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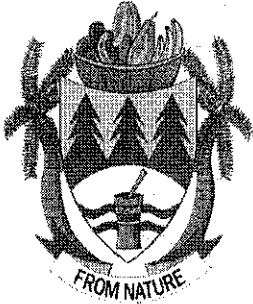
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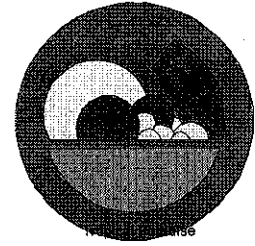
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Signed by the Speaker
Councillor MS Tiba.....

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REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Purpose of the Report

1. To submit to Council the Municipal Public Accounts Committee report on the strategic session held on the 11 -13 December 2023, at The Ranch Resort in Polokwane for noting.
2. To further submit the declaration made by the plenary for approval by Council. Attached as Annexure A.

Background

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee held a 3 days strategic session from the 11 – 13 December 2023, at The Ranch Resort in Polokwane. The strategic session was approved by Council on the Annual Work Plan during the Council meeting of the 29th May 2023. The strategic session was attended by the Speaker, Councilor MS Tiba, the Acting Mayor the members of the executive committee, Whip of Council, Councillor G Malatji and the Section 79 committees chairpersons.

The Municipal Manager Mr. D Mhangwana, Directors and selected managers were also in attendance to give presentations. Other officials present in the session were Senior IDP Officer, officials from MPAC and Council Support, Risk Management &

Compliance, Performance and GTEDA. Also amongst the invitees were the representatives from SALGA, Risk Management Chairperson and COGHSTA, Treasury, Premier's office and Chairpersons of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee from other Municipalities within the District and their support staff.

Discussions

The strategic session was convened to plan on the functionality of MPAC, to look into the committee's challenges and how to deal with them together with other committees of Council and administration. The session touched on the following items that affected its areas of operation like:

1. The implementation of Council resolutions & Implementation of the AGSA Action Plan, presented by the Municipal Manager, Mr. D Mhangwana and Manager Internal Audit, Ms. H Manyike.
2. Outlining of the POPI Act information, presented by the Premier's Office
3. The role of the Audit Committee as an assurance provider in the Municipality, presented by the Chairperson AC, Ms. MP Ramutsheli.
4. Risk Management Presentation presented by Ms. M Mpyana
5. Challenges of the outcome of National Census 2022 on the IDP, adherence of planned projects and alignment of budget presented by Mr. H Mkhari.
6. Institutional Performance Management – Coghsta
7. Financial Misconduct Board & Investigations on Unauthorized, Irregular Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditures. – Provincial Treasury
8. Oversight process (MPAC / Section 79 Portfolio committees) and the roles and responsibilities of MPAC - Coghsta

Furthermore, the session discussed the challenges faced by the committee on daily basis and the way forward was discussed which formed part of the declaration. The session further discussed on the oversight role played by the committee and other committees of Council.

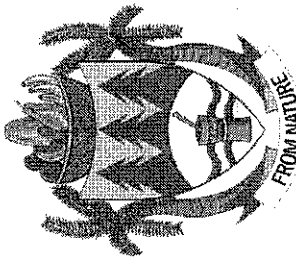
The tracking template attached as "Annexure B" has been developed to monitor the implementation progress as per the timelines prescribed.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

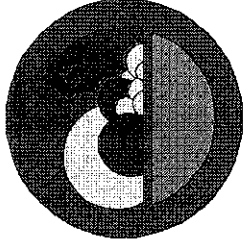
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FOR CONSIDERATION



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DECLARATION FOR THE GREATER TZANEEN MUNICIPAL DECEMBER 2023, THE RANCH RESORT, POLOKWANE

We, the delegates from Greater Tzaneen Municipality, herein referred as MPAC, have gathered in Protea hotel Marriott @ The Ranch Resort, Polokwane for a three-day session (11-13 December 2023). We gathered to plan on the roles and responsibilities of the committee, reflect on the work conducted by the committee and reports tabled in Council, and resolve the way forward in terms of the issues affecting the effective functionality of the committee when conducting oversight on behalf of Council.

The session was led by the Speaker Councillor, MS Tiba as the Chairperson of Council. Amongst the stakeholders that were part of the plenary during the 3-day strategic session were, the Acting Mayor, Councillor C Ramothwala together with the Executive Committee Members, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee, Whip of Council, the Chairpersons of the section 79 committees, the Chairpersons of MPAC from the Mopani District Municipality and other local municipalities in the district, and the Municipal Manager together with the Directors, the acting CEO of GTEDA accompanied by an official and other Greater Tzaneen Municipality officials. The Chairperson of the Audit committee was also present from the 11-12 December 2023.

We appreciate the presentations delivered by; Coghsta, Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Audit Committee, The Municipal Manager, MPAC Chairperson, Risk Management & Compliance; IDP; Supply Chain Management and Internal Audit.

We confirm that the information shared to plenum is very valuable.

We declare to participate in the implementation of all the resolutions arrived at during the three days session. We further declare to work and walk side by side with every relevant stakeholder for the sake of improving our municipal governance systems.

We also commit to participate in the alignment of strategic planning activities to inform the institutional strategic session. Going forward the MPAC strategic session is planned to be held before the institutional strategic session so that the declaration taken can also inform matters to be discussed at the broader strategic session.

We appreciate and thank the Political component for the support shown to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee as and when there is a need.

We further commit to deliver through the following specific actions:

No	Resolution	Responsible Directorate	Period
1.	To increase the MPAC budget allocation in accordance with the approved annual work plan.	CFO	

2.	To capacitate the Committee members with the Municipal Finance Programme to execute their oversight responsibilities.	CORP	
3.	To allocate the travelling allowance that will assist MPAC support staff in executing their responsibilities.	CORP	
4.	To ensure that there is a clear distinction on the Terms of Reference of the MPAC and Financial Disciplinary Board to avoid duplication of responsibilities.	MM	
5.	To liaise with Provincial stakeholders to support the MPAC structure to execute its responsibilities as and when there is need.	CORP	
6.	To ensure that the municipality complies with the POPI Act, no. 4 of 2013.	CORP	
7.	To arrange an awareness workshop on POPIA structure for all the employees in the municipality.	CORP	
8.	To avail financial resources for MPAC to access Risk and Audit Committee Chairpersons.	MM/CFO	
9.	To ensure that there is continuous awareness on Supply Chain Processes to all stakeholders in the Municipality.	CFO	
10.	To ensure that there is a platform for the Audit Committee to raise issues of concern during the	MM	

	planning sessions of the municipality as an assurance provider		
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We are fully alive to the realities that other activities will need some injection of financial muscles. This will be a good footing in ensuring that future budget processes are fully informed and program/project based.

Mover: Councillor NG Maunatlala

Seconder: Councillor H Malatji

