

Elundini Municipality

Audit Report

For the year ended 30 June 2013

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL TO THE EASTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNCIL OF ELUNDINI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

1. I have audited the financial statements of the Elundini Local Municipality set out on pages ... to ... , which statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in net assets and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Accounting officer's responsibility for the financial statements

2. The accounting officer is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with South African Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (SA Standards of GRAP) and the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act of South Africa, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA) and Division of Revenue Act of South Africa, 2010 (Act No. 5 of 2012 as amended) (DoRA), and for such internal control as the accounting officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor-General's responsibility

3. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with the Public Audit Act of South Africa, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2001) (PAA), the *General Notice* issued in terms thereof and International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.
4. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.
5. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

6. In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Elundini Local Municipality as at 30 June 2013, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with GRAP and the requirements of the MFMA and DoRA.

Emphasis of matter

7. I draw attention to the matter below. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Restatement of corresponding figures

8. As disclosed in note 38 to the financial statements, the corresponding figures which relate to the year ended 30 June 2012 have been restated as a result of errors discovered during the current financial year.

Additional matter

9. I draw attention to the matter below. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Unaudited supplementary schedules

10. The supplementary information set out on pages XX and XX does not form part of the financial statements and is presented as additional information. I have not audited these schedules and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion thereon.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

11. In accordance with the PAA and the *General Notice* issued in terms thereof, I report the following findings relevant to performance against predetermined objectives, compliance with laws and regulations and internal control, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion.

Predetermined objectives

12. I performed procedures to obtain evidence about the usefulness and reliability of the information in the annual performance report as set out on pages ... to ... of the annual report.

13. The reported performance against predetermined objectives was evaluated against the overall criteria of usefulness and reliability. The usefulness of information in the annual performance report relates to whether it is presented in accordance with the National Treasury annual reporting principles and whether the reported performance is consistent with the planned development priorities. The usefulness of information further relates to whether indicators and targets are measurable (i.e. well defined, verifiable, specific, measurable and time bound) and relevant as required by the *National Treasury Framework for managing programme performance information*.

The reliability of the information in respect of the selected development priorities is assessed to determine whether it adequately reflects the facts (i.e. whether it is valid, accurate and complete).

14. There were no material findings on the annual performance report concerning the usefulness and reliability of the information.

Additional matters

15. Although no material findings concerning the usefulness and reliability of the performance information were identified in the annual performance report, I draw attention to the following matters below. These matters do not have an impact on the predetermined objectives audit findings reported above.

Achievement of planned targets

16. Of the total number of 102 targets planned for the year, 28 of targets were not achieved during the year under review. This represents 27% (>20%) of total planned targets that were not achieved during the year under review

Material adjustments to the annual performance report

17. Material audit adjustments in the annual performance report were identified during the audit, of which all were corrected by management and those that were not corrected have been reported on accordingly.

Compliance with laws and regulations

18. I performed procedures to obtain evidence that the entity has complied with applicable laws and regulations regarding financial matters, financial management and other related matters. My findings on material non-compliance with specific matters in key applicable laws and regulations as set out in the *General Notice* issued in terms of the PAA are as follows:

Expenditure management

19. Reasonable steps were not taken to prevent unauthorised expenditure, as required by section 62(1)(d) of the MFMA.

Internal control

20. I considered internal control relevant to my audit of the financial statements, the annual performance report and compliance with laws and regulations.

Leadership

21. The accounting officer and the audit committee reviewed the financial statements and the report on predetermined objectives prior to their submission for audit purposes. Oversight responsibilities were sufficiently discharged but actions can still be improved with regard to the accuracy of the annual performance report. The municipality implemented an action plan to address internal control deficiencies and significant improvements have been noted in the overall number of audit findings in the current year. However, additional enforcement needs to be placed on compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

Financial and performance management

22. The financial statements submitted for audit purposes were free from material misstatements. Management needs to enforce monitoring controls over financial and performance management in order to prevent occurrence of unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure in future.
23. The annual performance report of the municipality did contain material findings. All the findings were corrected by the municipality.

Governance

24. The municipality's risk management committee, internal audit and audit committee have effectively carried out their duties.

Auditor - General.

East London

29 November 2013



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