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## Media release

### STLM in top three for clean audit

The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality obtained its fifth consecutive clean audit for 2013/14, coming third in the country for local municipalities.

“The reason STLM has achieved this status since the audits were introduced in 2009, is our continued commitment to the community to sustain clean audits. Once again I want to thank management for their relentless team effort in making this possible,” said Executive Mayor Mike Masina.

He added that it is important for the municipality to continue improving its performance in areas pointed out by the Auditor General. “We have to keep on our toes if we want to maintain clean audits.”

Prior to 2009, the Auditor General issued unqualified or qualified audits (unqualified being similar to a clean audit) and disclaimers to municipalities.

Masina explained that an important ingredient in achieving consecutive clean audits at STLM is because of unified leadership both administratively and politically, as well as building capacity and retaining qualified and experienced personnel.

“STLM has a strategy to build capacity and professionalism through continuous upskilling of staff through ABET educational programmes, training and graduate programmes.”

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