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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, 1 October 2019 (at 09:00), Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale Street, Cape Town

PRESENT

Members

Democratic Alliance

America, D (Chairperson)
Maseko, LM (DA)
Van der Westhuizen, AP

African National Congress

Smith, D

Additional Members

Marran, P (ANC)
Mitchell, D (DA)

The following persons were in attendance:

See attached attendance register.

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Mr J Coetzee, Procedural Officer

1. Election of Chairperson

Due to the absence of the Chairperson, the Procedural Officer, Mr J Coetzee, welcomed Members and informed the Committee that in accordance with the Western Cape Provincial Parliament's Standing Rule 82(1) the Committee would proceed to the election of an acting Chairperson.

Ms Maseko moved:
That Mr A van der Westhuizen be acting Chairperson.

No further nominations were received.

Motion agreed to.

2. Opening and Welcome

The acting Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the Members of the Committee, the Head of Department, the Office of the Auditor-General, Provincial Treasury and the departmental officials.

3. Briefing by the Auditor-General on the 2017/2018 Audit Outcomes of Municipalities in the Western Cape.

Mr A Olkers, Deputy Business Executive: Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) in the Western Cape, briefed the Committee on the 2017/2018 Audit Outcomes of Municipalities in the Western Cape. It was highlighted that 26 of the thirty Municipalities in the Western Cape obtained an unqualified Audit outcome.

The Committee deliberated.

The Chairperson joined the meeting at 08:38 and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4. Briefing by the Department of Local Government on corrective measures at underperforming Municipalities

Ms E Barnard, Chief Director: Municipal Performance Monitoring and Support, Department of Local Government highlighted that the Department designed support programmes to address some of the specific matters raised by the AG which include information technology (IT), human resource (HR) management practices, and strengthening administrative leadership in municipalities.

The Committee deliberated.

5. Briefing by Provincial Treasury on corrective measures at underperforming Municipalities

Mr M Sigabi, Senior Manager: Local Government Finance Group 2 briefed the Committee on the governance environment at municipalities and highlighted some of the challenges such as effective political and administrative leadership, shortage of requisite skills and competencies, increased allegations of fraud and corruption, and ineffective utilisation of assurance providers to improve the design and implementation of internal controls in local government.

The Committee deliberated.

6. 1st Quarterly Performance Report (April 2019 – June 2019).

The Committee noted the Department's 1st Quarterly Performance Report and general overview of its performance as well as specific reference to targets that were achieved, partially achieved, those that were not achieved and reasons for the deviation from set targets.

7. Recommendations

The Committee RESOLVED to:

- 7.1 Schedule the meeting with the Auditor-General to discuss the audit outcomes of municipalities for the 2018/19 financial year, as soon as the audit outcomes are available; and
- 7.2 Conduct oversight visits to various municipalities to discuss the challenges they experience as well as the compliance with the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) and its regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

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MR D AMERICA, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Date: 27/11/2019.