

1.2. Municipal Manager's Executive Summary

The Annual Report for the 2023/2024 financial year has been compiled in accordance with Section 46 of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, No. 32 of 2000 (as amended), Section 127(2) of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, No. 56 of 2003, as well as accompanying circulars, templates, and guidelines, in particular, MFMA Circular No. 63, issued in September 2012, which provided further guidance to the preparation of this annual report, requiring all municipalities to report within the established framework and for such reports to be submitted to the Auditor General together with the Annual Financial Statements on or before the 31st of August each year.

The report records the performance and progress made by Metsimaholo Municipality in fulfilling its strategic objectives as outlined in the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), and Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) approved by the Municipal Council for the year under review.

It is with great pleasure to present the municipality's performance in line with its five (5) Key Performance Areas, namely:

- Basic Service Delivery
- Local Economic Development
- Financial Viability and Management
- Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development and
- Good Governance and Participation

While progress has been made in improving access to basic services such as water, sanitation, electricity, and waste management, there are still challenges that need to be addressed such as 'mushrooming' of informal settlements, financial constraints, revenue collection and human resource capacity. Despite challenges, the municipality is committed within limited resources at our disposal to strive to achieve the objectives of service delivery efficiently and effectively.

The low revenue collection does not only pose negative financial challenges for the municipality, but also results in an adverse cash flow position, which has a negative impact towards successful project implementation and quality service delivery.

The Municipality is making strides to ensure completion of current multi-year capital projects, namely, the upgrading and rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant(s) in Oranjeville and

Refengkgotso, and the construction of our new cemetery in Amelia.

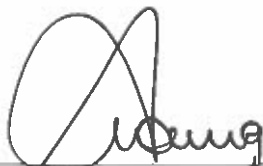
The municipality has introduced a monitoring tool to monitor service provider performance to ensure that quality services are provided and to further monitor capital expenditure on effective project management, thus reinforcing performance monitoring on the completion of the above-mentioned multi-year projects, also taking into consideration acceleration of service delivery and value for money.

One of the most significant achievements by the Municipal Council was the appointment of Municipal Manager and the Chief Financial Officer to strategically steer the municipality's strategic objectives and promote stability within its administrative arm.

The commitment and hard work of Council, Management, and all employees during the past financial year in serving our communities does not go unnoticed and is highly appreciated. Great appreciation and thank you also goes to our community and stakeholders for their continued involvement and support in the Municipal affairs.

We shall continue to commit and accelerate the delivery of basic services to our communities.

The presentation of this 2023/24 Annual Report serves as a true reflection of the activities undertaken by the municipality during the financial year under review.



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