



MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

OVERSIGHT REPORT - 2023-2024

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Dear Madame Speaker Sidego

1. Purpose

The purpose of this communication is to report to Council the result of the Witzenberg Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) oversight review of the Witzenberg Annual Report for 2023-2024 and to enable Council to discharge its oversight responsibility in considering the Witzenberg Municipality's Annual report for 2023-2024 in terms of Section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, no 56 of 2003 (MFMA).

2. Legal Requirements

In terms of Section 129 of the MFMA, the Council must adopt an Oversight Report containing the Council's comments on the annual report which must include a statement about whether the Council –

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

In terms of the MFMA Circular Number 32, in order to approve the Annual Report without reservations, Council should be able to agree that the information contained in the report is a fair and reasonable record of the performance of the municipality in the financial year reported upon.

Approval means that the executive and administration have discharged in full, their accountability for the decisions and actions and that their performance meets the criteria set by performance objectives and measures and is also acceptable in the community.

3. Adoption

The statutory authority to adopt an oversight report in respect of the Annual Report 2023-2024 rests with the Municipal Council.

4. MPAC mandate

MFMA Circular Number 32 recommends the establishment of an MPAC for the detailed analysis and review of the annual report, following its tabling in Council, receiving and reviewing representations made by the public, inputs from other councillors and stakeholders and then drafting an oversight report that may be taken to the full Council for discussion and approval.

MPAC is required to perform the responsibilities as envisaged in the MFMA Circular Number 32 and Section 129 of the MFMA.

5. Consideration of annual report and comments received

MPAC has considered the following reports and comments:

- Draft Witzenberg Annual Report 2023-2024
- 2023-2024 Audit Report of the Auditor-General South Africa

6. MPAC resolution on Annual Report

Members of MPAC unanimously agreed to recommend that Council approve the Annual Report without any reservations.

Members of MPAC unanimously agreed to recommend to Council to consider the following corrective measures.

7. Corrective measures for Council consideration

It is recommended that Council:

- Take note of the debt impairment issues emphasised by the AGSA;
- Develop a strategy to address the bad debts that the municipality is currently experiencing.
- Allow administration to fully implement Council's debt collection policy, including legal action;
- The by-law for industrial effluent needs to be reviewed and should be strictly implemented. Considerations for review should include the permit conditions and the quality of the effluent.
- Take note of the under achievements of targets by the municipality, detailed reasons for under-achievement of the targets are included under Chapter 3.
- Take note of the reliance on government grants by the municipality;
- The long-term capital plan is workshopped and assessed as part of the IDP process

8. Resolution and Statement

Council resolves that:

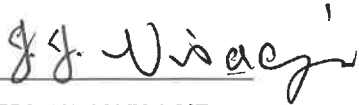
The Council having fully considered the 2023-2024 annual report of the municipality and representations thereon, adopts the oversight report for ; and Council approves the annual report without reservations.

Yours faithfully,



COUNCILLOR J ROOI

CHAIRPERSON: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE



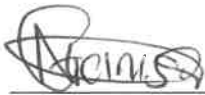
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