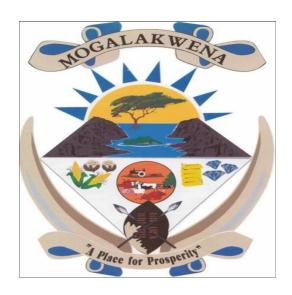
MOGALAKWENA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



MONTHLY BUDGET PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS (SECTION 71 REPORT)

AS AT 31 December 2023

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the municipality's financial performance and position report to council for noting.

2. LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN/OBJECTIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY

The objective of the report is to achieve municipal financial viability and sound and efficient financial management.

3. BACKGROUND

The municipality is required in terms of Section 71 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) to prepare a budget performance report for the month and for the financial year up to the end of that month to be presented to both the Mayor and Provincial Treasury. The particulars to be included on the report should include the following:

- (a) Actual revenue, per revenue source;
- (b) Actual borrowings;
- (c) Actual expenditure, per vote;
- (d) Actual capital expenditure, per vote;
- (e) The amount of any allocations received and actual expenditure on those allocations, excluding expenditure on its share of the local government equitable share
- (f) An explanation of any material variances from the municipality's projected revenue by source, and from the municipality's expenditure projections per vote; any material variances from the service delivery and budget implementation plan; and any remedial or corrective steps taken or to be taken to ensure that projected revenue and expenditure remain within the municipality's approved budget.

4. DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Revenue and debtors

		2022/23 Budget Year 2023/24								
Description	Ref	Audited Outcome	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Monthly actual	YearTD actual	YearTD budget	YTD variance	YTD variance	Full Year Forecast
R thousands		04.000	- anger	244900	20122.		go:		%	
Revenue										
Exchange Revenue										
Service charges - Electricity		334 775	400 511	400 511	24 044	149 293	200 255	(50 962)	-25%	400 511
Service charges - Water		111 468	204 844	204 844	8 809	5 312	102 422	(97 110)	-95%	204 844
Service charges - Waste Water Management		20 184	29 454	29 454	1 858	11 079	14 727	(3 648)	-25%	29 454
Service charges - Waste management		19 786	20 545	20 545	2 015	19 708	10 273	9 435	92%	20 545
Sale of Goods and Rendering of Services		3 038	4 084	4 084	80	872	2 042	(1 170)	-57%	4 084
Agency services		12 193	10 421	10 421	938	5 107	5 211	(103)	-2%	10 421
Interest		-	_	_	-	-	-	. –		_
Interest earned from Receivables		56 754	35 731	35 731	4 724	27 287	17 866	9 422	53%	35 731
Interest from Current and Non Current Assets		4 885	3 348	3 348	730	4 909	1 674			3 348
Dividends		-	-	_	-	-	-	-		_
Rent on Land								-		
Rental from Fixed Assets		661	2 027	2 027	148	1 401	1 014	387	38%	2 027
Licence and permits		-	1 951	1 951	-	-	975	(975)	-100%	1 951
Operational Revenue		1 840	336	336	21	551	168	383	228%	336
Non-Exchange Revenue								-		
Property rates		91 416	96 349	96 349	8 073	48 511	48 175	336	1%	96 349
Surcharges and Taxes								-		
Fines, penalties and forfeits		2 226	4 005	4 005	280	699	2 002	(1 303)		4 005
Licence and permits		27	11	11	-	2	5	(3)		11
Transfers and subsidies - Operational		546 728	587 164	587 164	192 649	435 082	293 582	141 500		587 164
Interest		14 740	13 551	13 551	1 328	7 927	6 776	1 151		13 551
Fuel Levy								-		
Operational Revenue								-		
Gains on disposal of Assets		756	3 848	3 848	-	149	1 924	(1 776)		3 848
Other Gains		1 849	-	-	-	833	-	833		-
Discontinued Operations								-		
Total Revenue (excluding capital transfers and		1 223 327	1 418 183	1 418 183	245 696	718 722	709 091	9 631	1%	1 418 183
contributions)							***************************************			

The municipality has during the month ended 31 December 2023 recognized revenue to an amount of R718.7m compared to the year-to-date budget of R709.0m resulting in a positive variance of 1%.

The variance is explained further below:

Service charges – Electricity

Electricity is billed at R149.2m compared to anticipated budget of R200.2m. This resulted in a negative variance of 25%. The municipality has identified that there were a number of meters which were not properly billed due to either illegal by-passing or faulty meters. Over 400 electricity meters have been installed to date in order to remedy the situation. Newly connected meters mean that additional revenue will be billed by the municipality. In addition, the municipality has sourced a Services Provider to perform Meter audit, reconnections and disconnections.

Service charges – Water

Water service charges is billed at a negative variance of 95% at the end of December 2023. The negative variance is due to the reversal of interim water readings which were reversed during July and August 2023 for Mahwelereng. The interim readings were replaced with actual water readings. The municipality has also replaced and installed +/- 1,600 water meters to date. The replaced water meters are now included in the billing system of the municipality to

avoid estimate billing. The water meter audit will also be covered in the initiated procurement of a service provider to conduct a 100%-meter audit. Also, the line item has been included in the detailed mSCOA road-map in order to process corrections identified.

Service charges - Waste Water Management

Revenue on waste water management is recognized at R11.0m compared to R14.7m year to date budget. This has resulted in a negative variance of 25%. The negative variance is consistent throughout the first half of the financial year, this may be an indication that the line item was over-budgeted. Billing will be observed at the end of December to determine if an adjustment budget would be necessary.

Service charges – Waste Management

An amount of R19.7m is billed at the end of December 2023 compared to the budgeted amount of R10.2m, resulting in a positive variance of 92%. The municipality has started with distribution of bins to the consumers. The bins are then billed against the account of consumers who have received the bins.

Sale of Goods and Service

The municipality recognized an amount of R872 thousand against a year-to-date budget of R2.0m. Thus, a negative variance of 57%. The sale of goods and rendering of services includes a budget of R1.6m for sale of tender documents. The documents are now uploaded on e-tender and that has reduced sale of tender documents.

Interest earned from Receivables

Interest Earned on Receivables has been billed more than anticipated. The municipality recognized R27.2m against a budget of R17.8m. Due to the culture of non-payment by the consumers, interest is levied and it increases. The municipality encourages consumers to pay outstanding debt and have implemented an incentive scheme to reduce the interest charged. This is to assist in reducing the municipality's debtors' book and to be able to fund projects from internal funds.

Interest earned on Current and Non-Current Assets

R4.9m is recognized against a budgeted amount of R1.6m, resulting in a positive variance. The municipality has earned interest on call accounts from equitable share funds invested in the month of July and December as well as grants received during the first half of 2023/24 financial year.

Rental from Fixed Assets

The municipality has recognized R1.4m at the end of December compared to the year-to-date budgeted amount of R1.0m. This resulted in a positive variance of 38%. Although this is a smaller stream of revenue, the income received has been consistent over the first half of the financial year. Some of the rentals are received annually instead of monthly and this would result in the backlog being recovered during the end of the year.

License and Permits

No revenue has been recognized for license and permits. This line item will be addressed for accurate and proper allocations in the detailed mSCOA roadmap. This will be corrected during the adjustment budget process.

Operational Revenue

Operational revenue to a total of R551 thousand is recognized for the month of December against a budget of R168 thousand. This resulted in a positive variance of R383 thousand.

Property rates

The municipality's revenue from property rates is in terms of the budgeted amounts as there is a small variance of 1% on year-to-date budget performance.

Fines, penalties and forfeits

The municipality did not collect in terms of fines as anticipated in the first half of the financial year. This is as a result of less traffic fines issued during the period. Only R699 thousand was collected compared to R2.0m year-to-date budget.

Transfers and Subsidies

The municipality has recognized R435.0m on transfers and subsidies compared to a year-to-date budget of R293.5m. This resulted in a positive variance of R141.5m. The resultant variance is due to the receipt of Equitable Shares received during December as well as operating conditional grants received during the year.

Interest

The line item relates to interest charged on property rates. The municipality recognized an amount of R7.9m compared to R6.7m year-to-date budget. This is attributable to the culture of non-payment by the customers.

Transfers and subsidies - Capital

Capital grants of R305.7m have been recognized at the end of December. The amount recognized is on conditions met by the municipality in terms of capital expenditure.

Collection Rate

The municipality's collection rate for the Month of December 2023 was 85%. The rate has increased compared to the previous month which was 79%. The municipality has target to have minimum of at least 85% up to 90% in debt collection rate after implementing robust credit control. During the past month Municipality have been monitoring and ensuring the credit control enforcement is undertaken on a daily basis without limitations.

Municipality council approved incentive scheme effective from 1 July 2023 ending 31 December 2023 with the aim to assist consumers to settle long outstanding debt which reduce burden to consumer to allow them manage the current accounts regularly. Since

implementation of the incentive scheme, Municipality have received over 3000 applications. Council have committed itself to continue doing community awareness on the incentive scheme to allow consumers to take this opportunity to reduce the old debts.

4.2 Operational expenditure

		2022/23	2022/23 Budget Year 2023/24							
Description	Ref	Audited Outcome	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Monthly actual	YearTD actual	YearTD budget	YTD variance	YTD variance	Full Year Forecast
R thousands									%	
Expenditure By Type										
Employee related costs		332 210	411 319	411 319	28 107	177 054	205 661	(28 607)	-14%	411 319
Remuneration of councillors		10 524	18 009	18 009	3 970	11 949	9 005	2 945	33%	18 009
Bulk purchases - electricity		288 246	321 949	306 639	27 509	176 239	153 319	22 920		306 639
Inventory consumed		54 524	60 120	61 550	12 584	44 362	30 637	13 724		61 550
Debt impairment		1 446	190 574	190 574	-	-	95 287	(95 287)	-100%	190 574
Depreciation and amortisation		141 791	100 410	100 410	-	-	50 206	(50 206)	-100%	100 410
Interest		2 936	2 561	2 561	503	1 502	1 280	222	17%	2 561
Contracted services		189 404	153 364	150 949	41 875	148 954	75 952	73 003	96%	150 949
Transfers and subsidies		5 951	517	517	7	85	258	(173)	-67%	517
Irrecoverable debts written off		203 695	-	-	3 177	125 111	-	125 111		-
Operational costs		75 517	124 422	140 763	10 609	65 847	70 036	(4 189)	-6%	140 763
Losses on Disposal of Assets		2 361	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Other Losses		4 820	_	-	_	-	_	-		-
Total Expenditure		1 313 427	1 383 244	1 383 290	128 342	751 104	691 642	59 462	9%	1 383 290

The municipality has spent R751.1m in operational expenditure with a year-to-date budget of R691.6m which shows a positive variance of 9%.

The variance is explained further below:

Employee Related costs

Employee related cost to the amount of R177.0m has been recognized at the end of December 2023 compared to the year-to-date budget of R205.6m. The municipality has cut down on payments of overtime to not exceed 30% of the gross salary bill resulting in a negative variance of 14%. Also, employees from post level 8 and above are not renumerated for overtime in cash payments but are given time off instead.

Remuneration of councilors

The municipality has spent R11.9m at the end of December 2023 against a budget to date of R9.0m resulting in a positive variance of 33%. There is an improvement in Remuneration of councilors following implementation of the upper limits. Also, it has been picked up that some of the remuneration to councilors was charged against Employee related costs. A correction to this effect has been processed. Payroll is also part of the items to be corrected through detailed mSCOA roadmap.

Bulk purchases Electricity

Bulk Electricity expenditure fluctuate seasonally. An amount of R176.2m has been paid to date. The payment includes an amount of R7m which is a payment arrangement that the

municipality entered into with Eskom. As such, there is no outstanding Eskom debt as at 31 December 2023. The reported R7 million relates to arrangement which was entered into with Eskom from 1 July 2023 with monthly installment of R7 million. Municipality has been servicing the agreed arrangement of R7 million on monthly basis together with the current Eskom invoices without defaulting.

The municipality has further developed electricity loss reduction strategy which will assist Municipality to reduce electricity loses to loosen the cost burden.

Inventory Consumed

Expenditure to the amount of R44.3m has been recognized as compared to the year-to-date budget of R30.6m. This resulted in a positive variance of R13.7m. The line item includes consumable inventory and water consumed by the customers for the period under review. The municipality reversed interim (estimate) billing and processed actual readings. This resulted in the actual water consumed to be higher than budgeted for. The municipality has been servicing the bulk water services on monthly basis and as result as at 31 December 2023 the Municipality has no outstanding debt.

Debt impairment, depreciation and asset impairment

The municipality has not recognized any expenditure to date on the non-cash items. Therefore, both the line items have a negative variance of 100%. Assets of the municipality are a major part during the external audit. It is against this reason that the depreciation on assets is processed at the end of the financial year. However, the detailed mSCOA roadmap is aimed at finding ways to process the items on a monthly basis.

Interest

R1.5m has been paid compared to the anticipated amount of R1.2m. This is interest that has been charged on overdue accounts as a result of cash flow challenges. The municipality was in an arrangement with Eskom which was paid off in the month of December 2023. Minimal interest has been charged by Lepelle Northern Water as the municipality is keeping the accounts up to date.

Contracted Services

Expenditure to the amount of R148.9m has been recognized as compared to the year-to-date budget of R75.9m. This resulted in a positive variance of R73.0m. Municipality has experienced capacity issues especially in the finance department due to number of key positions such as Deputy CFO and Divisional Heads among other which were vacant due to suspension pending SIU investigations on irregularities found. The municipality appointed consultants to perform external review of financial statements in order to improve on the quality of Annual Financial Statements submitted to the Auditor General of South Africa for audit. This has increased spending in consultancy fees. Also, the municipality appointed an external investigator in assisting with investigation of R7 billion historic Unauthorized, Irregular, Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure. Most of the balance has been written off and reported in the Annual Financial Statements.

As part of the plans to reduce reliance on consultants, Municipality have reviewed the organizational structure and revised the structure with emphasis to reduce reliance on use of

consultants. As part of the reviewed structure, position of Divisional Head AFS was created and appointment made effective from December 2023. The position will be responsible among other things, reporting and the compilation of AFS.

Irrecoverable debts written off

An amount of R125.1m has been written off consumers accounts as per the council resolution in August 2023. Also, the incentive scheme offered since July 2023 has also contributed marginally to the write-offs as well as the indigent consumers accounts that were written off. As consumers pay the municipality according to the incentive, the discount and interest is written off.

Operational Costs

Expenditure to the amount of R65.8m has been recognized as compared to the year-to-date budget of R70.0m. This resulted in a negative variance of 6%. Due to financial constraints, the municipality is trying to curb non-core expenditure in order to improve the financial status. However, the expenditure is closely observed so that service delivery is not negatively affected.

4.3 Capital Expenditure

Description		2022/23 Budget Year 2023/24								
	Ref	Audited Outcome	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Monthly actual	YearTD actual	YearTD budget	YTD variance	YTD variance	Full Year Forecast
R thousands			Ü	Ĭ			•		%	
Capital expenditure of Transfers and Grants										
National Government:		240 208	311 599	311 599	58 956	239 632	155 799	83 833	53.8%	311 599
Integrated National Electrification Programme Grant		4 405	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Municipal Infrastructure Grant		155 267	186 266	186 266	12 336	88 135	93 133	(4 998)	-5.4%	186 266
Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant		42 086	50 000	50 000	45 583	129 572	25 000	104 572	418.3%	50 000
Water Services Infrastructure Grant		38 450	75 333	75 333	1 037	21 925	37 667	(15 742)	-41.8%	75 333
Provincial Government:		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		_
District Municipality:		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Other grant providers:		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		_
Housing Development Agency		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Mining Companies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Private Enterprises		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Unspecified		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Total capital expenditure of Transfers and Grants		240 208	311 599	311 599	58 956	239 632	155 799	83 833	53.8%	311 599

• Spending on capital grants at the end of December 2023 amounted to R239.6m.

5. Cash Balances

The municipality had a total of R153.0m in the bank accounts at 31 December 2023. The amount includes short-term investments or call accounts of R125.6m.

The table below illustrates cash balances as at 31 December 2023.

LIM367 Mogalakwena - Municipal Investments - M06

Primary Bank : Standard Bank Account Type : Cheque

Opening Balance - 01 December 2023	12 831 211
Closing balance - 31 December 2023	27 381 017

INVESTMENTS: DECEMBER 2023

Name of Institution/Bank	Investment Type	Opening Balance	Deposit/ Invested during the Month	Withdrawal during the Month	Penalties	Interest Accrued	Interest Earned	Closing Balance
ABSA	Short-Term	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FNB	Short-Term	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEDBANK	Sort-Term	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STANDARD BANK	Short-Term	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STANDARD BANK	Call Accounts 002 & 052	6 297 194	178 375 000	59 000 000	-	-	-	125 672 194
								-
TOTAL		6 297 194	178 375 000	59 000 000	-	-	-	125 672 194

Total in the Bank 153 053 210

6. Financial Position

Annual Financial Statement as at 30 June 2023, Municipality reported trade payable was at R272 million. Included in the trade payable was R193 million relating to year end accrued expenses and the remaining R79 million related to suspense accounts and stale cheque balances. The reported R193 millions was settled just after year end during month of July/August 2023.

During the month of May/June 2023, Eskom account was the highest, due to winter season while the Municipal billed revenue on electricity services to consumer remained lower (electricity tariff rate doesn't fluctuate with winter season and remained fixed).

Year-end invoices R13 874 700.80

Sundry payments made R 77 792 677.12

Journals for accrued expenses at year end R101 336 370.68

Immediately after year end processes, Municipality paid R90 million from the reported R101 million accrued expenses. As at 31 December 2023, Municipality trade creditor relate only to normal current trade payables. The municipality therefore will include Trade Payables as part of the detailed mSCOA roadmap in order to correct reporting.

The table below depicts a Summary of the municipality's financial position as at 31 December 2023.

Description	Ref	2022/23	Budget Year 2023/24						
Description	Ket	Audited Outcome	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	YearTD actual	Full Year Forecast			
R thousands	1								
<u>ASSETS</u>									
Current assets			***************************************						
Cash and cash equivalents		40 344	83 261	83 261	82 796	83 261			
Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions		131 118	266 182	266 182	50 215	266 182			
Receivables from non-exchange transactions		40 683	96 377	96 377	23 323	96 377			
Current portion of non-current receivables		-	- [-	-	-			
Inventory		396 599	380 596	380 596	372 644	380 596			
VAT		54 619	-	-	65 972	-			
Other current assets		14 423	_	_	14 428	_			
Total current assets		677 786	826 417	826 417	609 378	826 417			
Non current assets			***************************************						
Investments			***************************************						
Investment property		193 792	137 121	137 121	193 792	137 121			
Property, plant and equipment		4 238 341	4 537 112	4 537 112	4 477 973	4 537 112			
Biological assets									
Living and non-living resources			***************************************						
Heritage assets		5 868	5 868	5 868	5 868	5 868			
Intangible assets		1 762	943 423	943 423	1 762	943 423			
Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions		(2)	16 137	16 137	(2)	16 137			
Non-current receivables from non-exchange transactions		15 617	- 🌉	-	15 617	-			
Other non-current assets									
Total non current assets		4 455 378	5 639 661	5 639 661	4 695 010	5 639 661			
TOTAL ASSETS		5 133 164	6 466 078	6 466 078	5 304 388	6 466 078			
<u>LIABILITIES</u>									
Current liabilities									
Bank overdraft		-	- "	-	-	-			
Financial liabilities		420	-	-	420	-			
Consumer deposits		(16 779)	28 084	28 084	(15 873)	28 084			
Trade and other payables from exchange transactions		428 273	210 463	210 463	292 386	210 463			
Trade and other payables from non-exchange transactions		5 495	- "	-	37 654	_			
Provision		16 190	12 748	12 748	15 004	12 748			
VAT		161 015	88 638	88 638	161 696	88 638			
Other current liabilities		1 019	- [-	1 019	-			
Total current liabilities		595 634	339 934	339 934	492 306	339 934			
Non current liabilities									
Financial liabilities		_	- 1	_	_	_			
Provision		110 789	123 053	123 053	110 789	123 053			
Long term portion of trade payables		_	-	_	_	_			
Other non-current liabilities		_	-	_	_	_			
Total non current liabilities		110 789	123 053	123 053	110 789	123 053			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		706 422	462 987	462 987	603 095	462 987			
NET ASSETS	2	4 426 741	6 003 091	6 003 091	4 701 293	6 003 091			
COMMUNITY WEALTH/EQUITY									
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		6 247 741	5 656 554	5 656 554	6 358 877	5 656 554			
Reserves and funds		(1 657 584)	_	_	(1 657 584)	_			
		(33. 33.)			(
Other		_		_	_ :	_			