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A20 MPAC INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE UNAUTHORIZED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE INVESTIGATION REPORT FINANCIAL YEARS 2023/2024, 2023/22, 2022/21, 2021/20, 2020/2019 AND 2019/18 HISTORIC EXPENDITURES.

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# REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT.

This investigation report aims to assess the extent of the unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, and to identify those responsible, and to recommend to Council appropriate measures to be taken. Additionally, it seeks to finalize the historic expenditures from previous financial years that were referred to the Financial Misconduct Board for further investigations.

### 2. BACKGROUND.

Council should note that the report submitted to Council on 21 August 2025 under item A18 had omitted in the recommendations other expenditures related to the panel of electrical contractors, under irregular expenditures for the 2024/25 financial year, though the expenditures were included on page 108 of the report.

Council should further note that the Auditor General requires that all expenditures be indicated individually in the recommendations of the report.

Furthermore, Council should consider rescinding resolution A18 of 21 August 2025 to be replaced by this report.

Greater Tzaneen Municipality's Council, in its council meeting held resolved to mandate MPAC to investigate and report to council the 2023/2024 unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure be investigated by MPAC. More detailed information is provided for in this report.

#### 3. LEGISLATIVE MANDATE.

- a) MFMA Section 62 the Accounting Officer MUST:
- i) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the resources of the municipality are used effectively, efficiently and economically
- ii) Take all reasonable steps to ensure that unauthorized, irregular or fruitless and wasteful expenditure and other losses are prevented
- b) MFMA section 32(2)(b)
- i) A municipality must recover UIFW expenditure from the person liable for that expenditure unless the expenditure is, after investigation by a council committee, certified by the council as irrecoverable and written off by the council
- ii) In terms of section 4(2)(a) of the MSA, the council has a duty to use the resources of the municipality in the best interest of the local community

#### FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT.

Chapter 15 of the MFMA provides the legal framework for financial misconduct and financial offences. Municipal Regulations on Financial Misconduct Procedures and Criminal Proceedings, 2014. The Board to deal will all financial misconduct committed by officials, Councils and other person/s referred to by Section 173 of the MFMA.

#### MFMA CIRCULAR 68.

The purpose of this Circular is to provide clarity on the procedures when dealing with unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure (**UIFWe**) as per the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (MFMA). It will be updated from time to time.

Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003 Circular No 68 on Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure states that: in terms of section 32(2)(b) irregular expenditure may only be written off

by Council if, after an investigation by a Council committee, that irregular expenditure is certified as irrecoverable. In other words, writing off is not a primary response, it is subordinate to the recovery processes and may only take place if the irregular expenditure is certified by Council as irrecoverable, based on the findings of an investigation.

Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act of 2003 Section 170 (2) states that only the National Treasury may condone non-compliance with a regulation issued in terms of the MFMA or a condition imposed by the Act itself. The municipal Council therefore has no power in terms of the MFMA to condone any act of non-compliance in terms of the MFMA or any of its regulations.

#### 4. METHODOLOGY

- a) Unauthorized, irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditure was recorded in a register and referred for investigation by the Council. Evidence was gathered from those responsible, and interviews were conducted to obtain clarity on how the expenditure occurred, in line with the procedures outlined in Circular 68 and other related guidelines.
- b) The investigation was supported by other officials who assisted with documentation, verification, and analysis of the expenditure. Furthermore, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) held a session with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Municipal Manager to seek further clarity, accountability, and assurance on the steps taken to address the identified irregularities. The session also focused on:
  - i) preventative measures and recommendations to ensure improved compliance and financial management going forward.
  - ii) Gaining a deeper insight of the root cause to the irregular and fruitless expenditure
  - iii) Understand weaknesses contributing to irregular expenditure and obtain a formal commitment on the implementation of MPAC resolutions, preventative measures, sound internal controls and financial discipline.
  - iv) The session also highlighted the importance of the effectiveness of Financial Misconduct Board, and raised concerns of cases

referred to the board through Council where the response was not provided.

# 5. SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

The investigation covered irregular expenditure between 2024/25-2021/2022 and fruitless expenditure between 2024/25-2018/2019. The investigation of UIF&W expenditure was established by Council Resolutions of reported expenditure in different financial years. All relevant information from the current and prior years were scrutinized as integral part of the investigation.

# 1. FINDINGS:

UNAUTHORISED, IRREGULAR, FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE INVESTIGATION

# A) FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES 2024/25

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date				
1)	Officials	July -	R994 265.67	All	This relates to historic system	The council note that
		November		Departments	calculation error, and the error	the Material irregularity
		2024			stemmed from an improperly	has been resolved with
					configured calculation within our	the AGSA, and the
					legacy system, which	system error has been
					inadvertently led to fruitless	corrected by the
					expenditure in the current year	municipality.
					and in prior years. The formula	The expenditure of
					used for calculation on legacy	R994 265.67 be written
					system included overtime. The	off.
					municipality corrected the	
					formular on the system since	
					Dec 2024. AGSA was satisfied	
					with corrective measures and MI	
					was resolved. The expenditure	

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					relates to July-Nov 2024 before	
					AGSA raised a finding	

# FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES 2023/24

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1)	TJ Machete		274 444,20	Office of the MM &	Duplicate Payment by	The attorney
				Legal Services	the municipality to TJ	committed to repaying
					Machete. The attorney,	the municipality from
					TJ Machete, billed the	future invoices, as of
					municipality twice for	May 2025,
					one service. A	The council note that
					settlement was reached.	the amount of
					The Municipality paid a	R200 000.00 has
					settlement fee of	been recovered from
	\				R100 000. Maria Malatji	TJ Machete Attorneys
					– Maria Malatji filed a	Inc.
					lawsuit against the	
					municipality for	

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	Provider	Date				
					R1 000 000 in damages	Council to note that
					sustained by her	the outstanding
					property.	balance of
					Duplicate Payment.	R74 444.20 has been
					A settlement was	recovered from TJ
					reached. The	Machete.
					Municipality paid a	MPAC identified the
					settlement fee of	following risks:
					R100 000. Maria Malatji	- There are
					– Maria Malatji filed a	overpayments
					lawsuit against the	to service
					municipality for	providers which
					R1 000 000 in damages	were picked up
					sustained by her	by AGSA.
					property. This was	- The user
					attributed to the	departments
					construction activities	sign off the
					conducted by the	invoices
					municipality in her	without proper
					vicinity. Bernard Tongue	review.

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					- It was noted that	- TJ Machete
					Bernado Tongue filed a	didn't pay
					lawsuit against the	directly from
					municipality for	his pocket by
					R1 000 000 in damages	through set off
					sustained by his	(money was
					property. This was	deducted from
					attributed to the	his invoice).
					construction activities	The Accounting
					conducted by the	Officer should institute
					municipality in her	the disciplinary
					vicinity.	actions against the
					A settlement was	affected officials.
					reached the Municipality	The practice of set
					paid a settlement fee of	offs is totally
					R100 000	discouraged.
					Both matters were heard	
					and finalized by the high	
					court on the	
					19 <sup>th</sup> of July 2023.	

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					The attorney handling	
					the cases billed the	
					municipality twice for the	
					same work done on the	
					same day, for example,	
					consultation with the	
					municipality was billed	
					twice, travelling on the	
					same day to court was	
					billed twice, appearing in	
					court for 8 hours was	
					billed twice, research on	
					the case was billed	
					twice,	
					Furthermore, a bill for	
					sundry and	
					disbursements was also	
					duplicated on both	
					invoices.	

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					A letter was sent to TJ	
					Machete Attorneys Inc.	
					on the 31st of January	
					2025 informing him	
					about the fruitless	
					expenditure of	
					R274 444.20 and the	
					recovery thereof within	
					30 days.	
					The municipality and TJ	
					Machete Attorneys Inc.	
					came to an agreement	
					that the amount of	
					R50 000.00 would be	
					retained by the	
					municipality from	
					invoices of TJ Machete	
					Attorneys Inc. submitted	
					to the municipality until	

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					the R274 444.20 is paid	
					in full.	
					On the 10 <sup>th</sup> of February	
					2025, TJ Machete	
					Attorneys Incorporated	
					wrote back to GTM	
					giving consent to the	
					office of the municipality	
					to deduct the amount of	
					R50 000.00 from each	
					invoice until the	
					R274 444.20 has been	
					paid in full. The amount	
					of R200 000.00 was paid	
					back by TJ Machete.	
					The remaining amount	
					of R74 444.20 was	
					recovered in full on the	
					next invoice received	

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					from TJ Machete	
					Attorneys.	
2)	Eternity Star		R363 660.66	Civil Engineering	The municipality	The municipality
	Investments			& PMU	overpaid the contractor.	intends to recover the
	(Paving				During a site visit by the	full amount from the
	Maseanoka to				AGSA and the Engineer	Consultants and the
	Pharare Cell C)				on 26 October 2023, it	contractor.
					was observed that the	A letter stating the
					municipality paid more	recovery of
					than the work done on	R363 660.66 was sent
					site by	to the consulting
					R1 127 622.48	engineer and the
					After extensive	contractor on the 3 <sup>rd</sup>
					deliberation with the	of February 2025.
					AGSA, a consensus was	Council to mote that
					reached that there was	the amount will be
					an overpayment to the	recovered from the
					amount of	retention which is not
						yet claimed by the
						contractor.

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					R363 660.66 which	PMU be capacitated
					should be paid back by	in project
					the contractor.	management and
					During a follow up visit	BOQ calculations.
					on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of November	Council to note that
					2024, the project	the retention amount
					manager from Skyhigh	held by the
					Consulting Engineers	municipality is
					along with employees of	R700 000.00.
					GTM remeasured and	Council to recover
					reconciled the quantities	overpayment of
					and concluded that an	R363 660.66 from the
					overpayment to the	retention amount of
					value of R292 071.94	R700 000 which is not
					was incurred for	yet paid to the
					prefabricated culverts	contractor.
					which should be	Institute Consequence
					recovered from Eternity	Management against
					Star Investment.	the PMU unit for

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						inadequate monitoring.  PMU to ensure that all submitted payment certificates are in line with the quantities on site before releasing the payment.  Accounting Officer to institute consequence management, on noncompliance with the SCM Regulations, before the end of the 2nd quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year.  The Accounting Officer should institute consequence

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						management and actions to eliminate future occurrences.  MPAC identified the following risks:  - There are overpayments to service providers which were picked up by AGSA.  - The user department signed off the invoices without proper review.  The Accounting Officer to write the

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						letter to Eternity to
						pay back the monies
						that were overpaid to
						him, to discourage the
						set off from retention.
						The Accounting
						Officer institutes
						disciplinary actions
						against the officials
						affected.
3)	GTM Officials		R1 738 895,23	Budget &	This relates to historic	The council note that
	(calculation		(2023/2024)	Treasury Office	system calculation error,	the Material
	error for leave		R1 507 005,34		and the error stemmed	irregularity (MI) has
	encashment)		(2022/2023)		from an improperly	been resolved with
			R1 229 448.30		configured calculation	the AGSA, and the
			(2021/2022)		within our legacy	system error has been
					system, which	corrected by the
					inadvertently led to	municipality.
					fruitless expenditure in	

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					there are no prospects	
					of overpayment.	
					In May 2025, AGSA	
					issued a response that	
					the material irregularity	
					(MI) has been resolved.	
4)	Indigents		R176 567,50	Budget &	The fruitless expenditure	The municipality
	(Deceased		(2023/2024)	Treasury Office	incurred on free basic	appointed a service
	indigent and		R212 629,32		services (FBS) relates	provider to conduct
	non-qualifying)		(2022/2023)		primarily to accounts	vetting on the
			R193 330,71		classified as indigent,	indigents.
			(2021/2022)		which included as	The vetting processes
					deceased individuals.	have been concluded.
					These accounts were	
					identified during the	The following
					audit process by	expenditure be written
					external auditors using	off
					Computer-Assisted Audit	R176 567,50
					Techniques (CAATS)	(2023/2024)
					system. The municipality	

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					had to disclose figures	R212 629,32
					for three financial years	(2022/2023)
					Indigent registers are	R193 330,71
					regularly updated;	(2021/2022)
					however, due to lack of	
					timely notifications and	
					verification processes,	
					some deceased indigent	
					accounts remained on	
					the system resulting in	
					payments made on	
					collected tokens on their	
					behalf.	
					The municipality does	
					not have a system that is	
					linked to home affairs	
					which could promptly	
					identify indigent as and	
					when they are	
					deceased.	

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4)	ABSA (admin		R2619.60	Budget &	The municipality has a	Management should
	fees on the fuel			Treasury Office	contract with ABSA for	strengthen the internal
	cards)				fleet management. A list	controls (keep records
					of all municipal vehicles	of vehicles booked for
					was sent to ABSA, and	repairs).
					then the fuel cards were	
					issued by the bank with	The expenditure of
					the vehicle registration	R2619.60 be written
					which gives the drivers	off.
					access to refuel using	The Accounting
					the card. On monthly the	Officer to engage the
					municipality receives a	bank to suspend the
					transaction level report	fuel cards on the
					(daily transaction) for	vehicles that took
					filing of fuel and to	more than three
					support the monthly	(3)months in repairs.
					debit order.	
					For the year under	
					review, the transaction	
					level report (daily	

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					transactions) was	
					received from ABSA,	
					and it was noted that the	
					municipality paid for fuel	
					consumption and	
					monthly administration	
					fee on vehicles that were	
					not operational.	
FRUITLE	ESS AND WASTE	FUL EXPENI	DITURES: 2022/23			
FRUITLE	ESS AND WASTE	FUL EXPENI	DITURES: 2022/23			
FRUITLE	ESS AND WASTE	FUL EXPENI		Corporate	Interest on late payment	The fruitless
	<del></del>				Interest on late payment due to late submission of	The fruitless expenditure has been
	<del></del>	Dec 2022		Corporate		
	<del></del>	Dec 2022 and Feb		Corporate	due to late submission of	expenditure has been
	<del></del>	Dec 2022 and Feb		Corporate	due to late submission of	expenditure has been recovered from
1)	Telkom	Dec 2022 and Feb 2023	R372.34	Corporate services	due to late submission of invoices	expenditure has been recovered from officials
1)	Telkom Tshiamiso-	Dec 2022 and Feb 2023	R372.34	Corporate services	due to late submission of invoices  Financial Loss incurred	expenditure has been recovered from officials  The municipality
1)	Telkom  Tshiamiso- Mulati Access	Dec 2022 and Feb 2023	R372.34	Corporate services	due to late submission of invoices  Financial Loss incurred on damaged pavement	expenditure has been recovered from officials  The municipality investigated the
1)	Telkom  Tshiamiso- Mulati Access	Dec 2022 and Feb 2023	R372.34	Corporate services	due to late submission of invoices  Financial Loss incurred on damaged pavement	expenditure has been recovered from officials  The municipality investigated the matter and provided

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					parts of the road and this	taken by the
					led to the municipality	municipality and the
					paying for similar work to	court order, and the
					a new contractor.	MI was resolved
					Furthermore, this	
					identified as MI by	The expenditure of
					AGSA.	R1 247 699.78 be
					The contract	written off
					misrepresented bill of	
					quantities, offering price	
					nearly half of actual cost.	
					The matter led to legal	
					battle between the	
					municipality and the	
					service provider.	
					The court mandated the	
					municipality to pay	
					Tshiamiso for cost	
					incurred without profit	
					margin. While the court	

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					ruling is legally binding	
					did not with the	
					municipality's objective	
					of holding the contractor	
					accountable for financial	
					losses.	
					However, the	
					municipality was	
					comforted by court ruling	
					to pay including	
					outstanding payments	
					for work done without	
					profit.	
					The court ruling was in	
					favour of the	
					municipality; however,	
					could not persuade the	
					matter further to claim	
					damages suffered when	
					project was halted for 18	

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	Provider	Date				
					months pending court	
					processes but rather	
					abend by court order.	
3)	Letsopa	2022	R 2 222 291.71	Civil Engineering	Letsopa Consulting	The municipality
	Consulting				Engineers provided	investigated the
	Engineers -				comprehensive design	financial loss and
	Mulati Access				services in accordance	provided response to
	Road				with specifications.	AGSA, which the
					Following a dispute with	AGSA was satisfied
					the initial contractor, the	with actions taken by
					project was halted,	the municipality and
					leading to weather-	the MI was resolved.
					related damage of the	The overpayment was
					incomplete work.	set off against
					Subsequently, a new	certificate number 15.
					contractor was	The recovery be
					appointed, and Letsopa	noted as per
					was tasked with	assessment of MI by
					redesigning the project	AGSA.
					to reflect new	

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					specifications, including	PMU should
					a revised road width	strengthen internal
					before Mmqomo Trading	control processes for
					was appointed to	recalculation and
					continue with the project.	verification of
					The duplicate invoicing	payment certificates
					was identified in audit	PMU should
					query; however, these	undertake capacity
					were addressed by a	building on financial
					reduction in certificate	controls, payment
					number 15.	processes and risk
					The appointed	mitigating measures
					Engineer's fees were	
					calculated at 17% of the	
					contractor's total value.	
					The contractor,	
					Mmqomo, was initially	
					appointed for	
					R33,255,383.53, with a	
					subsequent variation	

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					order increasing this to	
					R36,160,203.46	
					(inclusive of VAT). The	
					Engineer was entitled to	
					R 6,147,234.59;	
					however, the actual	
					payment made was	
					R5,653,417.70, which is	
					below the 17%	
					threshold.	
FRUITLE	SS AND WAS	TEFUL EXPEN	DITURES 2021/22			
1.	Eskom	2021/22	R5 413 503.97	Budget &	The municipality in the	The municipality in the
				Treasury	past had cash flow	past had cash flow
					constraints which could	constraints which

not pay creditors

contributed to MI.

The municipality is now

financially stable, and

timeously, this

could not pay

creditors on time.

The municipality has

improved its financial

health and reserves

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					the MI has been	
					resolved	The expenditure of
					The expenditure may not	R5 413 503.97 be
					be recovered from	written off
					officials as this was due	
					to institution cashflow	
					constraints	
2.	Eskom	2021/22	R2 973 799.25	Electrical	Overpayment of invoice	The assumption of
					on Bulk purchases.	overcharging was due
					Overpayment to Eskom	to missing (F5) data on
					resulted in MI and the	the account.
					AGSA resolving MI as	Investigation was
					the accounting officer	conducted on the
					took appropriate action	overpayment, and the
					by lodging a dispute with	matter of missing data
					Eskom and held	was clarified and
					numerous engagements	AGSA resolved the MI
					with the power utility.	
					After provisioning	Council note that the
					detailed readings and	matter was resolved

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					confirming that the	with AGSA, and the
					potential overpayment	reported fruitless
					caused by the lack of	expenditure will be
					metering system at	removed from the
					Gravellote (F5), The MI	register
					was resolved after	
					confirmation that the	
					billing was for Gravellote	
					(F5) and Eskom provided	
					detailed readings	
FRUITLE	SS AND WASTE	 	 DITURES 2019/20			
FRUITLE	Compensation	FUL EXPENI	DITURES 2019/20 R70'752.90	Budget &	This payment was split	The municipality in the
		<del>,</del>		Budget & Treasury		The municipality in the past had cash flow
	Compensation	August			This payment was split	
	Compensation	August			This payment was split due to cashflow	past had cash flow
	Compensation	August			This payment was split due to cashflow constraints	past had cash flow constraints which
	Compensation	August			This payment was split due to cashflow constraints The payment for	past had cash flow constraints which could not pay
	Compensation	August			This payment was split due to cashflow constraints The payment for Compensation	past had cash flow constraints which could not pay
	Compensation	August			This payment was split due to cashflow constraints The payment for Compensation Commissioner is now	past had cash flow constraints which could not pay creditors timeously.

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						The expenditure of
						R70'752.90 be write-
						off
2)	AGSA	March	R5 580.93	Budget &	Interest on late payment	The expenditure of
		2020		Treasury	to AGSA	R 5 580.93 be written
						off.
	1		DITURES 2018/19			
FRUITLE	ESS AND WASTE	2018/2019	DITURES 2018/19 R70'752	Budget &	This payment was split	The municipality in the
	1			Budget & Treasury	This payment was split due to cashflow	The municipality in the past had cash flow
	Compensation					, ,
	Compensation				due to cashflow	past had cash flow
	Compensation				due to cashflow constraints	past had cash flow constraints which
	Compensation				due to cashflow constraints The payment for	past had cash flow constraints which could not pay
	Compensation				due to cashflow constraints The payment for Compensation	past had cash flow constraints which could not pay creditors timeously.

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						The expenditure of
						R70'752 be write- off
2)	Eskom	2018/19	R96.57	Budget &	Interest on late payment-	The expenditure of
				Treasury	other invoices were	R96.57 was
					received late from	recovered from
					Eskom	officials
IRREGU	LAR EXPENDITU	JRE				
1)	ANAKA Group	2021/22	R1 327 099.62	Corporate	Bids not advertised for a	The Accounting
		2023/24	R3 687 528.38	Services/IT	minimum required	Officer must

number of days- no

implement

R2 889 447.08

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	Provider	Date				
					information supported	consequence
					the tender being	management against
					advertised for a shorter	responsible officials
					period.	and implement
					On 27 August 2021, the	actions to eliminate
					Municipality approved a	future occurrences.
					requisition for the re-	The following
					advert of provision for	expenditure be written
					Managed Printing	off:
					Services. The cost	2022/23
					estimate was R11m over	(R1 327 099.62)
					a period of 36 months.	2023/24
					On 27 August 2021, the	(R3 687 528.38)
					bid Specification	2024/25 (R2 889
					Committee (BSC)	447.08)
					recommended the	
					specification for bid no	
					SCMU 04/21 (for re-	
					advert).	

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					On 31 August 2021, the	
					approval of bid re-	
					advertisement has been	
					granted by the former	
					Acting Municipal	
					Manager (Director	
					Community) and a letter	
					of request for the	
					condonement of a	
					shorter period of	
					advertisement of the	
					bids (14 days) was	
					granted by the Acting	
					Municipal Manager.	
					On 03 September 2021,	
					bid no SCMU04/21 for	
					the provision of	
					managed printing	
					services has been re-	
					advertised with closing	

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	Provider	Date				
					date 15 September	
					2021, therefore the bid	
					has been advertised for	
					R6 074 759,00 has been	
					subjected to point	
					scoring system and	
					recommended bidder to	
					bid adjudication	
					committee (BAC).	
1)	Contour	14/07/2023	R1256.3	Budget &	The service provider,	The expenditure for
	Technology			Treasury Office	Contour Technologies,	July (R1 256) and
		25/08/2023	R60 872,41		took the municipality to	August 2023
					court to challenge the	(R60 872.41) be
					appointment of the new	written off.
					service provider (CIGI	
					Cell) for the prepaid	
					vending machine. The	
					municipality could not	
					sign the service level	

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	Provider	Date				
					agreement (SLA)	
					because of the court's	
					court matter.	
2)	George B	2021/22	R16 159 695.52	Community	Background on the	The contract with the
	Security (8	2022/23	R25 662 499.81	Services/Safety	Appointment of Physical	service provider has
	security guards	2023/24	R28 990 716.77	and Security	Security Services	lapsed, and a new
	for day and	2024/25	R7 215 344.11		Provider – George B	service provider has
	night shifts)				Security	been appointed.
					The contract for the	The irregular
					provision of physical	expenditure was
					security services	referred to Financial
					previously in place had	Misconduct Board for
					lapsed. As a result, the	investigation and
					municipality initiated a	consequence
					procurement process in	management, which
					line with its standard	as of now the
					Supply Chain	processes are not yet
					Management (SCM)	completed.
					procedures to appoint a	The irregular
					new service provider.	expenditure be written

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	Provider	Date				
					A total of sixty-seven	off, given that
					(67) bidders (the tender	irregularity pertains to
					in question) responded	a compliance
					to the advertised tender.	deviation rather than
					The evaluation for	financial loss.
					functionality was limited	Consequence
					to company experience,	management be
					equipment, and key	instituted against the
					personnel. It did not	officials who
					align with the broader	participated in the
					requirements listed in	non-compliance of
					the original advert.	this bid and
					During the external audit	implement actions to
					and related	eliminate future
					investigations, several	occurrences.
					inconsistencies were	
					identified in the	The following
					evaluation and	expenditure be written
					adjudication process.	off
					One notable issue was	

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	Fiovidei	Date			the inclusion of a	2021/22
					certificate requirement	(R16 159 695.52)
					from the Institute of Risk	2022/23
					Management South	(R25 662 499.81)
					Africa (IRMSA). IRMSA	2023/24
					is a professional body	(R28 990 716.77)
					that supports risk	2024/25
					management	(R7 215 344.11)
					professionals, primarily	(10 044.11)
					in a corporate	
					governance and	
					enterprise risk context.	
					This requirement was	
					determined to be	
					irrelevant and	
					misaligned with the core	
					scope of physical	
					security guarding	
					services, which typically	
					involve operational	

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	Provider	Date				
					security personnel rather	
					than risk management	
					professionals. As such,	
					this requirement was	
					found to have unfairly	
					prejudiced potential	
					bidders within the	
					security industry and has	
					rendered the overall	
					procurement process	
					irregular.	
					Of the 67 bidders, 66	
					were eliminated during	
					the functionality	
					evaluation phase. Only	
					George B Security was	
					found to be compliant	
					and was therefore	
					evaluated further on	
					pricing and preferential	

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	Provider	Date				
					points. George B	
					Security was	
					subsequently	
					recommended by the	
					Bid Evaluation	
					Committee (BEC) and	
					approved by the Bid	
					Adjudication Committee	
					(BAC) for appointments.	
					The then Acting	
					Municipal Manager	
					formally approved the	
					contract valued at	
					R53,654,40.	
					Although the	
					appointment process	
					was later deemed	
					irregular due to the	
					inclusion of irrelevant	
					criteria, the services	

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					were rendered in full,	
					and the municipality	
					derived value and	
					benefit from the	
					engagement. There was	
					no financial loss	
					incurred.	
PANEL (	OF ELECTRICAL	CONTRACT	ORS			l
2)	Aspire Safety	2023/24	R 1 637 118.66	Electrical	Bids were advertised for	The irregular
,	Consultants			Department	less than the minimum	expenditure incurred
	(Vegetation				days required (SCMU	in relation to the panel
	Control 11kv				28/2020).	of electrical
	Line Routes).				The Municipality	contractors be written
3)	Asonke	26/04/2024	R621 349,23	-	appointed a pool/panel	off.
	(Mackery				of contractors for	
	Village)				electrical engineering	It is further noted that
4)	Errol	2023/24	R 1 103 692.09	1	services (SCMU	all bidders involved in
	Construction				28/2020). The bid/invite	the initial process
					was advertised in the	were subsequently
	and Projects				was auvertised in the	Were subsequently

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	Provider	Date				
	electrical				04 February 2022, and	terminated by the
	contractors)				the closing date of the	municipality.
5)	Kedibone	2023/24	R 5 458 622.59		tender was 28 February	Additionally, new
	Construction	2024/25	R 497 187 .30		2022, as such the bid	service providers
	(Panel of				was advertised for 25	have since been
	electrical				days which is less than	appointed in
	contractors)				the 30 days as required	accordance with
6)	Kwanano	2023/24	R600 000.01		by the SCM regulation	proper SCM
	Trading	2024/25	R 1 171 463.93		stipulated above.	processes.
	(Vegetation				The contract period of	
	Control 11 & 33				the pool/panel is 36	The Accounting
	KV Line				months, which is	Officer to implement
	Tzaneen)				regarded as a longer	measures for
	Order				period.	consequence
	Highmast				As of 30 June 2024, The	management and
7)	Maleboti	2023/24	R1 276 574.06		Municipality had	implement actions to
	Construction	2024/25	R 70 920.77		appointed service	eliminate future
	(panel of				providers with an	occurrences.
	electrical				aggregate amount of	
	contractors)				R48 165 331.61 which is	

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8)	Mashp	2023/24	R719 149.90		above R10 000 000 as	
	(Panel of	2024/25	R 29 879.02		per SCM regulation.	
	electrical				The process followed is	
	contractors)				not in line with the SCM	
9)	Mikhovhe	2023/24	R1 094 458.92		regulations and as such	
	(Panel of				expenditure incurred by	
	electrical				the municipality on the	
	contractors)				projects is regarded as	
10)	Mmirwa	2023/24	R1 436 187.22		irregular expenditure.	
	(Thabine	2024/25	R 79 788.18		Par.28 (1) (a) (ii) of the	
	Village)				SCM regulations states	
	(Panel of				that a bid evaluation	
	electrical				committee must	
	contractors)				evaluate bids in	
11)	Moepeng	2023/24	R 940 164.93	1	accordance with-	
	(Retrofitting	2024/25	R 98 180.10		The municipality	
	Street Lights				established a panel for	
	Tzaneen CBD)				various projects; service	

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	Provider	Date				
	(Panel of				providers are placed on	
	electrical				a panel based on	
	contractors)				functionality and the	
12)	Ntivombango	2023/2024	R900 000.00		preferential point system	
	Construction				is not applied when work	
	(New Orlends				is allocated to the panel	
	11kv Line Ph2)				members.	
13)	Mosekgo Civil	2023/2024	R537 940.70			
	Construction	2024/25	R 77 036. 06		It was noted that there	
	(Supply and				was no formal invitation	
	Installation of				to suppliers to	
	Fence Various				participate in the work	
	Mini Sub-				allocation process or	
	Station)				quotation process.	
14)	Omphile	2023/2024	R2 297 642.29		There is no assessment	
	Electrical	2024/25	R 393 577.01		which indicates how a	
	(Duiwelskloof				decision was reached to	
	33kv Line Ph2)				allocate work to a	
					particular contractor in	

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	(Rebuild				the panel amongst many	
	Pusela 11kv				other qualifying panelists	
	Line)				as there were no	
15)	Omuhle	2023/2024	R129 547.50		quotations requested	
	Trading	2024/25	R238 281.00		from other panel	
	(Supply and				members for evaluation	
	Delivery				or a specific criterion to	
	Harness				allocate work to various	
	Battery				service providers.	
	Connection and				The bid was advertised	
	Umbilical				for less than 30 days in	
	Cables for				contravention of SCM	
	Tarvida) Order				prescripts	
16)	OTS Electrical	2023/24	R3 114 511.95		The appointment	
	(Mokhwathi	2024/25	R 336 517.62		process followed by the	
	Village)				Municipality is therefore	
	(Mugwazeni				irregular and the related	
	Village)				expenditure is also	

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17)	Picabiz	2023/2024	R885 727.13		irregular as there was no	
	(Retrofitting	2024/25	R 49 235.81		fair allocation of work to	
	Street High				the contractor.	
	Mast Lights				1.1 Asonke Engineering	
	Tzaneen				was awarded the project	
	Aquapark)				of the electrification of	
	6271				60 households in	
18)	Ringanani	2023/2024	R1 095 031.05		Mackery Village.	
	(Retrofitting				1.2 Aspire Safety	
	Street High				Consultants was	
	Mast Lights				awarded the project to	
	Tzaneen Rural				undertake vegetation	
	Area) 6271				clearing at the Plain	
19)	Rivisi Electrical	2023/2024	R6 062 579.17		11KV and 33KV lines	
	(Mugwazeni	2024/25	R1 354 052.02		from the substation to	
	Village)				Vorster and from the	
					substation to Riverside	
20)	RM Mashaba	2023/2024	R2 166 370.00		and Letsitele.	
	(Replacement	2024/25	R 109 250			

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	Breakers				1.3 Errol Construction	
	Letsitele Main)				and Projects were	
					awarded the project of	
21)	Semodi	2023/2024	R673 263.51		installing fencing at	
	Trading	2024/25	R177 908.73		various substations.	
	(Retrofitting				1.3.1 Errol Construction	
	Motor Letsitele				and Projects was	
	Pump Station)				awarded the project for	
22)	Zerbacraft	2023/2024	R911 273.60		the electrification of 45	
	(Manor vlei				households at Akanani	
	11kv Line)				Village.	
					1.4 Kedibone	
					Construction was	
					awarded the project to	
					rebuild a 33KV line on	
					the PH4 Ebenezer line.	
					1.4.1 Kedibone	
					Construction was	
					awarded the project for	
					the electrification of 85	

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					households in Rikhotso	
					village.	
					1.5 Maleboti	
					Construction was	
					awarded the project of	
					installing fencing at	
					various mini substations.	
					1.5.1 Maleboti	
					Construction was	
					awarded the project of	
					the electrification of 50	
					households at	
					Mandlakazi Village.	
					1.6 Mash P Trading and	
					Projects were awarded	
					the project of the	
					installation of fencing at	
					various substations.	
					1.6.1 Mash P Trading	
					and Projects were	

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Item no	Service Provider	Payment Date	Amount	Department	awarded the project of the electrification of 132 households in Ramotshinyadi village.  1.7 Mikhovhe Electrical and Training Projects was awarded the project for the maintenance od substation transformers and tap changes at Tzaneen Main Trfr 11, 12 and 13.  1.8 Kwanano Trading and Projects cc was awarded the project of vegetation control on the Tzaneen 33KV and 11KV lines found at Deerpark and Manorvlei	Recommendations

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					1.9 Mmirwa Trading	
					Construction was	
					awarded the project of	
					the electrification of 85	
					households in Thabina	
					Valley Village.	
					1.10 Moepeng Trading	
					40cc was awarded the	
					project of retrofitting	
					streetlights in Tzaneen	
					CBD as part of the	
					2023/2024 EEDSM	
					Programme	
					1.10.1 Moepeng Trading	
					40cc was awarded the	
					contract to install a High	
					mast at Sunnyside	
					1.11 Mosekgo Civil	
					Construction was	
					awarded the project to	

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Item no Service Provider	Payment Date And Date	nount Depart	install fencing and gates at various mini substations.  1.12 Ntivombango Construction was awarded the project to rebuild an 11KV line at New Orleans. A payment for a cession was made to Khulani Timbers for the supply of poles.  1.13 Semodi Trading Construction was awarded the project of retrofitting of a motor at the Letsitele Pump Station.	

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	Provider	Date	Allount	Department	awarded the contract for the supply, delivery and installation of energy efficient technologies retrofitting streetlights in Nkowankowa.  1.14 Picabiz 367cc was awarded the contract of retrofitting streetlights for the 2023/2024 EEDSM Program in Aqua Park, Tzaneen.  1.15 Omphile Electrical was awarded the project of rebuilding an 11KV feeder line of Pusela.  1.15.1 Omphile Electrical was awarded the contract of rebuilding	

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					the Duiwelskloof Phase	
					2 33KV line	
					1.16 Omuhle Trading	
					were awarded the	
					contract for the supply	
					and delivery of a	
					harness battery	
					connection and umbilical	
					cables for tar Vida Auto	
					recloser control box.	
					1.17 Rivisi Electrical was	
					awarded the project of	
					the electrification of 450	
					households at	
					Mugwazeni Phase 2	
					Village.	
					1.18 Ringani Hosana	
					Security Services	
					Trading Enterprises was	
					awarded the contract to	

Provider  Date  retrofit a High mast in the Tzaneen rural area under the EEDSM 2023/24 program.  1.19 RM Mashabe Projects was awarded the project of the replacement of 2 dog box breakers at Letsitele Main.  1.19.1 RM Mashaba Projects supplied and delivered a 200W LED
High mast Floodlight.  1.20 OTS electrical was awarded the project of the electrification of 200 households in

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	Provider	Date				
					1.20.1 OTS Electrical	
					was awarded the	
					contract to electrify 100	
					households in	
					Mugwazeni Village.	
					1.21 Semodi Trading	
					was awarded the project	
					to install a new motor	
					pump at the Letsitele	
					Pump station.	
					1.21.1 Semodi Trading	
					were awarded the	
					contract of retrofitting	
					streetlights in	
					Nkowankowa under the	
					2023/2024 EEDSM	
					program.	
					1.22 Zebarcraft was	
					awarded the project to	

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					rebuild the Manorvlei	
					11KV line.	
					1.23 Ringani Hosana	
					Security Services	
					Trading Enterprises	
					supplied and delivered	
					184 LED Highmast lights	
					at Tzaneen Rural Area	
					as part of the 2023/2024	
					EEDSM Programme	
23)	Gumela	2024/25		Electrical	Panel was advertised for	
	General		R147 314.95		less than 30 days and the	
0.4	Trading (high	0004/05			panel was subsequently	
24)	Khakhi	2024/25	R152 111.93		terminated to curb	
	Construction				irregular expenditure	
	(high mast					

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25)	Madumelani Construction (high mast lights)	2024/25	R129 280.88			
26)	Nhletelo & Ritswalo Projects (high	2024/25	R176 322.27			
27)	Ntivombango (Construction line)	2024/25	R50 000.00			
28)	Power Tech Group	2024/25	R69 000.00			
29)	Rei Plant Hire (high mast lights)	2024/25	R192 957.82			
30)	Rem Mams (high mast lights)	2024/25	R125 871.60			
31)	Theuwedi Trading Ent	2024/25	R234 136.37			

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32)	Voltex (high mast lights)	2024/25	R3 775 600.53			
33)	Vunene Mira	2024/25	R46 200.00			
34)	Zero Fake Enterprise ( high mast lights)	2024/25	R169 443.06			
PANEL (	OF CONTRACTO	RS FOR CIVI	L ENGINEERING	SERVICES		
35)	Aspire Safety	2023/24	R2 248 627.57	R 123 145.57	The bid (SCMU 25/2021	The Accounting
	Consultants	2024/25			and SCMU 26/2021)	Officer took the
	(Rehabilitation				was advertised on 14	initiative to terminate
	of Main CBD				January 2022 with a	the panel due to non-
	Street in				closing date of 10	compliance with SCM
	Letsitele) -148				February 2022, which	processes.
	26/2021					

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36)	Komhla/Xalam	28/06/2024	R 458 403,58		means it was open for	One of the service
	uka (Pothole				20 days.	providers in the panel
	Repairs)-148				The Municipality	challenged the
37)	Maloka	06/06/2024	R 549 658,60		appointed a pool/panel	municipality in court
	Machaba				of contractors for the	regarding termination
	(Pothole				maintenance of tarred	of the contract. The
	Repairs)-148				roads (SCMU 26/2021).	contracts of all the
38)	Mbanga	2023/24	R597 351,69		The bid was advertised	service providers in
	Trading				in the Sowetan	the panel were
	Enterprise		(R597 351,69,		newspaper on 14 <sup>th</sup> of	reinstated.
	Mbanga		was duplicated		January 2022, and the	
	Trading		in the register,		closing date of the	The irregular
	Enterprise		therefore an		tender was 24 <sup>th</sup> of	expenditure stated in
			amount of <b>R</b> 1		January 2022, as such	the column of amount
			194 703.38		the bid was advertised	be written off
			should be		for 10 days which is less	
			considered for		than the 30 days as	
			write off)		required by the SCM	
39)	Tzaneen Afri	2023/24	R 1 424 292.25		regulation	
	Investment					

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	Provider	Date				
	(Rehabilitation				According to the	
	of Loop and				applicable SCM	
	Parts of Skiving				regulations, bids for	
	Street)-148				long-term contracts	
40)	Mashp Trading	14/06/2024	R607 845,15		(over 12 months) must	
	(Potholes				be advertised for a	
	Repairs) -148				minimum of 30 days.	
	SCMU 26/2021					
41)	Moepeng	07/06/2024	R721 989,55		The contract in question	
	Trading				was for a 36-month	
	(Potholes		This payment		period (that is 3 years),	
	Repairs) -148		was duplicated		which qualifies it as a	
			in the register;		long-term contract.	
			therefore, the			
			amount to be		Insufficient	
			written off is		Advertisement Period:	
			R1 443 979.10		The 20-day advertising	
		2024/25	R 733 142.70		period did not meet the	

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42)	Ndoni Projects	28/06/2024	R714 746,27		minimum 30-day	
	(Pothole				requirement.	
	Repairs)-148					
	SCMU				This is a contravention	
	26/2021- Panel				of SCM Regulation	
	of rehabilitation				22(1)(a), which requires	
	of roads				bids for long-term	
					contracts to be	
43)	Nkuriso	26/01/2024	R735 573,35		advertised for at least 30	
	Development				days to ensure fairness,	
	Projects (Road				transparency, and	
	Markings				adequate competition.	
	Internal Streets					
	Within				Improper Use of	
	Tzaneen)				Preference Point	
					System:	

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	Provider	Date				
44)	Quality Plant	2023/24	R 842 911.39			
	Hire T/A Quality				The preference point	
	Civils				system as prescribed by	
	(Rehabilitation				the Preferential	
	and				Procurement Policy	
	Stormwater				Framework Act (PPPFA)	
	Control at				was not applied in the	
	Mulati Access				allocation of work to	
	Road) SCMU				suppliers on the panel.	
	26/2021					
45)	Bolombe	2023/24	R 2 652 482.31		This further undermines	
	Trading				the compliance of the	
	(Loretto Farm				procurement process	
	School Road)-				with applicable	
	8570				legislative frameworks.	
	SUM 25- panel					
	of stormwater				As of 30 June 2023, the	
46)	Mega Works	2023	R 1 658 043.41		Municipality had	
	Trading				appointed service	
	Enterprise				providers under this	

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
	Panel of				panel to the value of	
	rehabilitation				R14,008,149.31.	
47)	Quality Plant	26/04/2024	R411 872,50		Due to the non-	
	Hire T/A Quality				compliance with	
	Civils (Nkowa-				advertising and	
	Nkowa,				evaluation regulations,	
	Codesa/Hani				this entire amount is	
	Stormwater)				classified as irregular	
	SUM 25				expenditure in terms of	
48)	RM Mashaba	2024	R 1 510 189.21		the Municipal Finance	
	(Re-gravelling	2024/25	R1 675 483.88		Management Act	
	of Mabushe				(MFMA).	
	School Road)-				The Municipality failed to	
	8588				adhere to SCM	
					regulations in both the	
					advertising period and	
					the application of the	
					preference point system.	
49)		21/11/2023	R1 794 000,00	PED		

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
	MOD Hope				This bid was advertised	The irregular
	Properties	29/02/2024	R2 691 000,00		less than the required	expenditure of
	(for Valuation				number of days for long-	R7 587 383.57 be
	Roll)	2024/25	R3 102 383.57		term contracts.	written off.

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
					Date of Advertisement:	
					14 July 2022. Closing	The Accounting
					Date: 5 August 2022	Officer should institute
					Total Advertisement	consequence
					Period: 16 working days	management and
					(approximately 23	actions to eliminate
					calendar days)	future occurrence
					Required Advertising	
					Period (per Supply Chain	
					Regulations):	
					Standard Requirement	
					for Long-Term Contracts:	
					30 calendar days	
					Contract Duration: 5	
					years (qualifies as long-	
					term)	
					Company: Mod Hope	
					Properties	

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
					Awarded Work:	
					Submission of the	
					General Valuation (GV)	
					Roll for the Municipality	
					The bid was advertised	
					for less than 30 days in	
					contravention with SCM	
					prescripts.	

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
50)	Moepeng		(283 296,80)	Civil Engineering	An amount of	The council note that
	Trading				R331,430.16 was paid	the expenditure has
	Enterprise				for the installation of a	been recovered from
					high mast in Sunnyside	the service provider.
					under the SCMU	MPAC identified the
					28/2020 pool of	following risks:
					contractors.	- There are
					The total invoice	overpayments
					amounted to	to service
					R368,255.73, of which	providers which
					R36,825.57 was	were picked up
					withheld as retention.	by AGSA.
					Payments made were as	- The user
					follows:	department
					R48,133.36 to Moepeng	signed off the
					Trading 40 cc (the	invoices
					contractor)	without proper
						review.

Item no	Service Provider	Payment Date	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
					R283,296.80 to Voltex	
					Lighting Structures	
					(cession holder)	
					However, the payment	
					of R283,296.80 to the	
					cession holder	
					constituted an	
					overpayment on the	
					invoice.	
					The overpaid amount of	
					R283,296.80 was	
					subsequently recovered	
					from Voltex Lighting	
					Structures on 02 July	
					2024.	
					The overpayment	
					occurred due to an	
					administrative oversight.	

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
					The former Legal	
					Manager (is the position	
					correct) failed to properly	
					review the invoice to	
					ensure that it accurately	
					reflected the services	
					rendered. As a result,	
					the invoice was	
					incorrectly approved and	
					signed off as correct	
					when it was not.	

	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
Provider	Date				
Molebogeng	2021/22	R4 302 967.75	Community	Based on the	The irregular
Trading			Services/Solid	information provided, the	expenditure for panel
Enterprise			Waste	procurement process	of civil engineering
				undertaken by the	contractors be written
				municipality for Bid No.	off
				SCMU 09/21 appears to	
				have deviated from the	
				SCM regulations.	
				The analysis is	
				structured as follows:	
				Non-Compliance with	
				Advertisement Period	
				Requirements	
				According to Regulation	
	2023/24	P7 840 085 06		22(1)(i) of the MFMA	
				Supply Chain	
	2024/25	R 5 974 574.96 			
	Molebogeng Trading	Molebogeng 2021/22 Trading	Molebogeng Trading Enterprise  2021/22 R4 302 967.75  R4 302 967.75  R7 849 985.96	Molebogeng Trading Enterprise  R4 302 967.75  Community Services/Solid Waste  2023/24  R7 849 985.96	Molebogeng Trading Enterprise  R4 302 967.75  Community Services/Solid Waste  Waste  Based on the information provided, the procurement process undertaken by the municipality for Bid No. SCMU 09/21 appears to have deviated from the SCM regulations. The analysis is structured as follows: Non-Compliance with Advertisement Period Requirements According to Regulation 22(1)(i) of the MFMA Supply Chain

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
					Management	
					Regulations:	
					For transactions over	
					R10 million (VAT	
					included) or those of a	
					long-term nature, bids	
					must be advertised for	
					not less than 30 days.	
					The contract in question:	
					Value: R17,856,213	
					(exceeds R10 million)	
					Duration: 36 months	
					(long-term)	
					Actual advertisement	
					period: 10 days (from 23	
					Sept to 07 Oct 2021)	
					This resulted in non-	
					compliance with SCM	
					regulations. The	
					required 30-day	

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
					minimum period was not	
					adhered to.	
					2. Lack of Justification	
					for Shorter	
					Advertisement Period	
					Regulation 22(2) allows	
					the accounting officer to	
					shorten the 30-day	
					period only if justified on	
					grounds of:	
					Urgency, Emergency or	
					Exceptional cases where	
					it is impractical or	
					impossible to follow the	
					normal process	
					While a condonement	
					letter from the Acting	
					Municipal Manager	
					(dated 20 Sept 2021)	
					approved of a shorter	

Item no	Service Provider	Payment Date	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
					period, however there	
					were no documented	
					justification based on	
					urgency, emergency, or	
					exceptional grounds.	
					Approval without	
					justification does not	
					comply with Regulation	
					22(2) and renders the	
					condonement invalid.	
					3. The process for Bid	
					No. SCMU 09/21 by the	
					municipality was	
					irregular due to: non-	
					adherence to the 30-day	
					advertisement	
					requirement and lack of	
					·	

Item no	Service Provider	Payment Date	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
52)	JTZ family trading enterprise - 8595 (stormwater maintenance sebone primary school)	2024/25	R531 171.32	Civil Engineering	documented justification for the shortened period. The contract lapsed in December 2024.  The bid was advertised for less than 30 days	
53)	Thusanani construction & cleaning - 8591 (regravelling thako to sefolwe)	2024/25	R1 636 382.70			

Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
Provider	Date				
Rikatec (Pty)	2022/23	R 4 701 672.44	Civil Engineering	The services procured	The following
Ltd	2023/24	R2 700 000	Department/Road	are that of the supply and	expenditure be written
	2024/24	R1 350 000	s and Stormwater	fitment of vehicle	off.
				monitoring and tracking	2022/23 (R
				fleet management	4 701 672.44)
				system SCMU 11/2021.	2023/24 (R2 700 000)
				The monthly services	2024/25 (1 350 000)
				provided include Fleet	
				management reporting,	The Accounting
				and scheduling of	Officer should
				vehicles.	consequence
					management and
				Kindly receive the	actions to eliminate
				presentations of the anti-	future occurrence
				fraud and corruption	
				workshop which took	
				place on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of August	
				2025.	
	Provider Rikatec (Pty)	Provider Date  Rikatec (Pty) 2022/23  Ltd 2023/24	Provider         Date           Rikatec         (Pty)         2022/23         R 4 701 672.44           Ltd         2023/24         R2 700 000	Provider         Date           Rikatec (Pty)         2022/23         R 4 701 672.44         Civil Engineering           Ltd         2023/24         R2 700 000         Department/Road	Provider  Rikatec (Pty) Ltd  2022/23 R 4 701 672.44  2023/24 R2 700 000 2024/24 R1 350 000  R1 350 000  The services procured are that of the supply and fitment of vehicle monitoring and tracking fleet management system SCMU 11/2021.  The monthly services provided include Fleet management reporting, and scheduling of vehicles.  Kindly receive the presentations of the antifraud and corruption workshop which took place on the 1st of August

Item no	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
	Provider	Date				
					Please share with	
					MPAC, PMT and	
					Managers	
					The bid was advertised	
					for less than 30 days in	
					contravention of SCM	
					prescripts	

# Irregular Expenditure 2022/23 (previously not written off)

Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
Provider	Date				
Karibu	24/03/2023	R391 883.43	All Departments	SCM Processes not	The expenditure of
				followed- Bid not	R 391 883.43 be
				advertised - above	written off
				R200'000 threshold.	
	Provider	Provider Date	Provider Date	Provider Date	Provider Date  Karibu 24/03/2023 R391 883.43 All Departments SCM Processes not followed- Bid not advertised - above

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date				
					The service relates to Conference package and	
					accommodation	
2)	Blyde Canyon a	28/11/2022	R 835 717.00	All Departments	The process followed by	The expenditure of
	forever resort				the municipality does not	R835 717.00 be
					meet the requirement of	written off
					SCM regulations as this	
					was not an emergency.	
					Noncompliance with	
					regulation 36 of SCM	
					regulations	
3)	Karibu Leisure	09/05/2023	R 50 498.80	All Departments	SCM Processes not	The expenditure of
	Resort				followed- Bid not	R50 498.80 be written
					advertised - above	off
					R200'000 threshold.	
					The service relates to	
					Conference package and	
					accommodation	

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/Comments	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date				
4)	PG Industries	2022/23	R198 100.00	Corporate	Non-Compliance with	The expenditure of R
				services	SCM Regulations- Local	R198 100.00 be
					Content	written off

# Irregular Expenditure 2021/22 and 2022/23 (previously not written off)

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date			Comments	
1)	Karibu	2021/22	R1 353 287.80	All Departments	Deviations approved	The expenditure of
					after procurement had	R1353 287.80 be
					started, non-	written off
					compliance with	
					regulation 36 of SCM	
					regulations	
					The service relates to	
					Conference package	
					and accommodation	
2)	Tshipise	2021/22	R567 387.00	All Departments	The process followed	The expenditure of
	Forever Resort				by the municipality	R567 387.00 be written
					does not meet the	off

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date			Comments	
					requirement of SCM	
					regulations (deviation)	
					as this was not an	
					emergency	
					The service relates to	
					Conference package	
					and accommodation	
3)	Karibu	2021/22	R472 466.00	All Departments	Approval for deviation	The expenditure of
					was granted after the	R472 466.00 be written
					requisition was	off
					approved and order	
					issued	
					The service relates to	
					Conference package	
					and accommodation	
4)	CHM Vuwani	2021/22	R203 463.00	Corporate	MBD 4 declaration not	The expenditure of
				services	attached	R203 463.00 be written
	\					off
5)	Ekhaya Travel	2021/22	R 4 280.00	Budget and	MBD 4 declaration not	The expenditure of R 4
	Agency			Treasury Office	attached	280.00 be written off

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date			Comments	
6)	Zala Gusha	2021/22	R29 800.00	Budget and	No declaration of State	The expenditure of
	Trading			Treasury Office	Employment	R29 800.00 be written
	Enterprise					off
7)	<b>Eternity Star</b>	2021/22	R11 702373.76	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The following
	<u>Investment</u>	2022/23	R26 149 753.69		was not in accordance	expenditure be written
	(ESI) -	2024/25	R2 252 842.05		with MFMA and PPR	off
	Upgrading of				requirements- Finding	2021/22
	Pharare to				Raised by AG	(R11 702 373.76)
	Moseanoka					2022/23
	Road)					(R26 149 753.69)
						2024/25
						(R2 252 842.05)
8)	Black Creed	2021/22	R314 640	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The expenditure of
	(Cession to ESI)				was not in accordance	R314 640
	-Upgrading of				with MFMA and PPR	be written off
	Masenoaka				requirements- Finding	
	Road				Raised by AG	
9.	Romeo First	2021/22	R304 457.14	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	
	(Cession to ESI)				was not in accordance	

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date			Comments	
	-Upgrading of	2022/23	R713 115		with MFMA and PPR	The following
	Masenoaka				requirements- Finding	expenditure be written
	Road				Raised by AG	off
						2021/22 (R304 457.14)
						2022/23 (R713 115)
10.	Mondeza Gen	2021/22	R331 100	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The following
	(Cession to ESI)	2022/23	R236 250		was not in accordance	expenditure be written
	-Upgrading of				with MFMA and PPR	off
	Masenoaka				requirements- Finding	R331 100 (2021/22)
	Road				Raised by AG	R236 250 (2022/23)
11.	Technicrete	2021/22	R 6 101 556.16	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The following
	(Cession to				was not in accordance	expenditure be written
	ESI)-Upgrading	2022/23	R4 037303.45	Civil Engineering	with MFMA and PPR	off
	of Masenoaka				requirements- Finding	2021/22
	Road				Raised by AG	(R6 101 556.16)
						2022/23
						(R4 037 303.45)

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date			Comments	
12.	Thorisiso Geo	2021/22	R413 597.70	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The following
	Tech (Cession				was not in accordance	expenditure be written
	to ESI)-				with MFMA and PPR	off
	Upgrading of	2022/23	R280 352.50		requirements- Finding	
	Masenoaka	2022/23	11200 332.30		Raised by AG	R413 597.70 (2021/22)
	Road					R 280 352.50
						(2022/23)
13.	RM Mashaba	2021/22	R572 700.00	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The expenditure of
	Projects				was not in accordance	R572 700.00
	(Cession to				with MFMA and PPR	be written off
	ESI)- Upgrading				requirements- Finding	
	of Masenoaka				Raised by AG	
	Road					
14	Sky High	2021/22	R808 235.08	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The expenditure of
	Consulting				was not in accordance	R808 235.08
	(Cession to				with MFMA and PPR	be written off
	ESI)- Upgrading				requirements- Finding	
	of Masenoaka				Raised by AG	
	Road					

Item	Service	Payment	Amount	Department	Description/	Recommendations
no	Provider	Date			Comments	
15	Moseri Interated	2021/22	R768 292.99	Civil Engineering	Bid evaluation process	The expenditure of
	(Cession to				was not in accordance	R768 292.99
	ESI)- Upgrading				with MFMA and PPR	be written off
	of Masenoaka				requirements- Finding	
	Road				Raised by AG	

A) The unauthorized expenditure for 2023/2024 financial year is **R0.00**, and thus no findings.

## 2. Summary of findings

## a) Fruitless and wasteful, as well as irregular expenditures

- a) Negligence by the user department for TJ Machete Attorneys who billed the municipality twice for a one court appearance which was deemed to be two, that is, (one [1] court appearance treated as two [2]). The invoice was paid in full as if it were two invoices. R274 444.20 was recovered from him fully.
- b) Negligence by the user department failing to certify the work done and to review invoices/payment certificates. The overpayment is R363 660.66 to Eternity Star Investments.
- c) System calculation errors resulted in material irregularity (MI). The system errors have been resolved, and the MI has been lifted.
- d) The municipality not engaging in ABSA for charges on admin fees for vehicles which are not moving (broken for a long period of time).
- e) The accounts of the deceased classified as indigent. The municipality doesn't have a system to detect the occurrence of the activity; however, the service provider was appointed to vet the current indigents of the municipality.
- f) Irregular expenditure on non-compliance with SCM processes and regulations, SCM regulation 22 (1), advertisement of bids for a shorter period. The approval by the Accounting Officer to advertise for a shorter period was not justified [not in line with the legislation]). The following bidders were advertised for a shorter period:
- i) Anaka Printing Services
- ii) Panel of service providers for both Electrical and Civil Engineering Services.
- iii) Rika Tech (for vehicle tracking devise system).
- iv) Molebogeng Trading Services
- v) MOD Hope Properties
- g) The inconsistencies in the advertisement of a physical security tender, specifically with the inclusion of a requirement for professional bodies, certificate from the Institute of Risk Management South Africa (IRMSA). IRMSA is a recognized professional body supporting risk management professionals, particularly within the fields of corporate governance and enterprise risk. Out of 67 bidders, 66 were disqualified for not meeting the IRMSA certification

requirement, resulting in only one bidder being compliant. The mandatory inclusion of the IRMSA certificate proved unnecessarily restrictive and excluded several service providers who demonstrated superior capacity and capability but lacked the specific certificate.

The table below illustrates irregular expenditure per financial year for write off

Table 1

Irregular Expenditure 2021/22	
Name of the service provider	Total Amount
Black Creed	314 640.00
Eternity Star Investments	11 702 373.76
Mondeza	331 100.00
Romeo First	304 457.14
Thorisiso GeoTech	413 597.70
Tecnicrete	6 101 556.15
Anaka	1 327 099.62
George B Security	16 159 695.52
Ekhaya Travel Agency	4 280.00
Zala Gusha Trading Enterprise	29 800.00
CHM Vuwani	203 463.00
Karibu Leisure Resort	1 353 287.80
Tshipise Forever Resort	567 387.00
Karibu Leisure Resort	472 466.00
Molebogeng	4 302 967.57
RM Mashaba Projects	572 700.00
Total Irregular Exp (2021/2022)	44 160 871.26
BREAKDOWN PER PROJECT	
Pharare to Maseanoka	19 740 424.75
Printing Service	1 327 099.62
Security	16 159 695.52
Waste Manegement	4 302 967.57
Other	2 630 683.80
	44 160 871.26

Table 2

Irregular Expenditure 2022/23	
Name of the service provider	Amount
Blyde Canyon Forever Resorts	835 717.00
Cocre8	673 741.53
Eternity Star Investments	26 149 753.69
George B Security	25 662 499.81
Karibu Leisure Resort	442 382.23
Mondeza General Trading	236 250.00
Moseri Integrated	768 292.99
PG Industries	198 100.00
Rikatec (PTY) Ltd	4 701 672.44
Romeo First	713 115.00
Sky High Consulting	808 235.08
Technicrete	4 037 303.45
Thorisiso	280 352.50
Total Irregular Expenditure	65 507 415.72
BREAKDOWN PER PROJECT	
Pharare to Maseanoka	32 993 302.71
Security	25 662 499.81
Fleet Management - Tracking	4 701 672.44
PG Industries	198 100.00
Financial System	673 741.53
Other	1 278 099.23
	65 507 415.72

Table 3

Irregular Expenditure 2023/24		
Name of the service provider	SCMU NO	Amount
ANAKA		3 687 528.38
ASONKE	28/2020	621 349.23
Aspire (SCMU 26/2021)	26/2021	2 248 627.57
Aspire (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	1 637 118.66
Bolombe 82 Trading (SCMU 25)	25/2021	2 652 482.31
Contour Technology		62 128.84
Errol Contruction (SCMU28)	28/2020	1 103 692.09
George B Security		28 990 716.77
Kedibone Construction (SCMU 28)	28/2020	5 458 622.59
Komhla/Xalamuka (SCMU 26)	26/2021	458 403.58
Kwanano Trading (SCMU28)	28/2020	600 000.01
Maleboti Construction (SCMU 28)	28/2020	1 276 574.06
Maloka Machaba (SCMU 26)	26/2021	549 658.60
Mash P (SCMU 26)	26/2021	1 215 690.30
Mash P (SCMU 28)	28/2020	719 149.90
Mikovhe (SCMU 28)	28/2020	1 094 458.92
Mmirwa (SCMU 28)	28/2020	1 436 187.22
Moepeng Trading (SCMU 28)	28/2020	940 164.93
Moepeng Trading (SCMU 25)	25/2021	1 443 979.10
Mosekgo Civils (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	537 940.70
Ntivombango (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	900 000.00
Omphile Electrical (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	2 297 642.29
Omuhle Trading (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	129 547.50
OTS Electrical (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	3 114 511.95
PICABIZ (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	885 727.13
Ringanani (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	1 095 031.05
Rivisi Electrical (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	6 062 579.17
RM Mashaba Projects (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	2 166 370.00
RM Mashaba Projects (SCMU 25/2020)	25/2021	1 510 189.21
Semodi Trading (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	673 263.51
ZERBACRAFT (SCMU 28/2020)	28/2020	911 273.60
Molebogeng		7 849 985.96
Quality Plant Hire	26/2020	842 911.39
Quality Plant Hire	25/2021	411 872.50
Rikatec		2 700 000.00
Mbhanga	26/2021	1 194 703.38
Mod Hope		4 485 000.00
Mega Works	26/2021	1 658 043.41
Ndoni Projects	26/2021	714 746.27
Tzaneen Afri Investment	26/2021	1 424 292.25
Nkuriso Dev Projects	26/2021	735 573.35
TOTAL		98 497 737.68
BREAKDOWN PER SCMU NO.		
Panel of Stormwater	SCMU 25	6 018 523.12
Panel of maintenance and Rehabilitation	SCMU 26	10 199 738.71
Panel of electrical contractors	SCMU 28	34 504 115.90
Standing appointments/orders	Other	47 775 359.95
	TOTAL	98 497 737.68

Table 4

	24/25
SCMU NO.	Amount
	1 964 077.43
SCMU 26	123 145.57
	2 252 842.05
	7 215 343.11
SCMU 28	147 314.95
SCMU 25	531 171.32
SCMU 28	497 187.30
SCMU 28	152 111.93
SCMU 28	171 463.93
SCMU 28	129 280.88
SCMU 28	70 920.77
SCMU 28	29 870.02
SCMU 28	79 788.18
SCMU 28	98 180.10
SCMU 26	773 142.70
	5 974 574.96
SCMU 28	77 036.06
SCMU 28	176 322.27
SCMU 28	50 000.00
SCMU 28	393 577.01
SCMU 28	238 281.00
SCMU 28	336 517.62
SCMU 28	49 235.81
SCMU 28	69 000.00
SCMU 28	192 957.82
SCMU 28	125 871.60
	1350000.00
SCMU 28	1 354 052.02
SCMU 25	1 675 483.88
SCMU 28	109 250.00
SCMU 28	177 908.73
SCMU 28	234 136.37
SCMU 25	1 636 382.70
SCMU 28	3 775 600.53
	46 200.00
	169 443.06
	32 447 671.68
SCMU 25	3 843 037.90
SCMU 26	896 288.27
1 1 1 1	8 951 507.96
	7 215 343.11
	1 964 077.43
Pharare to Maseanoka	2 252 842.05
Waste	5 974 574.96
	1 350 000.00
TOTAL	32 447 671.68
	SCMU 28 SCMU 2

## 3. Actions taken by management to reduce UIF&W Expenditure

Based on the interviews conducted with management and review of documents, the following actions were implemented to reduce UIF&W expenditure:

- a) Implementation of some MPAC resolutions.
- b) Improved internal controls on procurement processes to prevent recurrence of the findings and non-compliance, AGSA did not raise a finding on procurement process and contract management.
- c) Developed comprehensive SCM compliance checklist, verification for compliance is being undertaken during approval and procurement of goods and services.
- d) SCM officials and user departments have been trained to enhance their skills.

#### 4. Consideration for writing-off of irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure

- a) Based on the investigation by MPAC and consultation processes, it was established that the irregular expenditure was because of non-compliance with SCM prescripts rather than identification fraudulent linked to the expenditure and financial loss.
- b) The expenditure incurred relates to delivered goods and services, which contributed to service delivery and the municipality derived value.
- c) Some of the fruitless and wasteful expenditure was because of cash flow constraints at that time, system input errors and/or identification issues.

#### **Recommendations:**

- That Council rescind resolutions under item A18 of the report presented in Council on 21 August 2025.
- That Council note that some of the resolutions contained in the report include the historic expenditures previously tabled in Council from previous financial years and referred to the Financial Misconduct Board for further processing.

## Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure

- 3. That the Fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R994 265.67 be written off by Council related to the historic system calculation error, and the error stemmed from an improperly configured calculation within the municipality's legacy system.
- 4. That Council note that the Material irregularity that has been raised by AGSA on the historic system calculation error, has been resolved and corrected by the municipality.
- That Council note that the amount of R274 444 .20, was fully recovered from the service provider.
- 6. That the Accounting Officer must open a criminal case against TJ Machete Attorneys for invoicing the municipality twice on one (1) court appearance as if it was two (2) court appearances.
- That the Accounting Officer recovers the overpayment of R363 666.66 paid to Eternity
   Star Investments and submit a report in the next Council meeting.
- 8. That the Accounting Officer must open a criminal case against Eternity Star Investments for the misrepresentation of materials which were not on sight but wrongly reported and claimed for from the municipality.
- 9. That all the municipality engage Treasury about the service providers found to have participated in the fraudulent activities to be blacklisted.

- 10. That the overpayments to service providers, in future, be recovered from the user departments (officials) who sign invoices without proper review.
- 11. That the fruitless and wasteful expenditure related to calculation error for leave encashment, amounting to R1 738 895,23 (2023/2024), R1 507 005,34 (2022/2023) and R1 229 448.30 (2021/2022) be written off.
- 12. That an amount of R2619.60 related to, ABSA admin fees for vehicles which are not moving (broken for a long period of time) be recovered from the responsible officials working with the administration of municipal fleet and related duties.
- 13. That the fruitless expenditure related to the indigents (deceased and non qualifying indigents) amounting to the following expenditure be written off, R176 567,50 (2023/2024), R212 629,32 (2022/2023) and R193 330,71 (2021/2022) as there are no prospects of recovering the money.
- 14. That the municipality consider, in future, to procure a system linked to home affairs to be able to identify the deceased indigents.
- 15. That Council note that fruitless and wasteful expenditure related to interest on late payment, due to late submission of invoice by user department, of R374.34 has been recovered from the responsible official.
- 16. That Council write-off the fruitless and wasteful expenditure for the amount of R1 247 699.78 related to Tshiamiso- Mulati Access Road, which was identified by AGSA as a material irregularity (MI) and which has since been resolved.
- 17. That Council notes and approve the removal of the fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R2 222 291.71, related to Letsopa Consulting Engineers Mulati Access Road, has been recovered. The expenditure was identified by AGSA as material irregularity (MI) and has since been resolved. The overpayment was set-off against certificate number 15.

18. That the Project Management Unit (PMU) strengthen their internal controls processes for recalculation and verification of payment certificates and further undertake capacity building on financial controls, payment processes and risk assessment on BOQs.

#### FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES 2021/22

- 19. That Council write-off the fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R5 413 503.97 related to the interest on late payments of Eskom, which was identified by AGSA as a Material Irregularity (MI) and has since been resolved, due to reasons advanced to the AGSA, the municipality experienced cash flow constraints at the time of the occurrence.
- 20. That Council approves the removal of the fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R2 973 799.25 from the register as the Material Irregularity was resolved, through the dispute lodged and engagements held between the Accounting Officer and Eskom.

#### FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES 2019/20

- 21. That the fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R70 752. 90 related to the non-payment of the Compensation Commissioner due to cashflow constraints be written- off.
- 22. That Council note that the payments for Compensation Commissioner is now processed timeously.
- 23. That the fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R5 580.93 related to the interest on late payments of AGSA be written off.

#### FRUITLESS AND WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES 2018/19

- 24. That the fruitless and wasteful expenditure amounting to R70 752. 90 related to the non-payment of the Compensation Commissioner due to cashflow constraints be written- off.
- 25. That Council approves the removal from the register of the fruitless and wasteful expenditure of R96.57 related to the late payment of interest to Eskom which was recovered from Eskom.

#### IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE.

- 26. That the irregular expenditure related to Anaka Group amounting to **2022/23** (R1 327 099.62), **2023/24** (R3 687 528.38) and **2024/25** (R2 889 447.08) be written off.
- **27.** That Council write-off the irregular expenditure related to Contour Technology the amounts of R1256.30 (July 2023) and R60 872.41 (*August 2023*).
- 28. That Council write-off the irregular expenditure related to George B Security, the amount of R 16 159 695.52 (2021/22), R 25 662 499.81 (2022/23) R28 990 716.77 (2023/24) and R7 215 344.11 (2024/25).
- 29. That the irregular expenditure of R 549 658.60 related to Maloka Machaba be written off, (2023/2024).

#### PANEL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

- 30. That the Irregular expenditures of R 1 637 118.66 related to Aspire Safety Consultants be written off.
- 31. That the Irregular expenditures of R 621 349. 23 related to Asonke be written off.
- 32. That the Irregular expenditure of R 1 103 692. 09 related to Errol Construction and projects be written off

- 33. That the Irregular expenditures of R 5 458 622.59 related to Kedibone construction be written off.
- 34. That the Irregular expenditures of R 600 000.01 related to Kwanano Trading be written off.
- 35. That the Irregular expenditures of R 1 276 574.06 related to Maleboti Construction be written off.
- 36. That the Irregular expenditures of R 719 149.90 related to MashP written off.
- 37. That the Irregular expenditures of R 1 094 458. 92 related to Mikhove be written off.
- 38. That the Irregular expenditures of R 1 436 187.22 related to Mmirwa be written off.
- 39. That the Irregular expenditures of R 940 164.93 related to Moepeng be written off.
- 40. That the Irregular expenditures of R900 000.00 related to Ntivombango be written off.
- 41. That the Irregular expenditures of R 537 940.70 related to Mosekgo Civil Construction.
- 42. That the Irregular expenditures of R 2 297 642.29 related to Omphile Electrical be written off.
- 43. That the Irregular expenditure of R 129 547. 50 related to Omuhle Trading be written off.
- 44. That the Irregular expenditure of R 3 114 511.95 related OTS Electrical be written off.
- 45. That the Irregular expenditure of R 885 727.13 related to Picabiz be written off.
- 46. That the Irregular expenditure of R 1 095 031.05 related to Ringanani be written off.
- 47. That the Irregular expenditure of R 6 062 579.17 related to Rivisi Electrical be written off.
- 48. That the Irregular expenditure of R 2 166 370.00 related to RM Mashaba be written off.
- 49. That the Irregular expenditure of R 673 263.51 related to Semodi Trading be written off.

- 50. That the Irregular expenditure of R 911 273.60 related to Zerbacraft be written off.
- 51. That the Irregular expenditure of R 147 314 .95 related to Gumela General Trading be written-off.
- 52. That the Irregular expenditure of R 497 187 .30 related to Kedibone Construction be written-off.
- 53. That the irregular expenditure of R 152 111. 93 related to Khakhi Construction be written-off.
- 54. That the irregular expenditure of R 171 463.93 related to Kwanano Trading be written off.
- 55. That the irregular expenditure of R 129 280.88 related to Madumelani Construction be written-off.
- 56. That the irregular expenditure of R 70 920.77 related to Maleboti Construction be written-off.
- 57. That the irregular expenditure of R 29 870.02 related to MashP be written off.
- 58. That the irregular expenditure of R 79 788.18 related to Mmirwa be written off.
- 59. That the irregular expenditure of R 98 180.10 related to Moepeng Construction be written off.
- 60. That the irregular expenditure of R 77 036.06 related to Mosekgo Civils be written off.
- 61. That the irregular expenditure of R 176 322.27 related to Nhletelo & Ritswalo Projects be written off.
- 62. That the irregular expenditure of R 50 000.00 related to Ntivombango be written off.
- 63. That the irregular expenditure of R 393 577.01 related to Omphile Electrical be written off.
- 64. That the irregular expenditure of R 238 281. 00 related to Omuhle be written off.
- 65. That the irregular expenditure of R 336 517.62 related to OTS Electrical be written off.

- 66. That the irregular expenditure of R 49 235.81 related to PICABIZ be written off.
- 67. That the irregular expenditure of R 69 000.00 related to Power Tech Group be written off.
- 68. That the irregular expenditure of R 192 957. 82 related to Rei Plant Hire be written off.
- 69. That the irregular expenditure of R 125 871.60 related to Rem Mams be written off.
- 70. That the irregular expenditure of R 1 354 052.02 related to Rivisi Electrical be written off.
- 71. That the irregular expenditure of R 109 250.00 related to RM Mashaba be written off.
- 72. That the irregular expenditure of R 177 908.73 related to Semodi Trading be written off.
- 73. That the irregular expenditure of R 234 136.37 related to Theuwedi Trading Ent be written off.
- 74. That the irregular expenditure of R 3 775 600.53 related to Voltex be written off.
- 75. That the irregular expenditure of R 46 200.00 related to Vunene Mira be written off.
- 76. That the irregular expenditure of R 169 443.05 related to Zero Fake Enterprise be written off.

#### PANEL OF CONTRACTORS FOR CIVIL ENGINEERS SERVICES.

- 77. That the Irregular expenditure of R 2 248 627.57 related to Aspire Safety Consultants be written off.
- 78. That the Irregular expenditure of R 458 403.58 related Komhla / Xalamuka be written off.
- 79. That the Irregular expenditure of R 1 194 703.38 related to Mbhanga Trading be written off.
- 80. That the irregular expenditure of R 1 424 292.25 related to Tzaneen Afr Investment be written off.

- 81. That the irregular expenditure of R 607 845.15 related to MashP Trading be written off.
- 82. That the Irregular expenditure of R 721 989.55 related to Moepeng Trading be written off.
- 83. That the irregular expenditure of R 773 142 .70 related to Moepeng Trading be written off.
- 84. That the irregular expenditure of R 1 675 486.88 related to BM Mashaba be written off.
- 85. That the irregular expenditure of R 1 636 382.70 related to Thusanani be written off.
- 86. That the Irregular expenditure of R 714 746.27 related to Ndoni Projects be written off.
- 87. That the Irregular expenditure of R 735 573.35 related to Nkuriso Development projects be written off.
- 88. That the Irregular expenditure of R 842 911.39 related to Quality Plant Hire be written off.
- 89. That the Irregular expenditure of R 2 652 482.31 related to Bolombe Trading be written off.
- 90. That the Irregular expenditure of R 1 658 043.41 related to Mega Works Trading be written off.
- 91. That the Irregular expenditure of R 411 872.50 related to Quality Plant Hire be written off.
- 92. That the Irregular expenditure of R 1 510 189.21 related to RM Mashaba be written off.
- 93. That the Irregular expenditure of R 7 587 383.57 related to MOD Hope Properties be written off.
- 94. That the Irregular expenditure of R 283 296,80 related to Moepeng Trading Enterprise be written off.
- 95. That the Irregular expenditure of R 531 171.32 related to JTZ Family be written-off.

- 96. That the Irregular expenditure of R 4 302 967.75 *(2021/22)* R 7 849 985.96 *(2023/2024)* and R 5 974 574.96 *(2024/2025)* related to Molebogeng be written off.
- 97. That the Irregular expenditure of R 4 701 672.44 (2022/23) R 2 700 000 (2023/24) and R 1 350 000 (2024/24) be written off.

# **IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE 2022/23 (PREVIOUSLY NOT WRITTEN OFF)**

- 98. That irregular expenditure of R 391 883.43 related to Karibu Leisure Resort be written off.
- 99. That irregular expenditure related to Blyde Canyon Forever Resort be written off.
- 100. That irregular expenditure of R 50 498.80 related to Karibu Leisure Resort be written off.
- 101. That irregular expenditure of R 198 100.00 related to PG Industries be written off.
- That irregular expenditure of R 1 353 287.80 related to Karibu Leisure Resort be written off.
- 102. That irregular expenditure of R 567 387.00 related to Tshipise Forever Resort be written off.
- 103. That irregular expenditure of R 472 466.00 related to Karibu Leisure Resort be written off.
- 104. That irregular expenditure of R 203 463.00 related to CHM Vuwani be written off.
- 105. That irregular expenditure of R 4280.00 related to Ekhaya Travel Agency be written off.
- 106. That irregular expenditure of R 29 800.00 related to Zala Gusha Trading Enterprise be written off.
- 107. That irregular expenditure of R 11 702 373.76 *(2021/22)*, R 26 149 753.69 *(2022/23)* and R 2 252 842.05 *(2024/25)* related to Eternity Star Investment be written off.

- 108. That irregular expenditure of R 11 702 373.76 (2021/22), R 26 149 753.69 (2022/23) and R 2 252 842.06 (2024/25) related to Pharare to Moseanoka Road) be written off.
- 109. That irregular expenditure of R 314 640.00 related to Black Creed be written off.
- 110. That irregular expenditure of R 304 457.14 (2021/22) and R 713 115 (2022/23) related to Romeo First be written off.
- 111. That irregular expenditure of R 6 101 556.16 (2021/22) and R 4 037 303.45 related to Technicrete be written off.
- 112. That Irregular expenditure of R 413 597.70 and R 280 352.50 be written off.
- 113. That irregular expenditure of R 572 700 (2021/22) related to RM Mashaba Projects be written off.
- 114. That irregular expenditure of R 808 265.08 related to Sky High Consulting be written off.
- 115. That Irregular expenditure of R 768 292.99 related to Moseri interated be written off.
- 116. The Accounting Officer should institute consequence management to officials for noncompliance and transgression of regulatory requirements and to implement measures to avoid future occurrence.
- 117. The Council note some of the items which relate to financial losses have been referred to financial misconduct to the Disciplinary Board and the committee is still waiting for outcomes.

#### 5. Conclusions

The report confirms that the municipality did not incur any unauthorized expenditure for the year under review, however, instances of irregular, fruitless, and wasteful expenditures were identified. Management is therefore required to take appropriate steps to strengthen internal controls, prevent such expenditure from recurring and institutionalize policy position and compliance with SCM prescripts.

