SUBJECT	ITEM NO.
TABLING OF THE MPAC OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT	

TO : **COUNCIL**

DEPARTMENT : **OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**

AUTHOR : **CLLR. J.A. VALLAN (CHAIRPERSON: MPAC)**

DATE : **25 MARCH 2026**

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1. FOREWORD BY THE MPAC CHAIRPERSON:

It is my privilege to table before Council the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) Oversight Report on the 2024/2025 Consolidated Annual Report of iLembe District Municipality and Enterprise iLembe.

This report reflects MPAC's independent and objective assessment of the credibility of the Annual Report, the reliability of performance information, the integrity of financial management, and the effectiveness of service delivery. The process was undertaken with full commitment to transparency, accountability, and strengthening public trust in our institution.

2. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:

The Annual Report is a key accountability document that allows Council to assess the performance of the Executive and Administration against the Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP), Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and legislated financial responsibilities.

In line with the requirements of Sections 121-129 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), the Annual Report was tabled, made public, and referred to MPAC for oversight.

The purpose of this Council Item is to present the MPAC Oversight Report on the 2024/2025 Consolidated Annual Report to Council and to request Council to:

- Consider and adopt the Oversight Report in terms of Section 129(1) of the MFMA.

- Resolve whether the Annual Report is approved with or without reservations.

- Comply with all legislative requirements regarding publication and submission.

3. BACKGROUND

The 2024/2025 Consolidated Annual Report was tabled before Council on 28 January 2026. In accordance with statutory requirements, Council referred the report to MPAC to:

- Review the completeness, credibility, and compliance of the report

- Facilitate public participation processes

- Consider submissions from stakeholders

- Analyse performance, financial, and governance information

- Prepare an Oversight Report for Council

4. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

This report and the associated processes comply with:

- MFMA Sections 121–129 (Annual Reports, tabling, public participation, oversight reporting)

- Municipal Systems Act (MSA), Section 46 & Chapter 4 (Performance reporting & community participation)

- MFMA Circular 63 (Oversight Report Format)

- MFMA Circular 11 (Reporting on conditional grants, backlogs & ICT systems)

5. COMPOSITION OF MPAC

MPAC is appointed in terms of Section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, is non-executive in character, and functions independently of the Executive Committee.

The members of the Committee are:

- Cllr JA Vallan (Chairperson)
- Cllr MC Mkhaliphi
- Cllr S Ndlovu
- Cllr SM SSPP Cele
- Cllr SZ NO Dladla
- Municipal Manager
- Heads of Departments
- CEO: Enterprise iLembe
- Finance Managers

6. OVERSIGHT PROCESS & METHODOLOGY

6.1 DISTRIBUTION, MEETINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

All MFMA-mandated distribution steps were completed, including submission to the Auditor General, Internal Audit, KZN CoGTA, and the Provincial Legislature, as confirmed in the distribution schedule within the Annual Report.

Tabulated below are the activities that were undertaken:

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6.2 DOCUMENT REVIEW

MPAC reviewed the following documents:

- The 2024/2025 Consolidated Annual Report

- Internal Audit Reports
- Audit Committee Reports
- Auditor-General Management Report
- Management responses
- Public submissions
- Political party submissions

7. COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT / STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

MPAC confirms that the following statutory actions were completed:

- Annual Report tabled on time (MFMA s127)
- Annual Report made public (s127)
- Submissions invited (s127(5))
- Public participation conducted
- Annual Report referred to MPAC (Council resolution)
- MPAC Oversight Report prepared within legislated timelines

8. OBSERVATIONS / FINDINGS

Key consolidated MPAC observations include:

- Persistent high-water losses, infrastructure backlog, and ageing systems
- Heavy dependence on water tankers
- Revenue collection weaknesses and growing debtor book
- Under-expenditure in conditional grants
- Recurring audit findings, especially in SCM and reporting

- Weak internal controls and incomplete documentation
- Inconsistent compliance with policies and legislation
- Gaps in project planning and monitoring

9. CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED:

- Recurring Auditor-General findings
- Weak SCM governance and contract management
- Ineffective consequence management
- Insufficient performance-evidence record-keeping
- Revenue instability and cash-flow pressures
- Delayed infrastructure rehabilitation
- Illegal water connections and NRW levels
- Slow implementation of Audit Action Plans
- Dependency on emergency measures (tankers)
- ICT and performance-reporting system gaps

10. SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT HAS COMMITTED TO:

- Plumbers will be dispatched based on logged faults and follow-up inspections will be conducted where leaks persist.
- Dedicated tanker fleets have been assigned per ward, and schedules will be communicated through Ward Councillors.
- Bulk infrastructure upgrades (e.g., Mvoti Water Works) are underway with planned phased completion.
- Illegal connections will be addressed under the Thuma Mina Programme.

- Desludging is constrained by budget limitations but is implemented on a rotational basis across affected wards.

- Sewer reticulation for RDP areas falls under local municipalities and will be planned for future IDP cycles.

- Vula-Vala and tanker schedules will be updated regularly to improve communication.

- iLembe requests earlier notice (one week in advance) for community meetings to ensure adequate representation.

- Internal Audit will conduct quarterly pre-submission performance reviews to strengthen reliability of reported data.

- A strengthened Audit Action Plan is in effect, monitored monthly by Internal Audit, EXCO, and Council.

- Disciplinary processes have commenced for officials implicated in repeat audit findings.

- Multidisciplinary technical task teams meet fortnightly to unblock designs, procurement delays, and contractor performance problems.

- SCM policy is being reviewed to tighten deviation controls and improve fairness and transparency.

- Contract management tools (penalties, checklists, milestone monitoring) have been strengthened.

- Cash-flow stability is being managed through rolling forecasts and alignment of payments with grant receipts.

- Indigent register audits are being conducted to reduce revenue leakages and secure funding eligibility.

- Smart-meter and prepaid meter pilots are being explored to reduce tampering and improve billing accuracy.

- Legislative functions, revenue trends, and ICT system details will be included in the final Annual Report.

- Declarations of interest remain an area of partial compliance, but notices have been issued.

- Errors identified by Internal Audit (incorrect dates, wording issues, alignment problems) have been corrected.

11. ANALYSIS OF THE ANNUAL REPORT BY MPAC

- In terms of the report from the Auditor-General, high water losses remain a repeat finding. This requires the urgent development of a new turnaround strategy with clear KPIs, timelines, and responsibilities to mitigate this risk. As part of continuous monitoring and evaluation, monthly and quarterly progress reports must be submitted to oversight structures (i.e., EXCO, MPAC, Audit Committee, etc.) for ultimate submission to Council.

- Water tankers continue to consume a significant portion of the municipal budget. This calls for the development of a strategic framework supported by a clear and realistic action plan to ensure that water tankers are not utilised as a primary source of water supply, but rather as an emergency fallback. The expected outcome is improved budget monitoring, with savings redirected to impactful water-infrastructure projects.

- The repeat finding of declining revenue collection remains a serious concern. New and effective strategies must be implemented, as the current strategies have not produced positive results.

- During the period under review, management did not implement proper and timely record keeping, resulting in incomplete or inaccurate information that does not sufficiently support financial performance across departments.

- All outstanding policies must be urgently adopted and effectively communicated to staff. Continuous monitoring and evaluation should be prioritised to ensure consistent compliance and improvement.

- To address challenges relating to billing and bad debt, the municipality must exercise strict due diligence when investigating, verifying, and recovering outstanding payments deemed uncollectable. This process requires a thorough examination of debtor information, contractual agreements, and the legal standing of debts to maximise recovery while ensuring compliance with legal standards.

- Current budget projections are unrealistic. This requires a review of underlying assumptions, supported by the involvement of all municipal departments, to ensure credible and realistic forecasting. If implemented correctly, this process will result in improved cash flow for iLembe District.

- Illegal water connections continue to affect various areas of the district. Recommended actions include conducting audits of water connections, enforcing legal reconnections, regularising illegal connections where appropriate, and continuing the implementation of Masakhane/Thuma Mina campaigns to discourage illegal connections while promoting payment.

- The municipality is commended for achieving 97% of its set risk-management targets. To ensure continued risk aversion, outstanding mitigation actions must include reviewing the risk register, implementing mitigation plans, and monitoring action plans monthly and quarterly.

- Regarding employee declarations of interest, MPAC concurs with the Auditor-General on the need for full accountability and consequence management for non-compliance. Continuous non-compliance with the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Employees (as per the Municipal Systems Act) remains concerning. Matters falling under the Speaker and the Accounting Officer must be enforced without exception.

- Effluent quality that does not meet South African standards must be urgently addressed, as it directly affects the community. Council must exercise its oversight role, while officials implement measures such as treatment-plant upgrades, regular testing, and staff training to ensure compliance with national standards.

- Delays in defending legal disputes pose significant risks and often result in default judgments against the municipality. Recommended mitigation measures include prioritising legal cases, monitoring progress regularly, allocating legal resources efficiently, and finalising the appointment of the Manager: Legal.

- To address inadequate 48-hour water-storage capacity, the municipality must assess current storage needs. Based on the assessment, necessary upgrades must be undertaken while monitoring water-supply continuity.

- The Automated Leave Management System (ESS) must be optimally utilised to ensure that all leave taken by employees is processed and approved according to delegated authority. Leave approvals should be monitored monthly, with consequence management applied for non-adherence.

- Non-compliance with SCM prescripts during procurement remains a serious concern. MPAC recommends ongoing SCM training, compliance audits, strict adherence to SCM regulations and SOPs, and implementation of consequence management for all non-compliance.

- Implementation of a contract-management monitoring system is essential to resolve recurring contract-management deficiencies, including timeous contract termination. The SCM Unit must be further capacitated by appointing personnel dedicated to contract management.

- Bid Committees must meet regularly in accordance with the annual procurement plan adopted by Council. Adherence is essential to avoid irregular and unauthorised expenditure and ensure efficient processing of reports.

- The Auditor-General identified R37 million in irregular expenditure, which must be tabled to Council timeously in accordance with the MFMA. The municipality must take action against officials who failed to take reasonable steps to prevent irregular expenditure. Council must thoroughly examine the factors contributing to irregular expenditure and implement measures to mitigate this risk going forward.

- A repeat finding concerns the procurement of goods and services without inviting proper bids, in contravention of SCM regulations. Corrective actions include implementing consequence management, strengthening oversight and internal controls, enhancing monitoring mechanisms, training officials, and improving planning controls.

- The Auditor-General expressed concern regarding inadequate oversight by the Accounting Officer and Senior Managers, which has resulted in ineffective monitoring controls and unreliable financial-performance reporting.

- MPAC notes with concern a repeat material finding in performance reporting, stemming from internal-control deficiencies. Strengthening internal review processes and ensuring accuracy and reliability of performance data is critical.

- The municipality must develop a compliant Consolidated Audit Action Plan detailing all required audit responses, with clear monitoring responsibilities.

- MPAC noted significant findings relating to Enterprise iLembe, including poor record keeping and SCM non-compliance. The entity is expected to demonstrate commitment to consequence management.

- Enterprise iLembe's annual performance report lacked clear and well-defined KPIs. MPAC further notes that both iLembe District and Enterprise iLembe did not achieve certain SDBIP targets. Recommended actions include strengthening the performance-management framework, improving KPI definition, and ensuring quarterly monitoring of progress.

- To address inaccuracies in cash-flow reporting, the municipality must implement proper cash-flow-monitoring mechanisms, adjust payment schedules, and optimise revenue collection.

- The municipality must develop a clear strategy to ensure timeous and seamless information flow from all departments to oversight structures. This strategy should promote accountability, simplicity, and the use of appropriate tools. The Accounting Officer must lead this process with continuous Council oversight.

- The Auditor-General has repeatedly raised concerns regarding non-compliant Annual Financial Statements (AFS) that lack sufficient information. This indicates weak internal controls, inadequate supporting documents, and poor compliance with financial regulations. Corrective interventions include strengthened review processes, improved documentation systems, capacity building, and strict adherence to financial-management frameworks.

- Under-expenditure of conditional grants remains a concern, with negative implications for service delivery and MFMA compliance. A targeted recovery strategy must be implemented, focusing on readiness assessments, ensuring design and documentation completeness, and finalising procurement plans before the start of each financial year, with weekly monitoring thereafter.

- To address insufficient evidence in reference checks for new appointments, the municipality must develop a transparent and auditable reference-check system. This requires mandatory verification standards, improved documentation, strengthened oversight, and mitigation measures for identified risks.

- Vacancies across critical departments pose a significant institutional and service-delivery risk. These vacancies must be filled urgently to strengthen operational capacity, improve compliance, enhance reporting, and ensure effective delivery of core municipal functions.

- MPAC further notes poor performance in the Finance and Corporate Services departments across several key areas. These include weaknesses in financial reporting, delays in processing critical submissions, inconsistent compliance with internal controls, inadequate document management, and shortcomings in administrative support functions that impact governance and service delivery. These deficiencies require targeted turnaround interventions and strengthened departmental oversight.

12. CONCLUSION

The MPAC Oversight Report confirms that while progress has been made in some areas, significant systemic and structural issues require urgent and sustained attention. If implemented fully, the recommendations in this report will strengthen institutional performance, improve service reliability, and move the municipality closer toward achieving a clean audit and financial sustainability.

MPAC remains committed to ensuring transparent, accountable, and ethical municipal governance.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

MPAC recommends that Council RESOLVES:

(a) That Council adopts the 2024/2025 MPAC Oversight Report in terms of MFMA Section 129(1) without reservation.

(b) That the Oversight Report be made public in accordance with MFMA Section 129(3).

(c) That the Oversight Report be submitted to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature (s132).

(d) That the Accounting Officer implements all MPAC recommendations, including:

- Strengthening financial controls and SCM compliance
- Implementing a water-loss turnaround strategy
- Enhancing performance-information management
- Improving project planning and grant utilisation
- Accelerating consequence management
- Developing a comprehensive Water Services Turnaround Strategy

(e) That quarterly progress reports on these interventions be submitted to MPAC and Council.

SUBMITTED BY:

J. Vallan

CLLR. J.A. VALLAN

CHAIRPERSON: MPAC

25-03-26

DATE

ANNEXURES

- Annexure A: Oversight Report

MPAC OVERSIGHT REPORT

ON THE CONSOLIDATED ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

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1. INTRODUCTION

Section 129 (1) (2a) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) assigns specific oversight responsibilities to Council with regards to the Annual Report and the preparation of an Oversight Report. Given the processes required by Council to effectively undertake its oversight role, the establishment of Oversight Committee of council would then provide the appropriate mechanism in which Council could fulfil its oversight responsibilities. The Oversight Committee's primary role will be to consider the Annual Report, receive input from the various role players and to prepare an Oversight Report for consideration by Council.

2. BACKGROUND

The oversight role of Council is an important component of the financial reforms, and it is achieved through the separation of roles and responsibilities between Council, the Executive (Mayor and Executive Committee) and Administration. Good governance, effective accountability and oversight can only be achieved if there is a clear distinction between functions performed by the different role players.

Non-executive Councillors are required to maintain oversight on the performance of specific responsibilities and delegated powers that they have given to the Executive (Mayor/Executive Committee). In other words, in exchange for the powers in which Council have delegated to the Executive, Council retains a monitoring and oversight role ensuring that there is accountability for the performance or non-performance of the municipality.

The Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003 (MFMA) vests in Council specific powers of approval and oversight:

- APPROVAL OF BUDGETS
- APPROVAL OF BUDGET RELATED POLICIES AND
- REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ADOPTION OF THE OVERSIGHT REPORT.

The Council is vested with a responsibility to oversee the performance of iLembe District Municipality as required by the Constitution, Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003 (MFMA) and the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000 (MSA). The oversight responsibility for Council is key when considering the Annual Report.

Both the MFMA and MSA recognize the Council as a critical role player to ensure that all Municipal Departments perform according to what has been planned in the SDBIP. There is a critical linkage between the strategic goals set by Council in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which is translated into budget and the delivery of those goals through the Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan which is reported in the Annual Report. It is essential that the Council ensures the budget gives effect to priorities as contained in the IDP. A good budget will form the basis of a better oversight and the fulfilment of a contract between the Executive/Council, the administration and the public.

The MFMA gives effect to financial management reforms that place a greater emphasis on service delivery responsibilities to Managers and make them more accountable for their own performance. Whilst it is the responsibility of the Mayor and the Executive Committee to resolve any performance failures, the Council is also vested with powers and responsibility to oversee both the Executive and Administration.

Oversight occurs at various levels in the municipality and is clearly explained on the table below:

HIERARCHY	RESPONSIBLE FOR	OVERSIGHT OVER	ACCOUNTABLE TO
Council	Approving policy and budget	Mayor or Executive Committee	Community
Mayor or Executive Committee	Policy, Budget, and Outcomes	Municipal Manager	Council
Municipal Manager	Outputs and Implementation	Administration	Mayor or Executive Committee
Chief Financial Officer and Senior Managers	Outputs and Implementation	Financial Management and Operational functions	Municipal Manager

3. THE FUNCTIONS OF MPAC (OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE)

The Functions of the Oversight Committee are to:

- Undertake a review and analysis of the Annual Report going forward;
- Invite, receive and consider inputs from Councillors and Portfolio Committee on the Annual Report;
- Conduct Public hearing(s) to allow the local community or any organs of the state to make representations on the Annual Report;
- Receive and consider Council's Audit Committee views and comments on the Annual Financial Statements and Performance Report;
- Prepare Oversight Report taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public representative(s) of the Auditor General, Organs of State, Councils, Audit Committee and Councillors;
- Consider written comments received on the Annual Report from the public consultation process;
- Preparation of the draft Oversight Report, taking into consideration, the views and inputs of the public, representatives of the Auditor General, organs of state, Council's Audit Committee and Councillors.

The Oversight Report is the final major step in the annual reporting process of the municipality. Section 129 of the MFMA requires Council to consider the annual report of its municipality and municipal entities and to adopt an oversight report containing the Council's comments on the Annual Report, which must include a statement whether the Council:

- Has approved the Annual Report with or without reservations;
- Has rejected the Annual Report; or
- Has referred the annual report back for revision of those components that can be revised.

The oversight report is thus clearly distinguished from the annual report. The annual report is submitted to the council by the accounting officer and the mayor and is part of the process for discharging accountability by the executive and administration for their performance in achieving the goals set by council. The Oversight Report is a report of the municipal council and follows consideration and consultation on the annual report by the council itself. Thus, the full accountability cycle is completed, and the separation of powers is preserved to promote effective governance and accountability.

4. COMPOSITION OF OVERSIGHT COMMITEE

4.1 MEMBERSHIP

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) is a committee of Council established under section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act, 1998. Section 79 allows for the co-option of advisory members to a Committee of Council, who are not members of the Council. Due to the separation of roles and responsibilities, between Council and the Mayor and Executive Committee it is not appropriate that members of the Executive Committee be members of the MPAC, also referred to as Oversight Committee. The sole function of the Oversight Committee can be performed by MPAC.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEES (MPAC) MEMBERS:

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4.2 AUTHORITY & POWERS

The Oversight Committee is delegated the responsibility to conduct meetings and to hold public hearings to receive and hear public submissions on the Annual Report, on behalf of Council. Timely notice of all meetings should be given, and all meetings held by the Oversight Committee must be open to the public and minutes of the meetings must be submitted to Council.

4.3 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Thursday, 05 March 2026	KwaDukuza Town Hall	09:00
Thursday, 19 March 2026	iLembe House	13:00
Wednesday, 25 March 2026	iLembe House	10:00

5. DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

In ensuring that the 2024/2025 Annual Report is adequately distributed to all relevant internal and external stakeholders, the table below depicts the sequence of how the document was distributed to different stakeholders:

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6. REVISIONS RECEIVED ON THE ANNUAL REPORT POST TABLING

CHAPTER	PAGES	QUERY	IDM COMMENT	ACTION
N/A	2	• The content page of the Draft Annual Report is incomplete, please complete it and double check the page numbers for reference	The report was not combined hence, the page numbers were incomplete.	Query was resolved before the report was tabled to council meeting
Volume II	Report was sent at an annexure.	• The Consolidated AFS included in the Annual report are not the audited version. • The financial statements state “unaudited” instead of audited	Unaudited annual report were mistakenly attached	Query was resolved before the report was tabled to council meeting

7. **SUBMISSIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DURING THE MPAC 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT OVERSIGHT MEETING HELD AT THE KWADUKUZA TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, 05 MARCH 2026 AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES**

NAME & SURNAME	MUNICIPALITY	WARD	COMMENT	MANAGEMENT RESPONSE
Sifiso Mlambo	KwaDukuza Municipality	07	• Sifiso Mlambo thanked the District for the SRBWSS project, noting that it will help restore dignity. • He requested that yard connections be provided. • He also asked that presentations be compiled into reference packs.	• Currently, the Municipality is implementing bulk sewer pipelines, while the bulk water pipeline project is still in the planning phase. Reticulation and yard connections will be implemented in future phases.
Nhlanhla Mazibuko	KwaDukuza Municipality	26	• Nhlanhla Mazibuko noted that NRW levels are too high and reported that water leaks in Ntshawini are not being attended to; he requested that a plumber be allocated. • He raised concern that iLembe does not participate in public meetings and war rooms. • He also stated that a recent water shutdown was not communicated adequately to the community.	• The Municipality will provide the contact details of a responsible person who can meet our Operations team on site to point out the leaks. Alternatively, a list of areas with leaks may be forwarded to the Call Centre, after which plumbers will be allocated to repair them. • The Municipality requests that invitations to public meetings be communicated at least one week in advance, to allow sufficient time for management to delegate appropriate personnel.

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				• Shutdown communication is issued timeously and circulated across all official communication and media platforms.
Moses Ndwandwe	KwaDukuza Municipality	21	• Moses Ndwandwe expressed appreciation for the iLembe platform. • He noted that in Sinqobile, the District Municipality had promised a dedicated water tanker, but this has not been fulfilled. • He highlighted that 25 standpipes are servicing more than 5,000 people, creating strain on access. • He requested that plastic standpipes be replaced with concrete ones, as plastic standpipes break easily and limit water access. • He reported that in Sinqobile the tanker has not been seen for three months, resulting in people drinking dirty water, and asked that the tanker roster be adjusted to accommodate working residents.	• There is a dedicated water tanker assigned to supply the entire ward, and distribution within the ward is coordinated by the Ward Committee and the Ward Councillor. • The KDM Housing Project will include the installation of reticulation infrastructure to service the RDP houses once implemented. • Community members are encouraged to communicate with the Ward Councillor and the Ward Committee regarding the scheduling and distribution of water by the tanker. • All damaged infrastructure should be reported to the Municipality so that appropriate repairs can be actioned. • The Municipality requests that invitations to public meetings be communicated at least one week in advance to allow adequate time for

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			• He raised concern that farmers are damaging infrastructure without consequence. • He also requested that iLembe attend public meetings.	management to allocate and delegate the appropriate personnel.
Lindani Mnqayi	KwaDukuza Municipality	14	• Lindani Mnqayi noted that iLembe's participation in IDP meetings is inconsistent and emphasized that the institution needs to be more present in communities. • He stated that the community requires a sewer system. • He requested that iLembe review and improve its turnaround times. • He raised concern that Vula-Vala is unclear in its implementation, calling for clear communication and a structured programme. • He reported that water tanks are becoming a challenge, with the contractor no longer working due to non-payment, and stressed the need for a Plan B.	• Provision of sewer reticulation in the Shombela Townships is not yet included in the current IDP; however, it will be considered for inclusion in future planning cycles. • The Municipality will continuously provide updated Vula-Vala schedules for Wards 14, 15, 24, and 26 to improve transparency and predictability for residents. • The non-payment issue has been resolved, ensuring continuity of services previously affected by contractor constraints. • Progress on the Mvoti Water Works upgrade is currently at approximately 40% completion, and by July 2026, the plant is expected to be partially functional, albeit at a reduced volume during the initial operational phase.

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			• He also asked for an update on the progress of the Mvoti Water Treatment Works.	
Phelelani Bhodoza	KwaDukuza Municipality	29	• Phelelani Bhodoza noted that during an iLembe recruitment process, community members were given Section 56 application forms instead of the standard recruitment forms. • He raised concern that road rehabilitation contractors are damaging infrastructure, and iLembe is not fully addressing these issues; he requested improved engagement with local communities on such projects. • He stated that illegal connections are effectively being encouraged, as iLembe does not connect households timeously, even when residents have paid. • He reported that the desludging project is not being implemented properly—contractors are given 30 days and capped at 10 households	• The Thuma Mina Programme is dedicated to addressing leaks and illegal connections across the District, and this ward will be prioritised as part of the programme's rollout. • Due to budgetary constraints, the scope of the desludging truck is limited; however, desludging remains a continuous annual programme. Households not serviced in the current financial year will be included in future cycles as part of the planned rotation. • The Greater Groutville Sanitation Scheme Business Plan will provide coverage for all wards in the Groutville area, ensuring comprehensive long-term sanitation planning and improved service delivery.

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			per day, which is inadequate for a community of 800 homes. • He requested that the community be included in the Groutville D sanitation system.	
Siyabonga Dube	KwaDukuza Municipality	14	• Siyabonga Dube requested that reticulation issues in Ward 14, Shombela be fixed. • He asked that the area be connected to a sewer network. • He raised concern about persistent leaks in the area and requested that they be attended to. • He expressed a strong belief that many of the issues stem from collusion among service providers. • He stated that iLembe is failing to deliver on its service obligations.	• Provision of sewer reticulation in the Shombela Townships is not yet included in the current IDP; however, it will be considered for future planning cycles as infrastructure priorities are reviewed. • The Municipality will provide the contact details of a responsible official who can meet the Operations team on site to point out the reported leaks. Alternatively, a list of all affected areas may be submitted to the Call Centre, after which plumbers will be allocated to attend and repair the leaks.
Sibusiso Masuku	KwaDukuza Municipality	27	• Sibusiso Masuku requested that an additional water tanker be deployed, noting that the single tanker currently allocated is insufficient.	• Due to budget constraints, the Municipality is currently unable to provide an additional water tanker for the area. • In Nsikeni, the existing water infrastructure was damaged during

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			• He reported that the Ntsikeni area has not had water since 2015. • He added that the Madundube area does not have a clear water supply schedule, making it difficult for residents to plan.	the construction of houses, and the Municipality is in the process of repairing the affected infrastructure to restore supply. • A water-supply schedule will be shared with the Ward Councillor and Ward Committee members to ensure effective communication with the community.
Dumezweni Nkwanyana	KwaDukuza Municipality	18	• Dumezweni Nkwanyana reported that water does not reach the Mthonjeni area in Mbozamp. • He raised concern about a sewer problem, stating that the upgrade project did not adequately address the issue, resulting in overflowing sewage. • He requested that illegal connections be fixed. • He further asked that leaks be repaired. • He added that iLembe plumbers have indicated they lack the necessary tools, as the municipality allegedly does not trust them with additional	• The project currently being implemented is intended to address the existing water-shortage challenges and eliminate illegal connections within the area. • Plumbers have been provided with a full set of tools to perform the required work. The control of materials through the central stores system is governed by a Council Resolution, and as such, the department is not in a position to alter this process.

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			materials needed to address unreported work.	
Dolly Mthembu	KwaDukuza Municipality	15	• Dolly Mthembu expressed appreciation for the Larkfield project. • She noted that it has been 11 years since the IDP houses were built, yet there is still no sewer reticulation. • She reported that there is no water in the Nkukhwini area, and the current water tanker is insufficient. • She added that a standpipe located on her land is causing disturbance to her property.	• Sewer reticulation for the RDP houses falls under the KwaDukuza Municipality (Human Settlements) mandate and is therefore not implemented directly by the District. • Due to the limited bulk water allocation from Umgeni Water, the Municipality is implementing the Vula-Vala rotation schedule in Wards 14, 15, 24 and 26. Updated Vula-Vala schedules will continue to be provided to ensure communities have clear and timely information. • The Municipality requests that the community, through the Ward Councillor, identify an alternative suitable site for relocating the standpipe to a position that minimises disruption and better serves residents.
Deliwise Ntuli	KwaDukuza Municipality	01	• Deliwise Ntuli expressed gratitude, noting that after applying for a standpipe, two standpipes were successfully installed.	• The leak on the tank has been repaired; however, our plumbers will revisit the site to conduct a follow-up inspection, and any new leaks identified will be fixed promptly.

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			• She reported that the stand tank in the area is leaking, resulting in water wastage, and requested that it be replaced. • She raised concern that the water tanker schedule is not being followed, causing serious disruptions for residents. • She stated that some water tanker drivers behave arrogantly and condescendingly toward ward committee members. • She requested additional standpipes for the area. • She asked that the water tanker also operate on Saturdays. • She highlighted the need to increase the bulk pipeline supplying the ward	• The updated water-tanker schedule will be sent to the Ward Councillor. The community is encouraged to coordinate with the Ward Councillor and Ward Committee regarding tanker distribution to ensure efficient communication. • Any incidents involving inappropriate behaviour by tanker drivers should be reported to the Municipality so that the matter can be addressed through the appropriate disciplinary processes. • Requests for additional standpipes will be considered, subject to the availability of budget in future financial cycles. • The project intended to resolve bulk pipeline issues is currently in the planning stage, after which implementation timelines will be communicated.
Zandile Sishi	Mandeni Municipality	02	• Zandile Sishi expressed gratitude for Macambini Phase 5C, and urged iLembe to accelerate all remaining phases of the project.	• iLembe requires a comprehensive list of all outstanding issues arising from previously implemented projects. These lists can be submitted directly to the Mandeni

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			• She reported that Izinduna are allocating people to areas without water, which leads to an increase in illegal connections. • She requested that iLembe return to areas where projects were previously implemented to resolve outstanding issues. • She raised concern that there is no desludging taking place in the Macambini area, resulting in full latrines, and noted that residents are not being provided with new units.	Area Manager to enable proper assessment and follow-up. • Desludging was carried out during the current financial year in Wards 1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 17. Due to budgetary limitations, the scope of the desludging truck is restricted; however, desludging remains a continuous annual programme, and households not serviced this year will be included in future financial-year cycles.

8. SUBMISSIONS BY POLITICAL PARTIES ON 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES

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ACTION SA	**CLLR. ANNET SEWRAJ** Caucus Leader ActionSA iLembe District Municipality	**1. AUDIT OUTCOMES AND GOVERNANCE FAILURES** The Annual Report records that the Municipality received an unqualified audit opinion with findings. While this indicates that the financial statements were credible, it does not reflect good governance or sound financial management. The Auditor-General identified material misstatements in performance reporting, requiring corrections before final submission.	• Establish an independent internal audit review mechanism before submission of performance reports. • Enforce disciplinary processes against officials responsible for recurring audit findings. • Implement quarterly reporting to Council on implementation of Auditor-General recommendations.	Management acknowledges the concerns raised and confirms that several measures have been and/or are being implemented to strengthen governance and improve audit outcomes. Internal Audit now conducts quarterly pre-submission reviews of performance information, supported by mandatory Portfolio of Evidence (PoE) checklists to ensure accuracy and credibility. A comprehensive Audit Action Plan has been approved, with clear responsibilities, deadlines, and monthly progress tracking by Internal Audit, the Audit Committee, and MPAC. Consequence management processes have been activated

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		This demonstrates weaknesses in internal controls and credibility of reported service delivery performance. There were material findings on compliance with legislation, including Supply Chain Management and procurement processes. Continued findings suggest that the Municipality has failed to implement adequate consequence management for recurring compliance failures.		in line with MFMA section 171, with all repeat SCM and reporting-related non-compliance cases referred for disciplinary action; outcomes, including warnings, recoveries, or formal hearings, will be reported to MPAC and Council on a quarterly basis.

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		ActionSA views repeat audit findings as a direct failure of political and administrative leadership to enforce accountability. The residents of iLembe cannot be expected to trust performance reports that require correction by external auditors.		
		2. SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE FAILURES The report acknowledges that several performance indicators were not achieved, particularly in core service delivery mandates.	• Introduce performance-based contracts for senior management linked directly to service delivery outcomes. • Conduct independent technical reviews of stalled or	Service reliability remains a central priority for the Municipality, and several coordinated measures have been implemented to strengthen delivery performance. Senior management performance contracts have been updated to include milestone-based capital project delivery, reductions in

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		The Municipality failed to meet multiple service delivery targets across infrastructure development and water service delivery programmes. Underperformance in project implementation suggests systemic weaknesses in planning, contractor management, and monitoring of capital projects. For residents, failure to achieve infrastructure targets directly translates into:	delayed infrastructure projects. • Provide Council with monthly project progress dashboards.	non-revenue water, and improved turnaround times for fault repairs. To enhance project governance, a multidisciplinary District Technical Task Team, comprising Technical Services, Planning and Finance, will meet fortnightly to unblock challenges related to designs, wayleave approvals, environmental requirements, and contractor cash-flow constraints. Monthly project dashboards will continue to be tabled to the Infrastructure and Technical Committee, providing visibility on scope, budget, schedule, risks and contractor performance. For projects experiencing delays, tailored recovery plans have been issued, and penalties will be enforced in line with contract

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		• Continued water supply interruptions • Delays in sanitation infrastructure • Slower economic growth due to lack of reliable services As ActionSA we believe that service delivery targets exist to improve living conditions. Failure to achieve them represents failure of the Municipality’s constitutional mandate.		conditions where non-performance persists.
		3. PUBLIC SATISFACTION AND COMMUNITY TRUST	• Publish ward-level service delivery performance	To strengthen community confidence and improve transparency, the Municipality is implementing several

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		The Annual Report indicates that community satisfaction with municipal services remains inconsistent and reflects ongoing public dissatisfaction. Resident dissatisfaction is largely linked to unreliable water supply, infrastructure backlogs and response time to service complaints. The Municipality continues to report engagement structures, but residents are not seeing improvements in	reports accessible to communities. • Introduce turnaround times for complaint resolution monitored by Council oversight committees. • Establish community-based monitoring forums.	measures to enhance service-related communication and responsiveness at ward level. Ward-level service scorecards will be rolled out to track key indicators such as the number of leaks logged and resolved, adherence to tanker delivery schedules, standpipe functionality, and progress on desludging programmes. The call-centre service has been tightened to improve turnaround times for assigning and resolving service faults, with any delays or exceptions escalated daily to the relevant Area Manager for intervention.

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		actual service delivery outcomes. As ActionSA we are of the view that public participation cannot be reduced to compliance exercises. Engagement must translate into improved service delivery.		
		4. SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT IRREGULARITIES The Auditor-General highlighted non-compliance in procurement processes, which remains a recurring problem.	• Full forensic investigation into irregular procurement cases. • Blacklisting of non-performing contractors. • Mandatory lifestyle audits for officials involved in procurement.	The Municipality continues to strengthen financial governance and procurement integrity through a series of targeted interventions. Firstly, SCM reform measures have been tightened to ensure that deviations are only approved where they meet the strict requirements of the MFMA and SCM Regulations.

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		Weaknesses in procurement controls increase the risk of corruption and poor value for money. Poor contract management contributes to delays and cost escalations in infrastructure projects. ActionSA sees procurement failures as often the root cause of service delivery failures. Every irregular procurement transaction undermines public trust and diverts scarce resources.		Secondly, contract management practices have been reinforced by embedding clear KPIs, deliverables and penalty clauses within all SLAs, with under-performance triggering formal cure notices and contract termination where necessary. Thirdly, the Municipality has enhanced its treatment of irregular expenditure by documenting root causes for each incident.

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		5. **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RISKS** The report highlights ongoing financial pressures facing the Municipality. Declining revenue collection and growing debtor balances threaten the Municipality's ability to sustain service delivery. Poor financial recovery strategies increase reliance on grants rather than building long-term financial stability. We as ActionSA believe that financial instability ultimately results in deteriorating service	• Strengthen debt collection strategies, particularly from government departments and large consumers. • Introduce prepaid or smart metering systems to improve revenue collection. • Implement strict cost containment measures.	The Municipality continues to prioritise financial sustainability through a strengthened and multi-layered approach to revenue and cash-flow management. As part of the revenue improvement plan, intensive engagements are underway with high-debt government accounts, supported by disconnection and flow-limiter schedules for chronic non-payers, alongside enhanced accuracy of meter readings and prompt billing corrections to restore integrity in revenue data. To further curb losses and improve billing reliability, smart and prepaid metering pilots are being scoped for implementation in high-loss zones, where they will assist in detecting tampering and

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		delivery and infrastructure collapse.		improving real-time consumption monitoring. On the expenditure side, cost-containment measures have been tightened, with overtime, tanker-hire expenditure and non-essential items significantly curtailed, while fuel, rental costs and chemical usage are actively monitored to keep spending within approved budget limits. Additionally, cash-flow stability is being strengthened by aligning payment terms with strategic suppliers to the timing of grant receipts, thereby reducing liquidity pressure and ensuring that the Municipality remains able to meet its financial obligations consistently.
		6. WATER SERVICE DELIVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES	• Accelerate infrastructure refurbishment programmes.	To improve the reliability and resilience of water supply across the District, the Municipality has prioritised a

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		Water provision remains the most critical function of the District Municipality and remains an area of concern. Infrastructure backlogs and project delays continue to affect reliable water supply. Maintenance challenges and aging infrastructure contribute to water losses and supply interruptions. For residents, this directly impacts: • Household health and sanitation	• Develop a district-wide non-revenue water reduction strategy. • Implement strict contractor performance monitoring.	structured programme of infrastructure renewal and operational discipline. Key refurbishment projects, including the replacement of bulk mains, critical valves and pump units, have been funded in the 2025/2026 financial year and will be sequenced in a manner that minimises service disruptions during implementation. In parallel, the District is executing a comprehensive Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Strategy, which incorporates pressure-management interventions, the establishment of District Metered Areas (DMAs), deployment of active leak-detection teams, systematic meter audits, and the regularisation of illegal connections. Collectively, these

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		• Economic activity • Community wellbeing ActionSA sees access to water as a constitutional right. Continued failures represent unacceptable governance shortcomings.		interventions aim to reduce NRW levels from the current 41% to the mid-30% range within the next 12 months. Strengthened operational discipline further supports these improvements, with reservoir-level alarm systems and overflow protocols now fully enforced, while telemetry faults are logged and addressed within defined turnaround targets to ensure timely restoration of monitoring capability.
		7. **CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT FAILURES** A recurring theme throughout the Annual Report is the lack of visible disciplinary action against officials responsible for governance failures.	• Council must demand quarterly reports on disciplinary actions linked to audit findings. • Performance bonuses must be withheld from departments with	The District is implementing consequence management in a consistent, fair and legally compliant manner. All cases relating to SCM or process-control failures have been formally referred to the Human Resources and Labour Relations unit, where they are being processed in line with the

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		Repeat audit findings indicate limited or ineffective consequence management. Lack of accountability perpetuates maladministration and service delivery failures. We strongly believe that without consequences, governance failures will continue.	recurring compliance failures. • Introduce an accountability framework aligned with the Municipal Finance Management Act.	MFMA disciplinary framework. Outcomes of these cases, including warnings, recoveries and hearings, will be tabled to MPAC on a quarterly basis to ensure full transparency and oversight. In addition, performance-related rewards are being and/or will be withheld wherever KPIs or compliance obligations have not been met.
		8. ActionSA acknowledges the progress reflected in achieving an unqualified audit opinion. However, this must not mask the deeper		Noted. The Municipality remains firmly focused on strengthening the reliability of water and sanitation services, improving the credibility of performance and financial reporting, and advancing a

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		governance and service delivery failures that continue to affect residents of iLembe District. Residents require: • Reliable water supply • Functional infrastructure • Ethical and accountable leadership • Financially sustainable governance ActionSA therefore calls on Council to adopt strict accountability measures, enforce consequence management, and prioritise service		clear pathway toward clean governance. All programmes outlined above, ranging from audit-corrective actions and performance-information improvements to operational and infrastructure reforms, are being implemented under the continuous oversight of both MPAC and the Audit Committee to ensure accountability, transparency and sustained progress.

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		delivery outcomes above administrative compliance.		
Democratic Alliance	**CLLR. KRSNA SING** DA Caucus Leader iLembe District Municipality	1. **WATER LOSSES** Water losses increased to R123,76 million (41%) from R110 million (39%). Why is there a 2% increase (R13,76M) in losses despite the previous year's figures? This indicates a regressed failure to mitigate losses through regular Repairs and maintenance. The report blames "leaks," but why are reservoir overflows still occurring? Is the telemetric system non-functional? If	• A structured intervention, evaluation, and monitoring system is urgently needed. • A turnaround strategy to repair water leaks should be implemented immediately, with a target of 48 hours.	The District is intensifying its Non-Revenue Water (NRW) reduction programme through a structured, multi-layered intervention plan. This includes the establishment of District Metered Areas (DMAs) and implementation of pressure-management controls to stabilise system pressures and reduce avoidable losses. Dedicated leak-response teams have been deployed with a 48-hour turnaround target for repairs, supported by continuous meter audits and tamper-management activities to restore billing integrity. In addition, a full telemetry assessment is underway, and phased upgrades will be incorporated into the 2025/26

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		the system is broken, why has it not been budgeted for replacement to prevent this massive financial drain?		budget to improve real-time monitoring of reservoir levels and network performance. Reservoir-operating protocols have also been tightened to eliminate overflows and strengthen operational discipline. Progress on all interventions will be reported through quarterly NRW performance reports tabled to ITPC for oversight and accountability.
		2. BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY Basic service delivery stats show 87% achievement, but on the ground, the story's different. Water supply's sketchy, repairs are slow, leaks and overflows are common, and outages are		The Municipality has strengthened operational responsiveness by reorganising field deployment into dedicated area-based teams, each led by a supervisor who is directly accountable for ensuring timely resolution of logged service calls. All job cards are now geo-tagged to improve traceability, with repeat failures

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		frequent. Communities are suffering, and it's become the norm. Paper says one thing, but reality says another.		escalated promptly for higher-level intervention. In parallel, major infrastructure projects currently under construction are addressing structural constraints within the system, while temporary supply measures, such as strategically deployed water tankers and standpipes, are used to maintain service continuity during cut-overs and planned outages.
		3. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE** Repairs and maintenance allocation of 4-5% of the total operating budget is shocking, considering the guideline is set at 8% and 40% for existing infrastructure upgrades.	• A provision of at least 50% should be allocated to ensure healthy infrastructure for efficient service delivery.	The 2026/2027 draft budget places deliberate emphasis on strengthening the reliability of essential infrastructure by prioritising critical repairs and maintenance, particularly for high-risk electro-mechanical components such as valves, pumps, and other key system assets. These allocations are informed by formal condition assessments and historical

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				failure patterns to ensure that the most vulnerable parts of the network are addressed first. In parallel, capital upgrade projects have been carefully sequenced to minimise lifecycle costs and reduce the risk of recurrent failures, ensuring that infrastructure renewal is both financially sustainable and operationally effective.
		4. INTERNAL AUDIT The internal audit unit is almost non-existent and must be strengthened and capacitated. Internal controls and monitoring across departments are crucial for early warnings when deviations occur against policies and procedures.		Internal Audit is currently being strengthened to enhance oversight and assurance across the organisation. The Internal Audit Coverage Plan has been expanded to include performance information audits, ensuring that reported results are supported by credible and verifiable evidence, as well as quarterly compliance reviews to detect and address control weaknesses earlier in the reporting cycle. All findings and progress updates are formally

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				reported to EXCO, Council, Audit Committee and MPAC, enabling stronger governance, accountability, and monitoring of corrective actions.
		5. **SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT** Supply chain management must continuously assist in developing policies where there are deficiencies.	• Checks and balances must be put in place without fear or favour.	The District is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of its Supply Chain Management (SCM) policy to strengthen governance across the procurement lifecycle. This review specifically targets the tightening of deviation controls, enhancement of functionality evaluation processes, and more consistent application of preference-point scoring to ensure fairness, transparency and compliance. To support stronger implementation, contract management checklists have been made compulsory for all end-user departments, ensuring that deliverables, milestones, penalties and

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				reporting obligations are monitored consistently throughout the contract period.
		6. **DEBTORS** The Debtors book reached R945,89 million. The debtor book has increased by R37 million from the previous year. What specific debt control measures are being failed? To what extent is this increase driven by billing errors and unresolved consumer disputes? This suggests a lack of aggressive debt management and poor data integrity.		The Municipality has strengthened its revenue management approach through a focused debt-recovery strategy that prioritises high-value accounts, ensuring that the largest outstanding balances are addressed first. The indigent register continues to be updated to ensure that genuinely qualifying households receive relief, while non-qualifying accounts are moved into the formal credit-control process. Billing disputes are resolved through onsite verification and corrective billing, restoring accuracy and fairness in customer accounts. Where payment arrangements are made, they are strictly

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				enforced, and appropriate consequences are applied in cases of default in accordance with approved credit-control policies.
		7. COLLECTION RATE The collection rate has not improved, standing at 55% compared to the previous year's 45%. This raises concerns about the sustainability of the municipality.		Collection performance is expected to improve through a combination of operational and technological interventions that strengthen billing accuracy and enforce payment discipline. These include ensuring accurate meter readings, intensifying tamper detection and enforcement, and progressing prepaid and smart-meter pilot projects in areas with high losses to improve consumption monitoring and reduce unbilled usage. In addition, the Municipality is implementing more targeted credit-control actions to address overdue accounts

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				more effectively. Customer communication has also been enhanced so that messaging around consumption, billing cycles and payment expectations is better aligned, supporting improved understanding and compliance across the customer base.
		8. **REPORTING** The audit findings reveal a significant breakdown in the municipality's ability to track and prove its achievements. Specifically, the lack of adequate processes and the misalignment between indicators and evidence suggest that the reported data may not accurately reflect actual service delivery. This lack of		Indicator definitions and data-flows have now been fully standardised across departments to ensure consistency and accuracy in performance reporting. Mandatory Portfolio of Evidence (PoE) registers and cross-sign-off processes have been introduced to strengthen accountability for the quality and completeness of reported information. In addition, Internal Audit conducts quarterly validations of all high-risk indicators before

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		oversight misled the council on the portfolio of evidence and forced the Auditor-General to intervene where internal controls failed. These discrepancies must be corrected immediately rather than waiting for the AG to highlight them.		they are submitted to Audit Committee, providing an additional assurance layer and reducing the risk of material misstatements.
		9. **COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 65(2) OF THE MFMA** The Auditor-General has noted that reasonable steps were not taken to ensure money owed was paid within 30 days. This is a recurring breach of	• A detailed report is requested outlining why the municipality is failing to pay creditors for goods and services within the 30-day window prescribed by Section 65(2).	Workflow bottlenecks within the payments process have been addressed through a more disciplined and streamlined approach to financial administration. Fortnightly payment runs are now scheduled to ensure timely settlement of obligations, supported by exception reporting to identify and

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		statutory requirements.		escalate any items at risk of breaching statutory timelines. In addition, monthly reconciliations of supplier statements are conducted to prevent roll-over queries and ensure that all invoices are accurately recorded, verified and paid within the prescribed 30-day period.
		10. IRREGULAR EXPENDITURE AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT The AGSA reported R37.51 million in irregular expenditure, primarily linked to procurement and contract management failures.	• To address the lack of oversight, it is recommended that a dedicated legal professional be appointed to review all existing and new contracts.	To strengthen oversight throughout implementation, the Municipality has enhanced its contract registers to include detailed deliverables, milestone obligations and penalty regimes, enabling more rigorous monitoring of contractor performance. All incidents of irregular expenditure are formally investigated, ensuring that corrective measures address both the root causes and the required

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				consequence-management outcomes.
		11. LACK OF OVERSIGHT AND CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT The report explicitly states that the Accounting Officer and Senior Management failed to exercise adequate oversight. This lack of oversight results in unnecessary disputes, project delays, and rising costs for the municipality.		Oversight has been strengthened through the submission of monthly Audit Action Plan reports to both the EXCO and Counci, ensuring that progress on corrective measures is monitored consistently and transparently. In addition, disciplinary outcomes linked to control failures are being implemented and formally disclosed, reinforcing accountability and supporting ongoing improvements in governance and internal control.
		12. The DA demands immediate action. The DA will not stand idly by while Ilembe's residents suffer due to incompetence and	• Form a Special Task Team (3 from Technical, 2 from Finance) to address technical and billing issues, focusing on	A cross-functional Technical–Finance Task Team has been established to strengthen coordination across engineering, budgeting, supply-chain and operations, ensuring faster resolution of

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		lack of accountability. We demand better for our community!	resolving outstanding consumer and technical queries exceeding 1 month within 3 months. • Appoint a dedicated legal professional for contract management. • Fill critical vacancies (74) to ensure smooth operations. • Hold officials accountable for failures in oversight and monitoring controls. • Implement a turnaround strategy for water leak repairs within 48 hours.	technical bottlenecks and improved delivery oversight. To address capacity constraints, critical vacancies have been prioritised in the 2025/26 budget, with recruitment focused on technical and compliance-critical posts. The Municipality has also embedded a 48-hour leak-response standard within its NRW reduction programme to improve turnaround times and limit water losses. Furthermore, proposed increases to Repairs and Maintenance (R&M) allocations have been incorporated into the upcoming budget cycle, subject to overall affordability, to ensure sustained infrastructure reliability and long-term asset preservation.

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			• Increase repairs and maintenance allocation to 8% operational and 40% capital budget on existing infrastructure.	
Economic Freedom Fighters	**CLLR. SAKHILE ZONDO** EEF Caucus Leader & EXCO Member iLembe District Municipality	1. **REVENUE COLLECTION PERFORMANCE** The Municipality achieved a 95% revenue collection rate, significantly exceeding the 70% target. This represents a strong improvement in collection efforts and reflects enhanced revenue management controls, including debt write-offs and enforcement measures.	• While the percentage is commendable, the sustainability of this collection rate must be monitored to ensure it is not artificially inflated by write-offs alone.	Collection performance is closely monitored on a monthly basis across all debtor classes to ensure early identification of risk areas and to maintain financial stability. All write-offs are processed strictly in line with the approved Credit Control and Debt Collection Policy and are transparently disclosed through the appropriate governance structures. To safeguard long-term sustainability, the Municipality continues to strengthen data integrity and intensify customer-engagement

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				initiatives aimed at improving payment compliance and reducing revenue leakage.
		2. CREDITOR PAYMENT EFFICIENCY The Municipality improved its average creditor payment period to 19.25 days, compared to 44 days in Q4 of 2023/2024 . Payments remained within the 30-day legislative requirement, with Q1–Q3 showing strong performance and Q4 slightly increasing to 25 days. This improvement demonstrates		Compliance with the 30-day payment requirement is being actively reinforced through a more disciplined financial-processing cycle. Fortnightly payment runs are now standard practice to ensure timely settlement of approved invoices, supported by early invoice registration to minimise delays in document routing and verification. In addition, any disputed or problematic invoices are handled through a structured exception-management process, ensuring that issues are escalated and resolved promptly so they do not obstruct compliance with statutory timelines.

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		strengthened internal controls, improved invoice workflow systems, and better cash management practices.		
		3. REMUNERATION COST CONTROL The average remuneration cost ratio was 24%, with Q4 dropping to 17%. This is well within the acceptable norm of 25–40% and shows strong expenditure discipline. Employee-related costs, being the highest cost driver,		Employee-related costs remain within accepted benchmark levels, and the Municipality continues to manage its staffing profile responsibly to ensure long-term financial sustainability. Recruitment efforts are now focused on filling critical skills posts, particularly in Technical Services, Internal Audit, and Supply Chain Management, to strengthen technical capacity, improve compliance oversight,

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		are now better controlled. This reflects responsible financial governance.		and support more reliable service delivery across the organisation.
		4. LIQUIDITY AND CURRENT RATIO The Municipality recorded an average current ratio of 2.81:1, significantly higher than 1.72:1 in Q4 of 2023/2024. Liquidity averaged 107.25 days, compared to 44 days in the previous year. This shows improved short-term financial stability and better ability to meet financial obligations.		Liquidity is managed proactively through the use of rolling cash-flow forecasts, which enable the Municipality to anticipate funding needs and adjust spending patterns accordingly. To further safeguard operational stability, the timing of grant tranches and associated capital draw-downs is carefully sequenced to ensure that sufficient operating cash is retained throughout the financial cycle. This approach strengthens short-term financial resilience and supports consistent service delivery.

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		5. CAPITAL BUDGET SPENDING Total capital expenditure spending reached 93.5% of the approved budget. Major grant performance: • WSIG – 98.2% • MIG – 100% • Internally funded projects – 82% This indicates strong infrastructure delivery and effective utilisation of conditional grants.		Grant utilisation continues to perform strongly, reflecting disciplined project execution and effective management of conditional allocations. In addition, the Municipality is increasingly prioritising its internally funded resources toward essential infrastructure renewals and service-reliability projects to ensure long-term asset sustainability and improved operational resilience.
		6. CASH COVERAGE RATIO DECLINE The cash/cost coverage ratio declined to 51 days,		Cash-conservation measures have been strengthened to stabilise liquidity and protect the Municipality's operating buffer.

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		below the target of 60 days. Although liquidity improved year-on-year, a downward trend from Q1 (141 days) to Q4 (51 days) was recorded. The decline is mainly due to: • Significant capital expenditure (R100 million in operating assets) • Overspending on water tanker hiring in Q2. This signals pressure on cash reserves and weakening of the salary buffer.		These include tighter management of tanker deployment, ensuring that usage is strictly aligned to verified service needs; the phasing of non-urgent capital projects to reduce immediate cash outflows; and the enforcement of strict operational-expenditure controls across all departments. Collectively, these interventions are designed to rebuild and maintain the Municipality's cash-coverage buffer, with the target of restoring performance to above 60 days as part of overall financial-sustainability efforts.

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		7. **AUDIT OUTCOME – NO CLEAN AUDIT** The Municipality did not achieve a clean audit opinion. Instead, an unqualified audit opinion was issued, with material adjustments noted. Additionally: • Two repeat findings were recorded • Audit action plan resolution reached only 86% in some areas Failure to obtain a clean audit reflects weaknesses in: • Internal controls	• This must be urgently corrected.	The District's clean-audit roadmap is centred on strengthening the credibility of performance reporting, ensuring full compliance with SCM requirements, and improving year-end readiness through timely reconciliations and supporting schedules. Progress on these interventions is monitored monthly by Internal Audit, the Audit Committee and MPAC, providing sustained oversight and ensuring that corrective actions remain on track toward achieving a future clean audit outcome.

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		• Record keeping • Water inventory valuation processes		
		8. BANK BALANCE DECLINE The primary bank account balance decreased by 74%, from R17.6 million in 2024 to R4.6 million in 2025. This sharp decline confirms the pressure on liquidity and highlights the impact of high capital spending and cash outflows.		While the observation regarding the primary bank account is noted, caution is required when using its balance in isolation as a measure of the Municipality's overall liquidity. The primary bank account principally serves to receive government transfers and other deposits, which are subsequently swept to dedicated operating or investment accounts. Its elevated closing balance of R17.6 million in 2024 resulted from the temporary clearance of funds previously held in various call accounts for year-end reporting purposes. Consequently, the reduction to R4.6 million in 2025 does not, in

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				itself, indicate liquidity pressure or excessive cash outflows from that account alone. A more accurate reflection of the Municipality's liquidity position is provided by the total Cash Available for Operations (working capital), which declined from R233,742,803.81 in June 2024 to R112,958,577.30 in June 2025. This reduction was driven primarily by the strategic acquisition of operating assets (specifically, 30 water tankers and 65 commercial light-duty vehicles) at an approximate cost of R130 million. The investment replaced a historically more expensive reliance on leased and/or hired vehicles (including water tankers), thereby enhancing long-term service delivery efficiency, utilising accumulated cash reserves.

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		9. KPI PERFORMANCE UNDER FINANCIAL VIABILITY Under Municipal Financial Viability & Management: • Only 2 of 5 targets were met (40%). Although operational cash indicators improved, overall KPI compliance in financial governance remains moderate and requires improvement.		The underlying root causes affecting performance have been identified through internal analysis and oversight review processes, and the Municipality is now taking steps to strengthen the integrity and achievability of its performance targets. As part of this process, key performance indicators will be re-baselined with realistic and evidence-aligned targets, supported by structured quarterly corrective-action plans to ensure that under-performing areas receive focused management attention and that progress is monitored consistently across the organisation.
		10. CONCLUSION The 2024/2025 financial year reflects measurable	• Rebuild and protect cash reserves.	The Municipality is actively implementing measures to rebuild financial reserves, strengthen internal control systems, and enhance

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		financial improvements in: • Revenue collection • Creditor payment efficiency • Remuneration cost management • Capital expenditure implementation However, these gains were partially offset by: • Declining cash coverage ratio • Reduction in bank balances • Failure to obtain a clean audit • Liquidity pressure	• Strengthen internal controls to achieve a clean audit in 2025/2026. • Improve audit action plan implementation to 100%. • Reduce dependency on emergency water tanker expenditure. • Maintain revenue collection performance without excessive write-offs. • Closely monitor liquidity trends quarterly.	organisational capacity in both financial reporting and asset management. These interventions form part of a structured improvement plan that will be tracked on a quarterly basis through established governance platforms to ensure sustained progress and accountability.

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		toward year-end The EFF acknowledges the progress made but emphasizes that financial sustainability requires stronger governance controls and disciplined cash flow management. The Municipality is financially stable but under emerging liquidity pressure. Immediate corrective action will determine whether the 2025/2026 financial year strengthens or	• Reinforce internal capacity in financial reporting and asset management.	

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		weakens this position.		
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS	**CLLR. SANDEEP OUDHRAM** ANC Whip iLembe District Municipality	As a representative of the African National Congress, I hereby provide comments on the annual report for iLembe District Municipality for the 2024/2025 financial year. We acknowledge the progress made by the municipality in addressing some of the key challenges facing our communities. The report highlights several achievements, including infrastructure development and economic growth initiatives, aimed at improving the lives of our communities.	Our collective oversight action plan must take cognizance of the following: 1. Comments by Audit Committee with action plan. 2. Comments by the Auditor General with action plan. 3. Financial viability with the declining revenue collection. 4. High water losses due to illegal connections and poor turnaround to repair leaks. 5. Our indigent consumer register must be audited to mitigate water losses and seek additional funding	Management welcomes the party's constructive input on the 2023/2024 Annual Report and acknowledges both the progress recognised and the areas requiring accelerated improvement. In line with the party's expectations, the Municipality is strengthening governance through a reinforced Audit Action Plan, with regular monitoring by Internal Audit, the EXCO and Council to address findings and advance towards a clean audit. Improving water reliability remains a central priority, and Management is implementing a comprehensive programme to reduce high water losses, address illegal connections, improve leak-repair turnaround times, and advance infrastructure upgrades. As

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		However, as we review this report, it is essential that we also acknowledge the areas that require improvement. The municipality still faces significant challenges, with regards to efficient and effective water supply with this being our core responsibility. As the African National Congress, we believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that the municipality is working towards addressing these challenges. We note the economic growth path initiated by our entity, Enterprise iLembe. A remarkable improvement is noted.	from national treasury. 6. The reliance on Umgeni Water is a risk as a bulk water service provider. Research alternates. 7. Water tanker services is not a solution as water provision but just an emergency service. Hence the urgency in clearing backlog with the installation of water infrastructure. 8. Ensure Enterprise iLembe delivers on its mandate, ie. Job creation and economic. development.	highlighted by the party, tanker services are treated strictly as short-term emergency measures while the Municipality focuses on clearing water infrastructure backlogs and diversifying long-term bulk-water options. Management also notes concerns regarding declining revenue collection and confirms that a strengthened revenue-enhancement strategy is under way, including billing accuracy improvements, credit-control enforcement, and a full audit of the indigent register to reduce losses and improve funding eligibility. Finally, Management appreciates the party's recognition of progress at Enterprise iLembe and remains committed to ensuring that the entity continues to drive

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		We firmly belief that this report is not just a reflection of the municipality's performance but also a call to action. The Auditor General's assessment and the comments by the Audit committee high lights our key challenges that prevents us from receiving a clean audit report. This is our ultimate aim as an oversight body.		economic development and job-creation outcomes. Inputs from the party have been incorporated into ongoing planning processes, including the Mid-Term Review, Audit Action Plan updates, and the Water and Sanitation Turnaround Strategy.

9. SUBMISSIONS BY THE INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES

During the review of the 2024/2025 iLembe District Annual Report the following comments/findings were received from the iLembe District Internal Audit.

NO.	REQUIREMENT	REQUIRED	INTERNAL AUDIT OBSERVATION	MANAGEMENT COMMENTS
1	MFMA Section 121 (3) (e)	The annual report of a municipality must include an assessment by the municipality's accounting officer of any arrears on municipal taxes and service charges.	The required information could not be located, the auditors only noted a disclosure of amounts owed by individual councillors to the municipality on the annual financial statements as required by section 124 (1)(b).	Data relating to arrear accounts were disclosed in the AFS and were audited accordingly as well. An assessment was also carried out by an independent expert relating to provision for bad debt and debt to be written off as per GRAP104.
2	MFMA Section 121 (3) (f)	The annual report of a municipality must include an assessment by the municipality's accounting officer of the municipality's performance against the measurable performance objectives referred to in section 17 (3) (b) for revenue collection.		Data relating to arrear accounts were disclosed in the AFS and were audited accordingly as well. An assessment was also carried out by an independent expert relating to provision for bad debt and debt to be written off as per GRAP104. Debt in areas without any water supply was written off as well as per the data obtained from Technical Services and Finance

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				and verified by an independent expert as well.
3	MFMA Circular 11	In terms of Division of Revenue Act, information on the following matters of public interest is regulated for inclusion in the annual report: Extent to which a municipality met the conditions of conditional grants	We were unable to find this information in the draft annual report.	The purchase of new systems has commenced since ICT was in a process of getting a new panel on board. This process delayed the procurement of goods and services. ICT submitted projects and estimated budgets that should be included on the next financial year budget 2025/2026.
		Information technology and systems purchases and the effectiveness of these systems in the delivery of services and for ensuring compliance with statutory obligations.	The information on IT and systems purchases and effectiveness thereof was found not included in the draft annual report.	The purchase of new systems has commenced since ICT was in a process of getting a new panel on board. This process delayed the procurement of goods and services. ICT submitted projects and estimated budgets that should be included on the next financial year budget 2025/2026.

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4	MFMA Circular 11	Circular 11- Chapter 5/ Chapter 3 Circular 63: This chapter should comment on the progress in eliminating backlogs in service delivery for the key services for the key functions of water and sanitation. Backlogs in service delivery is intended to show the number of households that do not have access to the minimum services (level and standard) as specified by the relevant sector department or within national policy.	It is recommended that management refer to MFMA circular 11 (chapter 5) for the format of chapter 3 of the annual report.	
5	MFMA Circular 63	Ref. 1.2 Municipal Manager's Foreword: The Municipal Manager's foreword provides the Municipal Manager with an opportunity to give a public account, guidance and advice on the administrative performance of a municipality/ entity. The Municipal Manager's	This information could not be located in the final annual report.	The required description of the municipality’s functions and powers was not included in the Municipal Manager’s Foreword. Management will incorporate a concise summary of constitutional and MSA-mandated functions in the final Annual Report, using the information already reflected in Chapter 1 (Municipal Overview)

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		Foreword should include the following information: a) Functions and powers of the municipality/ entity in relation to section 155/156 of the Constitution and Chapter 3 of the MSA		where the legislative mandate is outlined.
		(c) Sector departments and the sharing of functions between the municipality/ entity and sector departments.	This information could not be located in the final annual report.	Management acknowledges the omission. The final Annual Report will include a brief explanation of sector-department roles and shared responsibilities, drawing on content already contained in the DDM structures and intergovernmental relations sections of Chapter 2.
		(f) Information related to the revenue trend by source including borrowings undertaken by the municipality.	This information could not be located in the final annual report.	This information could not be located in the final annual report. The Municipal Manager's Foreword omitted revenue

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				trends and borrowing information. Management will include a summarised revenue trend analysis and borrowing information based on the financial performance sections, which indicate declining revenue collection and ongoing servicing of existing borrowings.

OTHER OBSERVATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATION

NO.	REFERENCE	DETAILS	MANAGEMENT COMMENTS
6	Chapter 1.1; Page 6; Paragraph 2	*Mayors Foreword* : Management should consider reviewing the 1st sentence which reads "….*I extend my gratitude to the Executive Mayor…..*".	The typographical error is noted, the sentence is rephrased as follows: I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Municipal Manager and administration, Traditional Leadership, councillors, Enterprise iLembe, Vuthela partners, provincial and national departments, and all community participants who engaged meaningfully in our programmes throughout the year. the wording with Executive Mayor should be deleted.
7	Chapter 1.2; Page 7; Paragraph 1	*Municipal Manager's Foreword* : The first sentence refers to the Municipality's Annual Performance	The Internal Audit comment is noted, the sentence is rephrased as follows: It is with great appreciation and responsibility that I present the municipality's Annual

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		while the report in question is the Annual Report. Management should review and correct.	Report for the 2024/2025 financial year. the wording with Performance should be deleted.
8	Chapter 2; Ref 2.3 (c) (iii); page 59	Management should consider reviewing the sentence that reads "*Amakhosi are serving in the various Councils are fully integrated in terms of portfolio committee allocation* ".	The reviewed sentence will read as follows: Amakhosi serve on a range of Council committees as part of their integration into the Council's governance structures.
9	Chapter 2; Ref 2.3 (d) ; page 60	*Paragraph 1* : The sentence that reads "*A total 4 quarterly meeting were held…..*" should be reviewed and corrected.	The reviewed paragraph structure will read as follows: iLembe District Municipality, as a Water Services Authority, continuously engages with local communities on water and sanitation matters. These engagements are convened for various purposes, including the introduction of new projects, discussions on revenue-related issues, and addressing any other matters related to the water and sanitation services provided by the Municipality. Through the Taking Council to the People Programme, the iLembe District Municipality has interacted with communities on the issues outlined above. During the period July 2024 to June 2025, four meetings were held. In addition, the Municipality participates in meetings convened by local municipalities to address challenges related to sanitation and water service provision.

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10	Chapter 2; Ref 2.3 (e) ; page 60	*IDP and alignment* : The information recorded under this sub-heading appears not to be aligned. Management should consider reviewing this information and replace it with relevant information that is aligned to the subheading.	The reviewed paragraph structure will read as follows: The Integrated Development Planning (IDP) engagements serve as a critical platform for aligning municipal development priorities with the needs and expectations of communities. These meetings are designed to ensure meaningful public participation, promote transparency in planning and budgeting processes, and strengthen coordination between the District and its Local Municipalities. Through these engagements, the Municipality gathers community inputs, validates development priorities, and ensures that municipal programmes respond effectively to the socio-economic needs of the district. During the 2024/2025 financial year, iLembe District Municipality conducted IDP outreach meetings across all Local Municipalities within the district and participated in IDP sessions convened by the Local Municipalities within the iLembe Family of Municipalities. In total, 54 IDP meetings were held, and these were presided over by the Mayor, Speaker, Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Chairpersons. Their leadership reinforced the strategic importance of the IDP process and ensured that discussions were elevated to a level that supports sound decision-making and policy alignment. These engagements created an integrated platform for the sharing of information, consolidation of community priorities, and alignment of development objectives across the district. This collaborative approach enhanced the

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			responsiveness of municipal planning, supported informed budgeting processes, and facilitated constructive dialogue between municipalities and the broader community to ensure that development priorities are collectively shaped and meaningfully aligned.
11	Chapter 2; page 64	Management should consider reviewing the following sentences: 1. "The 4th Quarter Reports have been consolidated awaiting tabling to all relevant Council structures." 2. "Gift, Donations and Sponsorship register were circulated to signed by all staff and report submitted to......"3. Declarations of interest signed by Councillors, Senior Managers and Middle Managers and all SCM Officials as well as officials; still a struggle from Directorates to comply with all employees to sign declarations and some Councillors.	1. The 4th Quarter Report has been consolidated and submitted to all relevant Council structures. 2. Gifts, Donations and Sponsorship Register was circulated to be signed by all staff. A report on declarations was submitted to Risk Management Committee, Audit Committee, Municipal Public Accounts Committee and Executive Committee. 3. The notice was sent to Councillors and all staff to complete Declaration of Financial Interest forms; however, there are still challenges in ensuring full compliance from all officials and Councillors.
12	Chapter 2; Ref 2.4.6; page 75	The second to last sentence refers to the 2023/2024 financial year while the report is for 2024/2025 financial year.	The last sentence is changed to 2024/25.

10. MPAC ANALYSIS OF THE 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

In terms of the report from the Auditor-General, high water losses remain a repeat finding. This requires the urgent development of a new turnaround strategy with clear KPIs, timelines, and responsibilities to mitigate this risk. As part of continuous monitoring and evaluation, monthly and quarterly progress reports must be submitted to oversight structures (i.e., EXCO, MPAC, Audit Committee, etc.) for ultimate submission to Council.

Water tankers continue to consume a significant portion of the municipal budget. This calls for the development of a strategic framework supported by a clear and realistic action plan to ensure that water tankers are not utilised as a primary source of water supply, but rather as an emergency fallback. The expected outcome is improved budget monitoring, with savings redirected to impactful water-infrastructure projects.

The repeat finding of declining revenue collection remains a serious concern. New and effective strategies must be implemented, as the current strategies have not produced positive results.

During the period under review, management did not implement proper and timely record keeping, resulting in incomplete or inaccurate information that does not sufficiently support financial performance across departments.

All outstanding policies must be urgently adopted and effectively communicated to staff. Continuous monitoring and evaluation should be prioritised to ensure consistent compliance and improvement.

To address challenges relating to billing and bad debt, the municipality must exercise strict due diligence when investigating, verifying, and recovering outstanding payments deemed uncollectable. This process requires a thorough examination of debtor information, contractual agreements, and the legal standing of debts to maximise recovery while ensuring compliance with legal standards.

Current budget projections are unrealistic. This requires a review of underlying assumptions, supported by the involvement of all municipal departments, to ensure credible and realistic forecasting. If implemented correctly, this process will result in improved cash flow for iLembe District.

Illegal water connections continue to affect various areas of the district. Recommended actions include conducting audits of water connections, enforcing legal reconnections, regularising illegal connections where appropriate, and continuing the implementation of Masakhane/Thuma Mina campaigns to discourage illegal connections while promoting payment.

The municipality is commended for achieving 97% of its set risk-management targets. To ensure continued risk aversion, outstanding mitigation actions must include reviewing the risk register, implementing mitigation plans, and monitoring action plans monthly and quarterly.

Regarding employee declarations of interest, MPAC concurs with the Auditor-General on the need for full accountability and consequence management for non-compliance. Continuous non-compliance with the Code of Conduct for Councillors and Employees (as per the Municipal Systems Act) remains concerning. Matters falling under the Speaker and the Accounting Officer must be enforced without exception.

Effluent quality that does not meet South African standards must be urgently addressed, as it directly affects the community. Council must exercise its oversight role, while officials implement measures such as treatment-plant upgrades, regular testing, and staff training to ensure compliance with national standards.

Delays in defending legal disputes pose significant risks and often result in default judgments against the municipality. Recommended mitigation measures include prioritising legal cases, monitoring progress regularly, allocating legal resources efficiently, and finalising the appointment of the Manager: Legal.

To address inadequate 48-hour water-storage capacity, the municipality must assess current storage needs. Based on the assessment, necessary upgrades must be undertaken while monitoring water-supply continuity.

The Automated Leave Management System (ESS) must be optimally utilised to ensure that all leave taken by employees is processed and approved according to delegated authority. Leave approvals should be monitored monthly, with consequence management applied for non-adherence.

Non-compliance with SCM prescripts during procurement remains a serious concern. MPAC recommends ongoing SCM training, compliance audits, strict adherence to SCM regulations and SOPs, and implementation of consequence management for all non-compliance.

Implementation of a contract-management monitoring system is essential to resolve recurring contract-management deficiencies, including timeous contract termination. The SCM Unit must be further capacitated by appointing personnel dedicated to contract management.

Bid Committees must meet regularly in accordance with the annual procurement plan adopted by Council. Adherence is essential to avoid irregular and unauthorised expenditure and ensure efficient processing of reports.

The Auditor-General identified R37 million in irregular expenditure, which must be tabled to Council timeously in accordance with the MFMA. The municipality must take action against officials who failed to take reasonable steps to prevent irregular expenditure. Council must thoroughly examine the factors contributing to irregular expenditure and implement measures to mitigate this risk going forward.

A repeat finding concerns the procurement of goods and services without inviting proper bids, in contravention of SCM regulations. Corrective actions include implementing consequence management, strengthening oversight and internal controls, enhancing monitoring mechanisms, training officials, and improving planning controls.

The Auditor-General expressed concern regarding inadequate oversight by the Accounting Officer and Senior Managers, which has resulted in ineffective monitoring controls and unreliable financial-performance reporting.

MPAC notes with concern a repeat material finding in performance reporting, stemming from internal-control deficiencies. Strengthening internal review processes and ensuring accuracy and reliability of performance data is critical.

The municipality must develop a compliant Consolidated Audit Action Plan detailing all required audit responses, with clear monitoring responsibilities.

MPAC noted significant findings relating to Enterprise iLembe, including poor record keeping and SCM non-compliance. The entity is expected to demonstrate commitment to consequence management.

Enterprise iLembe's annual performance report lacked clear and well-defined KPIs. MPAC further notes that both iLembe District and Enterprise iLembe did not achieve certain SDBIP targets. Recommended actions include strengthening the performance-management framework, improving KPI definition, and ensuring quarterly monitoring of progress.

To address inaccuracies in cash-flow reporting, the municipality must implement proper cash-flow-monitoring mechanisms, adjust payment schedules, and optimise revenue collection.

The municipality must develop a clear strategy to ensure timeous and seamless information flow from all departments to oversight structures. This strategy should promote accountability, simplicity, and the use of appropriate tools. The Accounting Officer must lead this process with continuous Council oversight.

The Auditor-General has repeatedly raised concerns regarding non-compliant Annual Financial Statements (AFS) that lack sufficient information. This indicates weak internal controls, inadequate supporting documents, and poor compliance with financial regulations. Corrective interventions include strengthened review processes, improved documentation systems, capacity building, and strict adherence to financial-management frameworks.

Under-expenditure of conditional grants remains a concern, with negative implications for service delivery and MFMA compliance. A targeted recovery strategy must be implemented, focusing on readiness assessments, ensuring design and documentation completeness, and finalising procurement plans before the start of each financial year, with weekly monitoring thereafter.

To address insufficient evidence in reference checks for new appointments, the municipality must develop a transparent and auditable reference-check system. This requires mandatory verification standards, improved documentation, strengthened oversight, and mitigation measures for identified risks.

Vacancies across critical departments pose a significant institutional and service-delivery risk. These vacancies must be filled urgently to strengthen operational capacity, improve compliance, enhance reporting, and ensure effective delivery of core municipal functions.

MPAC further notes poor performance in the Finance and Corporate Services departments across several key areas. These include weaknesses in financial reporting, delays in processing critical submissions, inconsistent compliance with internal controls, inadequate document management, and shortcomings in administrative support functions that impact governance and service delivery. These deficiencies require targeted turnaround interventions and strengthened departmental oversight.

The MPAC Oversight Report confirms that while progress has been made in some areas, significant systemic and structural issues require urgent and sustained attention. If implemented fully, the recommendations in this report will strengthen institutional performance, improve service reliability, and move the municipality closer toward achieving a clean audit and financial sustainability.

MPAC remains committed to ensuring transparent, accountable, and ethical municipal governance.

11. POLITICAL PARTY SUBMISSIONS

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ActionSA Comments on the 2024/2025 iLembe District Municipality Annual Report

1. Audit Outcomes and Governance Failures

The Annual Report records that the Municipality received an unqualified audit opinion with findings. While this indicates that the financial statements were credible, it does not reflect good governance or sound financial management.

The Auditor-General identified material misstatements in performance reporting, requiring corrections before final submission. This demonstrates weaknesses in internal controls and credibility of reported service delivery performance.

There were material findings on compliance with legislation, including Supply Chain Management and procurement processes.

Continued findings suggest that the Municipality has failed to implement adequate consequence management for recurring compliance failures.

ActionSA views repeat audit findings as a direct failure of political and administrative leadership to enforce accountability. The residents of iLembe cannot be expected to trust performance reports that require correction by external auditors.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Establish an independent internal audit review mechanism before submission of performance reports.
- ✓ Enforce disciplinary processes against officials responsible for recurring audit findings.
- ✓ Implement quarterly reporting to Council on implementation of Auditor-General recommendations.

2. Service Delivery Performance Failures

The report acknowledges that several performance indicators were not achieved, particularly in core service delivery mandates.

The Municipality failed to meet multiple service delivery targets across infrastructure development and water service delivery programmes.

Underperformance in project implementation suggests systemic weaknesses in planning, contractor management, and monitoring of capital projects.

For residents, failure to achieve infrastructure targets directly translates into:

- Continued water supply interruptions
- Delays in sanitation infrastructure
- Slower economic growth due to lack of reliable services

As ActionSA we believe that service delivery targets exist to improve living conditions. Failure to achieve them represents failure of the Municipality's constitutional mandate.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Introduce performance-based contracts for senior management linked directly to service delivery outcomes.
- ✓ Conduct independent technical reviews of stalled or delayed infrastructure projects.
- ✓ Provide Council with monthly project progress dashboards.

3. Public Satisfaction and Community Trust

The Annual Report indicates that community satisfaction with municipal services remains inconsistent and reflects ongoing public dissatisfaction.

Resident dissatisfaction is largely linked to unreliable water supply, infrastructure backlogs and response time to service complaints.

The Municipality continues to report engagement structures but residents are not seeing improvements in actual service delivery outcomes.

As ActionSA we are of the view that public participation cannot be reduced to compliance exercises. Engagement must translate into improved service delivery.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Publish ward-level service delivery performance reports accessible to communities.
- ✓ Introduce turnaround times for complaint resolution monitored by Council oversight committees.
- ✓ Establish community-based monitoring forums.

4. Supply Chain Management and Procurement Irregularities

The Auditor-General highlighted non-compliance in procurement processes, which remains a recurring problem.

Weaknesses in procurement controls increase the risk of corruption and poor value for money.

Poor contract management contributes to delays and cost escalations in infrastructure projects.

ActionSA sees procurement failures as often the root cause of service delivery failures. Every irregular procurement transaction undermines public trust and diverts scarce resources.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Full forensic investigation into irregular procurement cases.
- ✓ Blacklisting of non-performing contractors.
- ✓ Mandatory lifestyle audits for officials involved in procurement.

5. Financial Sustainability Risks

The report highlights ongoing financial pressures facing the Municipality.

Declining revenue collection and growing debtor balances threaten the Municipality's ability to sustain service delivery.

Poor financial recovery strategies increase reliance on grants rather than building long-term financial stability.

We as ActionSA believe that financial instability ultimately results in deteriorating service delivery and infrastructure collapse.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Strengthen debt collection strategies, particularly from government departments and large consumers.
- ✓ Introduce prepaid or smart metering systems to improve revenue collection.
- ✓ Implement strict cost containment measures.

6. Water Service Delivery and Infrastructure Challenges

Water provision remains the most critical function of the District Municipality and remains an area of concern.

Infrastructure backlogs and project delays continue to affect reliable water supply.

Maintenance challenges and aging infrastructure contribute to water losses and supply interruptions.

For residents, this directly impacts:

- Household health and sanitation
- Economic activity
- Community wellbeing

ActionSA sees access to water as a constitutional right. Continued failures represent unacceptable governance shortcomings.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Accelerate infrastructure refurbishment programmes.
- ✓ Develop a district-wide non-revenue water reduction strategy.
- ✓ Implement strict contractor performance monitoring.

7. Consequence Management Failures

A recurring theme throughout the Annual Report is the lack of visible disciplinary action against officials responsible for governance failures.

Repeat audit findings indicate limited or ineffective consequence management.

Lack of accountability perpetuates maladministration and service delivery failures.

We strongly believe that without consequences, governance failures will continue.

Required Corrective Actions:

- ✓ Council must demand quarterly reports on disciplinary actions linked to audit findings.
- ✓ Performance bonuses must be withheld from departments with recurring compliance failures.
- ✓ Introduce an accountability framework aligned with the Municipal Finance Management Act.

ActionSA acknowledges the progress reflected in achieving an unqualified audit opinion. However, this must not mask the deeper governance and service delivery failures that continue to affect residents of iLembe District.

Residents require:

- Reliable water supply
- Functional infrastructure
- Ethical and accountable leadership
- Financially sustainable governance

ActionSA therefore calls on Council to adopt strict accountability measures, enforce consequence management, and prioritise service delivery outcomes above administrative compliance.

Cllr Annet Sewraj

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26 February 2026

The Municipal Manager

ILembe District Municipality
,Sir

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has reviewed the Ilembe District Municipality's Annual Report (2024/2025) and raises the following concerns:

<u>Water Losses</u>

Water losses increased to R123,76 million (41%) from R110 million (39%). Why is there a 2% increase (R13,76M) in losses despite the previous year's figures? This indicates a regressed failure to mitigate losses through regular Repairs and maintenance. The report blames "leaks," but why are reservoir overflows still occurring? Is the telemetric system non-functional? If the system is broken, why has it not been budgeted for replacement to prevent this massive financial drain? A structured intervention, evaluation, and monitoring system is urgently needed. A turnaround strategy to repair water leaks should be implemented immediately, with a target of 48 hours.

<u>Basic Service Delivery</u>

Basic service delivery stats show 87% achievement, but on the ground, the story's different. Water supply's sketchy, repairs are slow, leaks and overflows are common, and outages are frequent. Communities are suffering, and it's become the norm. Paper says one thing, but reality says another.

<u>Repairs and Maintenance</u>

Repairs and maintenance allocation of 4-5% of the total operating budget is shocking, considering the guideline is set at 8% and 40% for existing infrastructure upgrades. A provision of at least 50% should be allocated to ensure healthy infrastructure for efficient service delivery.

Internal Audit

The internal audit unit is almost non-existent and must be strengthened and capacitated. Internal controls and monitoring across departments are crucial for early warnings when deviations occur against policies and procedures.

Supply Chain Management

Supply chain management must continuously assist in developing policies where there are deficiencies. Checks and balances must be put in place without fear or favor.

Debtors

The Debtors book reached R945,89 million. The debtor book has increased by R37 million from the previous year. What specific debt control measures are being failed? To what extent is this increase driven by billing errors and unresolved consumer disputes? This suggests a lack of aggressive debt management and poor data integrity.

Collection Rate

The collection rate has not improved, standing At 55% compared to the previous year's 45%. This raises concerns about the sustainability of the municipality.

Reporting

The audit findings reveal a significant breakdown in the municipality's ability to track and prove its achievements. Specifically, the lack of adequate processes and the misalignment between indicators and evidence suggest that the reported data may not accurately reflect actual service delivery. This lack of oversight misled the council on the portfolio of evidence and forced the Auditor-General to intervene where internal controls failed. These discrepancies must be corrected immediately rather than waiting for the AG to highlight them.

Compliance with Section 65(2) of the MFMA

The Auditor-General has noted that reasonable steps were not taken to ensure money owed was paid within 30 days. This is a recurring breach of statutory requirements. A detailed report is requested outlining why the

municipality is failing to pay creditors for goods and services within the 30-day window prescribed by Section 65(2).

Irregular Expenditure and Contract Management

The AGSA reported R37.51 million in irregular expenditure, primarily linked to procurement and contract management failures. To address the lack of oversight, it is recommended that a dedicated legal professional be appointed to review all existing and new contracts.

Lack of Oversight and Consequence Management

The report explicitly states that the Accounting Officer and Senior Management failed to exercise adequate oversight. This lack of oversight results in unnecessary disputes, project delays, and rising costs for the municipality.

Call to Action

The DA demands immediate action:

1. **Form a Special Task Team (3 from Technical, 2 from Finance) to address technical and billing issues, focusing on resolving outstanding consumer and technical queries exceeding 1 month within 3 months.**
2. **Appoint a dedicated legal professional for contract management.**
3. **Fill critical vacancies (74) to ensure smooth operations.**
4. **Hold officials accountable for failures in oversight and monitoring controls.**
5. **Implement a turnaround strategy for water leak repairs within 48 hours.**
6. **Increase repairs and maintenance allocation to 8%operational And 40% capital budget on existing infrastructure.**

The DA will not stand idly by while Ilembe's residents suffer due to incompetence and lack of accountability. We demand better for our community!

Reference

This call to action follows the Auditor-General's (AG) findings in the annual .report of Ilembe

Contact

Cllr Krsna Sing

DA Caucus Leader

Ilembe District Municipality

02 March 2026

The municipal Manager

ILembe District Municipality
,Sir

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) has reviewed the 2024/2025 Annual Performance Report and Financial Statements of iLembe District Municipality. This review focuses specifically on financial viability, revenue management, expenditure control, liquidity, audit outcomes, and capital spending.

This report highlights both areas of improvement and areas of concern that require urgent corrective action.

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2. AREAS OF FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT

2.1 Revenue Collection Performance

The Municipality achieved a 95% revenue collection rate, significantly exceeding the 70% target .

This represents a strong improvement in collection efforts and reflects enhanced revenue management controls, including debt write-offs and enforcement measures.

EFF Observation:
While the percentage is commendable, the sustainability of this collection rate must be monitored to ensure it is not artificially inflated by write-offs alone.

2.2 Creditor Payment Efficiency

The Municipality improved its average creditor payment period to 19.25 days, compared to 44 days in Q4 of 2023/2024 .

Payments remained within the 30-day legislative requirement, with Q1–Q3 showing strong performance and Q4 slightly increasing to 25 days.

EFF View:
This improvement demonstrates strengthened internal controls, improved invoice workflow systems, and better cash management practices.

2.3 Remuneration Cost Control

The average remuneration cost ratio was 24%, with Q4 dropping to 17% .

This is well within the acceptable norm of 25–40% and shows strong expenditure discipline.

EFF Observation:
Employee-related costs, being the highest cost driver, are now better controlled. This reflects responsible financial governance.

2.4 Liquidity and Current Ratio

The Municipality recorded an average current ratio of 2.81:1, significantly higher than 1.72:1 in Q4 of 2023/2024 .

Liquidity averaged 107.25 days, compared to 44 days in the previous year .

EFF View:
This shows improved short-term financial stability and better ability to meet financial obligations.

2.5 Capital Budget Spending

Total capital expenditure spending reached 93.5% of the approved budget .

Major grant performance:

- **WSIG – 98.2%**
- **MIG – 100%**
- **Internally funded projects – 82%**

EFF Assessment:
This indicates strong infrastructure delivery and effective utilisation of conditional grants.

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3. AREAS OF FINANCIAL DECLINE AND CONCERN

3.1 Cash Coverage Ratio Decline

The cash/cost coverage ratio declined to 51 days, below the target of 60 days .

Although liquidity improved year-on-year, a downward trend from Q1 (141 days) to Q4 (51 days) was recorded .

EFF Concern:
The decline is mainly due to:

- **Significant capital expenditure (R100 million in operating assets)**
- **Overspending on water tanker hiring in Q2 .**

This signals pressure on cash reserves and weakening of the salary buffer.

3.2 Audit Outcome – No Clean Audit

The Municipality did not achieve a clean audit opinion. Instead, an unqualified audit opinion was issued, with material adjustments noted.

Additionally:

- **Two repeat findings were recorded**
- **Audit action plan resolution reached only 86% in some areas**

EFF Position:
Failure to obtain a clean audit reflects weaknesses in:

- **Internal controls**
- **Record keeping**
- **Water inventory valuation processes**

This must be urgently corrected.

3.3 Bank Balance Decline

The primary bank account balance decreased by 74%, from R17.6 million in 2024 to R4.6 million in 2025

EFF Concern:
This sharp decline confirms the pressure on liquidity and highlights the impact of high capital spending and cash outflows.

3.4 KPI Performance Under Financial Viability

Under Municipal Financial Viability & Management:

- **Only 2 of 5 targets were met (40%)**

EFF Observation:
Although operational cash indicators improved, overall KPI compliance in financial governance remains moderate and requires improvement.

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4. OVERALL FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

Area	Status	EFF View
Revenue Collection	Improved	Strong performance

Area	Status	EFF View
Creditor Payments	Improved	Excellent compliance
Remuneration Control	Improved	Well managed
Capital Spending	Improved	Effective implementation
Liquidity Trend	Declining late in year	Needs monitoring
Audit Outcome	No clean audit	Major concern
Cash Reserves	Declined	Financial risk

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5. EFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The EFF recommends that iLembe District Municipality:

1. **Rebuild and protect cash reserves.**
2. **Strengthen internal controls to achieve a clean audit in 2025/2026.**
3. **Improve audit action plan implementation to 100%.**
4. **Reduce dependency on emergency water tanker expenditure.**
5. **Maintain revenue collection performance without excessive write-offs.**
6. **Closely monitor liquidity trends quarterly.**
7. **Reinforce internal capacity in financial reporting and asset management.**

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6. CONCLUSION

The 2024/2025 financial year reflects measurable financial improvements in:

- **Revenue collection**
- **Creditor payment efficiency**
- **Remuneration cost management**
- **Capital expenditure implementation**

However, these gains were partially offset by:

- **Declining cash coverage ratio**
- **Reduction in bank balances**
- **Failure to obtain a clean audit**
- **Liquidity pressure toward year-end**

The EFF acknowledges the progress made but emphasizes that financial sustainability requires stronger governance controls and disciplined cash flow management.

The Municipality is financially stable but under emerging liquidity pressure. Immediate corrective action will determine whether the 2025/2026 financial year strengthens or weakens this position.

Submitted by:
Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Ilembe District Municipality

Ilembe – Umasipala Wesifunda

Office of the Whip – Ilembe District

10th March 2025

The Municipal Manager
iLembe District Municipality
KwaDukuza

Comments of behalf of the African National Congress: Annual Report 2023/2024

As a representative of the African National Congress, I hereby provide comments on the annual report for iLembe District Municipality for the 2024/2025 financial year.

We acknowledge the progress made by the municipality in addressing some of the key challenges facing our communities. The report highlights several achievements, including infrastructure development and economic growth initiatives, aimed at improving the lives of our communities.

However, as we review this report, it is essential that we also acknowledge the areas that require improvement. The municipality still faces significant challenges, with regards to efficient and effective water supply with this being our core responsibility.

As the African National Congress, we believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that the municipality is working towards addressing these challenges. We note the economic growth path initiated by our entity, Enterprise iLembe. A remarkable improvement is noted.

We firmly belief that this report is not just a reflection of the municipality's performance but also a call to action. The Auditor General's assessment and the comments by the Audit committee high lights our key challenges that prevents us from receiving a clean audit report. This is our ultimate aim as an oversight body.

Our collective oversight action plan must take cognizance of the following

1. Comments by Audit Committee with action plan.
2. Comments by the Auditor General with action plan.
3. Financial viability with the declining revenue collection.
4. High water losses due to illegal connections and poor turnaround to repair leaks.
5. Our indigent consumer register must be audited to mitigate water losses and seek additional funding from national treasury.
6. The reliance on Umgeni Water is a risk as a bulk water service provider. Research alternates.
7. Water tanker services is not a solution as water provision but just an emergency service. Hence the urgency in clearing backlog with the installation of water infrastructure.
8. Ensure Enterprise iLembe delivers on its mandate, ie. Job creation and economic. development.

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12. INTERNAL AUDIT INPUTS

(P.T.O)

ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

SUBJECT : DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT: REPORT NO. 05/2025.

The Internal Audit Unit has completed the review of 2024/2025 Annual Report which was conducted as per the internal audit plan for 2025/2026 financial year. This communication is intended to submit the report to the Municipal Manager to source management comments.

The internal audit unit reviewed the first draft report annual report and the exception report was communicated to management. We further reviewed the annual report that was presented to Council and advertised for public comments.

It would be appreciated if we could be provided with management comments latest by the 31st of March 2026.

Signed at KwaDukuza on the 17th day of March 2026.

……………………………….
Z. TEMBE
MANAGER: INTERNAL AUDIT

cc: SENIOR MANAGER: COMMUNITY SERVICES

iLembe District Municipality
Internal Audit Unit

Draft Internal Audit Report

ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REPORT NUMBER: 05/2025

MARCH 2026

iLembe District Municipality
Internal Audit Unit

Internal Audit Report

DISTRIBUTION LIST:

This report is distributed to the following members of management:

MANAGEMENT	DESIGNATION
Mr. S. Mbhele	Municipal Manager
Ms. P Mbonambi	Senior Manager: Community Services

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SECTION A

1. AUDIT OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

1.1 OVERVIEW

We performed our work in accordance with our internal audit plan for the year ending 30 June 2026, as approved by the Audit Committee.

It is the responsibility of management to develop, implement and maintain an adequate system of internal control which will give reasonable assurance that errors and irregularities will not occur. Reasonable assurance presupposes that the system will be maintained by proficient staff, there will be no collusion and that management will not circumvent the system intentionally. Although key controls provide management with their prime source of internal control, inherent limitations exist in the reliance on manual controls as errors and lapses in controls may result from carelessness, misunderstanding of instructions, collusion between individuals and management override.

The primary objective of the audit was to review the 2024/2025 annual report for compliance with the requirements of the relevant legislation and guidelines (i.e. Municipal Finance Management Act, Municipal Systems Act and MFMA Circular No. 11 & 63).

1.2 SCOPE

The scope of the audit was limited to the review of the annual report for 2024/2025 financial year. The scope included reviewing the annual report for compliance with relevant prescripts and guidelines as well as reviewing the accuracy of information on a sample basis.

2. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Discussions were held with relevant officials within the municipality. Audit work was conducted on the basis of enquiry, inspection, and verification to test the existence and operation of controls. Detailed tests have constituted the major focus of this audit.

3. AUDIT APPROACH

The audit approach summarily consisted of the following:

- Obtaining and reviewing the Municipal Systems Act (MSA), Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), MFMA circular no. 11 & 63 with an aim of obtaining an understanding of the requirements pertaining to the annual report.
- Developing audit checklist.
- Obtaining and reviewing the annual report for 2024/2025 financial year as per the procedures developed.
- Summarizing the results of work performed, discussing with management, concluding and reporting.

4. VALUE ADDED STATEMENT

It is considered that this review has highlighted weaknesses in the annual reporting process. It is our view that should the recommendations be implemented, significant improvement in the system of internal control will be achieved.

5. AUDIT CONCLUSIONS

5.1 KEY TO THE OVERALL RATING

5	***Inadequate***	Red	
4	***Weak***	Orange	
3	***Acceptable***	Yellow	
2	***Good***	Dark blue	
1	***Optimum***	Dark Green	

As reflected on the above table, the colours are explained as follows:

Red colour – No control framework in place. Significant control weaknesses were noted which have resulted in a material exposure.

Orange colour – Limited control framework in place. Significant control weaknesses were noted which if not addressed, may result in a material exposure.

Yellow colour - Satisfactory controls to provide management with reasonable assurance that risks will not materialize but there is a room for improvement.

Dark Blue colour – Overall good control framework in place. Some improvements identified, which would further strengthen the overall control environment.

Dark Green colour - Strong control environment in place and it is operating effectively (subject to limitations of sampling).

5.2 OVERALL AUDIT OPINION

The audit focused on reviewing the municipality's annual report for compliance with relevant prescripts and guidelines as well as reviewing the accuracy of information on a sample basis. Based on the audit results, our overall opinion on the review of the municipality's 2024/2025 annual report is:

ACCEPTABLE	

The following are highlights of internal audit results:

(a) Most of the information that is required in the annual report in terms of the legislation and guidelines (i.e. Municipal Finance Management Act and the MFMA Circular 11 and Circular 63) was found recorded. However, some information required to form part of the annual report could not be located in the 2024/2025 annual report. It is recommended that management consider including the outstanding information prior to the annual report being adopted.

(b) Some of the information regarded as of public interest as per the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) and is required by MFMA Circular no. 11 to form part of the annual report could not be located.

For more information, refer to Section B of the report.

6. FRAUD AND INTERNAL CONTROL

While we have identified certain areas of departure from controls, internal audit procedures alone, even when carried out with due professional care, do not guarantee that all fraud and errors will be detected. We have ensured that all internal audit work conducted is planned with a reasonable expectation of detecting significant control weaknesses in the specific areas reviewed. However, our reviews as internal auditors should not be relied upon to disclose all matters of fraud and other irregularities that may exist. Management's attention is drawn to the inherent limitations in the reliance on internal controls and procedures mentioned above.

7. APPRECIATION

We would like to thank management and staff for their co-operation and assistance provided to the audit team during the course of our audit.

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Z. TEMBE
MANAGER: INTERNAL AUDIT

SECTION B

Detailed Internal Control Weaknesses

8. KEY TO THE FINDING RATING

Critical: A disastrous level of residual risk exposure due to ineffective operation of controls which needs excessive effort and should be resolved within a month.

***High*:** A high level of residual risk exposure due to ineffective operation of controls which needs major effort and should be resolved within three months.

***Medium*:** A medium level of residual risk exposure due to satisfactory controls to provide management with reasonable assurance that risk will not materialize but there is a room for improvement. Matters raised should be resolved within six months.

***Low*:** A low level of residual risk exposure due to effective operation of controls which provides management with reasonable assurance that risks will not materialize and that the process objectives will be achieved, however matters raised should be resolved within nine months.

Insignificant: An insignificant level of risk exposure due to extremely effective controls which provide management with reasonable assurance that risks will not materialize and that the process objectives will be achieved.

9. DETAILED AUDIT FINDINGS

The following weaknesses have been identified during our review and our recommendations are submitted with a view to enhance the operational internal control function of the processes reviewed.

NO.	DETAILED AUDIT FINDINGS	RISK RATING	PAGE
1	NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT	HIGH RISK	10
2	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PER DORA REQUIREMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT	HIGH RISK	11
3	NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE MFMA ANNUAL REPORT CIRCULARS	MEDIUM RISK	12-13
4	INADEQUATE REVIEW OF INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT	MEDIUM RISK	14-15

1. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT HIGH RISK

Findings

Section 121 (1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) states that every municipality and every municipal entity must for each financial year prepare an annual report in accordance with this Chapter.

Section 121 (3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act outlines various information that is required to form part of the municipality's annual report. The following information that is required to be included in terms of the MFMA was found not recorded in the draft annual report.

NO	MFMA REQUIREMENTS	INTERNAL AUDIT COMMENTS
1	***Section 121 (3) (e):*** An assessment by the municipality's accounting officer of any arrears on municipal taxes and service charges.	The auditors only noted a disclosure of amounts owed by individual councillors to the municipality on the annual financial statements.
2	***Section 121 (3) (f):*** An assessment by the municipality's accounting officer of the municipality's performance against the measurable performance objectives referred to in section 17 (3) (b) for revenue collection. ***Section 17(3)(b):*** *when an annual report is tabled in terms of section 16 (2) it must be accompanied by: measurable performance objectives for revenue from each source and for each vote in the budget, taking into account the municipality's integrated development plan.*	We were unable to locate the assessment report or information relating to revenue collection from each revenue source and for each vote in the approved budget as per the requirements of section 17 (b).

Root Cause

Failure by management to provide the required information timeously to enable for the inclusion in the annual report.

Potential Risks/ Implications

Crucial legislated information may be omitted in the annual report, thus leading to non-compliance with the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

Recommendations / Corrective Actions

Management should review the annual report for compliance with the requirements of relevant legislation and circulars prior to it being sent to relevant stakeholders.

Management Comments

Action	*Responsible Official*	*Implementation Date*

2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PER DORA REQUIREMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT HIGH RISK

Findings

Section 121 (3) (k) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) states that the annual report of a municipality must include any other information as may be prescribed.

MFMA Circular no. 11 states the matters of public interest that are required by the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) that should form part of the annual report. The following information that is amongst the information required to be part of the annual report could not be located:

(a) *Extent to which a municipality met the conditions of such grants.*

(b) *Use of any donor funding.* No information on donor funding was located in the draft annual report. It is not clear whether this was an oversight or there was not donor funding received by the municipality during the financial year under review.

(c) *Information on systems purchases and the effectiveness of these systems in the delivery of services and for ensuring compliance with statutory obligations*. Information on IT and systems purchases was found not included in the draft annual report.

Root Cause

- Draft annual report not reviewed by management.
- Failure by relevant management to provide the required information.

Potential Risks/ Implications

Lack of reviews may result in errors and omissions not being identified and rectified on time.

Recommendations / Corrective Actions

- Senior Manager: Community Services should review the report taking into consideration the requirements of the relevant legislation and guidelines to ensure that all the necessary information is included and structured accordingly prior to it being submitted to the relevant stakeholders.
- Senior Manager: Community Services should advise management of the nature of information required for the preparation of the annual report.

Management Comments

Action	*Responsible Official*	*Implementation Date*

3. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE MFMA ANNUAL REPORT CIRCULARS MEDIUM RISK

Findings

MFMA Circular 63 states that the goals of the new Annual Report Format are to achieve the standardised reporting to enable municipalities/ municipal entities to submit comparable Annual Reports; align financial and non-financial reporting in the Annual Report; create a standardised reporting structure that will enhance comprehensive oversight, meaningful evaluation and improved understanding of service delivery output; ensure the standardisation of terminology used in Annual Reports; and support the internal and external audit process.

(a) MFMA circular 63 states that the Municipal Manager's foreword should provide the Municipal Manager with an opportunity to give a public account, guidance and advice on the administrative performance of a municipality/ entity. We were unable to locate the information required to be provided by the Municipal Manager relating to the following topics in the 2024/2025 annual report.

- *Functions and powers of the municipality/ entity in relation to section 155/156 of the Constitution and Chapter 3 of the MSA.*
- *Sector departments and the sharing of functions between the municipality/ entity and sector departments.*
- *Information related to the revenue trend by source including borrowings undertaken by the municipality.*

(b) The following information is part of the annual report however it is not located as per MFMA circular 63:

- The Mayor's Foreword is required to include the *Strategic alignment to Provincial and Growth and Development Strategy*. It was noted that this information was not recorded in the Mayor's Foreword; however, it was recorded on page 25 of the annual report.

- The Municipal Manager's foreword should include amongst others the Entities related to the municipality and the sharing of power with the entity. This information was found recorded on page 21 of the annual report.

  It is recommended that management follow the MFMA guidelines to structure the information for ease of reference.

(c) Circular 63 requires the annual report of the municipality to have 6 chapters and be structured accordingly. Therefore, management should consider noting the following recommendations with regards to compliance with the Circular 63.

A. CHAPTER 2: GOVERNANCE

REQUIREMENTS OF MFMA CIRCULAR 63	INTERNAL AUDIT COMMENTS
(c) *Component C: Public Accountability and Participation* (i) Public Meetings (ii) IDP Participation and Alignment	It is recommended that (d) and (e) of 2.3 of the annual report be recorded as 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 and 2.3.2 should read as "IDP Participation and Alignment.

A. CHAPTER 3: SERVICE DELIVERY PERFORMANCE

REQUIREMENTS OF CIRCULAR 11	INTERNAL AUDIT COMMENTS
Chapter 5 (Which is Chapter 3 as per circular 63) is intended to provide comprehensive information on each functional area (GFS sub function) provided by the municipality and the municipal entity. It includes an overview, description and detailed analysis of each function and follows a spreadsheet template format, which is available as an Excel spreadsheet titled Annual Reporting Guidelines which can be downloaded from the National Treasury website www.treasury.gov.za/mfma (located under "Circulars and Annexures"). This chapter should comment on the progress in eliminating backlogs in service delivery for the key services for the key functions of water and sanitation. Backlogs in service delivery is intended to show the number of households that do not have access to the minimum services (level and standard) as specified by the relevant sector department or within national policy. A suggested format for providing information, per sector or functional area, to address backlogs through new infrastructure or renewal of existing infrastructure.	Chapter 3 of the annual report does not fully comply with Circular. A format that is available as an excel spreadsheet on the National Treasury website, under "Circulars and Annexures" is not being used as encouraged by the circular. It is recommended that management refer to the MFMA circular.

Root Cause

- Failure by management to provide the required information on time.
- The guidelines are not fully considered/ adhered to in the preparation of the annual report.

Potential Risks/ Implications

- Crucial legislated information may be omitted in the annual report thus leading to non-compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act.
- Uninformed decisions may be made due to inadequate information being reported to the municipality's stakeholders.
- The annual report may not be user-friendly and the information may not be easily located thus impacting on efficiency.

Recommendations / Corrective Actions

- Management should review the draft annual report for correctness and adequacy of information in line with the relevant legislation and/ or guidelines and ensure that necessary corrective measures are taken.
- Management should consider following the available guidelines when developing the annual report.

Management Comments

Action	*Responsible Official*	*Implementation Date*

4. INADEQUATE REVIEW OF INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT MEDIUM RISK

Findings

Section 62 (1)(c)(i) of the Municipal Finance Management Act, states that the accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for managing the financial administration of the municipality, and must for this purpose take all reasonable steps to ensure that the municipality has and maintains effective, efficient and transparent systems of financial and risk management and internal control.

(a) The following information that is recorded in the 2024/2025 annual report refers to the previous financial years. Management should revisit the annual report and ensure that only information relating to the 2024/2025 financial year.

Chapter	Reference No. /Page	Comments
Chapter 2	2.4.6, page 75, 1st paragraph	The 2nd to last sentence refers to the 2023/2024 financial year while the report is for 2024/2025 financial year.

(b) Management should note and consider reviewing the following:

CHAPTER	REFFERENCE NO. / PAGE	COMMENTS
Chapter 1 1.1 Mayor's Foreword	Page 6, paragraph 2	Management should consider reviewing the 1st sentence which reads "*….I extend my gratitude to the Executive Mayor…..*".
Chapter 1: 1.2 Municipal Manager's Foreword	Page 7, paragraph 1	The 1st sentence refers to the Municipality's Annual Performance report instead of Annual report.
Chapter 2	2.3 (c) (ii), page 59	Management should consider reviewing the sentence that reads "*Amakhosi are serving in the various Councils are fully integrated in terms of portfolio committee allocation*".
	(d) Page 60, paragraph 1	The sentence that reads "A total 4 quarterly meeting were held….." should be revised.
	(e): IDP and Alignment, page 60	The information recorded under this heading appears not to be relevant. The information talks to Public Meetings and should be moved to (d) (Public Meetings) of the annual report. Management should therefore source information that relates to IDP and Alignment.
Chapter 2	Page 64, 1st sentence	Management should consider reviewing the following sentences: 1. "*The 4th Quarter Reports have been consolidated awaiting tabling to all relevant Council structures.*" *2. "*Gift, Donations and Sponsorship register were circulated to signed by all staff and report submitted to......" *3. Declarations of interest signed by Councillors, Senior Managers and Middle Managers and all SCM Officials as well as officials; still a struggle from Directorates to comply with all employees to sign declarations and some Councillors.*

CHAPTER	REFFERENCE NO. / PAGE	COMMENTS
	Page 74, 1st bullet	Appears that there is a word that is missing in the sentence that reads "*This includes the following information: • that have been disposed of in terms of Section 14(2) or (4) during the previous quarter;*"

Root Cause

Inadequate review of information on the draft report.

Potential Risks / Implications

Lack of reviews may result in errors and omissions not being identified and rectified on time.

Recommendations / Corrective Actions

Senior Manager: Community Services should review the information on the report prior to it being submitted to the relevant stakeholders.

Management Comments

Action	*Responsible Official*	*Implementation Date*

13. REGISTERS

(P.T.O)

ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
ILEMBE UMASIPALA WESIFUNDA

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNT COMMITTEE 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT OVERSIGHT MEETING
VENUE: KWADUKUZA TOWN HALL
DATE: 05 MARCH 2026
TIME: 10H00

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6. Audrey	Ntuli	082 8177 004
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8. Mnoneleli	Mkomane	078 2245 981
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8. Zandile	Mcambi	071 5929 142
9. Sfiso	Dube	073 9263 952
10. Sibusiso	Masuku	079 4621 354
W Sphiwe	SIGQETSU	0761064847

WARD 28

NAME	SURNAME	CONTACT
1. Ashwin	Hemraj	0827874626
2. Lindokuhle	Mhlongo	0832434617
3. Simangele	Mtetwa	~~0626296107~~ 0739480365
4. Menzi	Gumede	~~0710702446~~ 0719926223
5. Sibongile	Balemini	0848480234
6. Mnoneleli	Nokhomba	0631339756
7. Joyce	Dladla	0768205117
8. Thabsile	Khoza	0835342284
9. Faith	Govender	0833445205
10. New	Mlondo	0833658771

WARD 29

NAME	SURNAME	CONTACT
1. Sibusiso	Mtetwa	068 278 4168
2. Mawande	Ntuli	073 108 0572
3. Thobile	Bhodoza	082 051 5518
4. Mbongeni	Mtshali	063 490 6900
5. Thembisile	Manzi	076 494 6367
6. Sanele	Masondo	061 912 2536
7. Michael	Mhlongo	072 593 2156
8. Sindisiwe	Mzobe	079 269 4136
9. Thami	Mngomezulu	061 469 2851
10. Phelelani	Bhodoza	078 051 7444

WARD 30

NAME	SURNAME	CONTACT
1. Thamsanqa	Mkhize	062 121 8310/~~061 463 8364~~
2. Zanovuyo	Meji	078 629 7810
3. Mpendulo	Nene	081 378 4819
4. Ayabonga	Zwane	076 569 9714
5. Warren	Clark	082 834 5365
6. Chris	Schuster	061 433 4811
7. Karin	Russell	083 283 8665
8. Susan	Dennis	082 928 7120
9. Ann	Walters	082 340 1688
10. Gabrielle	Lyle	082 925 6481

14. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL

(P.T.O)

Evaluation of the Annual Report

Auditee:	**iLembe District Municipality**	**Period-end:**	**30-Jun-25**
Date:	**27-Jan-26**	**W/P reference:**	**C.3.6**

Audit Procedures

Audit report procedures
1. Ensure audit report included is the final approved version
2. Audit report should be signed and dated
3. Check audit report for spelling errors
4. Page numbers making reference to the annual financial statements should be correct and should not include the unaudited schedules
5. Page numbers making reference to sections of the annual performance report should be correct
6. Reference to specific note numbers should agree to the note numbers in final annual financial statements

Annual Financial Statements procedures
1. Ensure that the final financial statements are included
2. The financial statements should not state “unaudited” on the cover
3. Cast the financial statements
4. Agree note references to notes
5. Check that no information for current or prior year is missing (When converting from excel, figures are sometimes removed)

Record of work done.

Audit report

Inspected the annual report for 2024/25 and confirmed that it is included in the Annual report

1. Confirmed that the Audit report provided is the final version signed by the AGSA.
2. Inspected the Audit report and confirmed that it is signed by the Auditor General
3. Confirmed there were no spelling errors
4. Confirmed that the Auditors Report and AFS are correctly referenced in Annual Report references
5. Confirmed that page numbers make refernce to sections of the Annual performance report are correct.
6. Confirmed that reference to specific note numbers agree to the note numbers in the final financial statements
7. Reviewed paragraphs 15 and 23 of the audit report and noted that the reference to service delivery is incorrect, as it includes information that was not subject to audit. The page reference in the audit report should be limited to sercise delivery only and must strictly relate to the audited Balanced Scorecard, specifically the Key Performance Area (KPA) on Service Delivery.

Annual financial statements

1. Confirmed that the final AFS is included in the Annual Report
2. The financial statements does not state “unaudited” or audited on the cover
3. Agreed the financial statements to the AFS submitted to audit.
4. Agreed the note references to notes
5. Confirmed that all figures are reported.

Conclusion

Based on the audit procedures performed and the review of supporting documentation, we confirm that the correct Audit Report and the audited Annual Financial Statements (AFS) for the 2024/2025 financial year have been appropriately included in the Annual Report.

Furthermore, the financial figures disclosed in the Annual Report agree to the audited AFS for the 2024/2025 financial year, with no discrepancies identified.

The only exception relates to the incorrect referencing in the Audit Report concerning the audited Service Delivery Scorecard, which requires correction to ensure alignment with the scope of the audited performance information.

15. **MUNITES OF THE MPAC ANNUAL REPORT OVERSIGHT MEETING HELD AT THE KWADUKUZA TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, 05 MARCH 2026**

(P.T.O)

MEETING MINUTES OF THE MPAC 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT OVERSIGHT MEETING HELD AT KWADUKUZA TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY, 05 MARCH 2026

1. Welcome and Opening

The meeting was opened by the Chairperson of MPAC, Cllr. J.A. Vallan, who welcomed councillors, community members, municipal officials, and stakeholders in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was outlined as the public engagement and oversight interrogation of the 2024/2025 Annual Report for iLembe District Municipality.

The Chairperson emphasised that all feedback received would inform the MPAC Oversight Report to Council.

2. Presentation of the Annual Report

The Mayor, Cllr. Thobani Shandu, presented the highlights of the Annual Report, focusing on:

- Audit outcomes
- Financial performance
- Service delivery achievements and challenges
- Water and sanitation infrastructure programmes
- Governance and internal control issues

The Mayor delivered formal management responses on behalf of the Administration.

3. Public Comments and Management Responses

Based on the Mayor's presentation, the following comments, questions and/or appraisals were made:

3.1 Ward 07 – Mr. Sifiso Mlambo (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Thanked the District for the SRBWSS project, noting its positive impact on restoring community dignity.
- Requested yard connections.
- Requested that presentations be compiled into reference packs.

Mayor's Response:

- Bulk sewer pipelines are being implemented; bulk water pipelines are still in planning.

- Reticulation and yard connections will be implemented in future phases.

3.2 Ward 26 – Mr. Nhlanhla Mazibuko (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Non-revenue water (NRW) is too high; leaks in Ntshawini are not repaired.
- Requested allocation of a dedicated plumber.
- Raised concern that iLembe fails to attend public meetings and war rooms.
- Recent water shutdowns were poorly communicated.

Mayor's Response:

- Contact details for the responsible official will be shared for onsite leak identification.
- Alternatively, a list of leaking areas may be submitted to the Call Centre.
- Public meeting invitations must be sent at least one week in advance.
- Shutdown communications are issued timeously through official channels.

3.3 Ward 21 – Mr. Moses Ndwandwe (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Appreciated the District's platform.
- Promised dedicated tanker for Sinqobile has not been delivered.
- 25 standpipes are serving over 5 000 people – severe strain.
- Requested replacement of plastic standpipes with concrete ones.
- Water tanker absent for 3 months; residents drinking dirty water.
- Requested tanker schedule adjustments to accommodate working residents.
- Farmers damaging infrastructure without consequence.
- Requested District attendance at public meetings.

Mayor's Response:

- A dedicated tanker is assigned for the entire ward; distribution is coordinated with the Ward Committee and Councillor.

- Housing project reticulation infrastructure will service RDP houses once implemented.
- All damaged infrastructure should be reported to the Municipality.
- Public meeting invitations must be sent at least a week in advance.

3.4 Ward 14 – Mr. Lindani Mnqayi (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- iLembe's participation in IDP meetings is inconsistent.
- Community requires a sewer system.
- Requested better turnaround times.
- Vula-Vala programme unclear; requested structured communication.
- Water tanks are a challenge due to non-payment issues.
- Requested an update on the Mvoti Water Treatment Works.

Mayor's Response:

- Sewer reticulation for Shombela not in current IDP but will be considered for future cycles.
- Updated Vula-Vala schedules will be provided for wards 14, 15, 24, 26.
- Non-payment issues with contractors have been resolved.
- Mvoti Water Treatment Works is at 40% completion; partial functionality expected by July 2026.

3.5 Ward 29 – Mr. Phelelani Bhodoza (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Community members were given Section 56 forms instead of standard recruitment forms.
- Road rehabilitation contractors damaging infrastructure.
- Illegal connections encouraged due to delays in household connections.
- Desludging project insufficient and slow for a community of 800 households.
- Requested inclusion in Groutville sanitation system.

Mayor's Response:

- Thuma Mina Programme will address leaks and illegal connections; this ward is prioritised.
- Desludging is a continuous annual programme; constrained by budget.

- Groutville Sanitation Scheme will include all wards in the area.

3.6 Ward 14 – Mr. Siyabonga Dube (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Requested resolution of Ward 14 reticulation issues.
- Requested sewer network connection.
- Raised concern about persistent leaks.
- Believes service providers are colluding.

Mayor's Response:

- Sewer reticulation not in current IDP; will be considered in future plans.
- Responsible official will meet onsite to identify leaks; lists may be submitted to Call Centre.

3.7 Ward 27 – Mr. Sibusiso Masuku (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Requested additional tanker; current one insufficient.
- Ntsikeni has had no water since 2015.
- Madundube area lacks a clear water schedule.

Mayor's Response:

- Due to budget constraints, an additional tanker cannot be provided.
- Damaged infrastructure in Ntsikeni is being repaired to restore supply.
- Water schedule will be shared with the Ward Councillor and Committee.

3.8 Ward 18 – Mr. Dumezweni Nkwanyana (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Water not reaching Mthonjeni (Mbozamp).
- Sewer upgrade project inadequate; sewage overflowing.
- Illegal connections need fixing.
- Leak repairs requested.
- Plumbers report they lack tools due to trust issues from the Municipality.

Mayor's Response:

- Current project seeks to address water shortages and illegal connections.
- Plumbers have been provided with full toolsets; materials controlled through central stores under Council resolution.

3.9 Ward 15 – Ms. Dolly Mthembu (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Appreciated Larkfield project.
- 11 years after RDP houses were built, still no sewer reticulation.
- Nkukhwini has no water; tanker insufficient.
- Standpipe on her land causing disturbance.

Mayor's Response:

- Sewer reticulation in RDP projects in KwaDukuza is the mandate Human Settlements and KwaDukuza Municipality.
- Vula-Vala rotation schedule continues due to limited bulk allocation from Umgeni Water.
- Community must identify an alternative standpipe site through Ward Councillor.

3.10 Ward 01 – Ms. Deliwise Ntuli (KwaDukuza Municipality)

- Appreciated installation of two standpipes.
- Stand tank leaking; requested replacement.
- Tanker schedule not followed.
- Tanker drivers behaving arrogantly.
- Requested additional standpipes.
- Tanker should operate on Saturdays.
- Requested increased bulk pipeline supply.

Mayor's Response:

- Leak repaired; plumbers will conduct follow-up inspection.
- Updated tanker schedule will be sent to the Ward Councillor.
- Incidents involving driver behaviour must be formally reported.
- New standpipes will be considered in future budgets.
- Bulk pipeline upgrade project at planning stage; timelines to be communicated.

3.11 Ward 02 – Ms. Zandile Sishi (Mandeni Municipality)

- Appreciated Macambini Phase 5C; urged acceleration of remaining phases.
- Izinduna allocating people to areas without water, causing illegal connections.
- Requested follow-up on outstanding issues in areas where projects were completed.
- No desludging taking place; latrines full.

Mayor's Response:

- A consolidated list of outstanding issues must be submitted to the Mandeni Area Manager.
- Desludging done this year in Wards 1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17; limited by budget but continuous annually.

4. General Observations from MPAC

MPAC noted the following recurring themes:

- High NRW levels and ageing infrastructure
- Persistent water supply interruptions across multiple wards
- Need for improved communication, especially around shutdowns and tanker schedules
- Community frustration with delayed sewer reticulation
- Concerns about contractor performance and accountability
- Need for stronger engagement in IDP and public meetings

MPAC further acknowledged the Mayor's extensive management responses and commitments.

5. Way Forward / Resolutions

MPAC resolved that:

- **All management commitments must be captured in the MPAC Oversight Report** and monitored quarterly.
- A consolidated list of outstanding community issues (leaks, illegal connections, tanker problems, infrastructure damages) must be submitted to MPAC within **30 days**.
- The District must enhance **public participation**, particularly:
  - Timely attendance of IDP and ward meetings
  - Transparent shutdown and tanker communication
- Infrastructure planning must prioritise high-pressure communities such as Sinqobile, Mthonjeni, Nkukhwini, Ntsikeni, and Shombela.

6. Closing

The Chairperson thanked all participants for their attendance and constructive contributions. The meeting was adjourned at 14:25

16. ADVERTISEMENTS/NOTICES

University dream becomes reality for Ndwedwe

By Xpress Reporter

Ndwedwe matriculant Kwanele Ndlovu's dream of pursuing university studies were about to come crashing down – until the Umkhonto Wesizwe Party (MKP) stepped in.

A delegation from the MKP, led by a number of MPs, visited the learner's home after being alerted to his plight by a local school principal. Even after being offered a place at the University of Zululand, and securing provisional approval by the National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), Ndlovu still could not afford to go to university due to his severely disadvantaged background.

Simply put, the youngster did not have any means to start university life until the NSFAS funding became available. And with his mother being comatose in hospital due to a serious illness, the youngster was even contemplating suicide.

"Honourable (Dudu) Nzama bought all the clothing needed, Honourable (Silindile) Seme donated R1500, Honourable Sibusiso Sikhakhane donated R1000, and the principal donated a further R1000. Local Comrade Mrs Mthiya also gave the boy a brand-new blanket…and the elated youngster is now on his way to university to start fulfilling his dreams of a better and brighter future" stated MKP.

Kwanele Ndlovu (left) is ready to begin his university life, courtesy of the generosity of the MKP and a local school principal.

Suspect arrested after fatal shooting

By Xpress Reporter

A 31-year-old man has been traced and arrested by Nsuze police, following a fatal shooting incident which took place on the 20th of January 2026.

Ilembe District police spokesperson Priya Nunkumar said the shooting followed an altercation between the suspect and a 33-year-old victim near the Nsuze River. She added that the suspect pulled out his firearm and shot the victim three times.

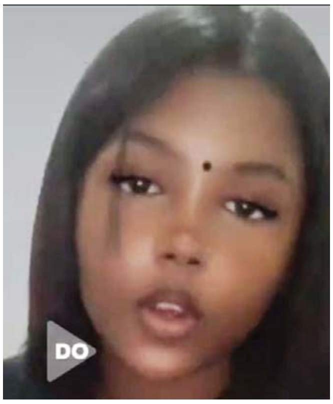
"The suspect fled. However, he was arrested after Nsuze detectives worked diligently to track him down. The suspect's licensed firearm was also seized from his possession, along with 6 live rounds of ammunition," Nunkumar explained.

The firearm will be sent for ballistic testing to determine if it has been used in a commission of crime, police said.

KZN Legislature praises Stanger Training Centre

PROGRESSIVE: Stanger Training Centre were proud hosts of a KwaZulu-Natal Legislature delegation on Friday, 30 January 2026. Approximately 40 delegates, representing a wide range of departments and portfolios, toured the school and gained first-hand insight into operations, functionality and the excellence of well-maintained infrastructure. Deputy Chair, Ms CQ Madlopha, commended the teamwork and exceptional skills programme at Stanger Training Centre, emphasizing that all schools in South Africa should promote practical skills aligned with job creation and employment.

Search underway for missing teenager



The missing teenager, Arabella Horwood

A family from Glenhills in KwaDukuza is making an impassioned appeal to members of the public to help locate their daughter, Arabella Horwood (14), who has been reported as missing.

Arabella, who resides at No 68 Capricorn Street in Glenhills, went missing on the 25th of January 2026 while on a visit to a residence on Dick King Road.

At the time of her disappearance, she was wearing a green hoodie and Sissy Boy jeans. A missing person's case has been opened at the KwaDukuza police station.

Anyone with information on Arabella's whereabouts is requested to contact (073) 917-1936, or Selvan Naidoo on (073) 182-3863.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLICATION OF THE 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

ENGLISH

The Annual Report of the iLembe District Municipality and its municipal entity, Enterprise iLembe, for the 2024/2025 financial year was tabled before the Council on **27 January 2026** by the Mayor, Cllr. T.P. Shandu. The report is hereby made public in accordance with **Section 21 of the Municipal Systems Act, 2000**.

In line with **Section 127(5)(a)(i) of the Municipal Finance Management Act**, members of the local community, stakeholders, and all interested parties are invited to submit written representations on the **Annual Report.**

A copy of the Annual Report may be inspected at the **reception area, 1st Floor, iLembe House, 59/61 Mahatma Gandhi Street, KwaDukuza**, between 08h00 and 15h00, Monday to Friday. The report is also available on the District Municipality's **website: https://www.ilembe.gov.za/performance-management/annual-report/.**

Written representations must be addressed to the **Municipal Manager** and may be:

- Hand-delivered to: iLembe District Municipality, iLembe House, 59/61 Mahatma Gandhi Street, KwaDukuza
- Posted to: P.O. Box 1788, KwaDukuza, 4450
- Emailed to: Phumzile.Mbonambi@ilembe.gov.za

Any person unable to write may visit the reception area on the 1st Floor, iLembe House, during office hours (08h00–15h00, Monday to Friday), where Ms Philly Zulu is available to assist by transcribing oral representations.

The closing date for the submission of representations is Friday, 27 February 2026.

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Umbiko Wonyaka wezi-2024/2025 kaMasipala weSifunda iLembe kanye nenkampani yawo, i-Enterprise iLembe, wethulwe eMkhandlwini ngomhlaka **27 Januwari 2026** yiMeya uCllr. T.P. Shandu. Lo mbiko ushicilelwe ngaphansi kwemigomo **yeSigaba 21 we-Municipal Systems Act, 2000.**

Isigaba 127(5)(a)(i) se-Municipal Finance Management Act, sigunyaza abahlali, ababambiqhaza kanye nabo bonke abanentshisekelo ukuthi benze iziphakamiso mayelana **noMbiko Wonyaka wezi-2024/2025** kaMasipala weSifunda iLembe kanye nenkampani yawo.

Abafisa ukuwubheka loMbiko bayaziswa ukuthi utholakala **e-reception, eLembe House, ku 59/61 Mahatma Gandhi Street, KwaDukuza**, phakathi kwamahora 08h00 kuya ku-15h00, ngoMsombuluko kuya kuLwesihlanu. Uphinde utholakale **kwiwebhusayithi kaMasipala weSifunda ku: https://www.ilembe.gov.za/performance-management/annual-report/.**

Iziphakamiso ezibhaliwe mayelana noMbiko Wonyaka wezi-2024/2025 kumele ziqondiswe **kuMqondisi kaMasipala** ngalendlela:

- Ngokuyisa mathupha: iLembe District Municipality, iLembe House, 59/61 Mahatma Gandhi Street, KwaDukuza
- Ngeposi: P.O. Box 1788, KwaDukuza, 4450
- Nge-imeyili: Phumzile.Mbonambi@ilembe.gov.za

Noma yimuphi umuntu ongenamandla okuzibhalela angaya e-reception, eLembe House, phakathi kwamahora 08h00 kuya ku-15h00, ngoMsombuluko kuya kuLwesihlanu, bacele uNkk. Philly Zulu ongasiza ngokubhala izethulo zalabo abangakwazi ukubhala.

Usuku lokugcina lokwamukela iziphakamiso uLwesihlanu, 27 Februwari 2026.

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Class of 1980 reunite after 46 years

Doctors who graduated in 1980 from the University of Natal (Black Section) reunited for the first time since qualifying, 46 years ago. The reunion began with a nostalgic visit to the Medical School, including lecture halls, the library, and research units, followed by a lecture from one alumnus based on Mayo Clinic research. Attendees enjoyed reflections, chats over bunny chows, and laughter as they matched old faces with new. The evening concluded with dinner, speeches, music, commemorative T-shirts, and plans for a legacy fund supporting research and students.

Maphumulo Municipality leaders recently visited several schools to provide financial assistance for school uniforms to learners from disadvantaged families. Mayor Zibuyisile Khuzwayo-Dlamini, accompanied by councillors and youth development representatives, visited Kranskop High, Mbhekaphansi High, Emzangedwa High, Phakathwayo High and Mangcengeza High Schools among others. The municipality encouraged learners to remain focused on their studies and strive for improved academic performance.

EMBA opens up coastal trails

Luke Peschl takes on the EMBA trails. Photo: Pierre Tostee.

Kaylan Geekie

Mountain bikers can gear up for another year of adventure as the eThekwini Mountain Bike Association (EMBA) rolls out its 2026 season rates and North Coast routes.

EMBA is a non-profit organisation (NPO) that provides safe, legal and well-managed access to privately owned land for recreational cycling, walking and running.

A 2007 agreement with Tongaat Hulett allows riders to legally access three tracts of farmland stretching from Cycle Lab Cornubia and Salta Sibaya to Tongaat. There are also two routes in the Shongweni area.

The organisation manages about 180km of trails across its two regions, with more than 20km of purpose-built singletrack in each area. The five routes offer a mix of singletrack, jeep track and dirt roads, winding through rolling sugarcane hills and providing occasional ocean views along the North Coast trails.

Mount Moreland resident and EMBA member Marie Hucklesby described the popular routes as "beautiful" and said they are enjoyed by up to 300 riders on a weekend.

"We have all sorts of weird and wonderful trails, they are amazing," said Hucklesby.

"We have Scary Cliffs, Lone Tree Hill and Mamba Alley. Cyclists from other areas should definitely come and check it out."

Chairperson Stewart Flack emphasised the importance of responsible access and sponsorships to ensure continued maintenance. Operating entirely through volunteers, Flack said EMBA has allocated R500 000 to trail maintenance this year.

"Support from our title sponsor, Richfield and various local businesses helps with maintenance," he said.

"However, we are looking for more sponsors to build additional trails and expand our network."

Annual membership fees are R990 for adults, R750 for pensioners over 70, and R150 for children under 18 and students, providing year-round access. Members also receive two R125 Cycle Lab vouchers, 20% off Cadence Nutrition online purchases and a once-off mountain bike skills day.

"EMBA exists so that cyclists can enjoy these beautiful areas legally and responsibly. The trails are safe, well managed and truly a cyclist's dream," said Flack.

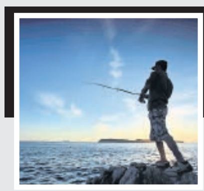
"By joining EMBA, riders help protect access to this land and ensure the trails remain open for years to come."

Day passes are available at R50 per person.

Membership details and applications are available at www.emba.org.za.

Pierre Jevon, Dave Preece, Mark Telpher, Sue Tomlin, Marie Hucklesby and Janet Carboni at Sunset Hill.

The Mounties at the Peace Cottage near Umhlanga.



Fish Eagle

Sealice
Fishing Correspondent

Dorado headline hot fishing week

Peak summer arrived with a vengeance last week, bringing high temperatures, steamy humidity and, most importantly for anglers, light winds.

With sea temperatures climbing above 26°C, it was one of those rare weeks when offshore, rock and surf anglers all enjoyed near-perfect conditions, particularly during the early morning and after dark.

Offshore anglers made the most of extended sea time, finding cleaner water on the gamefish grounds. Snoek were spread along most of the backline from Umdloti through Westbrook and north to Tinley Manor. The fish were present, but anglers had to work for them. Even so, some quality snoek were landed, extending what has been a productive run.

Barracouta of up to 15kg were reported off Umdloti and north of Ballito, mainly in the early mornings. While some boats returned empty-handed, this remains early-season couta fishing and catches are expected to improve. Dorado, however, continue to steal the show, with good numbers of decent-sized fish landed again last week. Yellowfin tuna and the odd wahoo were also hooked, with tuna moving into shallower water.

Bottom fishing remained consistent on the reefs, producing soldiers, slinger, Englishman and various rockcod species. Skippers had to hunt for workable water due to strong currents, but yellowtail, amberjack and even the odd musselcracker rounded off a busy week offshore.

Rock and surf anglers also enjoyed solid action. Sand sharks were plentiful, with some big fish landed locally, although most of the real giants came from further north. Grey sharks provided great sport at La Lucia Wreck and Glenashley, while diamond rays featured more prominently closer to Durban. Early morning and night sessions produced shad, particularly on the upper South Coast, with anglers advised to fish in the dark as the shad often disappear at first light.

With warm water and calm seas, pompano are well worth targeting. Reports from Durban North and Ballito suggest that crayfish, crab, sealice or dropshot tactics could produce rewards, with stumpnose also active.

A weather change is forecast this week, with north-easterlies and a touch of wind from the south, meaning rougher seas may limit opportunities. When the windows open, anglers are advised to make the most of them.

Zimbali's Chris and Callum Munro with a bull dorado (14kg) caught on a live mozzie in the deeper waters off Ballito last week.

Ballito father and son Derek and Taylor Everitt with a 14kg king mackerel caught using live mackerel.
Photos: Dirty Harry Fishing Charter.

iLembe Chamber CEO, Cobus Oelofse, outgoing president, Nkonzo Mhlongo and vice-president Andy Horton.

Chasing new business heights

James Anderson

Record revenue and the addition of new members marked a positive year for the iLembe Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

Revenue grew by almost R300 000 year-on-year and 25 new members joined, while an unqualified audit opinion was also received.

Speaking at the Chamber's AGM last Thursday, outgoing Chamber president Nkonzo Mhlongo reflected on a year shaped by national policy uncertainty, muted GDP growth and fluctuating investor sentiment. While improved macroeconomic conditions in the latter half of the year supported business confidence, ongoing governance, infrastructure and service delivery concerns at local government level continued to factor into the regional operating environment.

"Parallel investigations and regulatory processes at the KwaDukuza municipality (KDM) involving Cogta, the Special Investigating Unit and Nersa further reduced planning certainty and investor confidence," said Mhlongo.

"On the flipside, KDM was voted the best-run municipality in KZN and our region attracted R26.5-billion of investment at the KZN Investment Conference. During 2024, KwaDukuza passed the highest number of building plans per capita in KZN, a quarter of the value of all business plans passed in the province."

Advocacy remained central to the Chamber's mandate.

Engagements with KDM led to the establishment of a Five-a-Side Technical Task Team aimed at improving collaboration between business and local government to address infrastructure and service delivery constraints. A separate Southern Electrical Network Task Team was formed following prolonged outages, shifting focus from crisis response to long-term network resilience.

Efforts to revitalise the Isithebe Industrial Park, which accounts for 45% of the district's manufacturing capacity, were also intensified in a bid to improve estate management and security.

The Chamber's flagship competition and mentorship initiative, The Entrepreneur Programme, has also been extended to additional districts nationally.

In closing the AGM, a special honorarium was given to former presidents and long-term Chamber members Andy Horton and Dominic Collett for their consistent service to the iLembe business community.

A new chapter for Tim Driman

Sboniso Dlamini

Ballito businessman and award-winning photographer Tim Driman is preparing to add a new title to his name - published author.

Driman is awaiting final print approval of his business handbook, *The First Rule of Business - There Must Be More Coming In Than Going Out*, which is expected to launch later this month. It will be available in hard copy, e-book and Kindle formats through platforms including Amazon and Takealot.

After leaving college early, Driman built a successful logistics company from the ground up. The handbook draws on more than 25 years of experience in the freight and transport sector.

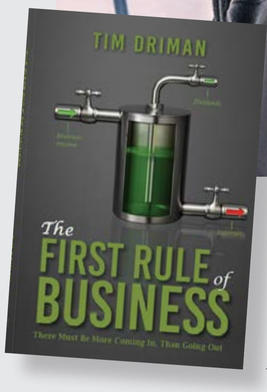
"I was never given anything by anyone," he said.

"If you work for excellence, not money, everything falls into place."

What began six years ago as loose chapters saved on his computer slowly developed into a structured guide on entrepreneurship and mentorship. Driman describes the writing journey as deeply personal.

"It was cathartic. It helped me see patterns in my own life, especially my pioneering nature," he said.

Driman experienced challenges at a young boy, including losing sight in one eye after a pellet-gun accident at the age of six. Growing up in Westville, he says he learnt independence at a young age.



Tim Driman

He also credits his nanny from Nongoma for teaching him respect, honesty and integrity - principles that still guide his business and personal decisions.

Mentorship remains central to his work. As one of the first mentors in the iLembe Chamber of Commerce's The Entrepreneur Programme, he has supported many young business owners.

After securing his financial future, Driman focused on his lifelong passion for photography. Together with his wife, Yvonne, he has photographed Africa's wildlife since the 1990s. His image Down the Hatch won first place in the Wildlife category at the Africa Photo Awards in 2021.

He is also working on an autobiography reflecting on his life from the 1950s to the 1990s.

For more information, contact Driman at timdriman@iafrica.com.

courier Orphan Fund EST 2003

Children making use of the donated tables and chairs at Isinakekelo Centre. INSET: *Orphan Fund* founder Rose Stephenson with Wendy Monyango.

A safe space for children

Sboniso Dlamini

A grassroots project in Thembeni township is making a meaningful difference by creating a safe, nurturing space for underprivileged children.

Isinakekelo Care Centre operates under the Isinakekelo Foundation, a registered non-profit organisation founded seven years ago. The foundation initially focused on assisting the elderly, but it quickly became clear that many elderly beneficiaries were also caring for vulnerable children who needed additional support. The foundation's mission widened to incorporate them and the care centre was established.

The centre is committed to protecting the constitutional rights of children by providing basic necessities such as food, shelter, education support and access to healthcare, while creating a safe place for the children to simply play and 'be children'. The foundation also offers counselling, mentorship and emotional support to help children build self-esteem.

Plans are in place to expand educational and development programmes that promote cognitive, social and life skills.

In December 2025, several organisations partnered to support the centre. Waltons, Pick n Pay Ballito and *The North Coast Courier Orphan Fund* donated six tables and 24 chairs, allowing children to comfortably complete activities and share meals.

The North Coast Courier also donated 14 single beds, comprising seven sets of bunk beds, along with mattresses. This donation significantly improved the sleeping arrangements for the 12 children who stay at the centre. The centre also supports more than 30 children who come in daily for a meal after school.

Further support came from BBS Mica, which donated primer, paint and paintbrushes to the value of almost R4 000 to assist with upgrading the centre's facilities.

"We are deeply grateful for all the support we receive through the *Orphan Fund*. Honestly, without this help, I do not know how we would continue caring for the children and elderly who rely on us every day. There are truly no words to describe the impact made by the *Courier* and we will be forever thankful," said founder Wendy Monyango.

Through continued community support and partnerships, Isinakekelo Care Centre remains focused on creating a safe and nurturing environment, protecting children from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

For more information or to offer support, contact the organisation on 069 420 7418 or 084 892 6591, or email isinakekelofoundation@gmail.com.

Dawnheights Veterans cruise to easy victory

DAWNHEIGHTS Veterans delivered a composed and clinical performance to secure a seven-wicket victory over Crusaders Veterans in their Castle KZNCU Veterans League 30-over encounter at Gledhow on 28 February 2026.

In sweltering conditions, with temperatures reaching about 42°C, DawnHeights showed discipline with the ball before calmly chasing down a modest target. After restricting Crusaders to 136/2 in their allotted overs, DawnHeights reached 138/3 in 27.4 overs to seal a comfortable win.

Crusaders elected to bat, but DawnHeights' bowlers never allowed the opposition to build momentum. Mags Iyer led the attack superbly with figures of 6-1-18-0, applying sustained pressure through the middle overs.

Adhir Ramdew Maharaj and Suveer Maharaj supported well, conceding just 14 runs each in four overs, while Kevin Chitungo bowled a steady opening spell. Nikilesh Misra claimed a vital wicket late in the innings, ensuring the target remained well within reach.

The run chase began with an early setback, but Kevin Chitungo and Preshen Rampersadh responded with a decisive 117-run partnership for the second wicket. Chitungo struck a composed 54 off 61 balls, while Rampersadh anchored the innings with an authoritative 69 off 85 deliveries, including five fours and two sixes.

After Chitungo's dismissal in the 24th over, Rampersadh guided the chase close to the finish before falling just short of the target. Iyer then completed an excellent all-round display with an unbeaten 10, striking two boundaries, as DawnHeights sealed victory.

Meanwhile, DawnHeights Promo produced an equally dominant display a day later, cruising to a seven-wicket win over Lindelani in their Castle KZNCU Promotion League Top 9 encounter at Reservoir Hills.

Full day of prayer, devotion and bhajans at Mundal

A DAY of prayer and devotion in Stanger this weekend is expected to draw devotees from across the region as Jai Shri Raam South Africa and Shri Sanathan Mundal host an Akhand Hanuman Chalisa Recital on Sunday, 8 March.

The spiritual programme, at Shri Sanathan Mundal, 21 Greyridge Drive, Stanger, will begin with puja from 5am to 6am. The continuous recital of the Hanuman Chalisa will commence at 6am and continue throughout the day, with various temples and bhajan groups participating in hourly slots:

▶ 6am – 7am: Shri Sanathan Mundal
▶ 7am – 8am: Stanger Manor Hindu Temple
▶ 8am – 9am: Springfield Bhajan Group
▶ 9am – 10am: Shri Gopalji Temple – Verulam
▶ 10am – 11am: Sai Glenhills and Stanger Branches
▶ 11am – 12pm: Shri Hanuman Bhakti Sangeeth – Phoenix
▶ 12pm – 1pm: Palmview Hindu Mandir – Phoenix
▶ 1pm – 2pm: Isidingo VHP Shakti Sewa Mandir
▶ 2pm – 3pm: Etete Ramakrishna Satsang Group
▶ 3pm – 4pm: Redcliff Hindu Dharma Sabha

Breakfast and meals will be served to all devotees attending.

For more details, contact Bikrum Sing on 082 324 8979.

KDVA to finalise plans for season

ANTICIPATION is building across the local volleyball fraternity as the KwaDukuza Volleyball Assocation (KDVA) prepares to host its Annual General Meeting on 22 March at The Quartz in Stanger Manor.

It will bring together clubs, players and administrators to finalise plans for what promises to be an exciting year of competition and development.

With league structures, competitions and growth initiatives on the agenda, the meeting marks the official countdown to the new volleyball season.

Clubs wishing to enter the league have been invited to register. The association has encouraged both established and emerging teams to take advantage of the opportunity to showcase talent, build competitive squads and compete within an organised district structure.

Registration closes on Friday, 6 March, and all documentation must be submitted to secure league participation. The KDVA cautions that late applications may not be accepted.

KDVA focuses on grassroots development and creating pathways for players and clubs to progress to higher levels of competition.

For more details call Kruba Jaram on 067 733 0606 or Neran Bob Reddy on 073 205 4643.

LOST OR DESTROYED DEED

Notice is hereby given in terms of regulation 68 of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937, of the intention to apply for the issue of a certified copy of Certificate of Registered Title T15361/1974 passed by

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS: KWAZULU NATAL at PIETERMARITZBURG

in favour of the

BODY CORPORATE OF LA BALLITO in respect of PORTION 1 OF ERF 36 COMPENSATION BEACH (EXTENSION NO. 1), REGISTRATION DIVISION FU, PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

which has been lost or destroyed.

All interested persons having objection to the issue of such copy are hereby required to lodge the same in writing with the Registrar of Deed at KwaZulu Natal within two weeks from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated at Ballito on this 2nd day of March 2026.

HP STEENKAMP INCORPORATED
25 Sandra Road, Ballito
E-mail address: alexandra@hpsteenkamp.co.za
Contact number: 032 946 0093

ILEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
UMASIPALA WESIFUNDA

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The oversight meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Thursday, 05 March 2026	KwaDukuza Town Hall	09:00

For more information, please contact the Senior Manager: Community Services, Mrs P.P. Mbonambi, on 0324379514 or email Phumzile.Mbonambi@ilembe.gov.za

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ISSUED BY THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER - MR. S.D. MBHELE ON THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

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ACCOMMODATION

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VACANCY

Bookkeeper/ Accountant required. Please email CV'S to: 7861hrstg@gmail.com

TO LET

2 Bedroom house in Stanger Manor, 9 Warren Road, R3000 excluding lights and water. Phone: 084 7044 828.

WE BUY BEDS, FRIDGES & CHILDRENS CLOTHES

- WORKING OR NON WORKING
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CONTACT: USHA 078 408 0488 CALL/WHATSAPP

Community Notice

Weekly satsangs are held on Mondays from 6:30pm - 7:30 pm. Shree Hanuman Temple, 19 Rose Road, Stanger Manor. Transport, contact us on 073 152 8910 or WhatsApp us.

VACANCY

SEMI-SKILLED ELECTRICIAN

A well-established company based in KwaDukuza is seeking a reliable and hardworking Semi-Skilled Electrician to join our team.

Minimum Requirements:

- Valid driver's license - Compulsory - (Preferred Code 10)
- Electrical experience is required
- Must be willing to work weekends and after-hours when required

How to Apply: Interested candidates are invited to email their CV to: admin@wenzan.co.za
Tel: 032 437 8818
Office Hours: Weekdays, 07:00 – 16:30

PHOENIX CASH & CARRY EMPANGENI

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES

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- Dispatch Clerk
- Stock Controller
- GRV Clerk

- Minimum 2 years experience
- Traceable reference
- Must be honest and reliable
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Forward 2 page CV
niresh@phoenixgroup.co.za

KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY CONSOLIDATED LAND USE MANAGEMENT SCHEME:

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 53 OF THE KDM SPLUM BY-LAW, NO. 2002 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Municipality, in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act No. 16 of 2013) read with the KwaDukuza Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-law No. 2002 (As Amended) (KDM SPLUM By-law) for:

Property Description: **Remainder of Portion 79 of the Farm Lot 2 no. 1673**
Street Address: **114 NKWAZI DRIVE, ZINKWAZI BEACH**
Scope of Application: **Subdivision of the remainder of Portion 79 of the Farm Lot 2 no. 1673 into 4 portions, namely Portions a-c (of 79) of the Farm Lot 2 no. 1673 and the remainder of Portion 79 of the Farm Lot 2 no. 1673. Rezoning of proposed portions a-c (of 79) of the Farm Lot 2 no. 1673 from residential only medium density 3 to residential only detached 3 situated within the area of jurisdiction of the KwaDukuza Municipality, registration division fu, Province of Kwa-Zulu Natal.**

A copy of the application and its accompanying documents will be open for inspection by interested members of the public between the office hours of 08h00 to 13h00 and 13h30 to 15h30 Mondays to Fridays (excluding public holidays) at: The Front Desk: Development Planning Section, No. 34 Chief Albert Luthuli Street, OK Mall Building.

The application will lie for inspection from **4 March 2026**.

Copies of the application proposal may be requested from the Municipality as per the details indicated below.
Name: Mr. Langa Mthembu
Tel: 032 437 5559
E-mail: LangaM@kwadukuza.gov.za

Members of the public are encouraged to use the online options to limit physical interaction of both municipal officials and the general public.

Any person having sufficient interest in the proposal is invited to lodge written comments by hand and addressed to the KwaDukuza Municipality Municipal Manager at 14 Chief Albert Luthuli Street, or by registered post and addressed to the Municipal Manager to P. O. Box 72, KwaDukuza Municipality, 4450, or by e-mail to MunicipalM@kwadukuza.gov.za by no later than 7 April 2026

A person who fails to lodge or forward comments by the said date, in response to this notice, will be disqualified from further participation in the process.

N. J. MDAKANE
Municipal Manager
KwaDukuza Municipality
Municipal Offices:
14 Chief Albert Luthuli Street
PO Box 72,
KwaDukuza
4450

NAME OF APPLICANT:
Karen Ann Low
(on behalf of late Muriel Irene Flowers Deceased Estate)

REPRESENTED BY:
Titus Town Planning and Project Consulting (Pty) Ltd
30 Dromedaris Road
Austerville
Durban4052
Email: info@titusprojects.co.za

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Nature of application:
SPECIAL CONSENT APPLICATION TO PERMIT THE PROPOSED CRECHE ESTABLISHMENT FOR A MAXIMUM OF 36 CHILDREN TOGETHER WITH THE BOUNDARY/RETAINER WALL HEIGHTS EXCEEDING THE 2M HEIGHT RESTRICTION.

On Erf: **PORTION 1 OF ERF 403 STANGER** Situated at: **NO. 11 HILL CRESCENT, OCEANVIEW, STANGER, 4450**
To utilize the above mentioned site for the purposes of:
CRECHE ESTABLISHMENT FOR A MAXIMUM OF 36 CHILDREN

A copy of the application and its accompanying documents will be open for inspection by interested members of the public between the office hours of 08h00 to 13h00 and 13h30 to 15h30 Mondays to Fridays (excluding Public Holidays) at the offices of the Development Planning Section.

Members of the public are invited to lodge written comments by hand with Development Control Section, 34 Chief Albert Luthuli Street KwaDukuza / 10 Leonora Drive Ballito, or by registered post to P. O. Box 72, KwaDukuza Municipality, 4450, or by fax to 032 437 5098, or by e-mail to municipalm@kwadukuza.gov.za on or before the ***8 APRIL 2026.**

Should you fail to lodge or forward comments by the said date, you will be disqualified from further participating in the process.

Name and address of applicant:
RUSHENKA DASRATH

Date of advertisement:
4 MARCH 2026

REPRESENTED BY:
YENZOKUHLE TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANTS (PTY) LTD
P. O. BOX 33052
STANGER 4450
Tel: +27 (0) 73 793 5008
Email: VUYO@YENZOKUHLE.CO.ZA

Name of newspaper:
XPRESS TIMES NEWSPAPER

KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY CONSOLIDATED LAND USE MANAGEMENT SCHEME:

Kukhishwa isaziso sokuthi kufakwe isicelo ukuba ngokoMthetho kuMasipala waKwaDukuza Spatial Planning and Land Use Management ngu - Imithetho No.2002 mayelana:

(uhlobo lwesicelo): **SPECIAL CONSENT APPLICATION FOR:**
TO PERMIT THE PROPOSED CRECHE ESTABLISHMENT FOR A MAXIMUM OF 36 CHILDREN TOGETHER WITH A RELAXATION APPLICATION OF BUILDING LINES & BOUNDARY HEIGHT.

On Erf: **PORTION 1 OF ERF 403 STANGER**
Ese No: **11 HILL CRESCENT, OCEANVIEW, STANGER, 4450**

Igama nekheli lalowo of aka isicelo:
RUSHENKA DASRATH REPRESENTED BY:
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Ikhophi yesicelo kanye nezincwadi ehambisana nazo zivuleleke ekutheni zihlonzwe amalungu omphakathi phakathi namahora 08h00 - 12h30 ngeMisombuluko kuya koLwesihlanu (kungabalwa Public Holidays) emahhovisi akwaPlanning Development kuMasipala waKwaDukuza. Arnalungu omphakathi ayamenywa ukuba bafake imibono ebhalwe ngesandla kunobhala kaDirector Development Planning, Development Control Section, 34 Chief Albert Luthuli Street KwaDukuza / 10 Leonora Drive Ballito, noma ngeposi elibhalisiwe ku P. O. Box 72, KwaDukuza Municipality, 4450, or by fax to 032 437 5098, noma nge-e - mail ku municipalm@kwadukuza.gov.za ngaphambi noma ngomhlaka *** 8 APRIL 2026.**

Uma uhluleka ukufaka imibono phambili ngalolu sukhu olubhekiwe, uzohoxiswa ekuqhubekeni ekubeni neqhaza kule nqubo.

Okubalulekile: Imiyalelo kubakaki akuyona yokuba ishicilelwe

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UMASIPALA WAKWADUKUZA – UHLANGOTHI OLUDIDIYELWE LOKUPHATHWA KOKUSETYENZISWA KOMHLABA:

ISAZISO SESICELO NGOKWESIGABA 53 SOMTHETHO OMNCANE WE-KDM SPLUM, INOMBOLO 2002 (NJENGOBA UGUQULIWE)

Kuyaziswa ngalokhu ukuthi isicelo sesifakiwe kuMasipala, ngokwemigomo yoMthetho Wokuhlelwa Kwesikhala Nokuphathwa Kokusetshenziswa Komhlaba, 2013 (uMthetho No. 16 ka-2013), sifundwa kanye noMthetho Omncane woMasipala wakwaDukuza Wokuhlelwa Kwesikhala Nokuphathwa Kokusetshenziswa Komhlaba No. 2002 (njengoba uguquliwe) (uMthetho Omncane we-KDM SPLUM), maqondana nalokhu okulandelayo:

Incazelo Yesakhiwo: **INSALI YENGXENYE 79 YE-FARM LOT 2 No. 1673**

Ikheli Lomgwaqo:**114 NKWAZI DRIVE, ZINKWAZI BEACH**

Ububanzi Besicelo: **UKUHLUKANISWA kwensali yeNgxenye 79 ye-Farm Lot 2 No. 1673 kube yizingxenye ezi-4, okuyizingxenye A–C (ze-79) ze-Farm Lot 2 No. 1673 kanye nensali yeNgxenye 79 ye-Farm Lot 2 No. 1673. UKUGUQULWA KOKUHLUKANISWA KOMHLABA (Rezoning) kwezingxenye ezihlongozwayo A–C (ze-79) ze-Farm Lot 2 No. 1673 kusuka ku-Residential Only Medium Density 3 kuya ku-Residential Only Detached 3.**

Lesi sakhiwo sitholakala ngaphansi kwendawo yokuphatha yoMasipala wakwaDukuza, iRegistration Division FU, esiFundazweni saKwaZulu-Natal.

Ikhophi yesicelo nemibhalo ehambisana naso izotholakala ukuze ibonwe ngumphakathi onesithakazelo ngezikhathi zomsebenzi ezingu-08h00 kuya ku-13h00 kanye no-13h30 kuya ku-15h30, ngoMsombuluko kuya kuLwesihlanu (kungafaki amaholide omphakathi), kuleli kheli elilandelayo: I-Front Desk: Development Planning Section, No. 34 Chief Albert Luthuli Street, OK Mall Building.

Isicelo sizotholakala ukuze sibonwe kusukela mhla **ka-4 Mashi 2026.**

Amakhophi esiphakamiso sesicelo angacelwa kuMasipala ngokwemininingwane engezansi:

Igama: Mnu. Langa Mthembu
Ucingo: 032 437 5559
I-imeyili: LangaM@kwadukuza.gov.za

Amalungu omphakathi ayakhuthazwa ukuthi asebenzise izindlela eziku-inthanethi ukuze kuncishiswe ukuxhumana ngokomzimba phakathi kwezikhulu zikamasipala nomphakathi jikelele.

Noma yimuphi umuntu onentshisekelo efanele kulesi siphakamiso umenywa ukuthi afake izimvo ezibhaliwe ngesandla, aqondiswe kuMphathi woMasipala wakwaDukuza ku-14 Chief Albert Luthuli Street; noma ngeposi elibhalisiwe, aqondiswe kuMphathi woMasipala, iP.O. Box 72, KwaDukuza Municipality, 4450; noma nge-imeyili ku-MunicipalM@kwadukuza.gov.za, kungakadluli mhla ka-7 Ephreli 2026.

Umuntu ongazifakanga noma ongazithumelanga izimvo ngalolo suku olushiwo, ngokuphendula lesi saziso, uzokhishwa ekubeni nesandla esengeziwe kulo mkhuba.

N. J. MDAKANE
Umphathi woMasipala
Umasipala waKwaDukuza
Amahhoviso kaMasipala:
14 Chief Albert Luthuli Street
P. O. Box 72
KwaDukuza 4450

IGAMA LOMFAKI-SICELO:
Karen Ann Low (egameni lefa likaMuriel Irene Flowers ongasekho)

OMELELE:
Titus Town Planning and Project Consulting (Pty) Ltd
30 Dromedaris Road
Austerville, Durban 4052
I-imeyili: info@titusprojects.co.za

Usuku Lokushicilelwa:
4 Mashi 2026

STANGER MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phone: 081 739 3448 • Email: stangermanorprim@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER REQUEST

1. **Structural Engineer for appointment to the school and**
2. **Quotation for Rain Shelter**

NOTE: PLEASE ATTEND FOLLOWING APPRAISAL MEETING AS PER DATE:
Wednesday, 11 March 2026

MUST EMAIL ALL APPLICANTS' INTENTION AND CONTACT INFORMATION BY **TUESDAY, 10 MARCH 2026** AND REGISTER YOUR APPLICATION TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGES.

THE SCHOOL RESERVES ALL RIGHTS IN THIS TENDER PROCESS

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION PROCESS FOR A MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

DMRE REF NUMBER: KZN/30/5/1/1/2/11181MP FEBRUARY 2026

Notice of Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) as amended; and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations and the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 in respect of listed activities that have been triggered by applications in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA) as amended for the proposed mining activities associated application for Aggregate, Gravel, Stone Aggregate Gravel, Sand (General) Sand (Manufactured)- From Hardrock, Silica Sand (General), Silica Sand (Silica)in respect of A portion of portion 50 of Farm De Jagers Kraal 874 situated in the Magisterial District of Ilembe in the KwaZulu-Natal Province.

Applicant Name: SJZ HOLDINGS (PTY) LTD
Location of Sites: The site is located approximately 6 km North West of Ballito located within the magisterial district of KwaDukuza Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal.
Proposed Activity: The proposed mining activities are within 4.92ha of the affected farm portion.
Listed Activity/ Triggers Applied for: Government Notice, No. R. 327, April 2017 (LN1) activity 21 and 27 and Government Notice, No. R 324, April 2017 (LN3) activity 12.

INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO REGISTER. ALL REGISTERED INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA THEIR PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE COMMENTING PERIOD OF THE DRAFT BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT. THE DRAFT BAR WILL BE PLACED AT SHAKASKRAAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ELECTRONIC COPIES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Enquiries: Ms Nomvuyo Ngcobo **Cell**: 083 678 1446 / 068 956 2850
Email: nomvuyo@thevhasustainableservices.co.za
info@thevhasustainableservices.co.za

AUCTION

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ILEMBE HELD AT KWADUKUZA

CASE NO.: 834/2025

In the matter between:

KWADUKUZA MUNICIPALITY EXECUTION CREDITOR

and

NTOMBIKANINA JANE XABA EXECUTION DEBTOR

AUCTION – NOTICE OF SALE

In the pursuance of a Judgment by the above Honourable Court or a Warrant of Execution issued thereon, the following goods will be sold by Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, at **SHERIFF LOWER TUGELA, 131 MAHATMA GANDHI STREET, KWADUKUZA, on the 26 MARCH 2026 at 10:00AM**.

ITEMS

1 X 3 PIECE WHITE TV STAND
1 X 4 PIECE GREEN FABRIC LOUNGE SUITE
1 X AIM FLATSCEEEN TV
1 X COFFEE TABLE + 2 X SIDE TABLES + 2 X CORNER TABLES
1 X DINING ROOM TABLE + 4 X CHAIRS
1 X GLASS TOP + METAL SIDE TABLE
1 X DRESSING TABLE
1 X AIM FLATSCREEN TV + REMOTE
1 X CHEST OF DRAWERS
2 X BLUE PLASTIC FOLDING TABLES
1 X SIDE UNIT
1 X DEFY FRIDGE / FREEZER
1 X BLACK RUSSELL HOBBS MICROWAVE
1 X DEFY MICROWAVE
1 X LG DOUBLE DOOR FRIDGE / FREEZER
1 X DRESSING TABLE
1 X TROJAN MARATHON 220 TREADMILL
1 X AIM FLATSCREEN TV
4 X WHITE PLASTIC CHAIRS
1 X ELECTRA PORTABLE HEATER
1 X GOLD MERCEDES-BENZ E250 – LICENSE NO. NT 70307 ZN
VIN NO.: WDD2074362F341569 - ENGINE NO.: 27492030580886

TAKE NOTICE FURTHER that:

1. The sale is in the sale of execution pursuant to a Judgment obtained in the above Court.
2. The Rules of this auction is available 24 hours prior to the auction at the office of the Sheriff for Lower Tugela at Suite 3, Prithvi Centre, 133 Mahatma Gandhi Street, Stanger, KwaDukuza.
3. Registration as a buyer is a pre-requisite subject to specific condition, inter alia:

a) Directive of Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 (URL http://www.info.gov.za/view/DownloadFileAction?id=99961);
b) FICA – legislation in respect of i.r.o. proof of identity and address particulars;
c) Payment of a Registration fee of **R 500.00** in cash;
d) Registration conditions.

The office of the Sheriff for Lower Tugela will conduct the Sale with auctioneer(s) Mr R. Singh [Sheriff] and/or S De Wit and/or A.P. Maharaj.

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