

# **POLOKWANE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

## **OVERSIGHT REPORT – FOR THE 2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

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In accordance with Section 129 and Section 130 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, and in accordance with MFMA Circular No. 32, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) of Polokwane Municipality hereby presents its recommendations to Council.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

MPAC hereby recommends to Council:

1. MPAC, having fully considered the 2012-2013 Annual Report of Polokwane Municipality and its entity (Polokwane Housing Association) recommends to Council that the Annual Report be **APPROVED** with reservations pending comprehensive report from management explicate the submission from Limpopo Small Medium Micro Enterprises and Hawkers Association. A copy of the memo is attached as Annexure A.
2. MPAC expresses itself satisfied with the responses of the Accounting Officer to questions submitted by MPAC.
3. That the recommendations of MPAC as indicated in the oversight report be implemented.
4. That the 2013/14 Annual Report be submitted to MPAC within a week after consideration by Council to avoid any unnecessary delays.

### **MPAC DELIBERATIONS:**

In the performance of its mandate, MPAC held two meetings, as follows:

1. Public Meeting:

Section 160(7) of the Constitution provides that a municipal council must conduct its business in an open manner, and may close its sittings, or those of its committees, only when it is reasonable to do so having regard to the nature of the business being transacted. As a principle, the meetings of the MPAC should be open to the public and the rules and procedures of the committee should specify in which instances the meeting can be closed to the public.

In accordance with Sections 129 and 130 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, and MFMA Circular No. 32, MPAC held a meeting open to the public on May 13, 2014.

As required by legislation, notice of the meeting was provided as follows:

- Notice of the meeting was provided to the Accounting Officer on April 24, 2014. A copy of the memo is attached as Annexure 'B'
- Notice of the meeting was posted on the municipal website and in all public building on May 09, 2014. A copy of the notice is attached as Annexure 'C'.

Invitations were sent to the following stakeholders: A copy of the invitation is attached as Annexure 'D'

- Ward Committee members
- Business people
- NGO's
- Traditional Leaders
- Councilors
- Audit Committee
- Auditor-General
- Limpopo Legislature (Office of the Speaker)
- Limpopo Provincial Treasury
- Limpopo Department of Co-Operative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs

The public meeting was duly held on May 13, 2014, at 10:00 in the Jack Botes Hall. The Executive Management and Members of the Mayoral Committee were present and responded to questions from the community. A copy of the attendance is attached as Annexure 'E'

MPAC subjected the process to broad based consultations (Public Participation) within extensive grassroots stakeholder reach, such as setting up the Public Participation Meeting and the Internal Hearing where people could learn about the roles and responsibility of MPAC in a transparent pattern

During discussions MPAC noted that the majority of our community members confuse the Annual Report consultative meetings to be IDP. This matter remains a serious outcry; our communities must be capacitated on that area. A copy of the minutes is attached as Annexure 'F'

## 2. Internal Hearing

In accordance with Sections 129 and 130 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, and MFMA Circular No. 32, MPAC held internal hearing on May 19, 2014.

As required by legislation, notice of the meeting was provided as follows:

- Notice of the meeting was provided to the Accounting Officer on May 09, 2014. A copy of the memo is attached as Annexure 'G'
- Notice of the meeting was posted on the municipal website and in all public building on May 09, 2014. A copy of the notice is attached as Annexure 'C'

Invitations were sent to the following stakeholders: A copy of the invitations is attached as Annexure 'H'

- Ward Committee members
- Councilors
- Audit Committee
- Auditor-General
- Limpopo Legislature
- Limpopo Provincial Treasury
- Limpopo Department of Co-Operative Governance, Human Settlements, and Traditional Affairs

The Internal Hearing was duly held on May 19, 2014, at 10:00 in the New Council Chamber. A copy of the attendance register is attached as Annexure 'I'

MPAC received the submission from Limpopo Small Medium Micro Enterprises and Hawkers Association. A copy of the memo is attached as Annexure 'A'

The Accounting Officer responded to questions from members of MPAC. The Accounting Officer was given a list of questions from MPAC in advance of the meeting. This document, together with the responses of the Accounting Officer, is attached as Annexure 'J'

#### **MPAC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

MPAC wishes to acknowledge the contributions to the oversight process from the following stakeholders:

The PMT, Mayoral Committee, and Polokwane Council  
 Audit Committee  
 Auditor –General  
 Limpopo Provincial Treasury  
 Limpopo Legislature  
 Limpopo Department of Co-Operative Governance, Human Settlement, and  
 Traditional Affairs  
 Members of the public of Polokwane Municipality

Respectfully submitted:

Councillor T. J. Mogale, Chairperson, MPAC