

OVERSIGHT REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE 2016/2017 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Purpose

To table before Council the oversight report of the Municipal Public Accounts (MPAC) in respect of the Fezile Dabi Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2017 as required in terms of section 129 of the MFMA and Circular no.32 of the MFMA.

2. The process followed in analyzing the Annual Report

The Fezile Dabi District Municipality Draft Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2017 was tabled in council on the 31 May 2018 by the Executive Mayor, Honorable Cllr AM Oliphant as per section 127 (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act no.56 of 2003.

During the council meeting of the 31 May 2018 where the annual report was tabled, a representative from the Office of the Auditor General of South Africa was also present as per the requirement of section 130 (2) of the MFMA.

The copy of the draft annual report for the period ending 30 June 2017 was also submitted to the Auditor General of South Africa, Provincial Treasury and CoGTA to perform quality assurance check on the contents of the annual report as per the requirements of section 127 (5) (b).

Immediately after tabling the annual report in council, the report was advertised on the Sowetan newspaper for a period of 21 days to invite public and local communities to make both written and oral representations on the contents of the annual report as per section 127 (5) (a) of the MFMA and Section 21A and B of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act no.32 of 2000.

MPAC considered and analyzed the report during its meeting held on the 24 July 2018 as per section 129 of the MFMA and Circular no. 32 of the MFMA.

MPAC prepared the oversight report and to be tabled to Council for approval as per section 129 of the MFMA.

3. General Observations by MPAC

The following are general observations by MPAC:

- 3.1. That the annual report should reflect progress made towards addressing matters that were raised by the Auditor General during the 2016/17 audit;
- 3.2. Progress reports pertaining to the above be submitted to MPAC as a separate item during its subsequent meeting to monitor progress;
- 3.3. In future for MPAC to perform its oversight responsibility on the annual report there is a need to conduct public participation in all communities of the district, a programme to conduct such be prepared in consultation with the office of the Speaker.
- 3.4. Management should address issues that led to Adverse Audit opinion.
- 3.5. Progress report on poor performance and other issues should be referred to Municipal Manager for further remedial actions and implementations.

4. Recommendations

Recommend to council that:

- (a) Council adopts the Annual Report for the period ending 30 June 2017 without reservations.

