



STEVE TSHWETE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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CLEAN AUDIT FOR STLM!

"I am proud to announce that for the 2015/2016 financial year, the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality received a **CLEAN AUDIT!** This means, clean financial statements, with no problems on predetermined objectives, no problems with non-compliance to key legislation or any significant deficiencies in internal control, Executive Mayor, Mike Masina said.

The municipality has a 16 year history of excellent service and clean governance and its approach to service delivery has seen a 100% payment rate by residents. This payment rate has enabled STLM to render services of the highest quality and provide free services to more than 17 000 indigent households.

From 2002 to 2008 unqualified audit, opinions were received. Since the advent of clean audit status in 2008, the municipality has in each of the subsequent years succeeded in obtaining clean audits except for the 2014/15 where the municipality obtained an unqualified audit report with a few matters.

"This is one of the most reliable yardsticks for good performance and I would like to congratulate the staff for a job well done.

"I am incredibly proud of the Political and Administrative leadership of the Municipality. It is a joy and privilege to announce that our financial records, procedures, processes and internal controls are at a level that in the opinion of the Auditor-General is CLEAN.

"The public of Steve Tshwete Local Municipality can therefore be assured that the current political leadership and the administration, are responsibly managing their assets and are rendering services at acceptable levels.

In line with the Public Audit Act of South Africa, 2004 (Act No. 25 of 2004) (PAA), the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), and all related laws, the STLM financial report of year ended 30 June 2014, the Office of the Auditor-General states that "the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position (of STLM) and its financial performance..." all in order. There were no any deficiencies identified in the STLM internal control.

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Yours sincerely

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER