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- Municipal Manager; and
- Municipal Council.

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## **1 OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the policy is to define the practical implementation of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice at the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

## **2 PRINCIPLES**

The financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practices (GRAP) prescribed by the Minister of Finance in terms of *Government Gazette no. 31021 of 9 May 2008*.

The Standards comprise of the following:

**GRAP 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements**

**GRAP 2 - Cash Flow Statements**

**GRAP 3 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors**

**GRAP 4 - The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates**

**GRAP 5 - Borrowing costs**

**GRAP 6 - Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements**

**GRAP 7 - Investments in Associates**

**GRAP 8 – Interest in Joint Ventures**

**GRAP 9 - Revenue from Exchange Transactions**

**GRAP 10 - Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies**

**GRAP 11 - Construction Contracts**

**GRAP 12 – Inventories**

**GRAP 13 – Leases**

**GRAP 14 - Events after the Reporting date**

**GRAP 16 - Investment Property**

**GRAP 17 - Property, Plant and Equipment**

**GRAP 19 - Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets**

**GRAP 21-** Impairment on non-cash generating assets

**GRAP 23 –** Impairment of non-cash generating assets

**GRAP 24 –** Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements

**GRAP 25 –** Employee Benefits

**GRAP 26 –** Impairment of Cash Generating Assets

**GRAP 27 –** Agriculture (Replaces GRAP 101)

**GRAP 31 –** Intangible Assets (Replaces GRAP 102)

**GRAP 100 -** Non-current assets held for sale and Discontinued Operations

**GRAP 103 –** Heritage Assets

**GRAP 104 –** Financial Instruments

Accounting policies for material transactions, events or conditions not covered by the above GRAP Standards will be developed in accordance with paragraphs 7, 11 and 12 of GRAP 3. These accounting policies and the applicable disclosures will be based on the pronouncements of the following standard setters, in descending order, to the extent that the requirements are not in conflict with the standards of GRAP:

- a. International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB);
- b. International Accounting Standards Board (IASB);
- c. Accounting Practices Board (APB); and
- d. Accounting Practices Committee (APC) of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

### **3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A summary of the significant accounting policies, which will be consistently applied except where an exemption has been granted, are disclosed below.

#### **3.1 Presentation currency**

These annual financial statements are presented in South African Rand.

#### **3.2 Going concern assumption**

These annual financial statements are prepared on the basis that the municipality will remain a going concern for the foreseeable future.

#### **3.3 Segmental reporting**

The municipality does not have a business segment that qualifies for segmental reporting. A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services, within a particular economic environment, that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

#### **3.4 Foreign currency transactions**

The Municipality will not incur a foreign currency liability other than that allowed by the Municipal Finance Management Act.

#### **3.5 Housing Development Fund**

The Housing Development Fund was established in terms of Section 15(5) and 16 of the Housing Act, (Act 107 of 1997), which came into operation on 1 April 1998, requires that the municipality maintain a separate housing operating account. Loans from National and

Provincial Government used to finance housing developments undertaken by the Municipality were extinguished on 1 April 1998 and transferred to the Housing Development Fund.

The Housing Act also requires in terms of Section 14(4)(d)(ii)(aa) read with, *inter alia*, Section 16(2) that the net proceeds of any rental, sale of property or alienation, financed previously from government housing funds, be paid into a separate operating account and be utilised by the Municipality for housing development subject to the approval of the Provincial MEC responsible for housing.

The following provisions are set for the creation and utilisation of the Housing Fund:

The proceeds in this fund are utilised for housing developments in accordance with the National Housing Policy and also for housing development projects approved by the MEC. Any contributions to or from the fund are shown as transfers in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

Any surplus / (deficit) on the Housing Statement of Financial Performance must be transferred to the Housing Development Fund.

### **3.6 Reserves**

There will be a departure from GRAP 1.144 regarding Capital Reserves, in accordance with GRAP 1.22 and .23, read with GRAP 3.07, as the inclusion of capital receipts applied for the purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment in the Accumulated surplus will lead to a misinterpretation by users, particularly Council and Ratepayers/Consumers. These Reserves will be disclosed in accordance with GRAP 1.86, as follows:

#### **3.6.1 Capital Replacement Reserve ( CRR)**

In order to finance the future provision of infrastructure and other items of property, plant and equipment from internal sources amounts are transferred out of the accumulated



surplus/(deficit) into the Capital Replacement Reserve (CRR) in terms of a Council resolution. The cash allocated to the CRR can only be utilised to finance items of property, plant and equipment. The following provisions are set for the creation and utilisation of the CRR:

### **3.6.2 Capitalisation Reserve**

On the implementation of GRAP, the balance on certain funds, created in terms of the various Provincial Ordinances applicable at the time, that had historically been utilised for the acquisition of items of property, plant and equipment have been transferred to a Capitalisation Reserve instead of the accumulated surplus/(deficit) in terms of a directive (budget circular) issued by National Treasury.

The balance on the Capitalisation Reserve equals the carrying value of the items of property, plant and equipment financed from the former legislated funds. When items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated, a transfer is made from the Capitalisation Reserve to the accumulated surplus/(deficit).

When an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed, the balance in the Capitalisation Reserve relating to such item is transferred to the accumulated surplus/(deficit).

### **3.6.3 Government Grant Reserve**

When items of property, plant and equipment are financed from government grants, a transfer is made from the accumulated surplus/(deficit) to the Government Grants Reserve equal to the Government Grant recorded as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance in accordance with a directive (budget circular) issued by National Treasury. When such items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated, a transfer is made from the Government Grant Reserve to the accumulated surplus/(deficit). The purpose of this policy is to promote community equity and facilitate budgetary control by ensuring that sufficient funds are set aside to offset the depreciation charges that will be incurred over

the estimated useful life of the item of property, plant and equipment financed from Government Grants.

When an item of property, plant and equipment financed from government grants is disposed, the balance in the Government Grant Reserve relating to such item is transferred to the accumulated surplus/(deficit).

When items of property, plant and equipment are financed from public contributions and donations, a transfer is made from the accumulated surplus/(deficit) to the Public Contributions and Donations Reserve equal to the Public Contributions and Donations Reserve recorded as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance in accordance with a directive (budget circular) issued by National Treasury. When such items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated, a transfer is made from the Public Contributions and Donations Reserve to the accumulated surplus/(deficit). The purpose of this policy is to promote community equity and facilitate budgetary control by ensuring that sufficient funds are set aside to offset the depreciation charges that will be incurred over the estimated useful life of the item of property, plant and equipment financed from Public Contributions and Donations.

When an item of property, plant and equipment financed from Public Contributions is disposed, the balance in the Public Contributions and Donations Reserve relating to such item is transferred to the accumulated surplus/(deficit).

#### **3.6.4 Revaluation Reserve**

The surplus arising from the revaluation of land and buildings is credited to a non-distributable reserve. Land and buildings are revalued every four years. The revaluation surplus is realised as revalued buildings are depreciated, through a transfer from the revaluation reserve to the accumulated surplus/(deficit). On disposal the net revaluation surplus is transferred to the accumulated surplus/(deficit) while gains or losses on disposal, based on current values, are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Performance.



### **3.7 Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments carried in the Statement of Financial Position include cash and cash equivalents, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and borrowings. The particular recognition methods adopted are disclosed in the individual policy statements associated with each item.

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or have been transferred and the Municipality has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognized when it is extinguished, i.e. when the contractual right is discharged, cancelled or expires.

### **3.8 Leases**

#### ***3.8.1 Lessee Accounting***

Amounts held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the Municipality at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged directly to profit or loss, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the Municipality's policy on borrowing costs.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

The Municipality will not incur a foreign currency lease liability other than that allowed by the Municipal Finance Management Act.

### **3.8.2 Lessor Accounting**

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the amount of the Municipality's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return to the Municipality's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

## **3.9 Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for the intended use or sale, are added to the costs of these assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use of sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in the statement of financial performance in the period in which they are incurred.

## **3.10 Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Municipality has the unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the date of the Statement of Financial Position.

### **3.11 Provisions**

A provision is recognised when the municipality has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable (i.e. more likely than not) that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The municipality has discounted provisions to their present value when the effect of the time value of money is material. The notional interest charge representing the unwinding of the provision discounting is included in the Statement of Financial Position.

Provisions are reviewed at each Statement of Financial Position date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

### **3.12 Employee Benefits**

#### **3.12.1 Pension obligations**

The Municipality operate various pension schemes. The schemes are generally funded through payments to insurance companies or trustee-administered funds, determined by periodic actuarial calculations. The Municipality has both defined benefit and defined contribution plans. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Municipality pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The Municipality has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. Typically, defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognised in the balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the statement of financial position



date less the fair value of plan assets, together with adjustments for unrecognised actuarial gains or losses and past service costs. The defined benefit obligation is calculated bi-annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions in excess of the greater of 10% of the value of plan assets or 10% of the defined benefit obligation are charged or credited to income over the employees' expected average remaining working lives.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in income, unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (the vesting period). In this case, the past-service costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

For defined contribution plans, the Municipality pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

### ***3.12.2 Post Retirement Medical obligations***

The Municipality provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to its retirees. The entitlement to these benefits is usually conditional on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment using the same accounting methodology as used for defined benefit pension plans. Actuarial gains and losses arising

from experience adjustments, and changes in actuarial assumptions in excess of the greater of 10% of the value of plan assets or 10% of the defined benefit obligation, are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Performance over the expected average remaining working lives of the related employees. These obligations are valued annually by independent qualified actuaries.

### **3.13 Trade Payables (Creditors)**

Trade payables and other receivables are originally carried at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method

### **3.14 Accrued Leave Pay**

Liabilities for annual leave are recognised as they accrue to employees. The liability is based on the total amount of leave days due to employees at year end and also on the basic salary of the employee.

### **3.15 Unutilised Conditional Grants**

Unutilised conditional grants are reflected on the Statement of Financial Position as a creditor – Unutilised conditional grants. They represent unspent government grants, subsidies and contributions from the public. This creditor always has to be backed by cash. The following provisions are set for the creation and utilisation of this creditor:

The cash which backs up the creditor is invested until it is utilised.

Interest earned on the investment is treated in accordance with grant conditions. If it is payable to the funder it is recorded as part of the creditor. If it is the Municipality's interest it is recognised as interest earned in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Whenever an asset is purchased out of the unutilised conditional grant an amount equal to the cost price of the asset purchased is transferred from the Unutilised Conditional Grant into the statement of financial performance as revenue. Thereafter an equal amount is

transferred on the Statement of changes in net assets to a Government Grant Reserve. This reserve is equal to the remaining depreciable value (book value) of assets purchased out of the Unutilised Conditional Grants. The Government Grant Reserve is used to offset depreciation charged on assets purchased out of the Unutilised Conditional Grants.

### **3.16 Value Added Tax**

The Council accounts for Value Added Tax on the cash basis.

### **3.17 Property Plant and Equipment**

Land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods and services, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the Statement of Financial Position at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are performed every four years when the municipal valuation roll is updated.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a Revaluation Reserve in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against the Revaluation Reserve directly in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets; all other decreases are charged to the Statement of Financial Performance. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset is charged to the Statement of Financial Performance and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the Revaluation Reserve to the Accumulated Surplus/ (Deficit).

Depreciation on revalued land and buildings is charged to the Statement of Financial Performance. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued property, the attributable



revaluation surplus remaining in the Revaluation Reserve is transferred directly to the accumulated surplus / deficit.

Incomplete construction work is stated at historic cost. Depreciation only commences when the asset is commissioned into use.

All other property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes professional fees and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Municipality's accounting policy.

The Municipality has adopted a capitalisation threshold whereby all expenditure below the threshold is expensed when incurred. The threshold is currently R 2 500 per item of PPE.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the municipality and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of a replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Financial Performance during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets, other than land and buildings under construction over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at each year end, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis. The depreciation rates are based on the following estimated useful lives:



**Table - Depreciation Period**

	<u>Years</u>		<u>Years</u>
<b><u>Infrastructure</u></b>		<b><u>Other</u></b>	
Roads and Paving	30	Buildings	30
Pedestrian Malls	30	Specialist vehicles	10
Electricity	20-30	Other vehicles	5
Water	15-20	Office equipment	3-7
Sewerage	15-20	Furniture and fittings	7-10
Housing	30	Watercraft	15
		Bins and containers	5
<b><u>Community</u></b>		Specialised plant and	
Improvements	30	Equipment	10-15
Recreational Facilities	20-30	Other plant and	
Security	5	Equipment	2-5
		Landfill sites	15

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised (net) in the Statement of Financial Performance. When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit) directly in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

Heritage assets, which are defined as culturally significant resources are not depreciated as they are regarded as having an infinite life. Land is also not depreciated for the same reason.

### **3.18 Investment Property**

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is measured initially at its cost. Subsequent to initial recognition investment properties are shown at fair value, based on yearly valuations by external independent valuers. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment property are included in profit or loss for the period in which they arise.

### **3.19 Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets acquired separately are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is charged on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each annual reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

### **3.20 Impairment of Tangible and Intangible Assets**

At each Statement of Financial Position date the municipality reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the municipality estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Assets that have an indefinite useful life, for example goodwill, are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the

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purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Performance, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment is treated as a Revaluation Reserve increase.

### **3.21 Financial Assets**

The Municipality classifies its financial assets in the following categories: loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the date of the Statement of Financial Position. They arise when the Municipality provides money for goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable and are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.



### **3.22 Inventories**

Inventories consist of consumables and are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the weighted average cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

Unsold properties are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value on a weighted average cost basis. Direct costs are accumulated for each separately identifiable development.

Redundant and slow-moving inventories are identified and written down from cost to net realisable value with regard to their estimated economic or realisable values. Consumables are written down with regard to their age, condition and utility.

### **3.23 Trade and other Receivables**

Trade receivables are recognised initially at originating cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Municipality will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments (more than 90 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance. When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off in terms of the municipality's Credit Control and Debt Collection Bylaw. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against to the Statement of Financial Performance.

### **3.24 Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

### **3.25 Revenue Recognition**

Service charges relating to electricity are based on consumption. Meters are read on a monthly basis and are recognised as revenue when invoiced. Provisional estimates of consumption are made monthly when meter readings have not been done. The provisional estimates of consumption are recognised as revenue when invoiced. Adjustments to provisional estimates of consumption are made in the invoicing period in which meters have been read. These adjustments are recognised as revenue in the invoicing period. Revenue from the sale of electricity prepaid meter cards are recognised at the point of sale.

Service charges relating to refuse removal are recognised on a monthly basis in arrears by applying the approved tariff to each property that has improvements. Tariffs are determined per category of property usage, and are levied monthly.

Interest and rentals are recognised on a time proportion basis.

Revenue arising from the application of the approved tariff of charges is recognised when the relevant service is rendered by applying the relevant tariff. This includes the issuing of licences and permits.

Interest earned on investments is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the investment. Interest earned on the following investments is not recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance:

Interest earned on unutilised conditional grants is allocated directly to the unutilised conditional grant creditor, if the grant conditions indicate that interest is payable to the funder.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when **all** the following conditions have been satisfied:

The municipality has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods.

The municipality retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold.

The amount of revenue can be measured reliably.

It is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality.

The costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Income for agency services is recognised on a monthly basis once the income collected on behalf of agents has been quantified. The income recognised is in terms of the agency agreement.

Revenue from public contributions is recognised when all conditions associated with the contribution have been met or where the contribution is to finance property, plant and equipment, when such items of property, plant and equipment is brought into use. Where public contributions have been received but the municipality has not met the condition, a liability is recognised

Revenue from exchange transactions is only recognised once all of the following criteria have been satisfied:

The entity retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;

The amount of revenue can be measured reliably; and

It is probable that the economic benefits or service potential will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably



### **3.26 Revenue from non-exchange transactions**

Revenue from property rates is recognised when the legal entitlement to this revenue arises. Collection charges are recognised when such amounts are legally enforceable. Penalty interest on unpaid rates is recognised on a time proportionate basis.

Fines constitute both spot fines and summonses. Revenue from spot fines and summonses is recognised when payment is received.

Donations are recognised on a cash receipt basis or where the donation is in the form of property, plant and equipment, when such items of property, plant and equipment are brought into use.

Contributed property, plant and equipment is recognised when such items of property, plant and equipment are brought into use.

Revenue from the recovery of unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure is based on legislated procedures, including those set out in the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003) and is recognised when the recovery thereof from the responsible councillors or officials is virtually certain.

### **3.27 Conditional Grants and Receipts**

Revenue received from conditional grants, donations and funding are recognised as revenue to the extent that the Municipality has complied with any of the criteria, conditions or obligations embodied in the agreement. To the extent that the criteria, conditions or obligations have not been met a liability is recognised.

### **3.28 Related parties**

Individuals as well as their close family members, and/or entities are related parties if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control or jointly control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and/or operating decisions. Key management personnel is defined as the Municipal Manager, Chief Financial Officer and all other managers reporting directly to the Municipal Manager or as designated by the Municipal Manager.

### **3.29 Unauthorised Expenditure**

Unauthorised expenditure is expenditure that has not been budgeted, expenditure that is not in terms of the conditions of an allocation received from another sphere of government, municipality or organ of state and expenditure in the form of a grant that is not permitted in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003). Unauthorised expenditure is accounted for as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

### **3.30 Irregular Expenditure**

Irregular expenditure is expenditure that is contrary to the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003), the Municipal Systems Act (Act No.32 of 2000), the Public Office Bearers Act (Act No. 20 of 1998) or is in contravention of the Municipality's supply chain management policy. Irregular expenditure excludes unauthorised expenditure. Irregular expenditure is accounted for as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

### **3.31 Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure**

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is expenditure that was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is accounted for as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Performance and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the Statement of Financial Performance.

### **3.32 Rounding**

The amounts reflected in the financial statements of the Municipality are all in Rand, and all amounts are rounded off to the nearest Rand

