

SENQU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY



OVERSIGHT REPORT 2024/25

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CHAIRPERSON FOREWORDS

SENQU MUNICIPAL OVERSIGHT REPORT ON THE 2024/2025 ANNUAL

It is my honour and privilege to present the Oversight Report of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee on the 2024/2025 Annual Report of Senqu Local Municipality. This report is compiled in line with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act, particularly Section 129, which requires Council to consider the Annual Report and adopt an Oversight Report reflecting its assessment of the municipality's performance.

The Annual Report remains a critical accountability tool through which the municipality reports to Council and to the community on its financial management, governance, and service delivery performance during the financial year under review. As MPAC, we are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that the report is subjected to thorough scrutiny to promote transparency, accountability, and good governance within the municipality.

The 2024/2025 financial year is particularly significant as it precedes the local government election period. This makes the oversight function even more important, as communities look to their elected representatives for assurance that public resources have been managed responsibly and that the municipality has remained focused on delivering services to the people of Senqu. The year under review therefore provides an important reflection on the work and commitments made by the current Council during its term of office.

In carrying out its oversight responsibilities, MPAC carefully examined the Annual Report, including the Auditor-General's findings, financial statements, performance information, and management responses. The Committee also ensured that the oversight process remained transparent and inclusive by facilitating stakeholder engagement to promote public participation. Representatives from traditional leadership, ward committees, Community Development Workers, ward clerks, community members, the business sector, and farmers participated in the engagement session held to discuss the Annual Report.

The Committee appreciates the valuable input received from these stakeholders, as they play a vital role in strengthening democratic accountability and ensuring that the municipality remains responsive to the needs of the community. Public participation remains a cornerstone of local governance and contributes significantly to the credibility of the oversight process.

While the Annual Report reflects certain achievements and progress made by Senqu Local Municipality during the 2024/2025 financial year, it also highlights areas that require improvement, particularly in strengthening financial management, governance systems, and service delivery. The Committee has therefore made recommendations in this Oversight Report to assist Council and the administration in addressing these challenges.

On behalf of MPAC, I would like to express appreciation to the Council, the municipal administration, and all stakeholders who contributed to the oversight process. As we approach the local government elections, it remains important that the municipality continues to uphold the principles of accountability, transparency, and responsible governance.

MPAC remains committed to ensuring that the municipality continues to serve the people of Senqu with integrity, diligence, and dedication.

Finally, one of the challenges facing the MPAC is the absence of a fully-fledged support structure and adequate budget dedicated to the work of the Committee. Currently, the Committee relies on limited support from the Office of the Speaker, which is appreciated. However, this arrangement remains insufficient to fully support the growing oversight responsibilities of MPAC. Strengthening institutional support and allocating adequate resources will enhance the Committee's ability to effectively execute its oversight mandate and promote accountability within the municipality.

Honorable Kholiwe Mpiti- Xhelesha

Signature:



Chairperson: Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC)

Senqu Local Municipality

Date: _____

CHAPTER 1

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Municipal Council of Senqu tabled the 2024/2025 Annual Report in accordance with Section 127 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003). Following the tabling of the Draft Annual Report to the Council meeting held on the 30 January 2025, Council referred the draft annual report to the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) for detailed scrutiny and oversight over sixty days, including the facilitation of public participation and the development of an Oversight Report for consideration by Council.

In terms of Section 129 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003, the municipal council is required to consider the Annual Report and adopt an Oversight Report containing the council's comments on the report. This oversight process strengthens accountability and ensures that municipal performance and the use of public resources are properly assessed.

The oversight function performed by MPAC is further supported by Section 79 of the Local Government Municipal Structures Act, 1998, which empowers municipal councils to establish committees necessary for the effective and efficient performance of their functions. In line with this provision, MPAC was established by Council to exercise oversight over the financial and non-financial performance of the municipality.

The oversight process is guided by provisions of the Local Government Municipal Systems Act, 2000, which promotes transparency, accountability, and community participation in municipal governance. The Act requires municipalities to involve communities in matters of local governance, including the review of the Annual Report.

In fulfilling its mandate, the Municipal Public Accounts Committee reviewed the 2024/2025 Annual Report, including the financial statements, the Auditor-General's report, and the municipality's service delivery performance information. The Committee also conducted public hearings on the 10th March 2026 to provide community members and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the Annual Report, thereby ensuring that the oversight process is inclusive and transparent.

This Oversight Report therefore presents the findings and recommendations of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee after assessing the performance of Senqu Local Municipality for the 2024/2025 financial year.

1.1.1 OBJECTIVES OF THE OVERSIGHT REPORT

The objectives of this Oversight Report are to:

1. Measure and test the credibility quality and accuracy of 2024/2025 draft annual report submitted to council on 30 January 2025 against the prescripts of Section 121(2)(a)-(c).
2. Ensure accountability by enabling Council to exercise oversight over the performance of the executive and municipal administration.
3. Assess the credibility and reliability of the Annual Report of Senqu Local Municipality, including financial and non-financial performance information.
4. Consider the findings of the Auditor-General and determine whether appropriate corrective measures are being implemented by the municipality.
5. Evaluate service delivery performance against the targets set in the municipality's plans and programmes for year under review.
6. Promote transparency and public participation by considering inputs received from communities and stakeholders during public hearings.
7. Provide Council with informed recommendations regarding the adoption of the Annual Report and areas requiring improvement.
8. Strengthen good governance and financial management within the municipality by identifying challenges and recommending corrective actions.

Through this process, the Municipal Council reaffirms its commitment to accountability, transparency, and improved service delivery to the communities it serves.

1.2 LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

NO	SOURCE	PROVISION
1	Constitution of Republic of South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objects of local government ➤ The national and provincial governments to develop legislations the status, institutions power or functions of local government.
2	Municipal Structures Act No. 117 of 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establishment of oversight committee
3	Municipal Finance Management Act No 56 of 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Section 129: Council must consider the Annual Report of the Municipality. Prepare an oversight report ➤ Allowance for the submissions and address by the members of the community
4	Municipal Systems Act No. 32 of 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To monitor compliance with section 25, 34, 39, 54 reports
5	National Treasury guidelines 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MPAC may engage directly with the public and consider public comments when received ➤ Will be entitled to request documents or evidence from the accounting officer of the municipality ➤ In cases of irregular expenditure or wasteful and fruitless expenditure, MPAC have the right to call upon the Accounting Officer.
6	MFMA Circular 32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Structure and content of the oversight report resolution and statement

7	MFMA Circular 63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Process for Annual report consideration tabling and adopting of annual report ➤ Timeline for consideration and tabling of oversight report ➤ Timeline for the tabling of Audit report by office of the Auditor General to council in terms of the main Act.
8	Local Government Municipal Planning and Performance Management Regulation. Regulation 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To review the draft annual budget and ensure that it is informed and aligned to IDP

1.3 ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The oversight report is the final major step in the annual reporting process of municipality therefore section 129 of the MFMA requires the council to consider the annual report of its municipality to adopt an oversight report containing the council's comments on the annual report.

Responsibility	Responsible for	Oversight over	Accountable to
Council	Approving policies, IDP and Budget		Community
Mayor	Policy, Budgets, Service delivery outcomes and Management of /oversight over Municipality Manager		Council

Municipal Manager	Outputs and implementation of policies and SDBIP	The Administration	Mayor
CFO and Senior Managers	Outputs and implementation of SDBIP	Financial Management and Operational Functions	Municipal Manager

Therefore, the oversight report follows consideration and consultation on the annual report and is a report of the municipal council to the community disclosing the level of performance/ success, obtained in addressing/ meeting the priority needs and stated desires of the community as contained in the approved IDP.

1.4 AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee is a Council Committee established in terms of sections 33 and 79 of the Municipal Structures Act and accountable in the performance of its delegated responsibilities to the council. The committee have access to all records and information that it may require from the office bearers, management or employees of the Municipality.

1.5 COMPOSITION OF MPAC

The MPAC is a committee of Council established in terms of section 79 of the Municipal Structure Act, the committee comprises of Councillors appointed through a council resolution.

MFMA Circular No. 63 states that the Oversight Committee should be made up of only non-executive councillors. It further provides that the municipal officials cannot serve as members of an oversight committee but as the support staff to the committee.

The misallocation of Standing Committee members was identified as a matter of concern during the oversight process. This issue has since been addressed and corrected to ensure proper alignment. The corrective action taken is noted and appreciated, as it

strengthens governance, accountability, and the effective functioning of Council committees.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024/2025

MEMBER	POSITION	Political Party
Kholiwe Mpiti-Xhelesha	Chairperson	ANC
Pulane Mmele	Committee member	ANC
Babalwa Lawu	Committee member	ANC
Mahlubandile Phuza	Committee member	ANC
Zoliswa Mxoli	Committee member	EFF

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUTS COMMITTEE SUPPORT STAFF

OFFICIAL	POSITION
1. Thabo Motlohi	Manager Speakers Office
2. Vumile Masiza	Co-ordinator Petitions and Public participation

The MPAC of Senqu Local Municipality currently operates without a dedicated support unit. At present, the committee receives administrative support from the Office of the Speaker, where two officials provide assistance on an ad hoc basis. While this support is acknowledged and appreciated, it remains limited and insufficient to fully support the scope and technical nature of the committee's work.

The committee operates with a constrained budget, which affects its ability to conduct oversight activities such as detailed research, analysis of reports, stakeholder engagements, and oversight visits.

Given the increasing responsibilities placed on MPAC and the importance of effective oversight in strengthening good governance, it is necessary that Council prioritises the establishment of a dedicated MPAC Support Unit. Such a unit would ensure that the committee is supported by capable and professional personnel who can provide

consistent technical, research, and administrative assistance to enable the committee to effectively execute its oversight responsibilities.

The Committee therefore proposes that a minimum staffing complement of four officials be considered to operationalize the MPAC Unit.

The establishment of a dedicated MPAC Support Unit will significantly enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the committee by ensuring structured coordination of oversight activities, improved research capacity, and strengthened administrative support. It will also enable the committee to better fulfil its oversight mandate and contribute to improved accountability and governance within Senqu Local Municipality.

1.6 MANDATE OF MPAC

The MPAC derives its authority from the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) and the Municipal Structures Act.

The mandate of MPAC is to:

- Provide independent oversight over the municipality's financial management and performance.
- Ensure public funds are used lawfully, effectively, efficiently, and economically.
- Examine reports from the Auditor-General of South Africa.
- Hold the executive and administration accountable to council.
- Promote good governance and transparency in municipal operations.

MPAC does not run the municipality; it scrutinizes and evaluates the work of the executives and administration on behalf of the council.

1.7 SCHEDULE OF MPAC MEETINGS

MPAC MEETING	DATES
Ordinary	05 November 2024
Ordinary	04 March 2025
Ordinary	17 March 2025
Ordinary	18 June 2025

1.8 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the MPAC undertakes stakeholder engagement processes aimed at promoting transparency, accountability, and meaningful public participation in the review of the Municipal Annual Report. In accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act section 130 stipulates that public participation must be of a central element of all processes relating to an annual report.

MPAC facilitated the public participation sessions and stakeholder engagements to present the contents of the Annual Report, including the municipality’s financial performance, audit outcomes, and service delivery achievements. These engagements provided a platform for community members, civil society organisations, ward committees, traditional leaders, and other stakeholders to raise concerns, ask questions, and provide inputs regarding the municipality’s performance.

The Committee ensures that notices inviting public comments are issued through appropriate communication channels such as:

- Publish the Draft Annual Report on municipal website, municipal social media platforms
- Place hard copy of annual Draft Report on strategic Municipal Buildings that are easily accessible to the public
- Distributes a soft copy of the draft annually to stakeholders and ward committees to encourage broad community participation.
- Invite written submission from local communities and state organs to annual report

CHAPTER 2

2.1 APPROACH ON THE ANNUAL REPORT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Due to limited resources the MPAC could afford to conduct public meetings per ward, however the committee opted to bring all wards representatives under one roof in Sterkspruit Bhunga Hall on the 10th March 2026.

The Committee however, received written submission from COGTA. The representation across all wards comprised of the following delegations:

- Ward Committees
- Ward Clerks
- Business Communities
- Farmers
- Councillors
- Traditional Leaders
- Municipal Officials



The purpose of the engagement session was to present the key aspects of the Municipal Annual Report, including the municipality's financial performance, service delivery progress, and audit outcomes. The report was projected on a screen affording an opportunity for participants to see. Participants were provided with an opportunity to raise concerns, seek clarity, and make inputs regarding the municipality's performance and governance.



The engagement further served as an important mechanism for the Committee to gather community perspectives and ensure that the oversight process reflects the views and experiences of residents and stakeholders across the municipality. Inputs and comments received during the session were recorded and considered by MPAC during its deliberations on the Annual Report and in the formulation of its Oversight Report to Council.

Through this inclusive approach, the Committee reaffirmed its commitment to participatory governance, transparency, and accountability, ensuring that stakeholders play an active role in the municipal oversight process.

2.2 DEPARTMENTAL ENGAGEMENT

As mentioned above the committee received written submissions from Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs. In the submission the following points are summarised as follows:

- Date of submission of draft annual report was compiled
- Report was submitted as soft copy
- The report was signed by the Mayor and Municipal Manager.
- The report was compliant with as far as the structure and content.
- Report has all the required annexures as regulated

2.3 COMMUNITY COMMENTS ON THE ANNUAL REPORT

The community comments on the Annual Report presentation can be summarized as follows

- The community confirms that the projects reported on in the Annual Report are a true reflection of what is taking place on the ground.
- When access roads are rehabilitated, gravel and stormwater drainage should be constructed as well to keep road for longer periods.
- There should be thorough consultation between the Municipality and the community regarding the roads that needs rehabilitation in a ward.
- Consequence management must be done to contractors who do not finish the work on time, and they should be dealt with without any fear and favour. This is in relation to Barkly East Townhall that is still not finished.
- Indigent register should be updated frequently and for free basic service be given to qualifying people.

- Ward councillors should share clear plans on construction and renovations of community halls.
- The role and powers of traditional leaders and Municipality should be clearly defined when it comes to issues concerning the land and these parties should work hand in hand. This relate to Kroomspruit cemetery challenge, where traditional leaders and community members are at loggerheads on new land for cemeteries.
- Ward committee reports must find expression to the council and feedback be provided.
- Houses for disaster relief should be fast-tracked for the programme to serve the purpose.
- There should be Lifestyle audit to supply chain management staff.
- A plan for electrification in wards should be communicated to wards and be clearly defined.
- Role of sector department in the service delivery of locals
- Revival of Free Basic Service structure/ committee

2.4 INVITATION OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENGAGEMENT SESSION & ATTENDANCE REGISTER



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CDW's

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Council of Churches

Senqu Farmers Unions

Senqu Civic Organisations

Herschel United Taxi Association

RE: MPAC ANNUAL REPORT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION

In terms of the national treasury guidelines for the establishment of the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), one of the primary functions is to promote good governance, transparency and accountability on the use of Municipal resources.

It is against this background that the MPAC will be taking the Annual Report for public hearing, and you're cordially invited to take part in this hearing.

Date: 10 March 2026

Time: 11h00

Venue: Bunga Hall (Sterkspruit)

Yours faithfully

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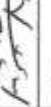




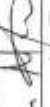

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CHAPTER 3

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) noted that the Annual Report for the 2024/2025 financial year was prepared in accordance with the prescribed reporting framework. The structure and content of the report are aligned with the requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), as well as MFMA Circular 63, which provides guidelines for the compilation of municipal annual reports. The Committee is satisfied that the report adheres to the applicable standards, thereby promoting consistency, transparency, and accountability in financial and performance reporting.

The following format was followed by

- 1. Chapter 1 – Mayor’s Foreword and Executive summary**
- 2. Chapter 2- Governance**
- 3. Chapter 3- Service Delivery Performance**
- 4. Chapter 4- Organisational Development performance**
- 5. Chapter 5- Financial Performance**
- 6. Chapter 6- Auditor Committee findings**

APPENDIX

See *Annual Report*: Financial Statements are available in the 2024-2025 Annual Report from page 170.

CHAPTER 4

4.1 AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT

- Community members welcomed the improved audit outcome and noted that it reflects the municipality's ability to properly account for public finances.
- Residents expressed appreciation for the efforts made by the municipality to strengthen financial management and governance.
- The positive audit outcome was viewed as an encouraging sign of transparency and accountability to the community.
- Community members indicated that improved financial management should also translate into improved service delivery.
- Residents requested the municipality to ensure that projects initiated in communities are completed within the planned timeframes.
- The community emphasized the importance of conducting regular follow-ups on municipal projects.
- Community members further called on the municipality to strengthen monitoring and oversight of projects to ensure they benefit the intended communities.
- The community encouraged the municipality to maintain the positive audit performance while improving project implementation and communication with residents.

CHAPTER 5

5.1 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee, having fully considered the 2024/2025 Annual Report of Senqu Local Municipality and all comments received thereon, recommends that Council adopt the Oversight Report in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Accordingly, MPAC recommends that Council resolves as follows:

1. That the Council approves the 2024/2025 Annual Report of Senqu Local Municipality in terms of Section 129(1)(a) of the MFMA without reservation.
2. That the Oversight Report on the 2024/2025 Annual Report be made public in accordance with Section 129(3) of the MFMA.
3. That the 2024/2025 Annual Report and the adopted Oversight Report of Senqu Local Municipality be submitted to the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature in terms of Section 132(2) of the MFMA.

5.2 CONCLUSION

The committee wishes to express its heartfelt sense of gratitude to the office of the Mayor and Municipal manager for the support on matters brought to their attention during the oversight process. The Portfolio Heads and Management team cooperated and engaged with the committee diligently throughout the process.

Honourable Speaker, members of the Executive, Traditional Leaders, Councillors and entire community of Senqu; the MPAC now tables and submit the oversight report to Council for consideration and adoption.