

"1. MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC) OVERSIGHT REPORT FOR 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

(15/1/8/1/1)

Office of the Speaker

RESOLVED

THAT the MPAC Oversight Report on the 2019/2020 Annual Report be hereby approved with the following reservations:

1. THAT Management must develop an Asset Management Policy that will be able to monitor the reporting of damage, theft, insurance claims and similar occurrences.
2. THAT the Accounting Officer, through Council, must ensure that there is comprehensive implementation of the Action Plans in order to avoid re-occurrences of non-compliance on the issues raised by the office of the Auditor General in previous reports;
3. THAT the Audit Committee be hereby delegated to formally present its intervention report to Council on a quarterly basis, and to advise Council on potential risks and procedures to avoid such.
4. THAT it be noted that the reports on the misconduct with regards to financial misappropriation, such as fraud and corruption, should have consequence management and money lost must be recouped from the responsible party. It is therefore imperative that all matters relating to financial misconduct must be referred by the Accounting Officer, forthwith on becoming aware thereof, to the Financial Misconduct Disciplinary Board and any other relevant authorities (internal and external) for investigation and disciplinary recommendations.
5. THAT due diligence, vetting and rigorous authentication of purported qualifications and any other employment documentation be conducted prior to commencement of duties when recruiting new employees.
6. THAT the Accounting Officer takes effective and appropriate steps to prevent unauthorized, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure and losses, and to implement consequence management where appropriate or applicable.
7. THAT Council must make suitable financial determinations to recoup salaries paid in excess to Senior Managers and a monthly report/statement must be submitted to MPAC through the office of the Speaker and Council by the Accounting Officer.
8. THAT the COVID 19 non-compliance with Circular 102 related expenditure, which resulted in irregular expenditure of R1,373,173.75, be recouped by Council through the Accounting Officer and that appropriate consequence management must take effect as soon as possible.
9. THAT the Finance Department, and more particularly the Supply Chain Department, must circumvent unnecessary deviations, comply with the Municipal Financial Management Act prescriptions in the context of competitive bids advertising, Government Supplier Database Compliance and quality assurance must be done on all appointed service providers.
10. That an investigation be launched to establish whether the amount of R324,200.00 can be legally recouped from the estate of the late municipal manager and, if so, the necessary arrangements be made by the Accounting officer, in accordance with an appropriate Council resolution."

