on Financial Instruments or another Standard of GRAP. Any difference between the consideration received and the amounts derecognised and, those amounts recognised, are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period of the transfer.

1.33 Accounting by principals and agents

Identification

An agent is an entity that has been directed by another entity (a principal), through a binding arrangement, to undertake transactions with third parties on behalf of the principal and for the benefit of the principal.

A principal is an entity that directs another entity (an agent), through a binding arrangement, to undertake transactions with third parties on its behalf and for its own benefit.

A principal-agent arrangement results from a binding arrangement in which one entity (an agent), undertakes transactions with third parties on behalf, and for the benefit of, another entity (the principal).

Identifying whether an entity is a principal or an agent

When the municipality is party to a principal-agent arrangement, it assesses whether it is the principal or the agent in accounting for revenue, expenses, assets and/or liabilities that result from transactions with third parties undertaken in terms of the arrangement.

The assessment of whether a municipality is a principal or an agent requires the municipality to assess whether the transactions it undertakes with third parties are for the benefit of another entity or for its own benefit.

Binding arrangement

The municipality assesses whether it is an agent or a principal by assessing the rights and obligations of the various parties established in the binding arrangement.

Where the terms of a binding arrangement are modified, the parties to the arrangement re-assess whether they act as a principal or an agent.

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1.33 Accounting by principals and agents (continued)

Assessing which entity benefits from the transactions with third parties

When the municipality in a principal-agent arrangement concludes that it undertakes transactions with third parties for the benefit of another entity, then it is the agent. If the municipality concludes that it is not the agent, then it is the principal in the transactions.

The municipality is an agent when, in relation to transactions with third parties, all three of the following criteria are present:

- It does not have the power to determine the significant terms and conditions of the transaction.
- It does not have the ability to use all, or substantially all, of the resources that result from the transaction for its own benefit.
- It is not exposed to variability in the results of the transaction.

Where the municipality has been granted specific powers in terms of legislation to direct the terms and conditions of particular transactions, it is not required to consider the criteria of whether it does not have the power to determine the significant terms and conditions of the transaction, to conclude that it is an agent. The municipality applies judgement in determining whether such powers exist and whether they are relevant in assessing whether the municipality is an agent.

Recognition

The municipality, as a principal, recognises revenue and expenses that arise from transactions with third parties in a principal-agent arrangement in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Standards of GRAP.

The municipality, as an agent, recognises only that portion of the revenue and expenses it receives or incurs in executing the transactions on behalf of the principal in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Standards of GRAP.

The municipality recognises assets and liabilities arising from principal-agent arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Standards of GRAP.

1.34 Segment information

A segment is an activity of an entity:

- that generates economic benefits or service potential (including economic benefits or service potential relating to transactions between activities of the same entity);
- whose results are regularly reviewed by management to make decisions about resources to be allocated to that activity and in assessing its performance; and
- for which separate financial information is available.

Reportable segments are the actual segments which are reported on in the segment report. They are the segments identified above or alternatively an aggregation of two or more of those segments where the aggregation criteria are met.

Measurement

The amount of each segment item reported is the measure reported to management for the purposes of making decisions about allocating resources to the segment and assessing its performance. Adjustments and eliminations made in preparing the entity's financial statements and allocations of revenues and expenses are included in determining reported segment surplus or deficit only if they are included in the measure of the segment's surplus or deficit that is used by management. Similarly, only those assets and liabilities that are included in the measures of the segment's assets and segment's liabilities that are used by management are reported for that segment. If amounts are allocated to reported segment surplus or deficit, assets or liabilities, those amounts are allocated on a reasonable basis.

If management uses only one measure of a segment's surplus or deficit, the segment's assets or the segment's liabilities in assessing segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources, segment surplus or deficit, assets and liabilities are reported in terms of that measure. If management uses more than one measure of a segment's surplus or deficit, the segment's assets or the segment's liabilities, the reported measures are those that management believes are determined in accordance with the measurement principles most consistent with those used in measuring the corresponding amounts in the entity's financial statements.

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2. New standards and interpretations

2.1 Standards and interpretations effective and adopted in the current year

In the current year, the municipality has adopted the following standards and interpretations that are effective for the current financial year and that are relevant to its operations:

iGRAP 21: The Effect of Past Decisions on Materiality

Background

The Standard of GRAP on Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors (GRAP 3) applies to the selection of accounting policies. Entities apply the accounting policies set out in the Standards of GRAP, except when the effect of applying them is immaterial. This means that entities could apply alternative accounting treatments to immaterial items, transactions or events (hereafter called "items").

The Board received questions from entities asking whether past decisions to not apply the Standards of GRAP to immaterial items effect future reporting periods. Entities observed that when they applied alternative accounting treatments to items in previous reporting periods, they kept historical records on an ongoing basis of the affected items. This was done so that they could assess whether applying these alternative treatments meant that the financial statements became materially "misstated" over time. If the effect was considered material, retrospective adjustments were often made.

This Interpretation explains the nature of past materiality decisions and their potential effect on current and subsequent reporting periods.

iGRAP 21 addresses the following two issues:

- Do past decisions about materiality affect subsequent reporting periods?
- Is applying an alternative accounting treatment a departure from the Standards of GRAP or an error?

The effective date of these interpretation have not yet been set. 01 April 2023.

The municipality has adopted the interpretation for the first time in the 2023/2024 01 April 2023.

The impact of the interpretation is set out in note Changes in Accounting Policy.

GRAP 25 (as revised): Employee Benefits

Background

The Board issued the Standard of GRAP on Employee Benefits (GRAP 25) in November 2009. GRAP 25 was based on the International Public Sector Accounting Standard on Employee Benefits (IPSAS 25) effective at that time. However, GRAP 25 was modified in some respects where the Board decided the requirements of the International Accounting Standard on Employee Benefits (IAS® 19) were more appropriate. Specifically, the Board:

- Eliminated the corridor method and required recognition of actuarial gains and losses in full in the year that they arise.
- Required the recognition of past service costs in the year that a plan is amended, rather than on the basis of whether they are vested or unvested.

Since 2009, the International Accounting Standards Board® has made several changes to IAS 19, including changes to the recognition of certain benefits, and where these changes are recognised. The IPSASB made similar changes to its standard and as a result of the extent of changes, issued IPSAS 39 on Employee Benefits to replace IPSAS 25 in 2016.

When the Board consulted locally on the proposed amendments to IPSAS 25 in 2016, stakeholders welcomed the amendments to align IPSAS 25 to IAS 19 and supported the changes that resulted in IPSAS 39.

In developing GRAP 25, the Board agreed to include the guidance from the IFRS Interpretation on IAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction (IFRIC 14®) partly in GRAP 25 and partly in the Interpretation of the Standards of GRAP on The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction (iGRAP 7).

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

Key amendments to GRAP 25

The Board agreed to align GRAP 25 with IPSAS 39, but that local issues and the local environment need to be considered. As a result of this decision, there are areas where GRAP 25 departs from the requirements of IPSAS 39. The Board's decisions to depart are explained in the basis for conclusions.

The amendments to GRAP 25 are extensive and mostly affect the accounting for defined benefit plans. A new renumbered Standard of GRAP (e.g. GRAP 39) will not be issued, but rather a new version of the current GRAP 25.

The effective date of these revisions have not yet been set. 01 April 2023.

The municipality has adopted the revisions for the first time in the 2023/2024 annual financial statements.

The impact of the revisions is set out in note Changes in Accounting Policy.

IGRAP 7 (as revised): Limit on defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction

Background

The Board issued the Standard of GRAP on Employee Benefits (GRAP 25) in November 2009. GRAP 25 was based on the International Public Sector Accounting Standard on Employee Benefits (IPSAS 25) effective at that time. However, GRAP 25 was modified in some respects where the Board decided the requirements of the International Accounting Standard on Employee Benefits (IAS® 19) were more appropriate. Specifically, the Board:

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The effective date of these revisions have not yet been set. 01 April 2023.

The municipality has adopted the revisions for the first time in the 2023/2024 01 April 2023.

The impact of the revisions is set out in note Changes in Accounting Policy.

GRAP 2020: Improvements to the Standards of GRAP 2020

Every three years, the Accounting Standards Board undertakes periodic revisions of the Standards of GRAP, in line with best practice internationally among standard setters.

Improvements to Standards of GRAP are aimed at aligning the Standards of GRAP with international best practice, to maintain the quality and to improve the relevance of the Standards of GRAP.

Amendments include,

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

GRAP 5 – Borrowing Costs

- For general borrowings, borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation determined by applying a capitalisation rate
 - Clarify that borrowings made specifically for purposes of obtaining a qualifying asset are excluded until substantially all the activities necessary to prepare asset for intended use or sale are complete

GRAP 13 – Leases

- Operating leases & Sale and leaseback transactions are currently assessed for impairment in accordance with GRAP 26
- Clarify that these arrangements may also be assessed in accordance with GRAP 21

GRAP 16 – Investment Property

- Clarify that GRAP 21 may be applied to assess investment property for impairment
- Include heading “Classification of property as investment property” (par 6 and 7) & delete existing headings
- Investment property under construction (within scope of GRAP 16)
 - Added heading “Guidance on initially measuring self-constructed investment property at fair value”
 - Added clarification that investment property is measured at fair value at earliest of:
 - o completion of construction or development; or
 - o when fair value becomes reliably measurable
- Clarify requirements on transfers to and from Investment property
 - Change in use involves an assessment on whether:
 - o property meets, or ceases to meet definition of investment property and
 - o evidence exists that a change in use has occurred
 - List of examples of a change in use is regarded as non-exhaustive

GRAP 17 – Property, Plant and Equipment

- Delete example indicating that quarries and land used for landfill may be depreciated in certain instances
 - Land has an unlimited useful life and cannot be consumed through its use

GRAP 20 – Related Party Disclosures

- Clarify that entity, or any member of a group of which it is part, providing management services to reporting entity (or controlling entity of reporting entity) is a related party
 - Disclose amounts incurred by the entity for the provision of management services that are provided by a separate management entity
 - If an entity obtains management services from another entity (“the management entity”) the entity is not required to apply the requirements in paragraph .35 to the remuneration paid or payable by the management entity to the management entity’s employees or those charged with governance of the entity in accordance with legislation, in instances where they are required to perform such functions
 - Management services are services where employees of management entity perform functions as “management” as defined

GRAP 24 – Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements

- Terminology amended
 - Primary financial statements amended to “financial statements” or “face of the financial statements”

GRAP 31 – Intangible Assets

- Extend requirement to consider whether reassessing useful life of intangible asset as finite rather as indefinite indicates that asset may be impaired
 - Both under cost model or revaluation model

GRAP 32 – Service Concession Arrangements: Grantor

- Clarify disclosure requirement for service concession assets
 - Disclose carrying amount of each material service concession asset recognised at the reporting date

GRAP 37 – Joint Arrangements

- Application guidance clarified
 - When party obtains joint control in a joint operation where activity of joint operation constitutes a function (GRAP 105 or GRAP 106), previous held interest in joint operation is not remeasured

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

GRAP 106 – Transfer of Functions Between Entities Not Under Common Control

- When party obtains control of joint operation and entity had rights to assets, or obligations to liabilities before acquisition date, it comprises an acquisition received in stages
 - Apply the requirements for an acquisition achieved in stages, including remeasuring previously held interest in joint operation

Directive 7 – The Application of Deemed Cost

- Clarify that bearer plants within scope of Directive

The effective date of these improvements is 01 April 2023.

The municipality has adopted the improvements for the first time in the 2023/2024 annual financial statements.

The impact of the improvements is set out in note Changes in Accounting Policy.

Guideline: Guideline on Accounting for Landfill Sites

The objective of this guideline: The Constitution of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996) (the constitution), gives local government the executive authority over the functions of cleaning, refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal. Even though waste disposal activities are mainly undertaken by municipalities, other public sector entities may also be involved in these activities from time to time. Concerns were raised about the inconsistent accounting practices for landfill sites and the related rehabilitation provision where entities undertake waste disposal activities. The objective of the Guideline is therefore to provide guidance to entities that manage and operate landfill sites. The guidance will improve comparability and provide the necessary information to the users of the financial statements to hold entities accountable and for decision making. The principles from the relevant Standards of GRAP are applied in accounting for the landfill site and the related rehabilitation provision. Where appropriate, the Guideline also illustrates the accounting for the land in a landfill, the landfill site asset and the related rehabilitation provision.

It covers: Overview of the legislative requirements that govern landfill sites, Accounting for land, Accounting for the landfill site asset, Accounting for the provision for rehabilitation, Closure, End-use and monitoring, Other considerations, and Annexures with Terminology & References to pronouncements used in the Guideline.

The effective date of the guideline is for years beginning on or after 01 April 2023.

The municipality has adopted the guideline for the first time in the 2023/2024 annual financial statements.

The impact of the standard is set out in note Changes in Accounting Policy.

GRAP 1 (amended): Presentation of Financial Statements (Materiality)

Amendments to this Standard of GRAP, are primarily drawn from the IASB's Amendments to IAS 1.

Summary of amendments are:

Materiality and aggregation

The amendments clarify that:

- information should not be obscured by aggregating or by providing immaterial information;
- materiality considerations apply to all parts of the financial statements; and
- even when a Standard of GRAP requires a specific disclosure, materiality considerations apply.

Statement of financial position and statement of financial performance

The amendments clarify that the list of line items to be presented in these statements can be disaggregated and aggregated as relevant and additional guidance on subtotals in these statements.

Notes structure

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

The amendments add examples of possible ways of ordering the notes to clarify that understandability and comparability should be considered when determining the order of the notes and to demonstrate that the notes need not be presented in the order listed in GRAP 1.

Disclosure of accounting policies

Remove guidance and examples with regards to the identification of significant accounting policies that were perceived as being potentially unhelpful.

An municipality applies judgement based on past experience and current facts and circumstances.

The effective date of this amendment is for years beginning on or after 01 April 2025.

The municipality expects to adopt the amendment for the first time in the 2024/2025 annual financial statements.

The impact of the amendment is set out in note Changes in Accounting Policy.

2.2 Standards and interpretations issued, but not yet effective

The municipality has not applied the following standards and interpretations, which have been published and are mandatory for the municipality's accounting periods beginning on or after 01 July 2024 or later periods:

GRAP 2023 Improvements to the Standards of GRAP 2023

The Board undertakes periodic revisions of the Standards of GRAP in line with best practice internationally among standard setters. The Improvements to the Standards of GRAP include changes resulting from amendments to the International Public Sector Accounting Standards and the International Financial Reporting Standards, as well as general improvements identified through consultation with stakeholders. The Improvements to the Standards of GRAP (2023) was approved by the Board and issued in November 2023.

GRAP1 - Presentation of Financial Statements

Narrow scope amendments to the IAS Standard on Presentation of Financial Statements (IAS 1) Feb 2021

Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Changes from "significant accounting policies" to "material accounting policies" because the Standards of GRAP do not define the term "significant".

General Improvements

- Provide clarity to the terms "publicly available" and "publicly accountable".
- Remove encouraged disclosures with limited information value.

GRAP2 - Cash Flow Statements

General Improvements

Amend disclosures to read as "useful additional information that may be disclosed" as opposed to "encouraged disclosures".

GRAP3 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

Narrow scope amendments to IAS 8 Feb 2021

Change in the definition of an accounting estimate because the previous definition was not sufficiently clear.

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General Improvements

Clarify that the requirements only apply to Standards of GRAP that are not yet effective for which the Minister of Finance has already determined an effective date.

GRAP5 - Borrowing Costs

Amendments to the IPSAS on Borrowing Costs (IPSAS 5) – Non-authoritative Guidance 2021

Add the Illustrative Examples in IPSAS 5 to GRAP 5.

GRAP13 - Leases

General Improvements

Remove encouraged disclosures with limited information value.

GRAP17 - Property, Plant and Equipment

Improvements to IPSAS 2021

Amendments are made to prohibit proceeds from selling items produced before that asset is available, to be deducted from the cost of property, plant and equipment.

GRAP19 - Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

General Improvements

Remove encouraged disclosures with limited information value.

GRAP20 - Related Party Disclosures

General Improvements

Update the definition of “significant influence” to align with the Standard of GRAP on Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (GRAP 36).

GRAP23 - Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers)

General Improvements

Remove encouraged disclosures with limited information value.

GRAP24 - Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements

Narrow scope amendments to the IAS Standard on Presentation of Financial Statements (IAS 1) Feb 2021

Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Changes from “significant accounting policies” to “material accounting policies” because the Standards of GRAP do not define the term “significant”.

General Improvements

- Provide clarity to the terms “publicly available” and “publicly accountable”.
- Simplify the disclosures on the presentation of a reconciliation to improve the quality of reporting, by not prescribing the line items to reconcile to.
- Re-instate the Illustrative Examples that were deleted when GRAP 24 became effective.

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

GRAP27 - Agriculture

General Improvements

Remove encouraged disclosures and repackage it as “useful information” in another section of the Standard.

GRAP31 - Intangible Assets

General Improvements

- Clarify when the Standard of GRAP on Service Concession Arrangements: Grantor (GRAP 32) is applicable.
- Remove reference to fully depreciated assets.
- Remove encouraged disclosures with limited information value.

GRAP104 - Financial Instruments

Improvements to IPSAS 2021

- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Amendments to provide a practical expedient not to treat changes in contractual cash flows as a modification.
- Amendments to clarify the fees that an entity includes when it applies the “10 percent” test to derecognise a financial liability.

Narrow scope amendments to the IAS Standard on Presentation of Financial Statements (IAS 1) Feb 2021

Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Changes from “significant accounting policies” to “material accounting policies” because the Standards of GRAP do not define the term “significant”.

General Improvements

Remove encouraged disclosures with limited information value.

iGRAP20 - Accounting for Adjustments to Revenue

Narrow scope amendments to IAS 8 Feb 2021

Change in the definition of an accounting estimate because the previous definition was not sufficiently clear.

Directive 12 - The Selection of an Appropriate Reporting Framework by Public Entities

Narrow scope amendments to the IAS Standard on Presentation of Financial Statements (IAS 1) Feb 2021

Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Changes from “significant accounting policies” to “material accounting policies” because the Standards of GRAP do not define the term “significant”.

Guideline on The Application of Materiality to Financial Statements

Narrow scope amendments to the IAS Standard on Presentation of Financial Statements (IAS 1) Feb 2021

Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Changes from “significant accounting policies” to “material accounting policies” because the Standards of GRAP do not define the term “significant”.

General Improvements

Amendments resulting from the review of the Standard of GRAP on Cash Flow Statements (GRAP 2) and the Standard of GRAP on Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements (GRAP 24).

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The effective date of these improvements have not yet been set.

The municipality expects to adopt the standard for the first time in the 2098/2099 annual financial statements.

It is unlikely that the standard will have a material impact on the municipality's annual financial statements.

GRAP 1 (amended): Presentation of Financial Statements (Going Concern)

The Board undertook a project in 2021 to consider the guidance and disclosure requirements on going concern in the relevant Standards of GRAP. As an outcome of this project, the Board agreed to include additional guidance and disclosures on going concern in this Standard. Consequential amendments are also made to the Standard of GRAP on Events After the Reporting Date.

Applicability of going concern in the public sector

An entity prepares its financial statements on a going concern basis unless there is an intention to liquidate the entity, to cease operating, or if there is no realistic alternative but to do so. A liquidation or cessation of an entity's operations will result in the termination of all its functions.

In South Africa, specific legislative requirements need to be followed before a decision is taken to liquidate a public sector entity, to cease or scale back its operations, to transfer some or all of its functions to another entity, or to merge one or more entities. The "intention" to liquidate an entity, to cease or scale back its operations, to transfer some or all of its functions to another entity, or to merge one or more entities needs to be established. This intention can be reflected in a number of ways and may encompass legislation passed in Parliament or a provincial legislature, cabinet decision, ministerial order, a decision made by a municipal council, board, council or equivalent, a regulation or a notice, or other official means.

The liquidation or cessation of a public sector entity's operations is rare, and only in the case of dissolution without any continuation of the entity's operations will the going concern basis cease to apply. When all, or some of the functions of an entity are transferred to another entity, or when a decision is taken to merge one or more entities, the application of the going concern basis remains appropriate. This is because the entity's functions will continue to be provided in a modified form, even though they are executed by another entity.

The Board agreed to include explanatory guidance in this Standard on the application of the going concern assumption by public sector entities.

Where some of an entity's functions are transferred in a transfer of functions, and the remaining functions are discontinued, there are two separate transactions. The Board concluded that management should assess these transactions separately based on the functions transferred, those to be discontinued (if any), and those that may be retained and continued (if any), to determine if preparing the entity's financial statements on a going concern basis remains appropriate.

Disclosure on going concern

The Board's project highlighted a need for specific disclosures on going concern, material uncertainties relating to going concern, and actions taken by management to mitigate these uncertainties. Consideration was also given to the practices, guidance and requirements in other countries and/or from other standard-setting bodies on these matters.

To address the diversity in the information disclosed on going concern, the Board agreed to expand the disclosure requirements in this Standard to ensure that consistent disclosures are provided.

The effective date of these revisions have not yet been set.

The municipality expects to adopt the standard for the first time in the 2098/2099 annual financial statements.

It is unlikely that the standard will have a material impact on the municipality's annual financial statements.

GRAP 103 (as revised): Heritage Assets

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

Background

The Accounting Standards Board (the Board) completed its post-implementation review of the Standard of GRAP on Heritage Assets (GRAP 103) (hereafter referred to as “the review”) in 2020. Based on the feedback received as part of the review, the Board agreed to reconsider certain principles in GRAP 103.

The objective of the project was to revise and clarify principles in GRAP 103 following feedback received from the review and actions agreed by the Board.

Key amendments to GRAP 103

The Board agreed that the definition of a heritage asset in GRAP 103 should be reconsidered to better align it with the legislative explanation of a heritage resource in the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999, and the classification by the South African Heritage Resources Agency.

The proposed definition focuses on assets that have “cultural significance” and defines a heritage asset as “an asset that has cultural significance, and is held indefinitely for the benefit of present and future generations”. “Cultural significance” has also been defined and described in GRAP 103 based on legislation.

The characteristics displayed by heritage assets, and the range of assets that could be heritage assets, have also been aligned with legislation.

The amendments further relate to the Classification of dual purpose heritage assets, Determining a reliable value for a heritage asset, Protective rights imposed on heritage assets, Re-assessing if a reliable value becomes available subsequently, Aggregation of individually insignificant heritage assets, Impairment of heritage assets, Mandatory disclosures of heritage assets borrowed or on loan.

The effective date of these revisions have not yet been set.

The effective date of the standard is for years beginning on or after 01 April 2023.

The municipality has adopted the standard for the first time in the 2023/2024 annual financial statements.

It is unlikely that the standard will have a material impact on the municipality's annual financial statements.

GRAP 104 (as revised): Financial Instruments

Following the global financial crisis, a number of concerns were raised about the accounting for financial instruments. This included that (a) information on credit losses and defaults on financial assets was received too late to enable proper decision-making, (b) using fair value in certain instances was inappropriate, and (c) some of the existing accounting requirements were seen as too rules based. As a result, the International Accounting Standards Board® amended its existing Standards to deal with these issues. The IASB issued IFRS® Standard on Financial Instruments (IFRS 9) in 2009 to address many of the concerns raised. Revisions were also made to IAS® on Financial Instruments: Presentation and the IFRS Standard® on Financial Instruments: Disclosures. The IPSASB issued revised International Public Sector Accounting Standards in June 2018 so as to align them with the equivalent IFRS Standards.

The revisions better align the Standards of GRAP with recent international developments. The amendments result in better information available to make decisions about financial assets and their recoverability, and more transparent information on financial liabilities.

The most significant changes to the Standard affect:

- Financial guarantee contracts issued
- Loan commitments issued
- Classification of financial assets
- Amortised cost of financial assets
- Impairment of financial assets
- Disclosures

The effective date of the revisions is not yet set by the Minister of Finance.

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2. New standards and interpretations (continued)

The municipality expects to adopt the revisions for the first time when the Minister sets the effective date for the revisions.

It is unlikely that the standard will have a material impact on the municipality's annual financial statements.

2.3 Standards and interpretations not yet effective or relevant

The following standards and interpretations have been published and are mandatory for the municipality's accounting periods beginning on or after 01 July 2024 or later periods but are not relevant to its operations:

iGRAP 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration

Background

Paragraph .21 of the Standard of GRAP on The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (GRAP 4) requires an entity to record a foreign currency transaction, on initial recognition in its functional currency, by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency (the exchange rate) at the date of the transaction. Paragraph .22 of GRAP 4 states that the date of the transaction is the date on which the transaction first qualifies for recognition in accordance with the Standards of GRAP.

When an entity pays or receives consideration in advance in a foreign currency, it generally recognises a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability before the recognition of the related asset, expense or revenue. The related asset, expense or revenue (or part of it) is the amount recognised applying the relevant Standard of GRAP, which results in the derecognition of the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the advance consideration.

A question arose asking how to determine "the date of the transaction" applying paragraphs .21 and .22 of GRAP 4 when recognising revenue. The question specifically addressed circumstances in which an entity recognises a non-monetary liability arising from the receipt of advance consideration before it recognises the related revenue. It was further noted that the receipt or payment of advance consideration in a foreign currency is not restricted to revenue transactions. Accordingly, it was decided to clarify the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or revenue when an entity has received or paid advance consideration in a foreign currency.

Issue

This Interpretation addresses how to determine the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or revenue (or part of it) on the derecognition of a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration in a foreign currency.

Consensus

Applying paragraphs .21 and .22 of GRAP 4, the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or revenue (or part of it) is the date on which an entity initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the payment or receipt of advance consideration.

If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, the entity shall determine a date of the transaction for each payment or receipt of advance consideration.

The effective date of this interpretation is for years beginning on or after 01 April 2025.

The municipality does not envisage the adoption of the standard until such time as it becomes applicable to the municipality's operations.

It is unlikely that the standard will have a material impact on the municipality's annual financial statements.

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3. Inventories

Water for distribution	5 238	-
Unsold Properties Held for Resale	115 736	115 736
	120 974	115 736

4. Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions

Fines	31 999 355	31 803 073
Government grants and subsidies	-	732 343
Other receivables	687 579	599 159
Property rates	90 690 213	81 044 276
Less: Impairment	(114 110 591)	(103 759 280)
	9 266 556	10 419 571

Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions pledged as security

None of the statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions were pledged as security for any financial liability at yearend.

Traffic fines: Ageing

91 days +	31 999 355	31 803 073
Subtotal	31 999 355	31 803 073
Less: debt impairment	(31 974 171)	(31 667 044)
	25 184	136 029

Property rates: Ageing

Current (0-30 days)	2 958 309	1 243 406
31 - 60 days	1 309 475	1 189 749
61 - 90 days	1 383 542	1 117 758
91 days +	85 038 888	77 493 363
Subtotal	90 690 214	81 044 276
Less: debt impairment	(82 136 420)	(72 092 236)
	8 553 794	8 952 040

Credit quality of statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions

The credit quality of other receivables from non-exchange transactions that are neither past nor due nor impaired can be assessed by reference to external credit ratings (if available) or to historical information about counterparty default rates:

Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions past due but not impaired

All receivables from non-exchange transactions, excluding government and municipal debtors and debtors who paid more than their charges for the last three months of the financial year, are provided to be impaired in full.

The ageing of amounts for property rates due but not impaired is as follows:

1 month past due	741 926	98 506
2 months past due	221 096	58 358
3 months past due	7 590 772	-

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4. Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions (continued)		
Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions impaired		
As of 30 June 2024, statutory receivables from non-exchange transaction of R 82 136 420 (2023: R 103 759 280) were impaired and provided for.		
The ageing of the amounts relating to property rates are as follows:		
0 to 3 months	2 216 383	3 375 803
3 to 6 months	1 088 380	3 980 755
Over 6 months	78 831 658	73 687 718
Reconciliation of provision for impairment of statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions		
Balance at the beginning of the year	(103 759 280)	(95 380 569)
Contribution (to) / from allowance property rates	(11 922 557)	(8 378 711)
Bad debt written off	1 878 373	-
Provision for impairment - traffic fines	(307 127)	-
	(114 110 591)	(103 759 280)
5. Statutory receivables from exchange transactions		
VAT	42 384 029	35 226 185
6. Receivables from exchange transactions		
Gross balances		
Electricity	43 794 768	45 329 092
Water	110 365 297	101 097 347
Sewerage	100 924 820	85 904 567
Refuse	75 210 994	65 052 161
Sundry	2 104 040	2 378 798
	332 399 919	299 761 965
Less: Allowance for impairment		
Electricity	(41 490 193)	(26 943 026)
Water	(109 264 453)	(97 640 869)
Sewerage	(100 291 159)	(85 255 867)
Refuse	(74 682 422)	(64 063 600)
Sundry	(2 030 710)	(2 004 253)
	(327 758 937)	(275 907 615)
Net balance		
Electricity	2 304 575	18 386 066
Water	1 100 844	3 456 478
Sewerage	633 661	648 700
Refuse	528 572	988 561
Sundry	73 330	374 545
	4 640 982	23 854 350

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6. Receivables from exchange transactions (continued)		
Electricity		
Current (0 -30 days)	1 713 454	1 767 607
31 - 60 days	326 364	879 533
61 - 90 days	295 538	685 680
91+ days	41 459 411	41 996 271
Less: impairment	(41 490 192)	(26 943 025)
	2 304 575	18 386 066
Water		
Current (0 -30 days)	1 929 445	1 032 374
31 - 60 days	960 144	1 785 202
61 - 90 days	870 892	103 558
91 days +	106 604 816	98 176 212
Less: impairment	(109 264 453)	(97 640 868)
	1 100 844	3 456 478
Sewerage		
Current (0 -30 days)	2 607 691	1 001 255
31 - 60 days	1 283 067	985 539
61 - 90 days	1 288 128	1 055 987
91 days +	95 745 934	82 861 786
Less: impairment	(100 291 159)	(85 255 867)
	633 661	648 700
Refuse		
Current (0 -30 days)	1 859 536	785 532
31 - 60 days	902 043	856 901
61 - 90 days	904 746	958 421
91 days +	71 544 670	62 451 307
Less: impairment	(74 682 423)	(64 063 600)
	528 572	988 561
Sundry		
Current (0 -30 days)	32 180	39 562
31 - 60 days	12 886	71 502
61 - 90 days	9 245	47 255
91 days +	2 049 730	2 220 480
Less: impairment	(2 030 711)	(2 004 254)
	73 330	374 545
Reconciliation of allowance for impairment		
Balance at beginning of the year	(275 907 615)	(263 742 392)
Contributions to allowance	(55 144 714)	(12 165 223)
Bad debt written off	3 293 392	-
	(327 758 937)	(275 907 615)

Receivables from exchange transactions pledged as security

No receivables from exchange transactions were pledged as security for any financial liability at year-end.

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6. Receivables from exchange transactions (continued)

Credit quality of receivables from exchange transactions

The credit quality of consumer debtors that are neither past due nor impaired can be assessed by reference to external credit ratings (if available) or to historical information about counterparty default rates:

Receivables from exchange transactions past due but not impaired

All receivables from exchange transactions, excluding government and municipal debtors and debtors which are less than 3 months past due are not considered to be impaired

Receivables from exchange transactions which are less than 3 months past due are not considered to be impaired. At 30 June 2024, R 4 162 728 (2023: R 6 643 600) were past due but not impaired.

Additional text

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

1 month past due	1 006 602	753 065
2+ months past due	3 156 126	5 890 535

Receivables from exchange transactions impaired

As of 30 June 2024, receivables from exchange transactions of R 327 758 938 (2023: R 275 907 615) were impaired and provided for.

The ageing of these loans is as follows:

0 to 3 months	13 177 283	4 138 614
3 to 6 months	9 930 421	55 181 523
Over 6 months	304 651 234	216 587 478

7. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

Cash on hand	18 000	-
Bank balances	891 230	495 903
Short-term deposits	140 485	183 241
Cash in transit	54 439	54 439
	1 104 154	733 583

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2023

7. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

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
ABSA Bank - Current Account - 4096525022	891 230	495 903	69 218	891 230	495 903	69 218
Absa Bank - 7 day notice account - 9351945669	-	162 891	152 956	-	162 891	152 956
Absa Bank - 7 day notice account - 9355869912	966	966	966	966	966	966
Absa Bank - 7 day notice account - 9355871747	20 779	19 384	18 375	20 779	19 384	18 375
Absa Bank - 7 day notice account - 9380541602	118 740	-	-	118 740	-	-
Cash in transit	54 439	54 439	-	54 439	54 439	-
Petty cash	18 000	-	-	18 000	-	-
Total	1 104 154	733 583	241 515	1 104 154	733 583	241 515

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8. Investment property

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Investment property	24 867 500	-	24 867 500	24 867 500	-	24 867 500

Reconciliation of investment property - 2024

	Opening balance	Total
Investment property	24 867 500	24 867 500

Reconciliation of investment property - 2023

	Opening balance	Total
Investment property	24 867 500	24 867 500

Pledged as security

There are no investment properties pledged as security.

A register containing the information required by section 63 of the Municipal Finance Management Act is available for inspection at the registered office of the municipality.

There are no contractual obligations to purchase, construct or develop investment property or for repairs, maintenance or enhancements as follows.

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8. Investment property (continued)

Deemed cost

Deemed cost was determined using fair value.

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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	92 843 802	-	92 843 802	92 843 802	-	92 843 802
Buildings	65 549 654	(31 396 667)	34 152 987	62 470 852	(34 289 307)	28 181 545
Other assets	16 433 839	(10 824 114)	5 609 725	16 753 317	(11 433 471)	5 319 846
Infrastructure	446 980 534	(294 273 985)	152 706 549	456 668 424	(289 694 433)	166 973 991
Landfill sites	3 319 907	(946 703)	2 373 204	3 659 194	(709 383)	2 949 811
Work in progress	167 973 457	-	167 973 457	127 078 391	-	127 078 391
Total	793 101 193	(337 441 469)	455 659 724	759 473 980	(336 126 594)	423 347 386

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2024

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers from Work in progress	Other changes, movements	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	92 843 802	-	-	-	-	-	-	92 843 802
Buildings	28 181 545	-	(1 215)	8 883 296	-	(1 660 242)	(1 250 397)	34 152 987
Other property, plant and equipment	5 319 846	1 749 619	(3 583)	-	-	(1 440 957)	(15 200)	5 609 725
Infrastructure assets	166 973 991	869 775	(3 100 542)	1 771 107	-	(13 653 602)	(154 180)	152 706 549
Landfill sites	2 949 811	-	-	-	(339 287)	(237 320)	-	2 373 204
Work in progress	127 078 391	51 549 469	-	(10 654 403)	-	-	-	167 973 457
	423 347 386	54 168 863	(3 105 340)	-	(339 287)	(16 992 121)	(1 419 777)	455 659 724

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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2023

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers from Work in progress	Other changes, movements	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	97 343 802	-	(4 500 000)	-	-	-	-	92 843 802
Buildings	30 213 196	-	-	-	-	(2 023 921)	(7 730)	28 181 545
Other property plant and equipment	2 869 634	3 342 845	(3 174)	-	-	(845 798)	(43 661)	5 319 846
Infrastructure assets	176 135 957	627 197	-	10 116 966	-	(19 710 295)	(195 834)	166 973 991
Landfill sites	6 026 347	-	-	-	(2 830 719)	(245 817)	-	2 949 811
Work in progress	113 309 890	23 885 467	-	(10 116 966)	-	-	-	127 078 391
	425 898 826	27 855 509	(4 503 174)	-	(2 830 719)	(22 825 831)	(247 225)	423 347 386

Pledged as security

No property, plant and equipment has been pledged as security for any financial liability at year-end.

Assets subject to finance lease (Net carrying amount)

Other property, plant and equipment	351 049	103 586
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9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Property, plant and equipment in the process of being constructed or developed

Cumulative expenditure recognised in the carrying value of property, plant and equipment

Water Infrastructure	167 973 574	126 715 077
Sewerage Infrastructure	-	990 512
	167 973 574	127 705 589

Carrying value of property, plant and equipment that is taking a significantly longer period of time to complete than expected

Upgrading of water treatment works (RBIG) project in Warrenton: BK092	85 024 142	75 369 124
Ikutseng Bulk water (MIG) - Phase 2 TECH07/17/18	20 271 703	20 271 703
Refurbishment of Warrenton waste water treatment plant and N12 pump station	273 252	273 252
Upgrade and extention of Warrenton WTP (Tech Bid 03/19/20)/(01/19/20)	10 927 414	-
New Internal Water Reticulation Network in Ditshotshwaneng, Rabatji & Sonderwater - Phase 1	-	990 512
	116 496 511	96 904 591

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2024

	Included within Infrastructure	Included Within Buildings	Total
Opening balance	127 078 510	-	127 078 510
Additions/capital expenditure	42 666 172	8 883 296	51 549 468
Transferred to completed Items	(1 771 107)	(8 883 296)	(10 654 403)
	167 973 575	-	167 973 575

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2023

	Included within Infrastructure	Total
Opening balance	113 310 009	113 310 009
Additions/capital expenditure	23 885 466	23 885 466
Transferred to completed items	(10 116 965)	(10 116 965)
	127 078 510	127 078 510

Expenditure incurred to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment

Expenditure incurred to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment included in Statement of Financial Performance

Inventory, spares and parts consumed	9 290 047	6 212 658
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A register containing the information required by section 63 of the Municipal Finance Management Act is available for inspection at the registered office of the municipality.

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10. Intangible assets

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Computer software, other	898 839	(886 060)	12 779	885 244	(875 349)	9 895

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2024

	Opening balance	Additions	Amortisation	Total
Computer software, other	9 895	13 595	(10 711)	12 779

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2023

	Opening balance	Amortisation	Total
Computer software, other	19 790	(9 895)	9 895

Pledged as security

No intangible assets were pledged as security for any financial liability at year-end.

Deemed cost

Deemed cost was determined using fair value OR depreciated replacement cost.

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11. Heritage assets

	2024			2023		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated impairment losses	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated impairment losses	Carrying value
Art Collections, antiquities and exhibits	370 999	-	370 999	370 999	-	370 999

Reconciliation of heritage assets 2024

	Opening balance	Total
Art Collections, antiquities and exhibits	370 999	370 999

Reconciliation of heritage assets 2023

	Opening balance	Total
Art Collections, antiquities and exhibits	370 999	370 999

Restrictions on heritage assets

There are no restrictions on the realisability of heritage assets or the remittance of revenue and proceeds of disposal.

Pledged as security

There are no heritage assets pledged as security.

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11. Heritage assets (continued)

Revaluations

Art collections

The effective date of the revaluation was 2017/06/30.

No revaluations were performed during the year as there were no significant changes in the market.

12. Finance lease obligation

Minimum lease payments due

- within one year	316 129	155 389
- in second to fifth year inclusive	343 545	246 033
	<u>659 674</u>	<u>401 422</u>
less: future finance charges	(250 762)	(283 346)
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>408 912</u>	<u>118 076</u>

Present value of minimum lease payments due

- within one year	140 157	13 016
- in second to fifth year inclusive	268 755	105 060
	<u>408 912</u>	<u>118 076</u>

Non-current liabilities	268 755	105 060
Current liabilities	140 157	13 016
	<u>408 912</u>	<u>118 076</u>

It is municipality policy to lease certain [property]motor vehicles and equipment under finance leases.

The average lease term was 2-3 years and the average effective borrowing rate was 11.75% (2023: 10.51%).

Interest rates are fixed at the contract date. All leases have fixed repayments and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rent.

The municipality's obligations under finance leases are secured by the lessor's charge over the leased assets. Refer note 9.

13. Payables from exchange transactions

Trade payables	278 710 877	256 751 719
Payments received in advanced	4 230 219	4 414 257
Deferred revenue	185 058	138 335
Unknown deposits	6 223 522	6 659 542
Salary control	6 344 927	5 154 500
Retention creditor	12 278 869	11 660 320
Sundry creditors	21 244	38 325
	<u>307 994 716</u>	<u>284 816 998</u>

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14. Consumer deposits

Electricity	243 765	227 449
Water	676 411	669 569
Regional services levies	130 322	130 322
Housing rental	12 598	12 598
	1 063 096	1 039 938

15. Employee benefit obligation - current

Staff bonuses	1 538 905	1 456 876
Staff leave	5 123 040	4 849 990
Current Portion of Post Retirement Benefits - Note 17	250 000	231 000
Current Portion of Long-Service Provisions - Note 17	480 000	563 000
	7 391 945	7 100 866

Staff Bonuses

Balance at the beginning of the year	1 456 875	1 397 817
Contribution to current portion	2 789 842	2 502 485
Expenditure incurred	(2 707 812)	(2 443 427)
	1 538 905	1 456 875

Bonuses have been paid to all Municipal staff including the Section 57 Managers as per their package structures. The balance at year end represent the portion of the bonus that have already vested for the current salary cycle. There is no possibility of reimbursement

Staff Leave

Balance at the beginning of the year	4 849 990	4 840 211
Contribution to current portion	656 772	514 064
Expenditure incurred	(383 722)	(504 285)
	5 123 040	4 849 990

Staff leave accrued to employees according to collective agreement. Provision is made for the full cost of accrued leave at reporting date. This provision will be realised as employees take leave. There is no possibility of reimbursement

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16. Unspent conditional grants and receipts

Unspent conditional grants and receipts comprises of:

Unspent conditional grants and receipts

Municipal Disaster Relief Grant (MDG)	-	5 145 001
Library Development Fund	300 413	333 439
Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)	505 040	1 650 282
Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG)	-	1 890 725
	805 453	9 019 447

Movement during the year

Balance at the beginning of the year	9 019 446	5 202 453
Additions during the year	124 910 212	104 475 800
Income recognition during the year	(131 233 480)	(95 234 355)
Funds forfeited	(1 890 725)	(5 424 451)
	805 453	9 019 447

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 27 for reconciliation of grants from National/Provincial Government.

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

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17. Employee benefit obligations

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

Carrying value

Present value of the defined benefit obligation-wholly unfunded	(2 340 000)	(2 266 000)
Present value of the defined benefit obligation-partly or wholly funded	(2 780 000)	(2 932 000)
	(5 120 000)	(5 198 000)

Non-current liabilities	(4 390 000)	(4 404 000)
Current liabilities	(730 000)	(794 000)
	(5 120 000)	(5 198 000)

Benefits

Post-retirement medical aid benefit	(2 090 000)	(2 035 000)
Long service awards	(2 300 000)	(2 369 000)
	(4 390 000)	(4 404 000)

Post retirement benefits

Post Retirement Medical Aid Benefit

Balance 1 July	(2 266 000)	(2 378 000)
Interest cost	(240 000)	(246 000)
Benefits paid during the year	336 011	309 928
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(170 011)	48 072
	(2 340 000)	(2 266 000)
Less: Transfer to current portion	250 000	231 000
	(2 090 000)	(2 035 000)

The Post Retirement Benefit Plan is a defined benefit plan, of which the members are made up as follows:

Members

Current (In service) members	-	-
Continuation members (pensioners)	5	5
	5	5

The liability in respect of past service has been estimated to be as follows:

Liability

Current (In service) members	-	-
Continuation members (pensioners)	2 340 000	2 266 000
	2 340 000	2 266 000

The municipality makes monthly contributions for health care arrangements to the following medical aid schemes:

- LA Health
- Keyhealth
- Bonitas
- Hosmed
- Samwumed

Key actuarial assumptions used:

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17. Employee benefit obligations (continued)		
Discount rate	10,83%	11,15%
CPI (Consumer Price Inflation)	4,98%	5,50%
Health Care Cost Inflation Rate	6,48%	7,00%
Net discount rate	4,09%	3,88%

It is difficult to predict future investment returns and inflation rates. The relationship between them is more stable and therefore easier to predict. GRAP 25 requires that financial assumptions be based on market expectations at this valuation for the period over which the DBO is to be settled.

Discount Rate

GRAP 25 stipulates that the choice of this rate should be derived from government bond yields consistent with the estimated term of the post-employment DBO. However, where there is no deep market in government bonds with sufficiently long maturity to match the estimated term of the benefit payments, current market rates of appropriate term should be used to discount shorter term payments, and the discount rate for longer maturities should be estimated by extrapolating current market rates along the yield curve.

Consequently, a discount rate of 10.83% per annum has been used. The corresponding index-linked yield at this term is 5.10%. These rates do not reflect any adjustment for taxation. These rates were deduced from the interest rate data obtained from the Johannesburg Stock Exchange after the market close on 28 June 2024.

Yields were determined by looking at the duration of the DBO and finding the fixed-interest and index-linked yields at the relevant duration using an iterative process (because the yields depend on the DBO, which in turn depends on the yields). The DBO's duration has been estimated to be 7.5 years.

Health Care Cost Inflation Rate:

This assumption is required to reflect estimated future changes in the cost of medical services, resulting from both inflation and specific changes in medical costs (for example, due to technological advances or changes in utilisation patterns). Any assumption regarding future medical scheme contribution increases is therefore subjective.

A medical aid contribution inflation rate of 6.48% per annum has been assumed. This is 1.50% in excess of expected consumer price index (CPI) inflation over the expected term of the DBO, namely 4.98% per annum. A larger differential would be unsustainable, eventually forcing members to less expensive options. This implies a net discount rate of 4.09% per annum which derives from $((1+10.83\%)/(1+6.48\%))-1$.

The CPI inflation assumption of 4.98% per annum was obtained from the differential between market yields on index-linked bonds consistent with the estimated term of the DBO (5.10%) and those of fixed interest bonds (10.83%) with a risk premium adjustment for the uncertainty implicit in guaranteeing real increases (0.50%). This was thus determined as follows: $((1+10.83\%-0.50\%)/(1+5.10\%))-1$.

The next contribution increase was assumed to occur with effect from 1 January 2025.

Demographic Assumptions

Demographic assumptions are required to estimate the changing profile of retirees who are eligible for the post-employment medical aid subsidy.

Post-Employment Mortality:

PA(90) ultimate table, adjusted down by one year of age, and a 1% annual compound mortality improvement from 2010. This means that we expect 1% fewer people to die next year. In the year thereafter, we expect 1.99% fewer people to die, i.e. 1.99% is derived from $[1 - (1 - 1\%)^2]$, and so on.

Family Profile

It has been assumed that female spouses will be five years younger than their male counterparts. Actual subsidised spouse dependants were used and the potential for remarriage was ignored.

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17. Employee benefit obligations (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

The liability at the Valuation Date was recalculated to show the effect of:

- a one percentage point increase and decrease in the assumed rate of health care cost inflation
- a one percentage point increase and decrease in the discount rate; and
- a one-year age increase and decrease in the assumed rates of post-employment mortality

Sensitivity Analysis on the Accrued Liability

Assumption	Change	% Change	Continuation members
Central assumptions			2 340 000
Medical aid contribution inflation rate	+1%	8%	2 516 000
Medical aid contribution inflation rate	-1%	-7%	2 182 000
Discount rate	+1%	-6%	2 189 000
Discount rate	-1%	7%	2 511 000
Post-employment mortality	+1yr	-4%	2 248 000
Post-employment mortality	-1yr	4%	2 431 000

Sensitivity Analysis on Current-service and Interest Costs for year ending 30/06/2024:

Assumption	Change	% Change	Interest cost
Central assumptions			240 000
Medical aid contribution inflation rate	+1%	8%	260 000
Medical aid contribution inflation rate	-1%	-7%	223 000
Discount rate	+1%	1%	243 000
Discount rate	-1%	-2%	236 000
Post-employment mortality	+1yr	-4%	230 000
Post-employment mortality	-1yr	4%	250 000

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17. Employee benefit obligations (continued)		
Long service award		
Long service award		
Balance 1 July	(2 932 000)	(2 824 000)
Current service cost	(130 000)	(274 000)
Interest cost	(294 000)	(291 000)
Benefits paid during the year	230 842	122 916
Actuarial gains/(losses)	345 158	334 084
Subtotal	(2 780 000)	(2 932 000)
Less: Transfer to current portion	480 000	563 000
Balance 30 June	(2 300 000)	(2 369 000)

The Long Service Award is a defined benefit plan, of which the members are made up as follows:

Total eligible

As at year end, the following number of employees were eligible for long service bonuses	126	129
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Key actuarial assumptions used:

Discount rate	10,97%	11,08%
General earnings inflation rate	6,14%	6,47%
Net Effective Discount Rate	4,55%	4,33%

In estimating the LSA net defined benefit liability of the Municipality a number of actuarial assumptions are required. The GRAP 25 standard places the responsibility on management to set these assumptions, as guided by the principles set out in the standard and in discussion with the actuary.

It should be noted that the valuation method and assumptions do not affect the ultimate cost of the LSA arrangement – this is determined by actual experience and by the benefits provided. The method and assumptions influence how the DBO and current service costs are recognised over time.

Key Demographic assumptions

Table below summarises the key demographic assumptions used

Mortality during employment: SA 85-90

Age Band	Withdrawal rate males	Withdrawal rate females
20	9%	9%
30	6%	6%
40	5%	5%
50	3%	3%
55	0%	0%

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17. Employee benefit obligations (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

The results presented in Section 6 are based on a number of assumptions. The extent to which the actual liability faced in the future by the Municipality differs from these results will depend on the extent to which actual experience differs from the assumptions made.

The assumptions which tend to have the greatest impact on the results are:

- the general earnings inflation rate assumption;
- the discount rate assumption;
- the average retirement age of employees; and
- assumed rates of withdrawal of employees from service.

The liability at the Valuation Date was recalculated to show the effect of:

- a one percentage point increase and decrease in the assumed general earnings inflation rate;
- a one percentage point increase and decrease in the discount rate;
- a two-year increase and decrease in the assumed average retirement age of eligible employees; and
- a two-fold increase and a 50% decrease in the assumed rates of withdrawal from service.

Sensitivity Analysis on the Accrued Liability

Assumption	Change	% Change	Liability
Central assumptions			2 780 000
General earnings inflation rate	+1%	5%	2 924 000
General earnings inflation rate	-1%	-5%	2 648 000
Discount rate	+1%	-5%	2 643 000
Discount rate	-1%	5%	2 932 000
Average retirement age	+2yrs	8%	3 007 000
Average retirement age	-2yrs	-11%	2 480 000
Withdrawal rates age	x2	-17%	2 306 000
Withdrawal rates age	x0,5	11%	3 094 000

Sensitivity Analysis on Current-service and Interest Costs for year ending 30/06/2024:

Assumption	Change	% Change	Current service cost	Interest cost	Total liability
Central assumptions			258 000	294 000	552 000
General earnings inflation rate	+1%	6%	276 000	310 000	586 000
General earnings inflation rate	-1%	-6%	242 000	280 000	522 000
Discount rate	+1%	-1%	244 000	304 000	548 000
Discount rate	-1%	1%	274 000	283 000	557 000
Average retirement age	+2yrs	8%	275 000	316 000	591 000
Average retirement age	-2yrs	-10%	236 000	262 000	498 000
Withdrawal rates	x2	-21%	195 000	241 000	436 000
Withdrawal rates	x0,5	15%	302 000	329 000	631 000

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18. Provisions

Reconciliation of provisions - 2024

	Opening Balance	Reversed during the year	Change in discount factor	Total
Environmental rehabilitation	4 708 803	(339 287)	450 060	4 819 576

Reconciliation of provisions - 2023

	Opening Balance	Reversed during the year	Change in discount factor	Total
Environmental rehabilitation	7 099 138	(2 830 719)	440 384	4 708 803

Environmental rehabilitation provision

The municipality has an obligation to rehabilitate landfill sites at the end of the expected useful life of the asset. Total cost and estimated date of decommission of the sites are as follows:

The change in estimate is mainly due to the following reasons:

- Decrease in the inflation rate 5.1% in 2024 and 5.4% in 2023.
- Increase in the upgrading and rehabilitation costs from R6 066 072 at 30 June 2023 to R6 425 410.73 at 30 June 2024.
- Increase in the post closure monitoring costs from R5 353 164 at 30 June 2023 to R5 901 857.74 at 30 June 2024.

Warrenton

	Cost of rehabilitation	Cost of rehabilitation
Rehabilitation costs at estimated decommission date - 2033	10 566 425	10 263 930
Post closure monitoring - 2064	43 161 584	43 876 802
	53 728 009	54 140 732

Area of landfill site consumed

Warrenton	17,00%	16,00%
Discount rate used	10,30%	10,32%

The discount rate used to calculate the present value of the rehabilitation costs at each reporting period is based on a calculated risk free rate as determined by the municipality. The rate is considered appropriate given the municipality is in the government sector.

19. Service charges

Sale of electricity	14 623 352	13 929 457
Sale of water	3 496 775	6 063 821
Sewerage and sanitation charges	8 831 064	8 485 344
Refuse removal	6 513 737	4 618 144
Other service charges	(1 359 862)	(280 795)
	32 105 066	32 815 971

20. Agency services

Licences and other	75 602	80 520
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21. Other revenue		
Rental income	14 448	2 521
Commission received from third parties	43 318	34 802
Other income	1 401 661	659 413
	1 459 427	696 736
22. Other income		
Valuation services	9 530	60 283
Burial fees	109 685	88 424
Clearance certificates	28 011	19 159
Sale of goods	250 500	1 500
Insurance claim	-	490 047
Recovery of unauthorised debit orders	1 003 935	-
	1 401 661	659 413
23. Investment revenue		
Interest revenue		
Bank	357 474	10 944
24. Property rates		
Rates received		
Residential	5 339 526	5 062 636
Commercial	1 444 449	1 370 845
State	2 623 845	2 492 179
Municipal	43 599	41 496
Small holdings and farms	3 411 627	3 246 207
Industrial Property	52 460	49 828
	12 915 506	12 263 191
Valuations		
Residential	519 288 500	519 288 500
Commercial	93 402 010	93 402 010
State	125 360 000	125 360 000
Municipal	108 121 400	108 121 400
Small holdings and farms	938 213 000	938 213 000
Acquired - communal property association	23 620 000	23 620 000
PBO - Public Benefit Organisations	49 530 000	49 530 000
	1 857 534 910	1 857 534 910

Valuations on land and buildings are performed every 4 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.

Rates are levied on a monthly basis and payable within 30 days. Interest at 12.75% per annum (2023: 9.25%) is levied on rates outstanding two months after due date.

The new general valuation will be implemented on 01 July 2024.

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25. Licences and permits (non-exchange)		
Road and Transport	178 782	287 541
26. Interest from non-exchange receivables		
Property rates	5 530 323	3 020 068
27. Government grants & subsidies		
Operating grants		
Equitable share	59 940 725	57 991 452
Finance Management Grant	3 000 000	3 000 000
Frances Baard District Municipality Operating Grant	6 220 682	3 650 212
Municipal Disaster Relief Fund	5 145 000	-
Library Development Fund	1 180 026	766 561
Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)	712 000	1 073 000
	76 198 433	66 481 225
Capital grants		
Municipal Infrastructure Grant	18 764 242	16 961 718
Francis Baard District Municipality Capital Grant	4 745 000	1 725 000
Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG)	12 010 804	-
Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG)	19 515 000	7 109 275
Emergency Funding - Water Supply Warrenton	-	3 021 203
	55 035 046	28 817 196
	131 233 479	95 298 421
Conditional and Unconditional		
Included in above are the following grants and subsidies received:		
Conditional grants received	71 292 754	37 306 969
Unconditional grants received	59 940 725	57 991 452
	131 233 479	95 298 421
Equitable share		
Current-year receipts	58 050 000	52 567 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(59 940 725)	(57 991 452)
Surrendered	1 890 725	5 424 452
	-	-

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

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27. Government grants & subsidies (continued)

Finance Management Grant (FMG)

Current-year receipts	3 000 000	3 000 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(3 000 000)	(3 000 000)
Surrendered	-	(222 000)
Expensed to contracted services	-	222 000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

The Financial Management Grant is paid by National Treasury to municipalities to help implement the financial reforms required by the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), 2003. The Finance Management Grant also pays for the cost of the Financial Management Internship Programme (eg: salary costs of the Financial Management Interns).

Frances Baard District Municipality Capital and Operating Grant

Current-year receipts - capital	4 745 000	1 725 000
Current-year receipts - O&M	6 220 682	2 853 803
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(10 965 682)	(5 311 146)
Raised to grants receivable	-	732 343
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

The Frances Baard Operational Grant is paid by Frances Baard District Municipality to the municipality to subsidise operational maintenance of infrastructure. Furthermore the Frances Baard District Municipality is co-funding certain infrastructure projects.

Municipal Disaster Relief Grant (MDR)

Balance unspent at beginning of year	5 145 001	4 335 594
Current-year receipts	-	5 145 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(5 145 001)	-
Surrendered	-	(4 335 593)
	<u>-</u>	<u>5 145 001</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

Library Development Fund

Balance unspent at beginning of year	333 439	-
Current-year receipts	1 147 000	1 100 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(1 180 026)	(766 561)
	<u>300 413</u>	<u>333 439</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

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

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27. Government grants & subsidies (continued)

Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)

Current-year receipts	712 000	1 073 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(712 000)	(1 073 000)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

The EPWP grant was used for road infrastructure development in the Warrenton area.

Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)

Balance unspent at beginning of year	1 650 282	866 859
National Revenue Fund allocation correction	17 619 000	18 612 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(18 764 242)	(16 961 718)
Surrendered	-	(866 859)
	<u>505 040</u>	<u>1 650 282</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

The Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) is a conditional grant to support municipal capital budgets to fund municipal infrastructure and to upgrade existing infrastructure, primarily benefiting poor households.

Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant (RBIG)

Balance unspent at beginning of year	-	(5 817 267)
Current-year receipts	12 010 804	18 676 874
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(12 010 804)	(12 859 607)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

The Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant is a conditional grant to supplement financing for the development of the regional bulk water infrastructure and regional bulk sanitation collection as well as regional water and waste water treatment works.

Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG)

Balance unspent at beginning of year	1 890 725	-
Current-year receipts	19 515 000	9 000 000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(19 515 000)	(7 109 275)
Surrendered	(1 890 725)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1 890 725</u>

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).

The Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) is a conditional grant to assist water services authorities to reduce water and sanitation backlogs.

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27. Government grants & subsidies (continued)		
Emergency Funding - Water Supply Warrenton		
Current-year receipts	-	3 021 203
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	-	(3 021 203)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 16).		
Provide explanations of conditions still to be met and other relevant information.		
28. Public contributions and donations		
1% Audit fee assistance	<u>-</u>	<u>1 672 536</u>
The municipality received assistance during the period under review relating to payments made to the Auditor-General by the Northern Cape Provincial Treasury.		
29. Fines, Penalties and Forfeits		
Traffic fines	<u>394 732</u>	<u>586 325</u>
30. Services in-kind		
Frances Baard District Municipality	<u>207 600</u>	<u>-</u>
Frances Baard District Municipality provided internal audit services to Magareng Local Municipality at no cost to the municipality.		
31. Debt relief		
Department of Water and Sanitation	<u>5 936 376</u>	<u>-</u>
32. Revenue		
Service charges	32 105 066	32 815 971
Interest received (trading)	19 766 642	13 928 848
Agency services	75 602	80 520
Rental income	14 448	2 521
Commission received	43 318	34 802
Other income	1 401 661	659 413
Interest received - investment	357 474	10 944
Property rates	12 915 506	12 263 191
Government grants & subsidies	131 233 479	95 298 421
Public contributions and donations	-	1 672 536
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	394 732	586 325
Contributed Property, plant and equipment	1 166 879	1 132 989
Other transfer revenue 2	5 936 376	-
	<u>205 411 183</u>	<u>158 486 481</u>

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32. Revenue (continued)		
The amount included in revenue arising from exchanges of goods or services are as follows:		
Service charges	32 105 066	32 815 971
Interest received (trading)	19 766 642	13 928 848
Agency services	75 602	80 520
Rental income	14 448	2 521
Commission received	43 318	34 802
Other income	1 401 661	659 413
Interest received - investment	357 474	10 944
	53 764 211	47 533 019
The amount included in revenue arising from non-exchange transactions is as follows:		
Taxation revenue		
Property rates	12 915 506	12 263 191
Licences or permits	178 782	287 541
Transfer revenue		
Government grants & subsidies	131 233 479	95 298 421
Public contributions and donations	-	1 672 536
Fines, Penalties and Forfeits	394 732	586 325
Contributed Property, plant and equipment	1 166 879	1 132 989
Other transfer revenue 2	5 936 376	-
	151 825 754	111 241 003

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33. Employee related costs		
Basic	36 882 775	36 209 103
Bonus	2 789 840	2 741 296
Medical aid - company contributions	2 319 139	2 374 193
UIF	316 296	329 780
SDL	373 566	401 770
Other payroll levies	14 930	16 546
Leave pay provision charge	656 773	514 064
Pension contributions	6 151 655	5 862 531
Travel, motor car, accommodation, subsistence and other allowances	827 162	1 127 555
Overtime payments	996 686	2 718 708
Long-service awards	130 000	274 000
Acting allowances	253 841	248 391
Housing benefits and allowances	70 383	69 812
	51 783 046	52 887 749
Remuneration of acting municipal manager - TM Thage (1 July 2022 - 30 June 2024)		
Acting allowance	105 258	101 805
Remuneration of Chief Financial Officer - MM Motswaledi (July 2022 to December 2022)		
Annual Remuneration	-	427 604
Travel allowance	-	198 845
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	-	29 084
	-	655 533
Remuneration of acting Chief Financial Officer - KV Khaziwa (13 December 2022 to 30 June 2024)		
Acting allowance	71 976	36 555
Remuneration of the HOD Corporate Services - CD Lentsoe (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024)		
Annual Remuneration	717 555	725 024
Travel allowance	204 435	225 410
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	177 620	180 147
	1 099 610	1 130 581
Remuneration of the HOD Technical Services - TM Thage (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024)		
Annual Remuneration	689 000	752 149
Travel allowance	448 146	380 016
Remote allowance	44 747	-
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	14 191	13 795
Cell phone	9 000	9 000
	1 205 084	1 154 960

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34. Remuneration of councillors

Annual remuneration	4 457 738	4 672 680
	4 457 738	4 672 680

Remuneration of Mayor- NL Mase

Councillor salary	561 290	495 723
Medical aid contributions	37 862	34 468
Pension contributions	76 187	74 359
Travel allowance	227 582	201 516
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
	948 521	846 866

In-kind benefits

The mayor is provided with an office at the cost of the Council.

The Mayor has the use of Council owned vehicles and a driver for official duties.

Remuneration Councillor - WJ Potgieter

Councillor salary	250 368	222 968
Pension contributions	33 943	32 993
Travel allowance	95 974	84 315
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
Contributions to pension, medical and SDL	3 456	-
	433 349	384 676

Remuneration of Councillor - BC Mahapa (from October 2023)

Councillor salary	177 866	-
Pension contributions	25 913	-
Cellphone allowance	32 400	-
Data allowance	2 853	-
Contributions to pension, medical and SDL	177	-
	239 209	-

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34. Remuneration of councillors (continued)		
Remuneration of Councillor - LR Namelang (July 2023 to September 2023)		
Councillor salary	68 624	205 618
Medical aid contributions	14 319	54 593
Cellphone allowance	13 200	40 800
Data allowance	1 155	3 600
Other contributions	1 681	-
	98 979	304 611
Remuneration of Councillor - KC Mekhoa		
Councillor salary	252 491	221 818
Pension contributions	34 231	33 273
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	336 330	299 491
Remuneration of Councillor - L Valtyn		
Councillor salary	324 030	284 667
Pension contributions	43 930	42 700
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	417 568	371 767
Remuneration of Councillor - MF Mokitimi		
Councillor salary	324 030	284 667
Pension contributions	43 930	42 700
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	417 568	371 767
Remuneration of Councillor - B Mekomela		
Councillor salary	250 368	226 063
Pension contributions	33 943	33 909
Travel allowance	95 974	77 289
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	429 893	381 661
Remuneration of Councillor - LO Amose		
Councillor salary	324 030	275 696
Medical contributions	-	-
Pension contributions	43 930	42 969
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	417 568	363 065

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34. Remuneration of councillors (continued)		
Remuneration of Councillor - CM Mere		
Councillor salary	243 023	213 500
Pension contributions	32 948	32 025
Travel allowance	93 159	81 842
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	418 738	371 767
Remuneration of Councillor - D Watson		
Councillor salary	189 368	212 576
Pension contributions	25 674	31 886
Travel allowance	72 591	10 629
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
Data allowance	4 008	3 600
	337 241	299 491
Remuneration of Councillor - BG Plata		
Councillor salary	608 839	538 118
Medical aid contributions	30 502	26 017
Pension contributions	82 556	80 718
Cellphone allowance	45 600	40 800
	767 497	685 653
35. Depreciation and amortisation		
Property, plant and equipment	16 992 121	22 825 831
Intangible assets	10 711	9 895
	17 002 832	22 835 726
36. Finance costs		
Trade and other payables	973 442	6 571 860
Employee benefit liability	534 000	537 000
Landfill rehabilitation provision	450 060	440 384
	1 957 502	7 549 244
37. Debt impairment		
Contributions to debt impairment provision	63 729 369	17 959 625
38. Bulk purchases		
Electricity	26 694 259	23 257 242
Water	3 384 765	6 519 950
	30 079 024	29 777 192

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39. Contracted services		
Outsourced Services		
Burial Services	5 000	5 000
Business and Advisory	2 047 989	1 325 938
Catering Services	162 226	40 815
Security Services	4 060 464	2 044 799
Consultants and Professional Services		
Business and Advisory	4 269 843	3 293 687
Legal Cost	-	163 922
Contractors		
Maintenance of Equipment	29 040	-
Safeguard and Security	-	172 660
	10 574 562	7 046 821
40. General expenses		
Advertising	110 604	174 584
Auditors remuneration	2 709 970	4 048 596
Bank charges	345 741	386 766
Bursaries	424 959	182 842
Commission paid	3 801 640	2 264 111
Communication	933 158	906 085
Computer expenses	2 109 189	495 471
Drivers licences and permits	175 056	206 841
Entertainment	121 134	10 460
Hire	31 700	370 521
Insurance	839 694	-
Internal audit	203 300	-
Postage and courier	1 979	27 218
Printing and stationery	236 606	345 292
Protective clothing	629 242	4 416
Staff welfare	65 307	-
Subscriptions and membership fees	633 520	625 085
Travel and accomodation	412 684	340 526
Utilities - Other	501 391	-
	14 286 874	10 388 814
41. Inventory consumed		
Materials, supplies and other consumables	9 290 047	6 212 658
42. Auditors' remuneration		
Fees	2 709 970	4 048 596
43. Going concern		

We draw attention to the fact that at 30 June 2024, the municipality's current liabilities exceeds it's current assets by R 259 878 672 (2022: R 231 640 840). Further, the municipality recorded a surplus of R 3 816 921 (2023: deficit R 1 904 661) for financial period ended 30 June 2023. The major contributors to the deficits are increases in depreciation, finance costs, debt impairment and employee related costs.

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43. Going concern (continued)

We would also want to draw attention to the fact that at 30 June 2024, the following additional factors, among others, existed at the reporting date. These factors do not, however, cause any material uncertainty regarding the ability of the municipality to continue as a going concern. Management decided to include them to provide more information to the users.

Factors that indicate an uncertainty regarding the municipality to continue as a going concern:

1. Provision for landfill site and employee benefits not cash backed.
2. The municipality experienced cash flow problems during the year, which resulted in certain creditors not being paid on time.
3. Debtors are outstanding for 2,278 days (2023: 2,537days); and significant decrease in the deficit report from the prior financial year
4. Electricity distribution losses (technical and non-technical) have increased to 33% (2023: 19%) and the water distribution losses has decreased to 97% from (2023: 80%).

Due to the fact that there is no material uncertainty about the municipality's ability to continue as a going concern, 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 available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

It should, however, be noted that the ability of the municipality to continue as a going concern is dependent on a number of factors. The most significant of these is that the Accounting Officer continues to procure funding for the ongoing operations of the municipality. Furthermore the municipality should ensure that they embark on implementing strategies which will strengthen its ability to continue as a going concern. The most significant of these is that the municipality is currently implementing a system to enhance revenue collection (credit control and cost containment measures), minimising distribution losses and Council approved initiatives.

The municipality still has the ability to levy rates and taxes and will continue to receive funding from government as evident from the Equitable Share allocation in terms of the Division of Revenue Act.

44. Cash generated from operations

Surplus (deficit)	3 816 921	(1 904 661)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	17 002 832	22 835 726
Gain on sale of assets and liabilities	3 105 343	4 503 173
Impairment deficit	1 419 777	247 225
Debt impairment	63 729 369	17 959 625
Movements in retirement benefit assets and liabilities	277 079	64 837
Movements in provisions	450 060	440 384
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	(5 238)	48 075
Receivables from exchange transactions	(44 516 001)	(34 578 627)
Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions	1 153 015	(4 215 364)
Payables from exchange transactions	23 177 716	23 225 161
VAT	(7 157 844)	(4 218 467)
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	(8 213 994)	3 816 994
Consumer deposits	23 158	5 421
	54 262 193	28 229 502

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45. Financial instruments disclosure

Categories of financial instruments

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Financial assets

	At amortised cost	Total
Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions	9 266 556	9 266 556
Receivable from exchange transactions	4 640 982	4 640 982
Cash and cash equivalents	1 104 154	1 104 154
	15 011 692	15 011 692

Financial liabilities

	At amortised cost	Total
Payables from exchange transactions	307 994 716	307 994 716
Consumer deposits	1 063 096	1 063 096
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	805 453	805 453
	309 863 265	309 863 265

2023

Financial assets

	At amortised cost	Total
Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions	10 419 571	10 419 571
Receivable from exchange transactions	23 854 350	23 854 350
Cash and cash equivalents	733 583	733 583
	35 007 504	35 007 504

Financial liabilities

	At amortised cost	Total
Payables from exchange transactions	284 816 998	284 816 998
Consumer deposits	1 039 938	1 039 938
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	9 019 447	9 019 447
	294 876 383	294 876 383

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46. Commitments		
Authorised capital expenditure		
Already contracted for but not provided for		
• Property, plant and equipment	35 847 993	12 230 563
Total capital commitments		
Already contracted for but not provided for	35 847 993	12 230 563
Total commitments		
Total commitments		
Authorised capital expenditure	35 847 993	12 230 563
This committed expenditure relates to property and will be financed by government grants.		
47. Contingencies		
Contingent liabilities		
TL Galane vs Magareng LM	-	32 835
This relates to a civil claim and the matter is before the court. The municipality filed a notice to defend the matter through the Office of the State Attorney.		
Imperial Supermarket vs Magareng LM	50 000	50 000
Applicant refuting the accounts of services owed to the Municipality		
IS Kgadiete vs Magareng LM	198 000	-
A lawsuit from Mr IS Kgadiete against the Municipality as a second respondent claiming unlawful detention, for loss of money allegedly stolen from the taxi and loss of income		
	248 000	82 835

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48. Related parties

Relationships

Interest in related parties

Services rendered to related parties

Councillors and /or management of the municipality
The services rendered to related parties are charged at the approved tariffs that were advertised to the public. We have disclosed this information under the heading councillors arrear consumer accounts. Refer to 54

Compensation of related parties

Compensation of key management personnel. Refer to note 33

Compensation of related parties

Compensation of councillors. Refer to note 34

Joint ventures

Municipality has no joint venture arrangement

Associates

Municipality has no associates in their business arrangement

Related party relationship

The municipalities officials declared the following relationship with the listed companies. It should be noted that no transactions were entered into between these related parties and the municipality

Councillors

No business interest, shares and / or directorships held

Municipal manager

No business interest, shares and / or directorships held

Acting Municipal Manager

No business interest, shares and / or directorships held

Acting Chief Financial Officer

No business interest, shares and / or directorships held

HOD Corporate Services

No business interest, shares and / or directorships held

Related party balances

2024

Councillors

	Rates - Levied	Service charges	Other - Levied	Outstanding balance
D Watson	(1 520)	-	12	20
WJ Potgieter	4 544	16 705	2 506	814
L Valtyn	4 171	2 884	437	31 458
N Mase	4 918	4 530	733	1 563
KC Mekhoa	-	2 732	1 501	13 856
LO Amose	-	4 026	741	5 232
CM Mere	311	4 026	17 561	244 719
MF Mokitimi	-	4 026	604	26 812
BC Mahapa	374	4 026	4 255	51 883
	12 798	42 955	28 350	376 357

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48. Risk management (continued)

2023	Rates - Levied	Service charges	Other - Levied	Outstanding balance
Councillors				
D Watson	84 859	109 126	2 892	24 285
WJ Potgieter	58 795	266 227	316	1 841
L Valtyn	38 227	37 861	9 192	33 967
N Mase	30 655	55 842	7 876	452
KC Mekhoa	-	8 789	965	9 624
LO Amose	-	6 145	274	6 065
CM Mere	1 709	138 396	71 421	222 821
MF Mokitimi	20 063	42 136	21 784	57 231
LR Mamelang	2 955	50 149	11 196	41 095
B Mokokela	-	8 321	786	-
	237 263	722 992	126 702	397 381

2024	Rates - Levied	Service charges	Other - Levied	Outstanding balance
Municipal Manager and Section 57 Employees				
C Lentsoe (HOD Corporate services)	4 046	1 869	280	1 032

2023	Rates - Levied	Service charges	Other - Levied	Outstanding balance
Municipal Manager and Section 57 Employees				
C Lentsoe (HOD Corporate services)	3 845	1 620	-	490

Remuneration of management

Management class: Executive management

2024

	Annual remuneration	Acting allowance	Travel allowance	Contribution to UIF, Medical and pension funds	Other	Total
Name						
Senior Management	1 451 302	177 234	652 581	191 811	9 000	2 481 928

2023

	Annual remuneration	Acting allowance	Travel allowance	Contribution to UIF, Medical and pension funds	Total
Name					
Senior Management	1 913 777	138 361	804 272	223 026	3 079 436

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49. Risk management

Financial risk management

Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, municipality treasury maintains flexibility in funding by maintaining availability under committed credit lines.

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.

The table below analyses the municipality's financial liabilities and net-settled derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant.

2024	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years
Payables from exchange transactions	307 994 716	-	-	-
Consumer Deposits	1 063 096	-	-	-
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	805 453	-	-	-
Employee benefit obligations	7 391 945	-	-	-
	317 255 210	-	-	-
2023	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years
Payables from exchange transactions	284 816 998	-	-	-
Consumer Deposits	1 039 938	-	-	-
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	9 019 447	-	-	-
Employee benefit obligations	7 100 866	-	-	-
	301 977 249	-	-	-

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counter party to a financial or non-financial asset will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the municipality to incur a financial loss.

Credit risk consists mainly of cash deposits, cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and trade debtors. The municipality only deposits cash with major banks with high quality credit standing and limits exposure to any one counter-party.

Receivables are disclosed net after provisions are made for impairment and bad debts. Trade debtors comprise of a large number of ratepayers, dispersed across different sectors and geographical areas. Ongoing credit evaluations are performed on the financial condition of these debtors. Credit risk pertaining to trade and other debtors is considered to be moderate due the diversified nature of debtors and immaterial nature of individual balances. In the case of consumer debtors the municipality effectively has the right to terminate services to customers but in practice this is difficult to apply. In the case of debtors whose accounts become in arrears, Council endeavours to collect such accounts by "levying of penalty charges", "demand for payment", "restriction of services" and, as a last resort, "handed over for collection", whichever procedure is applicable in term of Council's Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy.

Credit risk consists mainly of cash deposits, cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and trade debtors. The municipality only deposits cash with major banks with high quality credit standing and limits exposure to any one counter-party.

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Market risk

Interest rate risk

As the municipality has no significant interest-bearing assets, the municipality's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates.

Foreign exchange risk

The municipality does not hedge foreign exchange fluctuations.

Price risk

The municipality is not exposed to price risk as the municipality does not own any equity securities.

50. Events after the reporting date

The municipalities electricity tariff application for the 2024-2025 was approved by Nersa. The municipalities 2024-2025 electricity tariff application was not based on a cost of supply study as required. A High Court judgement on the 08 July 2024 concluded that the electricity tariffs for the 2024/2025 financial year as approved by Nersa were unlawful. The following are the salient points of the judgment handed down by the High Court:

- NERSA's mechanism for approval of municipal electricity tariffs as set out in its Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity Distributors dated 29 January 2024 is declared unlawful, invalid and of no force and effect.
- No municipality shall be entitled to levy increased electricity tariffs upon end-user consumers until has granted an approval of an application in accordance with NERSA's Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity Distributors dated 17 November 2023.
- Any municipality for whom NERSA has not granted approval of an application for increased tariffs supported by a cost of supply study in accordance with the Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity Distributors dated 17 November 2023 shall be entitled to continue levying electricity tariffs on the same tariff as that applicable during the 2023/2024 municipal financial year.
- Municipalities shall be permitted to supplement their applications for increased electricity tariff to NERSA with cost of supply studies for NERSA's consideration and were granted 60 days from the date of the order to supplement their electricity tariff applications with cost of supply studies in accordance with the NERSA's Notice to Municipal Licensed Electricity Distributors dated 17 November 2023.

The municipality has since the High Court judgement drafted an Electricity Cost of Supply Study and intends to submit this study to NERSA before the 30th of November 2024 to supplement their electricity tariff application. The municipality implemented a 10.5% tariff increase of the 2023/2024 tariffs in the 2024/2025 financial year. The potential revenue impact of this increase is R1 535 452.

51. Unauthorised expenditure

Opening balance as previously reported	226 988 732	200 990 614
Add: Unauthorised expenditure - current	33 782 010	25 998 118
Closing balance	260 770 742	226 988 732

Operating expenditure per vote

Vote 01 - Executive & council	1 990 126	4 273 690
Vote 03 - Corporate services	-	6 239 623
Vote 04 - Financial services	-	11 352 011
Vote 05 - Municipal infrastructure	31 791 884	-
Vote 07 - Public safety & transport	-	578 492
Vote 08 - Sports, arts, parks, culture	-	3 554 302
	33 782 010	25 998 118

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52. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure		
Opening balance as previously reported	25 553 968	19 044 636
Add: Fruitless and wasteful expenditure identified - current	973 442	6 509 332
Closing balance	26 527 410	25 553 968

Details of fruitless and wasteful expenditure

	Disciplinary steps taken/criminal proceedings		
Interest on late payments - suppliers	Awaiting council decision	559 343	5 742 223
SARS interest & penalties - PAYE	Awaiting council decision	414 099	767 109
		973 442	6 509 332

53. Irregular expenditure

Opening balance as previously reported	129 519 806	108 833 972
Add: Irregular expenditure - current	45 806 429	20 685 834
Closing balance	175 326 235	129 519 806

Incidents/cases identified/reported in the current year include those listed below:

	Disciplinary steps taken/criminal proceedings		
Various contraventions of procurement transcripts	Awaiting council decision	45 806 429	20 685 834

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54. Additional disclosure in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act		
Contributions to organised local government		
Opening balance	750 272	550 375
Current year subscription / fee	(628 520)	625 085
Amount paid - current year	(750 272)	(425 188)
	(628 520)	750 272
Material losses		
Electricity distribution losses (KWh)		
KWh purchased	9 993 626	10 043 152
KWh sold	(6 720 741)	(8 136 805)
KWh losses	3 272 885	1 906 347
% losses	33	19
Average cost per KWh unit	2,43	2,13
Loss in Rand value	7 948 018	4 067 942
Water distribution losses (Mega litres)		
Mega litres purchased	1 579 660	1 444 772
Mega litres sold	(41 794)	(287 356)
Mega litres losses	1 537 866	1 157 416
% losses	97	80
Average cost per unit	1,92	3,30
Loss in Rand value	2 949 455	3 818 588
Audit fees		
Opening balance	3 372 972	1 769 853
Current year subscription / fee	3 404 150	5 311 455
Amount paid - current year	(1 070 975)	(1 938 483)
Amount paid - previous years	(3 372 972)	(1 769 853)
	2 333 175	3 372 972
PAYE and UIF		
Opening balance	651 708	1 156 399
Current year subscription / fee	7 310 429	7 996 598
Amount paid - current year	(6 142 558)	(7 344 890)
Amount paid - previous years	(651 708)	(1 156 399)
	1 167 871	651 708

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

Pension and Medical Aid Deductions

Opening balance	4 179 562	3 397 332
Current year subscription / fee	14 484 604	13 666 961
Amount paid - current year	(9 749 606)	(9 487 399)
Amount paid - previous years	(4 451 970)	(3 397 332)
	4 462 590	4 179 562

VAT

VAT receivable	42 384 029	35 226 185
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VAT output payables and VAT input receivables are shown in note 5.

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 R	Outstanding more than 90 days R	Total R
Mayor N Mase	1 563	-	1 563
Councillor D Watson	20	-	20
Councillor WJ Potgieter	814	-	814
Councillor L Valtyn	1 580	29 878	31 458
Councillor KC Mekhoa	1 450	12 407	13 857
Councillor LO Amose	1 566	3 666	5 232
Councillor CM Mere	7 361	237 359	244 720
Councillor MF Mokitimi	757	26 055	26 812
Councillor BC Mahapa	2 947	48 936	51 883
	18 058	358 301	376 359

30 June 2023	Outstanding less than 90 days R	Outstanding more than 90 days R	Total R
Mayor N Mase	452	-	452
Councillor D Watson	4 328	19 958	24 286
Councillor WJ Potgieter	1 841	-	1 841
Councillor L Valtyn	500	33 467	33 967
Councillor KC Mekhoa	1 203	8 421	9 624
Councillor LO Amose	1 589	4 476	6 065
Councillor CM Mere	6 966	215 855	222 821
Councillor MF Mokitimi	1 651	55 580	57 231
Councillor LR Mamelang	2 550	38 545	41 095
	21 080	376 302	397 382

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55. Deviation from supply chain management regulations

Paragraph 12(1)(d)(i) of Government gazette No. 27636 issued on 30 May 2005 states that a supply chain management policy must provide for the procurement of goods and services by way of a competitive bidding process.

Paragraph 36 of the same gazette states that the accounting officer may dispense with the official procurement process in certain circumstances, provided that he records the reasons for any deviations and reports them to the next meeting of the accounting officer and includes a note to the annual financial statements.

Regulation 36(2) - Details of deviations (amounts include Value added tax) approved by the Accounting Officer in terms of Regulation 36(1)(a) and (b):

2024	Amount	Single supplier	Impractical	Emergency
July	248 400	-	-	1
August	1 386 086	4	-	3
September	14 055	2	-	-
October	64 557	1	-	-
November	25 953	3	-	1
December	132 444	2	-	1
January	8 191	2	-	-
March	4 825	1	-	-
April	213 736	-	-	1
	2 098 247	15	-	7

2023	Amount	Single supplier	Impractical	Emergency
July	11 040	1	-	-
August	3 694	1	-	-
October	196 590	-	-	1
January	125 400	-	-	2
February	97 790	1	-	1
March	28 113	2	-	1
April	11 408	1	-	-
May	151 365	1	-	1
	625 400	7	-	6

56. Contributed Property, Plant and Equipment

Computer equipment	790 801	95 032
Transport assets	336 078	944 992
Tools and equipment	40 000	92 965
	1 166 879	1 132 989

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57. Prior period errors

The municipality corrected the following prior period errors retrospectively and restated the comparative amounts in terms of GRAP 3 - Accounting policies, Changes in Estimates and Errors.

The correction of the error(s) results in adjustments as follows:

57.1. Prior period error - General expenditure misallocations:

During the period under review it was noted that various items representing capital expenditure and movable asset additions were incorrectly to general expenditure in the year ended 30 June 2023. The comparative statements for 2022/23 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Statement of financial position

Increase in property plant and equipment infrastructure assets	627 198
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Statement of financial performance

Decrease in general expenditure - inventory consumed	(627 198)
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57.2. Prior period error - Misallocations various items:

During the period under review it was noted that various items were misposted in the general ledger at 30 June 2023. The comparative statements for 2022/23 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Statement of financial position

Increase in Statutory receivables from non-exchange transactions VAT	4 165
Increase in payables from non-exchange transactions - trade payables	(38 379)
	(34 214)

Statement of financial performance

Increase in general expenses - advertising	6 450
Increase in general expenses - printing and stationery	11 268
Increase in general expenditure - inventory consumed	16 496
	34 214

57.3. Prior period error - Overstatement of payables from exchange transactions:

During the period under review it was noted that salary control balance was misstated due to incorrect recording of salary of an employee no longer in service. The comparative statements for 2022/2023 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Statement of financial position

Decrease in payables from exchange transactions - salary control	14 129
Decrease in employee related costs	(14 129)

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57. Prior period errors (continued)

57.4. Prior period error - Infrastructure and Capital work in progress misstated due to incorrect capitalisations of components:

During the period under review it was noted that water supply infrastructure assets was mistated due to the incorrect capitalisation of various components at 30 June 2022. The comparative statements for 2022/2023 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Statement of financial position

Decrease in property, plant and equipment - infrastructure assets	(5 798 575)
Decrease in accumulated surplus	6 503 540
	<u>704 965</u>

Statement of financial performance

Decrease in depreciation and amortisation	<u>(704 965)</u>
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57.5. Prior period error - Payments in advance misstated due to incorrect ledger journal postings:

During the period under review it was noted that the payments in advance ledger control account differed from the debtors subledger listing at 30 June 2022 due to the incorrect posting of general ledger journals in the control account at 30 June 2022. The comparative statements for 2022/2023 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Statement of financial position

Decrease in Payables from exchange transactions - payments in advance	3 519
Increase in accumulated surplus	(3 519)
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57.6. Prior period error - Misstatement of payables from exchange transactions:

During the period under review during the performance of a trade creditors reconciliation it was noted that various creditors balances were misstated at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022. The comparative statements for 2022/2023 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Statement of financial position

Decrease in payables from exchange transactions - trade payables	2 955 545
Increase in accumulated surplus	(21 215)
Decrease in statutory receivables from exchange transactions - VAT	(382 739)
	<u>2 551 591</u>

Statement of financial performance

Decrease in contracted services - business and advisory	<u>(2 551 591)</u>
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57. Prior period errors (continued)

57.7. Prior period error - Misstatement in the Unauthorised expenditure disclosure:

In the previous financial year the Unauthorised expenditure disclosure was misstated due to various errors as identified above.

The comparative figures for the 2022/2023 financial year have been restated. The effect of the correction of the error(s) is summarised below:

Unauthorised expenditure disclosure

Vote 01 - Executive & council	376 971
Vote 03 - Corporate services	6 672
Vote 04 - Financial services	1 339 395
	1 723 038

58. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified.

During the year under review it was noted that the prior year account balances and totals were misstated due to missmapping of various general ledger account. That error has since been rectified in the current year.

The effects of the reclassification are as follows:

Statement of financial performance - extract

	Comparative figures previously reported	Reclassification n	After reclassification
Revenue from exchange transactions - Services charges	32 814 469	1 502	32 815 971
Contracted services	(6 431 239)	(615 582)	(7 046 821)
General expenses	(9 406 089)	(982 725)	(10 388 814)
Inventory consumed	(7 809 463)	1 596 805	(6 212 658)
	9 167 678	-	9 167 678

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59. Segment information

General information

Identification of segments

The municipality is organised according to functions and reports on a monthly basis on their actuals. Decisions are made regularly regarding resources to be allocated to different functions. Segments are therefore identified as the different municipal functions as on Schedule B of the budget.

Information reported about these segments is used by management as a basis for evaluating the segments' performances and for making decisions about the allocation of resources. The disclosure of information about these segments is also considered appropriate for external reporting purposes.

Aggregated segments

The municipality operates throughout the Warrenton area. Segments have been aggregated based on the organisational structure as on the budget.

Types of goods and/or services by segment

These reportable segments as well as the goods and/or services for each segment are set out below:

Reportable segment	Goods and/or services
Executive and Council	Governing the municipality
Office of the Municipal Manager	Head of administration
Corporate Services	Providing support functions such as Human resources to the municipality
Financial Services	Providing support functions to the municipality
Municipal Infrastructure	Providing basic services to the community such as water, electricity, sewerage and refuse
Community Services	Providing other services to the community
Public Safety and Transport	Ensuring public safety and providing services such as traffic law enforcement
Sports, Arts, Parks, Culture	Providing cultural activities for the community
Planning & Development	Town planning, economic development etc

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59. Segment information (continued)

Segment surplus or deficit, assets and liabilities

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	Executive & Council	Office Of The Municipal Manager	Corporate Services	Financial Services	Municipal Infrastructure	Public Safety & Transport	Planning & Development	Total
Revenue								
Revenue from exchange transactions	-	-	-	1 663 898	51 947 311	153 003	-	53 764 212
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	65 797 725	-	-	28 549 084	62 036 841	1 180 026	-	157 563 676
Total segment revenue	65 797 725	-	-	30 212 982	113 984 152	1 333 029	-	211 327 888
Entity's revenue								211 327 888
Expenditure								
Remuneration of Council	4 457 738	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 457 738
Salaries and wages	7 182 875	687 818	7 463 285	10 829 288	16 573 763	5 249 769	3 796 249	51 783 047
Bulk purchases	-	-	-	-	30 079 024	-	-	30 079 024
Debt impairment	-	-	-	5 478 893	58 250 476	-	-	63 729 369
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	10 711	13 890 922	-	3 101 199	17 002 832
Contracted services	167 226	-	4 180 890	6 226 445	-	-	-	10 574 561
General expenses	1 347 822	24 869	2 695 218	9 933 210	208 547	46 345	30 865	14 286 876
Finance costs	-	-	-	1 507 442	450 060	-	-	1 957 502
Gains and losses	-	-	(175 147)	-	4 523 904	1 215	-	4 349 972
Inventory consumed	-	(50)	801 629	-	8 325 080	165 488	(2 100)	9 290 047
Total segment expenditure	13 155 661	712 637	14 965 875	33 985 989	132 301 776	5 462 817	6 926 213	207 510 968
Total segmental surplus/(deficit)	52 642 064	(712 637)	(14 965 875)	(3 773 007)	(18 317 624)	(4 129 788)	(6 926 213)	3 816 920

Management does not evaluate the assets and liabilities of the relevant sections, nor makes decisions about allocating resources, therefore assets and liabilities do not meet the definition of a segment in terms of GRAP 18.

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59. Segment information (continued)

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	Executive & Council	Office Of The Municipal Manager	Corporate Services	Financial Services	Municipal Infrastructure	Public Safety & Transport	Planning & Development	Total
Revenue								
Revenue from exchange transactions	-	-	-	11 485 432	35 924 362	123 226	-	47 533 020
Revenue from non-exchange transactions	59 064 452	-	-	21 088 784	33 341 274	766 561	-	114 261 071
Total segment revenue	59 064 452	-	-	32 574 216	69 265 636	889 787	-	161 794 091
Entity's revenue								161 794 091
Expenditure								
Remuneration of Council	4 672 680	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 672 680
Salaries and wages	6 815 621	646 371	7 409 978	9 813 761	17 473 001	6 716 920	4 012 096	52 887 748
Bulk purchases	-	-	-	-	31 986 692	-	-	31 986 692
Debt impairment	-	-	-	452 025	17 507 600	-	-	17 959 625
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	255 713	19 710 295	-	2 869 720	22 835 728
Contracted services	48 075	-	2 379 122	4 559 625	-	-	60 000	7 046 822
General expenses	3 821 004	11 462	1 836 635	7 110 729	(2 449 787)	39 764	19 005	10 388 812
Finance costs	-	-	-	7 108 860	440 384	-	-	7 549 244
Gains and losses	-	-	(382 156)	-	250 398	4 500 000	-	4 368 242
Inventory consumed	-	(108)	3 443 277	-	512 635	21 855	25 500	4 003 159
Total segment expenditure	15 357 380	657 725	14 686 856	29 300 713	85 431 218	11 278 539	6 986 321	163 698 752
Total segmental surplus/(deficit)	43 707 072	(657 725)	(14 686 856)	3 273 503	(16 165 582)	(10 388 752)	(6 986 321)	(1 904 661)

Management does not evaluate the assets and liabilities of the relevant sections, nor makes decisions about allocating resources, therefore assets and liabilities do not meet the definition of a segment in terms of GRAP 18.

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60. Accounting by principals and agents

The entity is a party to a principal-agent arrangement(s).

Principal in other Principal-Agent Arrangements (non-material)

Magareng Municipality is the Principal in arrangements with various service providers who sell prepaid electricity on their behalf. Prepaid vendors earn commission on the value of each transaction.

Compensation paid for agency activities

Commission	3 801 640	2 251 266
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Magareng Municipality paid 6% commission to various service providers for acting as an agent on its behalf during the financial year.

Agent in arrangement

Magareng Municipality is the Agent in the Principal-Agent arrangement with the Provincial Department of Transport, and collects licencing fees on behalf of the Provincial Department of Transport. The municipality can retain a portion of the fees collected and the net amount is due to the Provincial Department. The amount retained is recorded as Agency Fees income in the Statement of Financial Performance. The amounts due to the Provincial Department at year end is included in the balances reported as Trade and Other Payables from Exchange Transactions in the Statement of Financial Position.

The municipality does not incur any expenses on behalf of the Provincial Department. No significant risks are noted to arise from the arrangement as the municipality merely collects monies on behalf of the department as part of its existing service offering at the traffic department and municipal cashier collection points. No resources are held on behalf of the Provincial Department (other than the receipts).

Magareng Municipality is also the Agent in the Principal-Agent arrangements with various third parties for authorised salary deductions from officials. The municipality receives commission on the total funds deducted on a monthly basis. The amount received is recorded Operational Revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

In determining whether the municipality is the agent or if not, by default the principal, in the arrangement is evaluated in terms of the specific criteria set out in GRAP 109. The municipality does not have the power to determine significant terms and conditions of the transaction, does not have the ability to use all, or substantially all of the resources resulting from the transaction for its own benefit and is not exposed to variability in the result of the transaction.

Compensation received for agency activities

Commission	43 318	34 802
Agency services	75 602	80 520
	<u>118 920</u>	<u>115 322</u>

Magareng Municipality received 12% commission from the Provincial Department of Transport for acting as an agent on their behalf during the financial year. The municipality also receives commission based on third parties.

There are no resources under the custodianship of Magareng Municipality, nor have they been recognised as such.

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61. Budget differences

Material differences between budget and actual amounts

All variances greater / less than 10% will be explained on the final Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

X1: This variance is as a result of the non payment of other services by the Ikhutseng community as well as the supply of electricity for the earea being done by Eskom and brokene meters . Currently the municipality has applied for participation in the RT29 for NT to fund the installation of smart meterring.

X2: The variance is due to the fact that the majority of municipal rental facilities are not in a good condition to be rendered out.The municipality hopes to have funds to renovate these facilities in the new fianacial year as the municipality had to reprioritise its budget towards fixing the water infrastructure as a result of the water crisis in 22/23.

X3: The municipality adjusted the budget as per the midterm perfomance actuals.

X4: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X5: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X6: The municipality did not budget for this line item, debt written off from DWA.

X7: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X8: The municipality understated the budget for this line item. Due to the baseline used from last financial years actuals with CPI added.

X9: The municipality did not budget for this line item,Interest received from call accounts.

X10: The municipality adjusted as per midterm actuals.

X11: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X12: The municipality adjusted as per the midterm actuals and the remaining months did not perform inline with the provision.

X13: The municipality receives grants as per DoRA schedule, the first adjustment was the R 5,1 million for disaster which was received in 22/23 but was allocated for 2324, The adjusted DORA decreased the MIG allocation with R 833 thousand and there was an additional allocation of R6 000 000 for MIG after the original Adjustment thus the difference of R 11 million from the approved budget of R 12,4 million and the Final budget of R 132 million.

X14: The district municipality adjusted the Capital Allocation of the municipality as per the actuals .

X15: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X16: The municipality did not budget for this line item

X17: The variance is due to the vacant post that were budgetd for but not filled.

X18: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X19: The municipality budget on this line item as per the Annual Financial Statement for 2022/23 actuals.

X20:The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X21: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X22: The municipality budget on this line item as per the Annual Financial Statement for 2022/23 actuals.

X23: The adjustment and underspending on this line item is due to the strict cost containment policy that the municipality is adhering too.

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61. Budget differences (continued)

X24: The municipality has an a payment agreement with Eskom hence an overspending and the municipality adjusted Eskom as per the 2022/23 invoices.

X25: The adjustment on this line item due to the contract adjustment on Security and the Assets and Accountant actuals .

X26: The municipality adjusted this line item due to the debt write off as per council recommendation.

X28: The municipality adjusted this line item due to overspending, municipality tried to adhere to the strict cost containment circular issued by PT when compiling the original budget.

X29: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X30: The municipality did not budget for this line item.

X31: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X32: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X33: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X34: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X35: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X36: The municipality overstated the budget for this line item due to the municipality used this item as a balancing line for the balance sheet.

X37: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X38: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X39: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X40: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X41: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X42: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X43: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.

X44: The municipality did not make provision for this line item.

X45: The municipality added this line item budget at the provision budget

X46: The municipality added this line item budget at the provision budget.

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61. Budget differences (continued)

X47: The municipality budgeted for the balance sheet line items as per the actuals stated on the Annual Financial Statements of 2022/23 financial year.