



MINUTES

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2022: OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES, CONSTITUTION STREET, BEAUFORT WES

11H00 – 12H00

Chairperson: Cllr R Skuza

1. Opening and Welcoming

The Chairperson welcomes all at **11:07** and thanks all attendees to the first MPAC.

Ms. Gladys Sampson (Internal Auditor) is called at 11:10 to join the meeting.

2. Attendance and Apologies

PRESENT: Cllrs. R Skuza (Chair) and D Welgemoed.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. A Mackay

ADMIN: Dr. S.W Vatala, Mrs. H Jacobs, Ms. G Sampson and Ms. I Frieslaar.

APOLOGIES: Mr. M Abdullah, Mr G van Zyl and Mr A Koopman.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda unanimously adopted.

4. NEW MATTERS

4.1 AUDIT REPORT – 2020/2021

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The Audit Report from the Auditor General is herewith attached. The Municipality obtained an unqualified audit without any emphasis of matters.

Dr Vatala states that, although the District Municipality received a clean audit internal controls were found lacking by the Auditor General. He states that it is expected of MPAC to forward recommendations to Council re the report.

Ms Sampson clarifies the role that she will be fulfilling in the Committee and states that the auditor's report will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Welgemoed proposes for the report to be accepted.

Cllr. Skuza seconds the proposal.

4.2 OVERSIGHT REPORT: ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the item is for the Municipal Public Accounts Committee to approve an Oversight Report on the Annual Report for 2020/2021.

LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

In terms of Section 129 of the MFMA, the Municipal Council, in dealing with the tabled Annual Report, is required to adopt an Oversight Report containing the council's comments on the Annual Report, which must include a statement 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 addition, in terms of Section 129(3) of the MFMA the accounting officer must in accordance with Section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems

Act, 2000, make public the Oversight Report within seven (7) days of its adoption.

DISCUSSION

The draft Annual Report was approved by Council on 29 January 2022 and was subsequently placed on the Municipal website as well as submitted to National and Provincial Treasury, the Western Cape Department of Local Government as well as the Office of the AG for input and feedback.

The Committee, as the oversight committee of Council, is also required as indicated by the above legislation to provide oversight regarding the Annual Report and to approve an Oversight Report to this effect.

RISKS

Non-Compliance to legislative requirements resulting in audit findings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the MPAC takes note of the Annual Report 2020/2021 and accordingly prepares an oversight report on the Annual Report taking into consideration all the inputs and feedback from the various stakeholders.

Cllr. Welgemoed compliments the quality of the report but requests that timeframes be stuck to in future. He enquires on when advertisement took place.

Ms. Sampson undertakes to keep Council informed of advertising times.

Report noted by the Committee.

5. CLOSURE

Meeting is adjourned at 11:16.