

NAMAKWA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
(MPAC)

OVERSIGHT REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORT
2017/2018

Foreword by Municipal Public Accounts Chairperson, Cllr Estella Cloete.

Madame Speaker
Executive Mayor
Councilors
Officials and Guest

"I love the man who can smile in trouble that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. This is the business of little minds to shrink, but he who's heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles." Thomas Paine

In accordance with the provision of Section 79 (1) (a) (b) and (c) of the Municipal Structures Act 1998 a Municipality may establish one or more committees necessary for the effective and efficient performance of any of its functions or to exercise of any of its powers and appoint the members of such committee from among its members. Furthermore Section 79 (2) of the Municipal Structures Act 1998, provides the framework and guidelines within which such committees of council shall operate.

During the 2009 Association of Public Accounts Committee (APAC) Conference of which the Chairperson Cllr Estella Cloete is a member, a resolution was taken stating that the Conference supports the establishment of Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPAC's) in each municipality in the country as part of improving financial management and accountability at local level.

Thus in order to enhance and consolidate the oversight role of Council over the executive, the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs having consulted the National Treasury and SALGA , has instructed that all Municipalities establish MPAC's. The focus of the MPAC will be to assist Council to hold the executive account and to ensure the effective and efficient use of municipal resources.

1. Municipal Public Accounts Committee

An MPAC Committee was established by Council resolution URN05/06/2018 on 27 June 2018 in terms of section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998.

The Committee consist of:

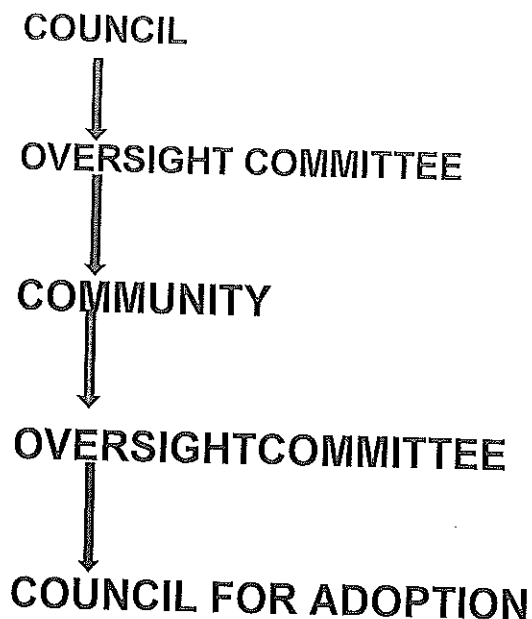
Cllr EP Cloete - Chairperson
Cllr G Gous - Member
Cllr G Coetzee - Member

The MPAC met on 23 January 2019 to work through its checklist and to compile the Oversight Report on the Annual Report 2017/2018 to Council.

2. Oversight and Processes

Section 129 of the MFMA requires Council to consider the Annual Report and to adopt an Oversight Report containing the Committees comments.

3. Accountability framework for Local Government



4. Community Participation Process

The purpose of the Annual Report was to make it public and inform our communities about the purpose of the report itself, and seek for inputs and comments from the community side.

The Annual Report was published in the local papers as well as the website of the Municipality for comments.

5. Function of the Oversight Committee

One of the functions of such a committee is to undertake a review and analysis the Annual Report.

Invite, receive and consider inputs from councilors and portfolio committees, on the Annual Report.

Receive and consider reviews and comments of the Council Audit Committee on the Annual Financial Statements and the performance report.

Prepare the draft Oversight Report taking into consideration the views and inputs of the representatives of the Auditor General, Organs of State, Councils Audit Committee and Councilors.

6. Summary of Representation received from bodies/individuals

Auditor General's Representation

- Achievement of the planned targets for the year
- Procurement and contract Management
- Human resource management
- Expenditure management
- Financial Statements and reports

7. Conclusion

This report would not have been completed without the support of the various stakeholders. Allow me to extend appreciation to the offices of the Executive Mayor, Speaker, Municipal Manager,

Auditor General and the Councillors for their role in the oversight of the Annual Report.

This committee is great full for the opportunity to contribute towards the service delivery of Namakwa District Municipality. The MPAC remains a functional committee and still endeavors to have a positive influence on audit outcomes. The financial oversight remain a priority in Local Government and therefore MPAC give its fully support towards it.

8. Recommendation to Council

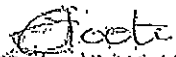
MPAC recommends that reasonable steps be taken to prevent UIF & W expenditure.

MPAC recommends that the Municipality ensures that the Supply Chain Unit is strengthen to overcome findings raised by the Auditor General.


That the Oversight Report be submitted to Provincial Legislature in accordance with Section 132 (2) of the Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003.

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the Annual Report 2017/2018 as been presented to Council.

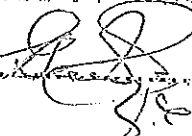
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