

# **OVERSIGHT REPORT**

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# OVERSIGHT REPORT REPORTED TO MAKANA MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL ON 29 MARCH 2017

## FOREWORD BY MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS CHAIRPERSON

Madam Speaker, Executive Mayor, Councillors and officials

It is my great privilege that I should present today the Oversight Report on the Annual Report for the period of 2015 – 2016 financial year on behalf of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC). Let me extend my gratitude to all Officials for the great cooperation that they gave to MPAC.

MPAC of Makana is a functional committee that considers matters of good governance and financial oversight is given a high priority in its dealings.

In the book entitled, "Management" by Hellriegel, Jackson and Slocum," it is mentioned that the basic principle of coordination is the process whereby an Organisation divides its work to create specialisation and standardisation of activities. In order to achieve its goals and objectives, there should be coordination of tasks, as without it, people's efforts are likely to result in delay frustration and waste of resources."

Many managers believe that good people can make any organisation design work. Although such managers may be overstating the case, people who work well together are an extremely valuable asset. A good analogy is football, where teamwork is essential. During practice sessions, coaches try to transform the individual players into one smoothly functioning team. Players learn their functions as part of a cooperative effort, see how each task relates to every other task and relate these tasks to the whole. Coordination is required as the players execute their functions, particularly when they are called on to innovate or adjust to the unexpected in a game situation. Similarly, managers have to encourage employees to subordinate their individual interests to the organisation's broader goals and yet be able to innovate when the situation demands.

I therefore, confirm that the Annual Report of Makana Municipality was assessed with due attentiveness and proper <u>coordination</u>, by all MPAC members. The MPAC fulfilled its obligations in terms of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act no. 117 of 1998 and the Municipal Finance Management Act no. 56 of 2003 on the subject of oversight exercise. The review process included a page by page scrutiny where questions for clarity were identified and asked from the Directors and other affected employees. It also reviewed the Annual Financial Statements for accuracy and compliance. MPAC then came to the conclusion that

the Annual Report of 2015/16 was an honest and detailed reflection of Makana Municipality's past year performance and it complied with the legal framework as prescribed in the MFMA.

Please allow me again to extend appreciation to the Mayor, the Mayoral Committee, the Audit Committee and the Internal Audit Committee for the role they played in the oversight of the Annual Report.

The efforts of the Accounting Officer (the Acting Municipal Manager) and her team are commended in this respect.

In assessing the Annual Report which includes the Annual Financial Statements of 2015- 16, the MPAC paid particular attention to the following areas:

- Financial Performance
- Non-financial Performance
- Legal Requirements
- Mistakes/Errors picked up
- Inputs made by the public and Government stakeholders

The Makana MPAC has identified the following priority areas for the forthcoming audit period, namely,

- Performance monitoring.
- The strengthening of the capacity support to MPAC through training.
- The review of the terms of reference of the MPAC and development of a new work plan.
- Ensuring a clean audit opinion is achieved by extending the oversight efforts of the MPAC throughout the Municipality

For transparency purpose and the acknowledgement of all Councillors and interested public members present here today, I therefore table this report.

COUNCILLOR R Xonxa

MPAC CHAIRPERSON

## BACKGROUND

According to the Municipal Finance Management Act and Municipal Systems Act each municipality and their entities must prepare an annual report for each financial year. The reasons for developing the Annual Report, are as follows:

- the provision of a record of the activities of the municipality.
- the provision of a service delivery performance report against the budget.
- the provision of information that supports the revenue and expenditure decisions made; and
- to promote accountability to the local community for decisions reached by the council.

## The Annual Report

It is a tool that is meant for the Council to reflect on the past year's financial performance. It must also demonstrate effective budget implementation as well as the results of service delivery initiatives for the financial year in question.

The tabling of the Annual report should include four main components of which each has an important function in the promotion of accountability and good governance.

The main components are as follows:

- The annual performance report as required by section 46 of the Municipal Systems Act.
- Annual Financial Statements submitted to the Auditor-General;
- The Auditor-General's report on the financial statements in terms of section 126(3) of the Municipal Financial Management Act and
- The report of Auditor-General according to section 45(b) of the Municipal Systems Act.

In the annual reporting process of a Municipality, the development of the Oversight Report is the final step. For each Annual Report, the Council is required by section 129 of the Municipal Financial Management Act (MFMA) to consider the Annual Report of the Municipality as well as its entities and to adopt an oversight report which contains the Council's comments.

The oversight report must have within it a statement detailing whether the Council:

- has approved the Annual Report, with or without the reservation;
- has rejected the Annual Report or has referred the annual report back for revision of those components that can be revised or has,
- rejected the Annual Report.

The Oversight report is thus clearly distinguished from the Annual report. This Annual Report is submitted to the Council by the Accounting Officer and the Mayor and is part of the process of discharging accountability by the executive and administration for their performance in achieving the goals set by Council. The oversight report is a report of the Municipal Council and follows consideration and consultation on the Annual Report ,by the Council itself. Thus the full accountability cycle is completed and the separation of powers is preserved to promote effective governance and accountability.

## APPOINTMENT OF MPAC

The MPAC was appointed by a resolution of the Council of the 18 August 2016, to perform oversight function on behalf of the Council.

In terms of that Council Resolution, the MPAC comprises of the following members:-

Chairperson:

Cllr.M.R. Xonxa

Members:

Cllr N.M. Pieters, Cllr L. Sakata, Cllr T. Seyisi, Cllr D. Holm

and Clir N. Mtwa.

## FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

As far as the Annual Report is concerned, MPAC is required to perform the following functions:-

- review and analyse the Annual Report.
- call, receive, and consider inputs from Councillors and Officials, on the Annual Report.
- look at and consider written comments received on the Annual Report from the public consultation processes.
- conduct public hearing(s) to allow the local community or any organs of state to make representations on the Annual Report.
- Receive and consider views and comments of the Council's Audit
   Committee on the annual financial statements and the performance report.
- prepare the Oversight Report, taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public, representative(s), of the Auditor- General, organs of state, Council's Audit Committee and Councillors.

## THE PROCESS OF ASSESSMENT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

The Draft Annual report for 2015/2016 was tabled at the Council meeting held on 25 January 2017, where it was resolved as follows:

• that the Annual Report for 2015/2016 be made public in terms of section 127(2) of the MFMA and that the local community be invited to submit representations in connection therewith;

that the Draft Annual Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Makana Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) for analysis and review

In dealing with the tabled Annual Report, the Council is required to adopt an oversight report by not later than two months from date of tabling, which for the 2015/2016 annual report will be 29 March 2017.

## Advertising process

After the Council meeting of the 25 January 2017, and in response to the Council resolution taken at that meeting, the Makana Local Municipality Annual Report for 2015/2016 was made public in terms of section 127(2) of the MFMA and the local community was invited to submit representations in connection therewith.

Official notices advising where the Annual reports could be viewed were placed in the local newspapers and on the Municipal Notice Board and submissions were invited from the public on the document. The closing date for their input was 28 February 2017.

Copies of the official notice placed in the Grocott's Mail Newspaper of 27 January 2017 is attached as Annexure A.

Copies of the Annual Report were placed in the City Hall and Libraries of the Makana Local Municipality as well as on its website. Copies of the report were also forwarded to the following as per the MFMA:-

Auditor General. (See Annexure B)

**Provincial Treasury** 

Provincial Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs. (See Annexure C)

A copy was also forwarded to National Treasury in compliance with MFMA Circular

## COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

## A- COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSION

On 07 March 2017, the MPAC held a public consultation session in response to Section 127 (2) of the MFMA. (See Annexure D) The following were the concerns raised by the community:-

- Expensive water deliveries in rural areas, long term solution to be found
- Municipal Parks Security to be provided for their longevity.
- Introduction of an Indigent Registration Campaign

- Attending to the upgrade of the Municipal Dumping site and provision of satellite Dumping sites to deal with illegal dumping
- B- COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY MONITOR (PSAM)
  (See Annexure E)
- C- COMMENTS FROM THE EASTERN CAPE COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS (See Annexure F)

#### FINDINGS OF MPAC.

There is a need for Council to:-

- 1. Secure relevant skills and technical expertise to ensure smooth service delivery.
- 2. Develop a more effective Skills Retention Policy especially when staff have received training from Makana.
- 3. Improve municipal capacity to deal with vandalism, public theft of property and illegal behaviour.
- 4. Create more awareness programmes to ensure that illegal dumping is dealt with and increase law enforcement.
- 5. Encourage progress in revenue collection so that there is cash available for procuring the necessary tools for staff to address basic service delivery.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 129(1) OF THE MFMA

- That cognizance be taken of the Oversight Report on the 2015/2016 Annual Report of the Makana Local Municipality;
- That the Council, having fully considered the Annual Report referred to above, adopts the Oversight Report;
- That the 2015/2016 Annual Report of the Makana Local Municipality be adopted without reservation;
- That the Oversight Report be made public in accordance with section 129(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003);
- That the Oversight report be submitted to the Provincial Legislature in accordance with section 132(2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).
- That Council considers and advise on the findings of MPAC that are outlined above.

## CONCLUSION

The MPAC commends Council, the Municipal Manager, the Senior Managers and all staff at Makana Local Municipality on the strides made towards good governance.

Having performed the following tasks:

- Reviewed and analysed of the Annual Report;
- Considered comments and representations received;
- Prepared the draft Oversight Report, taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public, representatives of the Auditor-General, organs of state, Council's Audit Committee and Councillors;

The MPAC has pleasure in presenting the Oversight Report to Council to consider the abovementioned resolutions which would be forwarded to the relevant Departments and the Provincial Legislature:

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The Department of Trade

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Riana Meiring

Sent:

24 January 2017 04:20 PM

To:

Edward Ganza; Dazana-Mbeki,Feziwe (SM)

Cc:

Nteta, Thobile

Subject:

RE: Tabling of annual report- URGENT!!

Happy to hear that.

Riana Meiring

Director: Local Economic Development and Planning and Acting Municipal Manager

Makana Local Municipality

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From: Edward Ganza

Sent: 24 January 2017 03:32 PM

To: Dazana-Mbeki, Feziwe (SM); Riana Meiring

Cc: Nteta, Thobile

Subject: RE: Tabling of annual report- URGENT!!

Thanks mam

From: Dazana-Mbeki,Feziwe (SM) [mailto:FeziweD@agsa.co.za]

Sent: 24 January 2017 03:07 PM To: Riana Meiring; Edward Ganza

Cc: Nteta, Thobile

Subject: RE: Tabling of annual report- URGENT!!

HI MM,

He has just sent it and I have confirmed receipt on telephone.

Thank you

Feziwe Dazana-Mbeki

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From: Riana Meiring [mailto:rianameiring@makana.gov.za]

Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:00 PM

## COGTA EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT

DATE: 31 January 2017

SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF COPIES OF MAKANA DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF COPIES OF MAKANA DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015/16 FINANCIAL YEAR.

NAME AND SURNAME

MR S LAVISA

31-01-2017 DATE

POSITION Affridant Manger

SIGNATURE

31-01-2017 DATE

Makana Municipality shall strive to ensure sustainable, affordable, equitable and quality services in a just, friendly secure and healthy environment, which promotes social and economic growth for all.

...a great place to be



## **MUNICIPAL NOTICE**

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) ON THE ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act which requires the MPAC to prepare an oversight report over the annual report and to publish the same. The community and stakeholders of Makana Local Municipality are invited to meet with MPAC and consider its presentation on the draft Annual Report for the year 2015/2016 before it is adopted by the Council of the Makana Local Municipality. All Ward Councillors are requested to invite their Ward Committee Members to be part of the consultation session. The public is therefore invited to a Public Consultation Sessions to be held as follows:-

Venue-

**Council Chambers** 

Date -

07/03/2017

Time -

17h00

Ms Riana Meiring
ACTING MUNICIPALMANAGER

05/2017

# COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16 (MAKANA MUNICIPALITY)

Lungile Penza made these comments.

Lungile, Local Government Researcher

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## Chapter 1

## Page 8

Under the Population Distribution section: it is mentioned that 4 % of the Makana population constitute rural areas but they are not mentioned. It is important to name these rural areas so that the public, civil society and other interests group can know about their exact location.

## Page 9

Under labour market, the 32.50 % unemployment rate contradicts the 42.30% Youth unemployment rate. How did you get the 42.30 % Youth unemployment rate when the overall unemployment rate is 32.50%? These figures do not read well and they create a confusion.

## Chapter 2

## 2.11 Public satisfaction on Municipal services (page 17)

There is a need for MM to explain to its residents why public satisfaction surveys were not conducted during the year in review. MM is constitutionally obliged to account to its residents.

The Municipality needs to communicate more and be more transparent to Makana residents and community interest groups about these processes of laying complaints related to basic service delivery.

## Proc. 20

In 3.1.2, the first sentence indicates that the Municipality provides its residents with quality water. Water provided in the Municipality is not quality. It is misleading to say it is quality, because it is brown and has high concentration of manganese, which might be harmful to residents with weak immune systems. There is a need to be realistic by indicating that the Municipality provides water and acknowledge challenges affect MM in producing quality water.

## Page 22

Under challenges:

There is lack of Remedial Actions showing how Makana has addressed the issue of an increasing pressure on its wastewater treatment causing overflows in Belmont Valley.

## Page 23

There is a need to elaborate on the challenges facing the Municipality in registering more indigents.

## Page 24

(c) It must be clear in the report how the Makana Council plans to maintain the 176. 0 km of gravel and 163.0 km of surfaced within the urban areas.

continues...

Road Infrastructure requiring upgrades: Does the Municipality have an action plan to capacitate inexperience staff mentioned in this report to ensure that they have necessary and adequate skills to effectively do maintenance of Makana road infrastructure?

## Page 26

When will the Municipality implement the project of Establishing an Aloe Processing Plant in Alicedale?

## Page 27

Are there any time-frames in the process of securing land to build the Riebeeck East Library?

#### Page 31

## 3.12 Waste Management (solid)

Has MM established recycling centres? Are residents aware of them?

Does the Municipality educate the entire Makana residents about how they should dispose their waste? If not, when will this happen to ensure that residents work together with the Municipality to keep the town clean and to away with illegal dumping?

## Page 35

Under Training and Awareness:

Five Challenges are highlighted, but nothing is said about efforts to address them.

## Page 37

MM implemented a new parking system during the 2015/16 but operational time-frames of this parking system are not mentioned.

#### Page 39

MM has not mentioned their action plan to address the issue of Stray Animals.

## **Under Funded Projects**

Under challenges, the report shows that MM does not have Monitoring and Evaluation expertise. How do they plan to have them? Will they outsource or capacitate internal staff through a course on Monitoring & Evaluation?

Under vandalism of sport ground buildings: Does MM have awareness programmes in place to educate residents about the importance of preserving infrastructure and the cost of building and maintaining it?



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## SECTION 46 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT SHEET

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1. Date of submission to the MPM Sub-	directorate: Draft report submitted on 31/01/2017
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3. Signature by the "Executive" Mayor: If No explain:	Yes X No
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Chapter 1: Mayor's foreword and Executive Summary	Yes Yes

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Chapter 3: Service Delivery Performance	Yes	
Chapter 4: Institutional Development and Transformation Performance	Yes	
Chapter 5: Financial Performance	Yes	
Chapter 6: Auditor-General Audit Findings	Yes	

## GENERAL OBSERVATION

Though the municipality has complied with the structure of the report, it has been noticed with concern that COGTA KPI's are NOT included as per the attached word version.

Reviewer	name:	Storie			
Date	id n	01	00	1001	

Decision by the Manager (Tick the appropriate box)

1. Report accepted for performance assessment:

2. Further engagements with the municipalities are necessary

COMMENTS

The municipality must ensure that COGTA KPI's are included in the report.

Date: Olio2/2017

Municipal Performance Management