

OVERSIGHT REPORT

2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE



Cllr. Ntema Khatlaka
MPAC chairperson

MPAC ROADSHOW

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Annual Report 2024/2025 Financial Year was tabled during the Council sitting of the 30th January 2026 and Council has referred the report to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee for community engagement and consideration. In terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 56 of 2003, as amended and the Municipal Performance Management Regulations of 2001, notice is hereby given that the Municipal Public Accounts Committee will engage with the community, as per below schedule:

TOWN	DATE	VENUE	TIME
SENEKAL/MATWABENG	23 FEBRUARY 2026	TAMBO SPORTS CENTRE	14H00 PM
MARQUARD/MOEMANENG	24 FEBRUARY 2026	MARQUARD TOWN HALL	14H00 PM
CLOCOLAN/HLOHLOWANE	25 FEBRUARY 2026	CLOCOLAN TOWN HALL	14H00 PM
FICKSBURG/MEQHELENG	03 MARCH 2026	MEQHELENG COMMUNITY HALL	14H00 PM

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Setsoto Local Municipality



Oversight report on the annual report 2024/2025 financial year

SENEKAL



MARQUARD



CLOCOLAN



FICKSBURG



" We all need people who will give us feedback, that's how we improve."

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MPAC Chairperson Foreword

In terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003, together with Circulars 11, 32, and 63, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) is responsible for overseeing the Annual Reports of municipalities. Following the Council Resolution of 30 January 2026, The MPAC Committee was directed to review and engage the 2024/2025 Draft Annual Report with the public. In carrying out this responsibility, the Committee performed its duties with dedication and professionalism, in line with Section 129(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act and the Municipal Structures Act No. 117 of 1998.

The Council of Setsoto Local Municipality has the legal responsibility to oversee the Executive and Administration of the municipality. This role is guided by the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act No. 32 of 2000, as amended. The Annual Report is an important tool for transparency and accountability. It reflects both the financial and service delivery performance of the municipality for the past financial year, and its adoption is required by law. Prior to presenting the oversight report, I would like to highlight the following:

Key Successes Achieved by the MPAC Committee Over the Past Three Financial Years:

- The MPAC Committee successfully submitted Oversight Reports within the legislated timeframes for the 2022/2023, 2023/2024, and 2024/2025 financial years, demonstrating its commitment to compliance and accountability.
 - The MPAC Committee successfully achieved the completion of investigations into unauthorised expenditure backlogs, reducing the amount from R852,243,964 to R0 to date.
 - The MPAC Committee successfully achieved progress in the processing of write-offs, reducing the remaining balance of irregular expenditure from R355,221,176 to R146,438,666.72 to date.
 - The MPAC Committee successfully strengthened consequence management by referring 13 cases to the Financial Misconduct Disciplinary Board and 12 cases to SAPS (HAWKS division) and the Special Investigating Unit, to the total value of R36,923,342.69.
 - The MPAC Committee remained fully functional and continuously held meetings in accordance with its annual work and year plan, and further convened special meetings to ensure the completion of investigations.
 - Since the 2023/2024 financial year, the MPAC Committee successfully obtained its own budget allocation for the first time, which improved procurement processes and enabled the Committee to function more effectively.
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- The MPAC Committee of Setsoto Local Municipality has been recognised as a municipality with best practices in the Province and was approached by SALGA and Provincial Treasury for benchmarking purposes to assist in upskilling other municipalities, confirming the level of commitment and hard work demonstrated by the Committee.
- Although the MPAC Committee achieved exceptional progress over the past three years, this would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of MPAC officials.

Key challenges experienced by the MPAC Committee in executing its oversight mandate over the past three financial years:

- The MPAC Committee noted that the Financial Misconduct Disciplinary Board is still not fully functional, which continues to impact the implementation of consequence management across the institution; despite the Committee having made recommendations on cases requiring action, the functionality of the Board needs to be urgently expedited.
- The MPAC Committee experienced a lack of support from the Office of the Speaker during the public participation process, which negatively affected the effectiveness of community engagement. There was no loud hailer announcement made in Clocolan on 25th February 2026.
- The MPAC Committee observed that during the public participation period, parallel programmes were conducted, overlapping programmes contributed to low attendance at MPAC roadshows.
- The MPAC Committee identified poor attendance by Ward Councillors, Ward Committee members and different stakeholders as a critical gap in the public participation process, despite formal invitations having been issued.
- While the MPAC Committee acknowledged the presence of Senior Management during MPAC roadshows and accepted apologies submitted for non-attendance, the Committee noted with concern that no formal apology was received from the Director of Technical Services for failing to attend all scheduled roadshows.
- Administration is taking a long time to implement some MPAC recommendations adopted by Council.



Cllr NP Khatlake
MPAC Chairperson

Background

Introduction

The oversight report is the final major step in the annual reporting process of a municipality. It 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.

Section 129 of the MFMA requires the council to consider the annual reports of its municipality and to adopt an “oversight report” containing the council’s comments on each 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 role of the Council is an important component of the financial reforms, and it is achieved through the separation of roles and responsibilities between Council, Executive Mayor, Mayoral Committee and Administration. Good governance, effective accountability and oversight can only be achieved if there is a clear distinction between the functions performed by the different role players.

Non-executive councillors are required to maintain oversight on the performance of specific responsibilities and delegated power that has been given to the Mayoral Committee. In other words, in exchange for the powers in which Council have delegated to the Mayoral Committee, 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, 56 of 2003 vests in Council specific powers of approval and oversight.

- Approval of budgets;
- Approval Budget related policies; and

Review of the Annual Report and the adoption of the Oversight Report.

Accountability framework

It is important to have some understanding of the accountability framework for the municipality ensure that understanding the role of the Oversight Report is distinct form from that of the Annual Report and any other reports required from the municipality.

The following table displays the nature of the accountability framework for local government:

Body/Person	Responsible for	Oversight over	Accountable to
Council	Approve policy and budget	Executive Mayor	Community
Mayoral Committee	Policy, Budget, outcomes, management / oversight over Municipal Manager	Municipal Manager	Council
Municipal Manager	Outputs and implementation	Administration	Executive Mayor
Section 56 Manager	Outputs and implementation	Financial Management and Operational Functions	Municipal Manager

The draft annual report for the financial year 2024/2025 was submitted to the Council by the Executive Mayor. The intention of the process thereof is to promote accountability in the executive and administration performance by comparing the objectives and goals set by the municipality in the relevant financial year and comparing what was achieved.

The oversight report follows consideration and consultation on the draft annual report. The draft annual report was tabled and adopted by the Council on 30th January 2026. Thereafter, the Council referred the draft annual report to the MPAC committee for further engagement. The oversight report is compiled based on the information obtained in the draft annual report and engagement with the community.

Duties of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee

The primary duties of the MPAC shall be to report to Council on activities of the committee, conduct investigation on the unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditures and to present the oversight report to the Council for consideration and approval.

In respect of the Oversight Report as per section 129(1): -

- To consider and evaluate the content of the Annual Report of the Council and to develop the oversight report which will include recommendations to Council when considering an oversight report on the annual report;
- During a formal meeting of the MPAC, the Accounting Officer and the Directors would then be required to respond to the MPAC in respect of questions that the Committee may have regarding the Annual Report and
- Review and track the comments and resolution as per the Oversight Report in respect of the evaluation of the Annual Report, in order to ensure that matter are concluded that may not previously have been finalised.

The secondary duties of the MPAC relate to ensuring there is implementation of the following:

- Quarterly report of the Executive Mayor on the implementation of the budget and the state of affairs of the municipality/SDBIP (section 52(d));
- Monthly budget statement (section 71);
- Mid-year budget and performance assessment (section 72);
- Disclosures concerning councillors, directors, and officials (section 124)
- Annual Financial Statements (section 126);
- Submission of the Annual Report (section 127);
- Oversight report on the Annual Report (section 129);
- Issues raised by the Auditor General of South Africa in Audit Reports (section 131); and
- Disciplinary action instituted in terms of the MFMA

Composition of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee

The Committee of Council established under section 79 (A) of the Municipal Structures Act, 117 of 1998. Section 79(A) allows for the co-option of advisory members to a committee of Council, who are not members of the Council.


The MPAC consist of the following Councillors :

Name	Gender	Political Party	Position
Cllr Khatlake NP	Male	African National Congress	Chairperson
Cllr Thamae L	Male	African National Congress	Member
Cllr Vermeulen	Male	Setsoto Service Delivery Forum	Member
Cllr Ponya	Male	African National Congress	Member
Cllr Vries	Male	Setsoto Service Delivery Forum	Member
Cllr Coetzee	Male	Democratic Alliance	Member

The meeting attendance of members in preparation for the oversight report:

Name	10/02/2026	17/02/2026	23/02/2026	24/02/026	25/02/2026	03/02/2026	04/02/2026	05/03/2026	17/03/2026
Cllr Khatake NP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Thamae LD	✓	✓	A.A	A.A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Vermeulen PJM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Ponya MA	✓	A.A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Vries I	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cllr Coetzee J	✓	✓	✓	✓	A.A	✓	✓	A.A	✓

Legend:

Symbol	Meaning
	Present for the meeting
A/A	Absent with apology

Public Participation preparations:

The MPAC Committee adopted the year plan on 10th February 2026, which included dates for the MPAC roadshows to enable public participation. These roadshows were organised to facilitate public participation and engagement regarding the draft annual report for the 2024/2025 financial year. On 10th February 2026, the MPAC committee deliberated on the draft annual report summary for the 2024/2025 financial year that was compiled by the MPAC officials derived from the detailed draft annual report that was tabled and adopted by the Council on 30th January 2026.

Within 5 business days, the annual report was made public on public platforms such as municipal offices at all four units, public libraries and it was made available on the municipal website. Public notice was also placed on these public spaces including the local newspaper to inform the community about the availability of the annual report. On 17th February 2026, the MPAC Committee adopted the summary of the draft annual report that was utilised for the MPAC roadshows. An advertisement was circulated on the municipal social media platform, local news paper, municipal offices and a loud hailer was performed in all 4 units of Setsoto Local Municipality.

The following were the successful dates and locations of the roadshows:

Date	Town / venue	Time	Outcome
23rd February 2026	Senekal/Matwabeng - Tambo Indoors Sports Centre	14H00	Successful
24th February 2026	Marquard/Moemaneng Town Hall	14H00	Successful
04th March 2026	Clocolan/Hlohloiwane - Clocolan Town Hall	14H00	Successful
05th March 2026	Ficksburg/Meqheleng Ficksburg Sports hall	14H00	Successful

Recommendations raised by the MPAC Committee on the draft annual report

The Committee has formulated various recommendations to the council with the intention of the council to adopt the recommendations as it will improve both the service delivery to the community as well as the outcome of the audit opinion.

The committee formulated general recommendations as follows:

1) The council should adopt the MPAC oversight report notwithstanding the consideration of the annual report for the 2024/2025 financial year of the Setsoto Local Municipality.

2) In accordance with the MFMA no 56 of 2003, Section 129 (1)(a), Council should **approve the annual report 2024/2025 financial year of the Setsoto Local Municipality without reservations.**

3) The oversight report for the 2024/2025 financial year should be made public in accordance with section 129(3) of the municipal finance act. 56 of 2003.

4) The oversight report for the 2024/2025 financial year should be submitted to the provincial legislature in accordance with section 132(2) of the municipal finance management act. 56 of 2003.

5) All corrective measures on the findings made by Auditor General should be implemented and the audit action plan should be provided for.

6) The MPAC should not impinge upon financial management, however the MPAC committee should be kept abreast of all developments for information purposes and to ensure that proper follow-up on issues of oversight and accountability.

7) Council should ensure that e-performance management system is implemented to ensure a reliable service delivery monitoring tool. The design of the system should prioritize the 3 lines of defence which will intend on detecting, preventing and correct any human error or system manipulation.

8) There should be an effective strategy that will reduce the unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure as follows:

Irregular expenditure

- The Accounting officer and the Chief Financial Officer should make sure that unnecessary deviations are avoided.
- The Accounting Officer and the Chief Financial Officer should indicate clearly whether they support or not support deviations with their motivation
- Consequence management must be implemented to those who deviate without valid reasons.
- All officials must adhere to SCM policies to avoid non-compliance.
- The Accounting Officer and the Chief Financial Officer should make sure that the service providers are paid within 30 days.

Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure

- The Accounting Officer and the Chief Financial Officer should ensure that unnecessary interest charges are avoided.

9) The Accounting Officer should ensure that any disciplinary actions that are required as consequence of the incurrence of UIF&W expenditure are instituted within the time limits as stipulated in the Labour Relations Act and other relevant legal framework.

10) There should be consequence management for transgressions, Lack of action and poor performance – MFMA section 32, Financial Misconduct Regulations, Local Government Disciplinary Regulations for senior managers.

11) It should be noted that the reports on the misconduct with regards to financial misappropriation, such as fraud and corruption, should have consequence management and the money lost must be recouped from the responsible party.

12) The Finance Department, more particularly the Supply Chain Division must circumvent unnecessary deviations, comply with the Municipal Finance Act prescriptions in the context of competitive bids advertising, Government Supplier Database Compliance and quality assurance must be done on all appointed service providers.

13) All outstanding cases referred the SIU and HAWKS should be treated as priority and be expedited.

14) Fraud hotline stickers should be visible on municipal vehicles displaying a contact number that community members can use to report misuse of the municipal vehicles.

Recommendations raised by the MPAC on service delivery

- 1) All community halls and municipal infrastructure for all four units should be renovated, maintained, and monitored. The municipality should actively pursue the establishment of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) agreements specifically aimed at protecting critical municipal infrastructure sites from vandalism and theft
- 2) There should be regular maintenance and upgrading of sports facilities in all four towns. .
- 3) There should be Identification of land for the establishment of Non-Government Organisation sites and assistance for NGOs to interreact with relevant departments in the municipality. e.g. the development of old age home.
- 4) The Housing Division should make a follow-up with the Department of Human Settlement regarding applications made on RDP houses and the division should update and maintain the RDP house database.
- 5) The Local Economic Development division (LED) strategy review process should be speed up to formulate a policy that will create a conducive environment for investors in various sectors to invest in areas around the municipality and it shall enhance job creation.
- 6) There should be a regular maintenance and upgrade of tar roads, pavements, gravel roads and stormwater drainage .
- 7) The Municipality should identify land for the development of high-cost and mixed-cost site establishments to increase revenue collection.
- 8) Office of the Speaker, ward Councillors, ward committees, the revenue and communication division should always encourage the residents of the community to pay for the services rendered. For purposes of the efficiency for the above recommendation, pay points of all 4 units should be fully operational and function effectively.
- 9) The Finance department in the revenue division should assist members of the community who qualify for indigent support by completing applications forms and all Councillors should go to the community to identify and assist the community members who qualify for indigent support.

10) **Material water losses**

- On water losses – The municipality should have war on leaks team that will assist with water leakages to avoid water losses.
- All councillors should monitor the turnaround times of complaints raised in their respective wards.
- The consumption of water in all four towns should be monitored.
- The quality of water in terms of the water standards should be adhered to.
- Smart water meters should be installed in townships to prevent water losses.
- There should be an upgrading and maintaining of old water infrastructure.
- Repairing where there are leakages on Municipality water plants to prevent water losses.
- The community should be encouraged to report water leakages, and the responsible division should respond on time to the concerns.
- Prepaid installation of water meters should unfold immediately.

11) A public awareness campaign should be conducted to inform community members to refrain from roaming their animals freely in all towns and public spaces.

12) **Material Electricity losses**

- Illegal connections must be traced to prevent electricity losses.
- Upgrading and maintaining old electricity infrastructure to prevent electricity losses.
- The installation of electricity cables should be fast tracked.

13) The assets disposal committee should dispose obsolete assets rapidly.

14) The municipality should engage with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture and write a memorandum to request a grant for the upgrading and maintenance of the swimming pool.

15) The establishment and allocation of church sites should be made in accordance with applicable municipal by- laws.

16) The PMU division should follow up on the business plan submitted on the issue of sewer spillages with the Department of Water and Sanitation so that a plan of action can be made to fund the project.

17) All long-term sewer spillages should be reported to the council monthly with progress from Technical department on how the spillages are being fixed.

18) The Accounting Officer should advertise unoccupied sites in Moemaneng to enable occupants to occupy the sites.

19) Establishment of a Sports Council – A Sports Council should be established to oversee youth sports activities and facilities across all four units of the Setsoto Local Municipality.

20) Cemetery Awareness Campaign and Caretaker Appointment – A community awareness campaign should be conducted to inform and educate residents on the costs associated with grave sites and tombstone erection, including the amounts payable for burial services and the processes involved. Additionally, graveyard caretakers should be appointed to ensure that cemeteries are regularly maintained, kept safe and clean.

21) Written Public Comments – No written comments were received by the office of the Municipal Public Account Committee (MPAC) from community members during the Annual Report 2024/2025 Financial Year roadshows.

22) A Progress report must be provided on the progress of bucket irradiation projects.

23) Local Economic Development division and Youth Development Office should have consistent meetings and training with SMME businesses and youth structures to create a conducive environment for youth development.

24) The service for hiring of water tankers should only be on an emergency basis. A budget should be allocated to procure water tankers in the next financial year.

25) Municipal management should engage with all divisions so that municipal employees make payment arrangements for service accounts to increase revenue collections.

Concerns raised by community members

Senekal/Matwabeng community:

Mr Pitso Mokebe:

- Municipal employees face operational challenges that negatively affect productivity and service delivery. The municipality is requested to address these working conditions.
- Several roads within the area are in poor condition and require urgent grading and gravelling to restore accessibility for residents.

Mr Masupe (*SADTU Representative*):

- Directors of companies that fail to meet contractual or procurement obligations should be held personally accountable alongside the companies concerned.
- The Urban and Town Planning function should prioritise the allocation of residential sites to working-class residents who are currently renting from private landlords instead of expecting residents to pay both rent and municipal service charges.
- Responsibility for municipal service payments should vest in the legal title deed holders or service account holder.
- Revenue collection challenges in certain housing schemes are linked to the absence of formally allocated and registered sites.

Me Mohanuwa (Ward 4):

- The recently constructed pavement does not appear to align with the original plan communicated to the community, which indicated the pavement would extend from Moletsane Garage to Rorisang Primary School. Clarification is requested on the design changes and reasons for any deviations.

Me Lisi:

- Despite the construction of a dam intended to control sewer spillages, residents have not observed any improvement in sanitation conditions. The municipality is requested to provide an update on progress and planned remedial interventions.

Mr Lerata Nyaredi:

- Youth organisations have been unable to secure funding from the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) for entrepreneurship training programmes. A company identified as Soedan submitted a funding application but has received no response or feedback to date.

Marquard/Moemaneng community:

Mr. Mokhele

- Private Security – Security services are continuously being outsourced to private companies. The municipality should appoint its own security personnel to improve accountability and reduce long-term costs.
- Water Tankers – The municipality relies on external service providers for water tankers during emergencies. The municipality should procure its own water tanker fleet.
- Youth Skills Development – There are no skills development programmes for youth in Moemaneng/Marquard, leaving many young people in the area unemployed and without structured opportunities.

Mr. Chobokoane

- Subcontractor Opportunities – Potential subcontractors are being excluded from municipal projects due to outstanding municipal accounts. These subcontractors should still be allowed to participate, as the income earned would enable them to settle their debts and ultimately assist the municipality in improving its revenue collection.

Mr. Majwang

- Document Registers – Registers should be kept to record the delivery and access of documents at municipal offices and community libraries.
- Emergency Communication – Communication during water interruptions and service delivery emergencies is poor. The Municipal Manager should issue formal emergency notices to keep residents informed.

- Identity Document Fraud – Residents are allegedly being asked to provide their identity documents and bank statements in exchange for food parcels. This matter requires urgent investigation.
- Infrastructure Development – Infrastructure upgrades similar to the renovations currently underway at Hlohlolwane Stadium are not being extended to Marquard. Similar projects should be rolled out in the area.
- Roads and Stormwater Drainage – Paved roads are being constructed without accompanying stormwater drainage infrastructure, resulting in water accumulation and long-term damage to roads.
- Municipal Vehicle Misuse – Municipal vehicles are being misused after working hours. Clarity is required on whether municipal fleet vehicles are monitored through GPS tracking devices.
- Hawks and SIU Investigations – Cases referred to investigative authorities such as the Hawks and the Special Investigating Unit are not being resolved timeously. The community expects these matters to be expedited to ensure accountability and justice.
- Youth Sports Development – Sports structures in Moemaneng/Marquard have become inactive. The Sports and Youth Development Officer should re-engage with the community, and planned sports facilities, including the previously earmarked tennis court upgrade, should be prioritised to provide youth with structured recreational opportunities.

Clocolan/Hlohlolwane community:

Mr. Mokoma Sebotsa-Pastor

- Roaming Animals – Animals are roaming freely within the area. Clarity is required on whether municipal by-laws are in place to regulate and control the movement of animals.
- Payment for Municipal Services – Community members who are employed should be required to pay for municipal services. Job creation is necessary to enable residents to afford and sustain payment for services.
- Industrial Site – The industrial site within the area is not operational and has been subjected to vandalism.
- Sports and Recreation – Sports and recreation activities are often held in other towns instead of taking place in Hlohlolwane.

Me. Pulane Schee

- Cemetery Maintenance – Tombstones at the cemetery are being vandalised due to the lack of regular maintenance and security.
- Residential Site Allocation – Many residents have applied for residential sites but there has been no visible progress regarding the allocation process.

Mr. Pheello Limako

- Church Site Allocation – The congregation has applied for a site for a church but has not received any feedback. As a result, the church is utilising private homes of congregation members to conduct services.
- Youth Unemployment – Many young people have completed their matric but remain unemployed, while individuals from outside the community are often employed within the area.
- Sewer Spillages – Persistent sewer spillages have been reported several times without resolution.
- Payment for Municipal Services – The system of paying for municipal services should be regulated, as non-payment has become common within the community.

Mr. Moeketsi (Ward 09)

- Persons with Disabilities – Special programmes do not adequately cater for people with disabilities. Clarity is required on how the municipality plans to enhance their skills and provide opportunities that would enable them to sustain their livelihoods.

Me. Puleng Khwarai (1670 Mandela Park)

- EPWP Implementation – The Expanded Public Works Programme appears to benefit individuals who are close to community leaders rather than vulnerable residents. A resident, Me. Melita Lesiamo of 1669 Mandela Park, still has no source of income and is dependent on assistance from neighbours. This matter was previously raised with the Executive Mayor during a visit to Hlohlolwane, but no progress has been communicated.

Me. Mawetsi Makhwale

- Cemetery Maintenance – In previous years, individuals were assigned to clean and maintain cemeteries, but such arrangements no longer appear to exist.

Ficksburg/Meqheleng community

Mr. Tsolo

- Community Responsibility – The community is urged to assist the municipality in improving service delivery by reporting water leakages, sewer spillages and other problems encountered in towns and townships.

Mr. Mokete Ntlele

- Roads and Stormwater Drainage – Roads are in poor condition due to potholes and the lack of proper stormwater drainage channels.
- Swimming Pool and Stadium – The swimming pool requires renovation and the stadium requires improved maintenance.
- Tuck Shop Permits – Tuck shop permits are only being issued to a certain demographic of residents, excluding others from accessing the same opportunities.
- Mr. Ntlele expressed satisfaction with the provision of water, sanitation, electricity and waste removal services in Meqheleng. He also noted that the community appreciated the establishment of new residential sites under Human Settlements. He further indicated that Mapenyadira Hall is currently maintained by community members.

Mr. Charles Matoele

- Tuck Shop Ownership – Business permits for tuck shops should be issued in the name of the property owner rather than individuals renting the business space.
- Youth Sports Development – There is a lack of youth development programmes, particularly sports activities after school to keep young people away from loitering and substance abuse.
- Stormwater Drainage and Manholes – Stormwater drainage systems are inadequate and manholes are blocked during rainy periods.

Mr. Mokoma

- Business Proposals – Business proposals submitted by community members are not always delivered to municipal management by officials.
- Asbestos Water Pipes – Asbestos water pipes in the area are damaged and require replacement.

- Work Opportunities – Despite receiving training from SANRAL for road repairs and maintenance, work opportunities are not frequently provided.
- Incomplete Projects – Housing and sanitation projects within the municipality remain incomplete.
- Water Leakages – There are water leakages along the road to Ficksburg.
- Learnerships and Internships – There is a lack of learnerships and internship opportunities for graduates from Setsoto.
- Municipal Security – Security personnel and peace officers are not always deployed to protect municipal assets and facilities.
- Municipal Fleet Maintenance – Municipal vehicles are poorly maintained. Local car wash businesses could be contracted to assist with cleaning municipal vehicles.
- Tau Pele Project Contribution – Follow-up is required on the 1% community benefit contribution from the Tau Pele project so that the Meqheleng and Ficksburg communities can benefit.
- Business Platform for Youth Entrepreneurs – Young entrepreneurs require a platform to engage directly with the municipality.
- Mr. Mokoma indicated that Mapenyadira Hall is currently maintained by members of the community.

Mr. Molato

- Mapenyadira Hall – The role and benefit of Mapenyadira Hall to the community requires clarity, and personnel should be appointed to maintain the facility.
- Youth Development – Youth development initiatives should be prioritised.
- Stadium Maintenance – The stadium is not regularly maintained and is often unclean due to a lack of supervision.
- TLB Licence Disc – The licence disc of a TLB located at Clocolan Stores expired in 2024 and has not been renewed.

Concerned Community Member

- RDP House – A community member's RDP house was approved by the Department of Human Settlements but was never built.

Mr. Sefatsa

- Municipal Fleet – The municipality should consider purchasing its own compactor trucks and water tanker trucks instead of continuously hiring such fleet from service providers.

Mr. Johny Moloji

- Cemetery Road – The road leading to the cemetery is in poor condition, despite community members paying for tombstones and grave digging services.
- Municipal Drivers and Roadworthiness – Clarity is required on whether municipal drivers possess valid Professional Driving Permits (PDPs), and concerns have been raised that some municipal vehicles are not roadworthy.
- Legal Cases – Information is requested regarding legal cases that the municipality has won and those that it has lost.
- Newly Constructed Roads – Newly constructed roads are deteriorating within less than six months of completion.

Me. Lebuseng Tsholwane

- Water Erosion Tunnel – A water erosion tunnel located between Ward 13 and Ward 15 poses a safety risk to children in the area.

Mr. Tshabalala

- Road Maintenance and Sewer Infrastructure – Roads are poorly maintained, sewer spillages are frequent, and sewer infrastructure within the township is inadequately maintained.
- Annual Report Accuracy – Research and monitoring mechanisms should be used to assist the municipality in addressing service delivery challenges, as the information contained in the annual report may not be factual.

Mr. Tefo Khiba

- Youth Employment and Development – There is a lack of employment opportunities and youth development programmes. The municipality should support young people through internships and learnerships to prepare them for the job market.
- Farming Land Lease Agreement – Despite receiving agricultural funding, the municipality failed to assist with a lease agreement for farming land.
- EPWP Workers – EPWP workers should be deployed directly at project sites.
- Tender Irregularities – A municipal official is allegedly awarding tenders to friends.
- Job Opportunity Advertising – Job opportunities for youth are not adequately advertised through municipal libraries and other platforms.

Mr. Teboho Ntsala

- Mapenyadira Hall – In 2020, a group of young people repaired and safeguarded Mapenyadira Hall after it had been vandalised, established a vegetable garden, and requested support from the municipality, but were unsuccessful.
- Road Maintenance – No road maintenance has been observed in Ward 10 over a period of fourteen years.
- Municipal Vehicle Incident – On 14 February 2026, a municipal vehicle became stuck in a muddy yard and damaged a fence around the property.
- NYDA Engagement – The NYDA office should hold regular meetings with young people to inform them about available opportunities.
- EPWP Implementation – The Expanded Public Works Programme appears to benefit individuals who are close to community leaders rather than vulnerable residents. A resident, Me. Melita Lesiamo of 1669 Mandela Park, still has no source of income and is dependent on assistance from neighbours. This matter was previously raised with the Executive Mayor during a visit to Hlohlolwane, but no progress has been communicated.

Conclusion

As the Chairperson of MPAC, I would like to thank the MPAC committee members and all contributors to the Annual Report 2024/2025 financial year for their diligence and constructive commitment during the oversight process. While the process presented its challenges, the engagement from the community and all stakeholders was noted and will be used to drive meaningful improvement in municipal service delivery.

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