

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA









REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE

TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the accounts of the Town Council of Eenhana for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 in terms of Article 127(2) of the Namibian Constitution. The report is transmitted to the Honourable Minister in terms of Section 27(1) of the State Finance Act, 1991, (Act 31 of 1991) to be laid upon the Table of the National Assembly in terms of Section 27(4) of the Act.

JUNIAS ETUNA KANDJEKE AUDITOR-GENERAL

WINDHOEK, July 2025

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR - GENERAL ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE EENHANA TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. DISCLAIMER OPINION

I have audited the financial statements of the Eenhana Town Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2023. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statements of changes in equity, statement of cash flow and notes to the annual financial statements for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies.

Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, I have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the financial statements.

2. BASIS FOR DISCLAIMER OPINION

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report. I am independent of the entity in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Supreme Audit Institutions together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the code of ethics.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is not sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the audit opinion. A disclaimer audit opinion is being expressed due to the following:

2.1 JOURNALS AND ADJUSTMENT TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The auditors observed that Council did not submit the approved journals of the adjustments to the appropriation accounts as disclosed in the Statement of changes in net assets/ equity amounting to N\$ 13 836 565.

2.2 DUMPSITE

The auditors observed that the Council is operating a dumping site without a valid environmental clearance certificate. The environmental clearance certificate provided to the auditors during the audit expired on 29 March 2019. Furthermore auditors inspected the dumpsite and observed the following;

• The dumpsite is full to its capacity, its fence is in a dilapidated condition, the gate is destroyed and garbage is out of the dumpsite site.

- The dumpsite is located within the town closer to the resident's area and the airstrip that can cause a health threat.
- Too many flies around the town due to the condition of the dumpsite.

2.3 PROVISION FOR THE DUMPSITE

The auditors observed that the Council did not recognise the provision for the rehabilitation and restoration of the dumpsite in the year under review.

Paragraph 30 (c) of IPSAS 17 states that the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment shall comprise the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located, the obligation for which an entity incurs either when the item is acquired, or as a consequence of having used the item during a particular period for purposes other than to produce inventories during that period.

This is evident that there is a present obligation for the Council to rehabilitate the environment affected by the dumping site activities, thus the Council should recognised the provision for the rehabilitation of the site. Furthermore the rehabilitation is required by Environmental Management Act, 2012(Act No 7. of 2012)

2.4 BURROW PITS FOR SAND AND GRAVEL MINING

The auditors observed that the Council is operating a burrow pit site without a valid environmental clearance certificate. It is further observed that the burrow pit for mining gravel sand is not fenced.

2.5 OPEN LAND (Un-serviced land)

The auditors observed that the Council did not recognise its open land in the financial statements during the year under review.

2.6 INTEREST ON THE OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

The auditors noted differences on the interest charged on outstanding accounts amounting to N\$ 2 835 246. The interest on outstanding amount disclosed in the financial statement is amounting to N\$ 3 329 241 and the expected interest on outstanding accounts is amounting to N\$ 493 995.

2.7 GOING CONCERN

ISSAI 2570 requires management to make an assessment of an entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If management has significant concerns about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, the uncertainties must be disclosed.

The auditors observed that there could be substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time. The following going concern indicators were noted.

- The Council incurred a net loss for the past three years of N\$ 2 098 488, (2022: N\$ 4 099 750, 2021: N\$ 8 469 159).
- Working capital insufficiencies due to current liabilities exceeds current assets. Current assets of N\$ 23 381 682 and current liabilities of N\$ 24 173 533.
- Increasing costs Namwater outstanding amount accumulated to N\$ 10 538 844 in 2023 financial year.

3 OTHER INFORMATION

Management is responsible for the other information. The auditor's opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, the auditor does not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work, I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and for such internal control as management determines it necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible of overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

5 AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue a report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the International Standards for Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs), will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISSAIs, I exercise professional scepticism throughout the audit, I also;

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
 to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain
 audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of
 not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from
 error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
 override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence, obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.
- I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, I determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. I describe these matters in my report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or, when, in extremely rare circumstances, I determine that a matter should not be communicated in my report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

6 REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The financial statements were submitted later than the required by the Accounting Officer to the Auditor-General on 08 April 2024 in terms of section 87 (1) of the Local Authority Act, 1992, instead of three months after year end.

7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The co-operation and assistance by the management and staff of the Eenhana Town Council during the audit is appreciated.

WINDHOEK, July 2025

JUNIAS ETUNA KANDJEKE AUDITOR-GENERAL

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THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANAN STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE

| | | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------|
| | Note | N\$ | N\$ |
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | 23 381 682 | 25 426 725 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 10 | 15 735 487 | 11 875 153 |
| Consumer debtors | 11 | 5 883 446 | 5 422 821 |
| VAT receivable | 12 | 851 106 | 6 651 310 |
| Receivables from exchange transactions | 13 | 10 819 | 66 773 |
| Receivable from non-exchange transaction | 14 | 130 516 | 186 372 |
| Inventories | 16 | 770 308 | 1 224 296 |
| Non-Current Assets | | 127 718 223 | 116 223 949 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 17 | 121 942 197 | 109 576 828 |
| Loan Receivables | 15 | 5 776 026 | 6 647 121 |
| Total Assets | = | 151 099 905 | 141 650 674 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | 24 173 533 | 24 989 856 |
| Payables under exchange transactions | 18 | 20 761 270 | 19 747 665 |
| Payables from Non-exchange Transactions | 19 | 3 412 263 | 5 242 191 |
| | | | |
| Total Liabilities | | 24 173 533 | 24 989 856 |
| A 14 A 14 A 1 | | | 116 660 |
| Net Assets | | 126 926 372 | 818k |
| Statutory funds | 20 | 29 658 267 | 31 066 020 |
| Accumulated surplus | | 97 268 105 | 85 528 025 |
| Total Net assets/equity | ; (i= | 126 926 372 | 116 594 045 |

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

| | | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| | Note | N\$ | N\$ |
| Revenue | | | |
| Revenue from non-exchange transactions | | 16 211 229 | 14 326 196 |
| Taxation revenue | | | |
| Property rates | | 13 196 144 | 11 542 489 |
| Transfer revenue | | | |
| Transfers from other government entities | 2 | 3 015 085 | 2 783 707 |
| Revenue from exchange transactions | | 31 264 910 | 30 068 350 |
| Sale of erven | | 850 756 | 3 787 373 |
| Service charges | 3 | 20 195 274 | 20 056 379 |
| Rendering of services | | 2 602 348 | 1 992 992 |
| Licenses and permits | | 216 667 | 227 331 |
| Nored surcharges | | 708 315 | 680 001 |
| Rental income | | 3 517 | 3 894 |
| Interest income | 4 | 3 620 926 | 2 988 291 |
| Other Income | | 3 067 107 | 332 089 |
| Total revenue | | 47 476 139 | 44 394 546 |
| | | | |
| Expenses | | 49 574 627 | 48 494 296 |
| Bulk purchases | 5 | 10 490 692 | 9 702 399 |
| Employee costs | 6 | 16 431 015 | 16 239 369 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | | 7 383 434 | 8 069 593 |
| Repairs and maintenance | | 1 354 082 | 1 046 638 |
| Contracted services | | 1 855 056 | 1 669 513 |
| Debt impairment | 7 | 2 998 475 | 5 335 429 |
| General Expenses | 8 | 9 002 214 | 6 431 355 |
| Loss on disposal of assets and liabilities | | 59 659 | - |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | | (2 098 488) | (4 099 750) |

ANNEXURE C THE COUNCIL OF EENHANA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE

| | Statutory Funds | Accumulated Surplus | Total net assets/equity |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| : | N\$ | N\$ | N\$ |
| Balance at 1 July 2021 | 30 517 754 | 89 689 031 | 120 206 785 |
| Surplus for the year | - | (4 099 750) | (4 099 750) |
| Direct adjustments to net assets | 548 266 | - | 548 266 |
| Total changes | 548 266 | (4 099 750) | (3 551 484) |
| Opening balance as previously reported Adjustment | 31 066 020 | 85 528 029 | 116 594 049 |
| Correction of errors | - | 13 838 564 | 13 838 564 |
| Balance at 1 July 2022 as restated | 31 066 020 | 99 366 593 | 130 432 613 |
| Deficit for the year | - | (2 098 488) | (2 098 488) |
| Movement in funds | (1 407 753) | - | (1 407 753) |
| Total changes | (1 407 753) | (2 098 488) | (3 506 241) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | 29 658 267 | 97 268 105 | 126 926 372 |

THE COUNCIL OF EENHANA STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW FOR THE YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Note | N\$ | N\$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 4 867 750 | 3 135 237 |
| Deficit | (2 098 488) | (4 099 750) |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 7 383 434 | 8 069 593 |
| Gain on sale of assets and liabilities | 59 659 | - |
| Debt impairment | 2 998 475 | 5 335 429 |
| Direct adjustments to net assets | (5 499 146) | 487 012 |
| Changes in working capital: | | |
| Inventories | 453 988 | - |
| Receivables from exchange transactions | 55 954 | (66 773) |
| Debt impairment | (2 297 384) | (6 271 958) |
| Other receivables from non-exchange | | |
| transactions | 55 856 | 2 674 |
| Payables under exchange transactions | 1 013 615 | (1 509 735) |
| VAT | 4 571 715 | 1 048 175 |
| Payables under non-exchange transactions | (1 829 928) | 140 570 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (1 007 411) | (1 332 652) |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment 17 | (1 878 506) | (2 059 325) |
| Decrease / (Increase) in loan receivables | 871 095 | 726 673 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 3 860 339 | 1 802 585 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | 11 875 153 | 10 072 568 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year 10 | 15 735 492 | 11 875 153 |

STATEMENTS OF COMPARISON OF BUDGETS AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENED 30 JUNE 2023 THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA

| | | | | | Difference | |
|--|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| | | | ļ | Actual amounts | between | |
| | Approved | | Final | on comparable | final budget | |
| | budget | Adjustments | Budget | basis | and actual | Reference |
| | \$N | N. | \$N | \$Z | \$Z | 1 |
| Revenue from non-exchange transactions | | | | | | |
| Taxation revenue | | | | | | |
| Property rates | 14 187 025 | | 14 187 025 | 13 196 144 | (990 881) | |
| Transfers from other government entities | 3 115 600 | 1 | 3 115 600 | 3 015 085 | (100515) | |
| Total revenue from non-exchange transactions | 17 302 625 | • | 17 302 625 | 16 211 229 | (1 091 396) | |
| Revenue from exchange transactions | | | | | | p |
| Sales of erven | 27 736 610 | 1 | 27 736 610 | 580 756 | $(27\ 155\ 854)$ | R1 |
| Service charges | 22 450 341 | 1 | 22 450 341 | 20 195 274 | $(2\ 255\ 067)$ | R2 |
| Rendering of services | 5 403 440 | 1 | 5 403 440 | 2 602 348 | (2801092) | R3 |
| Licences and permits | 259 814 | 1 | 259 814 | 216 667 | (43 147) | R4 |
| Nored Surcharges | 750 000 | 1 | 750 000 | 708 315 | (41685) | |
| Rental income | 303 240 | 1 | 303 240 | 3 517 | (299 723) | R5 |
| Interest Income | 3 048 116 | 1 | 3 048 116 | 3 620 926 | 572 810 | R6 |
| Other Income | 10 776 672 | ı | 10 776 672 | 3 067 107 | $(7\ 709\ 565)$ | R7 |
| Total revenue from exchange transactions | 70 728 233 | | 70 728 233 | 30 994 910 | (39 733 322) | ve t |
| Total revenue | 88 030 858 | 1 | 88 030 858 | 47 206 139 | (40 824 719) | w v |
| Expenditure | | 1 | | | | |
| Bulk purchases | (17236395) | • | (17 236 395) | (10490692) | 6 745 703 | R8 |
| Employee costs | (23 388 811) | 1 | (23 388 811) | (16 431 015) | 962 256 9 | R9 |

STATEMENTS OF COMPARISON OF BUDGETS AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENED 30 JUNE 2023 (continued) THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA

| | | | | Actual | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | | | amounts | Difference | |
| | | | | 00 | between final | |
| | | | | comparable | budget and | |
| | Approved budget | Adjustments | Final Budget | basis | actual | Reference |
| | \$Z | SZ. | SZ. | \$Z | \$Z | |
| Expenditure (continued) | | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | • | 1 | i | (7 383 434) | (7 383 434) | R10 |
| Repairs and maintenance | (5 455 000) | ı | (5455000) | (1354082) | 4 100 918 | R11 |
| Contracted Services | (2 670 000) | ı | (2 670 000) | (1 855 056) | 814 944 | |
| Debt impairment | • | ŧ | • | (2 998 475) | (2998475) | |
| General Expenses | (14621020) | 1 | (14621020) | (9002214) | 5 618 806 | R12 |
| Total expenditure | (63 371 226) | | (63 371 226) | (49 514 968) | 13 856 258 | |
| Surplus/(deficit) | 24 659 632 | ı | 24 659 632 | (2 038 829) | (26 698 461) | |
| Loss on disposal of assets and liabilities | | • | 1 | (59 659) | (59 65) | |
| Actual amount on comparable basis | 24 659 632 | ı | 24 659 632 | (2 098 488) | (26 758 120) | |
| | | | | | | |

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA STATEMENTS OF COMPARISON OF BUDGETS AND ACTUAL AMOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENED 30 JUNE 2023 (continued)

Note: Council is not required to prepare and publish Budgets for Financial Position and Cash flow, thus exempted in terms of IPSAS 24.5, from preparing the Statement of Comparison of the Budget and Actual Amounts for those statement in.

R1: The sale of erven for Ekolola location still not finalised after it was put on hold as per the PPP agreement with DBN

R2 R7 Some budget line items did not perform well as anticipated.

R8: Less bulk water purchase due to less or decrease on resident's consumption.

R10: Employee costs turned out to be less because there were positions to be filled and there are still vacant.

R10 R12: Spending was cut due to less or decrease in revenue collection

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), as approved by the line minister in consultation with audit Auditor General in accordance with Section 87 (1) of the Local Authorities Act 23 of 1992 as amended.

These annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and are in accordance with historical cost convention as the basis of measurement, unless specified otherwise. They are presented in Namibia Dollar.

Assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses were not offset, except where offsetting is either required or permitted by a Standard of IPSAS.

In the absence of an issued and effective Standard of IPSAS, accounting policies for material transactions, events or conditions were developed in accordance with paragraph 12 of IPSAS 3.

A summary of the significant accounting policies, which have been consistently applied in the preparation of these annual financial statements, are disclosed below. Certain accounting policies are supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates.

1.1 Presentation currency

These annual financial statements are presented in Namibia dollar, which is the functional currency of the council and the amount have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

1.2 Significant judgments and sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the annual financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the annual financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgment is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the annual financial statements.

These estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods

The following are the critical judgments and estimations that management have made in the process of applying the Town Council's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in annual financial statements:

Revenue recognition

Accounting Policy 1.4 on Revenue from Exchange Transactions and Accounting Policy 1.3 on Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions describes the conditions under which revenue will be recorded by the management of the Town Council.

In making their judgment, the management considered the detailed criteria for the recognition of revenue asset out in IPSAS9 (Revenue from Exchange Transactions) and IPSAS23 (Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions). As far as Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions is concerned (see Basis of Preparation above), and, in particular, whether the Town Council, when goods are sold, had transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and when services is rendered, whether the service has been rendered. Also of importance is the estimation process involved in initially measuring revenue at the fair value thereof. Management of the council is satisfied that recognition of the revenue in the current year is appropriate.

Estimation of meter readings:

Provisional estimates of consumption, based on the consumption history, are made monthly when meter readings have not been performed. The provisional estimates of consumption are recognised as revenue when invoiced, except at year-end when estimates of consumption up to year-end are recorded as revenue without it being 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. In respect of estimates of consumption between the last reading date and the reporting date, an accrual is made based on the average monthly consumption of consumers.

Impairment of financial assets

Accounting Policy 1.10 on financial instruments sub paragraph impairment of financial assets describes the process followed to determine the value at which financial assets should be impaired. In making the estimation of the impairment, the management of the Town Council considered the detailed criteria of impairment and used its judgement to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of the reporting period. The management of the Council is satisfied that impairment of Financial Assets recorded during the year is appropriate.

Impairment of trade receivables

The calculation in respect of the impairment of debtors is based on an assessment of the extent to which debtors have defaulted on payments already due, and an assessment of their ability to make payments based on their credit worthiness. This is performed per service identifiable categories across all classes of debtors.

Useful lives of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investment property

As described in Accounting Policies 1.5, and 1.6, the Town Council depreciates its Property, Plant & Equipment and Investment Property, and amortises its Intangible Assets, over the estimated useful lives of the assets, taking into account the residual values of the assets at the end of their useful lives, which is determined when the assets are available for use.

The estimation of residual values of assets is based on management's judgment as to whether the assets will be sold or used to the end of their useful lives, and in what condition they will be at that time.

Impairment: Write-down of Property, Plant & Equipment, Intangible Assets, Investment Property and Inventories

Accounting policy 1.8 on impairment of assets, accounting policy 1.6 on intangible assets – subsequent measurement, amortisation and impairment and accounting policy 1.11 on Inventory – Subsequent Measurement describe the conditions under which non-financial assets are tested for potential impairment losses by the management of the Town Council. Significant estimates and judgements are made relating to impairment testing of property, plant and equipment, impairment testing of intangible assets and write-down of inventories to the lowest of cost and net realisable value.

In making the above-mentioned estimates and judgement, management considered the subsequent measurement criteria and indicators of potential impairment losses. In particular, the calculation of the recoverable service amount for property, plant and equipment and intangible assets and the net realisable value for inventories involves significant judgment by management.

Estimated impairments during the year to Inventory, property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investment property are disclosed in Notes 20, 21, and to the annual financial statements, if applicable.

Allowance for doubtful debts

On debtors an impairment loss is recognised in surplus and deficit when there is objective evidence that it is impaired. The impairment is measured as the difference between the debtors carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate, computed at initial recognition.

1.3 Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Revenue comprises gross inflows of economic benefits or service potential received and receivable by the entity, which represents an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

Rates and Taxes

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 with reference to the principal amount receivable and effective interest rate applicable. A composite rating system charging different rate tariffs is employed. Rebates are granted to certain categories of ratepayers and are deducted from revenue.

Government grants and receipts

Conditional grants, donations and funding are recognised as revenue to the extent that the Town Council has complied with any of the criteria, conditions or obligations embodied in the agreement.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Town council with no future related costs, are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which they become receivable.

Interest earned on investments is treated in accordance with grant conditions. If it is payable to the funder it is recorded as part of the creditor and if it is the Town Council's interest, it is recognised as interest earned in surplus or deficit.

Public Contributions

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 are brought into use.

1.4 Revenue from exchange transactions

Revenue is the gross inflow of economic benefits or service potential during the reporting period when those inflows result in an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

An exchange transaction is one in which the Town Council receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value (primarily in the form of goods, services or use of assets) to the other party in exchange.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Measurement

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of trade discounts and volume rebates.

Sale of goods (including Houses & sale of erven)

Revenue from the sale of land and building is recognised on date of sale (date when the seller signs) when all the following conditions have been satisfied:

- the Council has transferred to the purchaser the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the property (land or building through fully signed deed of sale contract and the selling price is clearly defined in the contract;
- the council retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the land or sold;

Service Charges

Service charges are levied in terms of the approved tariffs.

Service charges relating to water is based on consumption. Meters are read on a monthly basis and are recognised as revenue when invoiced. Provisional estimates of consumption, based on the consumption history, are made monthly when meter readings have not been taken. The provisional estimates of consumption are recognised as revenue when invoiced, except at year end when estimates of consumption up to year end are recorded as revenue without it being invoiced. Adjustments to provisional estimates of consumption are made in the invoicing period in which meter shave been read. These adjustments are recognised as revenue in the invoicing period. In respect of estimates of consumption between the last reading date and the reporting date, an accrual is made based on the average monthly consumption of consumers.

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

Service charges relating to sewerage for residential properties are recognised on a monthly basis in arrears by applying the approved tariff to all properties. Tariffs are levied based on the extent and / or zoning of each property. All other properties are levied based on the water consumption, using the tariffs approved by Council, and are levied monthly.

Rentals received

Revenue from the rental of facilities and equipment is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease agreement.

Finance income

Interest earned on investments is recognised in Surplus or Deficit on the time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the investment.

1.5 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible noncurrent assets (including infrastructure assets) that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, rental to others, or for administrative purposes, and are expected to be used during more than one reporting period.

1.5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset when:

- it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the entity; and
- the cost or fair value of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is the purchase price and other costs attributable to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Trade discounts and rebates are deducted in arriving at the cost.

Where an asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is its fair value as at date of acquisition.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or assets, or a combination of assets and non-monetary assets, the asset acquired is initially measured at fair value (the cost). If the acquired item's fair value was not determinable, it's deemed cost is the carrying amount of the asset(s) given up.

Recognition of costs in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment ceases when the item is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation on assets other than land is calculated on cost, using the reducing balance method, to allocate their cost or revalued amounts to their residual values over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item is depreciated separately.

1.5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment have been assessed as follows:

| Item | Average useful life |
|--|---------------------|
| Land | Infinite |
| Buildings | |
| Improvements | 50 |
| Infrastructure | 10 - 20 |
| Other | |
| Computer equipment | 5 |
| Furniture and fittings | 5 8 |
| Motor vehicles | 5 |
| Office equipment | 5 |
| • Plant & equipment | 4 - 30 |
| IT equipment | |
| • Cellphone | 2.5 |
| Other Assets | 3 - 20 |

Land

Land is stated at historical cost and is not depreciated as it is deemed to have an indefinite useful life.

Incomplete Construction Work

Incomplete Construction Work is stated at historical cost. Depreciation only commences when the asset is available for use.

Leased Assets

Assets capitalised under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as Property, Plant and Equipment controlled by the Town council or, where shorter, the term of the relevant lease if there is no reasonable certainty that the Town Council will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term.

Derecognition

The gain or loss arising from derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is included in surplus or deficit when the item is derecognised. Gains are not classified as revenue.

1.5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Transitional provision

The council elected to adopt the Accrual Based IPSAS framework with effect from 01 July 2018. Furthermore, it chose the same date as the beginning of the transitional period with a view to take advantage of the exemptions provided by IPSAS 33 paragraph 36 and 38 (2023).

Therefore the initial measurement of an item of property, plant and equipment acquired in an exchange of assets transaction shall be applied prospectively only to future transactions.

The council used the transitional provision in IPSAS 17 (2023) which provide entities with a period of up to three years to recognise all property, plant and equipment and make the associated measurement and disclosure form the date of its first application.

1.6 Intangible assets

Initial recognition.

Identifiable non-monetary assets without physical substance are classified and recognised as Intangible Assets.

For internally generated Intangible Assets, all research expenditure is recognised as an expense as it is incurred and costs incurred on development projects are recognised as Intangible Assets in accordance with IPSAS 31 (Intangible Assets). Development costs previously recognised as an expense are not recognised as an asset in a subsequent period.

Capitalised development costs are recorded as Intangible Assets and amortised from the point at which the asset is available for use. Development assets are tested for impairment annually.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost.

Where an intangible asset is acquired by the Town Council for no or nominal consideration (i.e. anon exchange transaction), the cost is deemed to be equal to the fair value of that asset on the date acquired.

1.6 Intangible assets (continued)

The cost of an intangible asset acquired in exchange for non-monetary assets or monetary assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets, is measured at the fair value of the asset given up, unless the fair value of the asset received is more clearly evident. If the acquired item could not be measured at its fair value, its cost is measured at the carrying amount of the asset given up. If the acquired item's fair value was not determinable, it's deemed cost is the carrying amount of the asset(s) given up.

Repairs and Maintenance are expenses incurred through servicing equipment or repairing of existing assets. These expenses are not recognised in the carrying value of the asset, but directly recognised in Surplus or Deficit and measured at cost.

Subsequent Measurement, Amortisation and Impairment

Amortisation is provided to write down the intangible assets, on a straight line basis, to their residual values as follows:

ItemUseful lifeComputer software, other5 years

Derecognition

The gain or loss is the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount. It is recognised in surplus or deficit when the asset is derecognised. Gains are not classified as Revenue

1.7 Leases

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. A lease is classified as an operating lease if it does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership.

Finance leases lessee

Finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, 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.

1.7 Leases (continued)

Operating Leases

Council recognises operating lease rentals as an expense in surplus or deficit on a Straight line Basis over the term of the relevant lease. The difference between the amounts recognised as an expense and the contractual payments are recognised as an operating lease asset or liability. Any lease incentives are included as part of the net consideration agreed.

1.7.1 The Council as a Lessor

Amounts due from lessees under Finance Leases or instalment sale agreements are recorded as receivables at the amount of the Town Council's net investment in the leases. Finance lease or instalment sale revenue is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the Council's net investment out standing in respect of the leases or instalment sale agreements.

Rental revenue from Operating Leases is recognised on a Straight line Basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.8 Impairment of cash generating assets

The Town Council classifies all assets held with the primary objective of generating a commercial return as cash generating assets. All other assets are classified as non-cash generating assets.

The town council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired.

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

1.8 Impairment of cash generating assets (continued)

If the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. That reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortization is recognised immediately in Surplus or Deficit.

An impairment loss is recognised for cash generating units if the recoverable amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets of the unit prorata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit.

The town council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amounts of those assets are estimated.

The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss of assets carried at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in Surplus or Deficit.

1.9 Impairment of non-cash generating assets

The council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable service amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable service amount of the individual asset, the recoverable service amount of the non-cash generating unit to which the asset belongs is determined.

The recoverable service amount of a non-cash generating asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

If the recoverable service amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable service amount. That reduction is an impairment loss. An impairment loss of assets carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

1.9 Impairment of non-cash generating assets (continued)

An impairment loss is recognised for non-cash generating units if the recoverable service amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount of each asset in the unit.

The Town Council assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for assets may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the recoverable service amounts of those assets are estimated.

The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss of assets carried at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

1.10 Financial instruments

The council has various types of financial instruments and these can be broadly categorised as financial assets, financial liabilities or residual interests in accordance with the substance of the contractual agreement.

Initial Recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument

The Council does not offset a financial asset and a financial liability unless a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts currently exist and the Council intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Fair Value Methods and Assumptions

The fair value of financial instruments are determined as follows:

- The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices;
- The market for a Financial Asset is not active (and for unlisted securities), the Council establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. These include the use of recent arm's length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, discounted cash flow analysis, and option pricing models making maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity specific inputs;

1.10 Financial instruments (continued)

Classification

Class

The Council has the following types of financial assets (classes and category) as reflected on the face of the statement of financial position or in the notes thereto:

Category

| Receivables from exchange transactions | Financial asset measured at amortised cost |
|--|--|
| Receivables from non-exchange transactions | Financial asset measured at amortised cost |
| Loans receivable | Financial asset measured at amortised cost |
| Cash and cash equivalent deposits | Financial asset measured at amortised cost |
| Cash and cash equivalent bank | Financial asset measured at fair value |

Trade and other receivables (excluding Value Added Taxation, prepayments and operating lease receivables), loans to Town Council entities and loans that have fixed and determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as financial assets at amortised cost.

Cash includes cash on hand (including petty cash) and cash with banks (including call deposits). For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and deposits held on call with banks, net of bank overdrafts.

The council has the following types of financial liabilities (classes and category) as reflected on the face of the statement of financial position or in the notes thereto:

| Class | Category |
|--|--|
| Payable from exchange transactions | Financial liability measured at amortised cost |
| Payable from non-exchange transactions | Financial liability measured at amortised cost |

1.10 Financial instruments (continued)

Initial and subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial Assets:

At Fair value through surplus or deficit

Financial assets at fair value through surplus and deficit are initially and subsequently, at the end of each financial year, measured at fair value with the profit or loss being recognised in surplus or deficit.

Held to maturity investments

Held to maturity investments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset. Subsequently, these assets are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment, with revenue recognised on an effective yield basis.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset. After initial recognition loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method less a provision for impairment.

Available for Sale Investments

Available for sale investments are initially measured at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value with unrealised gains or losses recognised directly in equity until the investment is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss recorded in equity is recognised in surplus or deficit, or determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative loss recorded in equity is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial Liabilities:

At Fair value through surplus or deficit

Financial liabilities that are measured at fair value through surplus or deficit are stated at fair value, with any resulted gain or loss recognised in surplus or deficit.

1.10 Financial instruments (continued)

At Amortised Cost

Any other financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities (All payables, loans and borrowings are classified as other liabilities) and are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Trade and other payables, Interest bearing debt including finance lease liabilities, non-interest bearing debt and bank borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Interest expense is recognised in Surplus or deficit by applying the effective interest rate.

Bank borrowings, consisting of interest bearing short term bank loans, repayable on demand and over drafts are recorded at the proceeds received. Finance costs are accounted for using the accrual basis and are added to the carrying amount of the bank borrowing to the extent that they are not settled in the period that they arise.

Prepayments are carried at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Impairment of financial assets:

Financial assets, other than those at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence of impairment of financial assets (such as the probability of in solvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor). If there is such evidence the recoverable amount is estimated and an impairment loss is recognised through the use of an allowance account.

Financial Assets at Amortised Cost

A provision for impairment of Accounts Receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The provision is made where by the recoverability of accounts receivable is assessed individually and then collectively after grouping the assets in financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics.

1.10 Financial instruments (continued)

The amount of the provision is the difference between the financial asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group. Cash flows relating to short term receivables are not discounted where the effect of discounting is immaterial.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets carried at amortised cost with the exception of consumer debtors, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a consumer debtor is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against revenue. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial assets available for sale

When a decline in the fair value of an available for sale financial asset has been recognised directly in net assets and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognised directly in net assets shall be removed and recognised in surplus or deficit even though the financial asset has not been derecognised.

The amount of the cumulative loss that is removed from net assets and recognised in surplus or deficit is the difference between the acquisition cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in surplus or deficit.

Impairment losses recognised in surplus or deficit for an investment in an equity instrument classified as available for sale are not reversed through surplus or deficit.

If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available for sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit, the impairment loss must be reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognised in surplus or deficit.

1.10 Financial instruments (continued)

The entity measures a financial asset and financial liability initially at its fair value [if subsequently measured at fair value].

The entity first assesses whether the substance of a concessionary loan is in fact a loan. On initial recognition, the entity analyses a concessionary loan into its component parts and accounts for each component separately. The entity accounts for that part of a concessionary loan that is:

- a social benefit in accordance with the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements, where it is the issuer of the loan; or
- Non-exchange revenue, in accordance with the Standard of IPSAS on Revenue from non-exchange transactions (taxes and transfers), where it is the recipient of the loan.

Derecognition

Financial assets

The Council derecognises financial assets only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expires or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity, except when Council approves the write off of financial assets due to non-recoverability.

If the Council neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Council recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the council retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Council continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

Financial liabilities

The Council derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, Council's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire. The Council recognises the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability (or part of a financial liability) extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, in surplus or deficit.

1.11 Inventories

Initial Recognition

Inventories are initially measured at cost except where inventories are acquired through a non-exchange transaction, then their costs are their fair value as at the date of acquisition. The cost of inventories comprises of all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Where inventory is acquired by the Town Council for no or nominal consideration (i.e. anon exchange transaction), the cost is deemed to be equal to the fair value of the item on the date acquired. Direct costs relating to properties that will be sold as inventory are accumulated for each separately identifiable development. Costs also include a proportion of overhead costs.

Subsequent Measurement

Consumable stores, raw materials, work in progress and finished goods

Inventories sold are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost is determined using the FIFO method. Consumable stores, raw materials, work in progress, inventories distributed at no charge or for a nominal charge and finished goods are valued at the lower of cost and current replacement cost.

The cost is determined using the FIFO method.

Water inventory

Water is regarded as Inventory when the Town Council purchases water in bulk with the intention to resell it to the consumers or to use it internally, or where the town council has incurred purification costs on water obtained from natural resources (rain, rivers, springs, boreholes, etc.).

However, water in dams, that are filled by natural resources and that has not yet been treated, that is under the control of the Town Council but cannot be measured reliably as there is no cost attached to the water, is therefore not recognised in the statement of financial position.

1.11 Inventories (continued)

The basis of determining the cost of water purchased and not yet sold at reporting date comprises all costs of purchase, cost of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the Inventory to its present location and condition, net of trade discounts and rebates.

Water and purified effluent are valued by using the weighted average method, at the lowest of purified cost and net realisable value, insofar as it is stored and controlled in the distribution network at year end.

Other Arrangements

Redundant and slow moving inventories identified are written down from cost to current replacement cost, if applicable. Inventories identified to be sold by public auction are written down from cost to net realisable value with regard to their estimated economic or realisable values. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

Differences arising on the measurement of such Inventory at the lower of cost and current replacement cost or net realisable value, are recognised in surplus or deficit in the year in which they arise.

The amount of any reversal of any write down of Inventories arising from an increase in current replacement cost or net realisable value is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

The carrying amount of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period that the inventory was sold, distributed, written off or consumed, unless that cost qualifies for capitalisation to the cost of another asset.

1.12 Provisions and contingencies

The best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation is the amount that the Council would rationally pay to settle the obligation at the reporting date or to transfer it to a third party at that time and are determined by the judgment of the management of the Council, supplemented by experience of similar transactions and, in some cases, reports from independent experts.

1.12 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

The evidence considered includes any additional evidence provided by events after the reporting date. Uncertainties surrounding the amount to be recognised as a provision are dealt with by various means according to the circumstances. Where the provision being measured involves a large population of items, the obligation is estimated by weighting all possible outcomes by their associated probabilities.

Future events that may affect the amount required to settle an obligation are reflected in the amount of a provision where there is sufficient objective evidence that they will occur. Gains from the expected disposal of assets are not taken into account in measuring a provision. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. The present obligation under an onerous contract is recognised and measured as a provision.

An onerous contract is a contract in which the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it. The unavoidable costs under a contract reflect the least net cost of exiting from the contract, which is the lower of the cost of fulfilling it and any compensation or penalties arising from failure to fulfil it – this unavoidable cost resulting from the contract is the amount of the provision to be recognised.

Provisions are reviewed at reporting date and the amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation. When the effect of discounting is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows that reflect current market assessments of the time value of money. The impact of the periodic unwinding of the discount is recognised in surplus or deficit as a finance cost as it occurs.

Decommissioning, restoration and similar liability

Estimated long term environmental provisions, comprising rehabilitation and land fill site closure, are based on the Council's policy, taking into account current technological, environmental and regulatory requirements. The provision for rehabilitation is recognised as and when the environmental liability arises. To the extent that the obligations relate to the asset, they are Capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Any subsequent changes to an obligation that did not relate to the initial related asset are charged to surplus or deficit.

1.12 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised. Contingencies are disclosed in note

1.13 Employee benefits

Employee benefits are all forms of consideration given by entity in exchange for service rendered by employees.

Short term employee benefits

Short term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that are due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

Short term employee benefits include items such as:

- Wages, salaries and social security contributions;
- Short term compensated absences (such as paid annual leave and paid sick leave) where the compensation for the absences is due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related employee service;
- Bonus, incentive and performance related payments payable within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service.

The costs of all short term employee benefits such as leave pay, are recognised during the period in which the employee renders the related service. The liability for leave pay is based on the total accrued leave days at year end and is shown as a creditor in the statement of financial position. The Council recognises the expected cost of performance bonuses only when the Council has a present legal or constructive obligation to make such payment and a reliable estimate can be made.

Post-employment benefits

The Council provides retirement benefits for its employees.

1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

Post-employment benefits: Defined contribution plans

Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

The Council's contributions to the defined contribution funds are established in terms of the rules governing those plans. Contributions are recognised in surplus or deficit in the period in which the service is rendered by the relevant employees. 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.

1.14 Borrowing costs

The council uses the benchmark treatment of borrowing costs as such borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred regardless of how the borrowing costs were applied.

1.15 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. Management is regarded as a related party and comprises the Mayor, Management Committee Members, Council Members, Chief Executive Officer and all other strategic executive officers reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer or as designated by the Chief Executive Officer.

1.16 Going concern assumption

At 30 June 2023 the council have prepared the annual financial statements under the going concern assumption, based on management assumptions as set out in Note 28 to the Annual financial statements.

1.17 Net assets

Statutory fund

The housing fund was established in terms of Section 58 of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act 23 of 1992). The housing fund contains all proceeds from housing developments, which include proceeds of loans raised, rental income, redemption of loans granted, and sale of houses, interest from investments and other moneys accruing to the fund. Unexpended moneys in the housing fund which are not required for immediate use may be invested with such financial institution as may be approved by the Minister.

Monies standing to the credit of the Housing Fund are used only for purposes of the construction, acquisition or maintenance of dwellings; loans granted; repayment of loans raised; costs incurred in connection with the administration of housing schemes and any other purpose approved in writing by the Minister.

Council's sale of erven fund contains all proceeds from sale of erven on credit. Monies standing to the credit of the sale of erven fund are used only for capital projects and capital expenditures.

Accumulated Surplus

The accumulated surplus contains accumulated surpluses, after appropriations to and from statutory funds.

1.18 Grants in aid

The Council transfer's money to individuals, organizations and other sectors of government from time to time. When making these transfers, the council does not:

- (a) Receive any goods or services directly in return, as would be expected in a purchase or sale transaction;
- (b) Expect to be repaid in future; or
- (c) Expect a financial return, as would be expected from an investment.

These transfers are recognised in surplus or deficit as expenses in the period that the events giving rise to the transfer occurred.

1.19 Value added tax

The council accounts for Value Added Tax in accordance with section 18 of the Value Added Tax Act (Act No 10 of 2000).

1.20 Commitments

Commitments are future expenditure to which the council committed and that will result in the out flow of resources. Commitments are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as a liability or as expenditure in Surplus or Deficit, but are included in the disclosure Notes. A distinction is made between capital and current commitments.

1.21 Events after reporting date

Events after the reporting date that are classified as adjusting events have been accounted for in the annual financial statements. The events after the reporting date that are classified as non-adjusting Events after the Reporting Date have been disclosed in Notes to the annual financial statements.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| 2. Transfers from other government entities | 3 015 085 | 2 783 707 |
| Government grant (capital) | 2 000 000 | 2 000 000 |
| Government grant-RFA subsidy | 1 015 085 | 783 707 |
| | | |
| 3. Service charges | 20 195 274 | 20 056 379 |
| Sale of water | 10 715 707 | 11 088 192 |
| Sewerage and sanitation charges | 2 906 702 | 2 810 251 |
| Refuse removal | 3 125 901 | 2 913 478 |
| other service charges | 3 446 964 | 3 244 458 |

The amounts disclosed above for revenue from service charges are in respect of services rendered which are billed to the consumers on a monthly basis according to approved tariffs.

| 4. Interest received - investment | 3 620 926 | 2 988 291 |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Interest charged on trade and other receivables | 3 329 241 | 2 881 930 |
| Interest received - short term deposits | 291 685 | 106 361 |
| 5. Bulk purchases | | |
| Water | 10 490 692 | 9 702 399 |

Bulk purchases are the cost of commodities not generated by the Council, which the Council distributes in the town council area for resale to the consumers. Water is purchased from NamWater

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| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| 6. Employee related costs | 16 431 015 | 16 239 369 |
| Basic | 10 380 108 | 8 924 967 |
| Bonus | 616 461 | 647 234 |
| Social Security | 45 240 | 44 213 |
| Leave pay provision charge | 250 396 | 125 025 |
| Short term benefit: Medical Aid | 1 486 561 | 1 388 432 |
| Defined contribution plans | 1 626 653 | 1 637 868 |
| Travel, motor car, accommodation, subsistence and | | |
| other allowances | 1 333 460 | 2 819 591 |
| Overtime payments | 485 007 | 461 792 |
| Airtime allowances | 81 048 | 91 338 |
| Employee compensation Fund | 126 081 | 98 909 |
| Chief Executive Officer | 869 424 | 803 674 |
| Annual Remuneration | 452 784 | 449 043 |
| Car Allowance | 79 689 | 25 752 |
| 13th Cheque | 38 168 | 37 420 |
| Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds | 103 270 | 97 442 |
| Cellphone allowance | 14 400 | 14 400 |
| Housing Subsidy | 181 113 | 179 617 |
| | | |
| Strategic Executives (3) | 1 024 849 | 1 757 437 |
| Annual Remuneration | 262 605 | 859 759 |
| Car Allowance | 81 157 | 200 961 |
| 13th Cheque | 401 338 | 62 636 |
| Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds | 28 800 | 292 919 |
| Cellphone allowance | 250 949 | 21 600 |
| Housing Subsidy | - | 319 562 |

The remuneration for other Executives is higher than that of previous financial year because the Senior Manager for Finance, HR and Administration was employed in April 2022.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| 7. Debt impairment | | |
| Debt impairment | 2 998 475 | 5 335 429 |

The impairment of debt is based on the days past due date. All debts that are 90 days or more constitute an impairment provision for the financial year.

| 8. General expenses | 9 002 214 | 6 431 804 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Advertising | 66 881 | 32 837 |
| Bank charges | 331 911 | 295 718 |
| Catering & Entertainment Cost | 56 336 | 68 802 |
| Consulting and professional fees | 245 196 | - |
| Donations | 11 799 | 11 796 |
| Electricity departmental | 1 753 910 | 1 495 627 |
| Fleet | 1 197 707 | 694 558 |
| IT expenses | 177 294 | 221 805 |
| Insurance | 209 583 | 240 664 |
| Internship expenditure | 11 981 | 20 400 |
| 5% Levies: Regional Council | 659 807 | 577 124 |
| Marketing | 20 051 | - |
| Other general expenses | 1 810 254 | 590 471 |
| Materials and store | 299 822 | 351 808 |
| Postage and courier | 349 582 | 223 760 |
| Printing and stationary | 85 694 | 44 063 |
| Protective Clothing | 782 | 84 720 |
| Security | 1 205 624 | 1 048 757 |
| Software expenses | 106 175 | 96 005 |
| Subscriptions and membership fees | 30 000 | 65 900 |
| Training | 22 528 | 30 000 |
| Travel local | 349 298 | 236 989 |

| | 2022 | 2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| 9. Investment revenue | 3 620 926 | 2 988 291 |
| Interest charged on trade and other receivables | 3 329 241 | 2 881 930 |
| Interest received - short terms deposit | 291 685 | 106 361 |
| 10. Cash and cash equivalents | 15 735 487 | 11 875 153 |
| Cash on hand | 1669 | - |
| Bank balances | 733 169 | 524 726 |
| Short-term deposits | 15 000 649 | 11 350 427 |

For the purpose of the statement of financial position and the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Short term deposits were previously reported as investments under non-current assets.

No other restrictions have been imposed on the council in terms of the utilisation of its cash and cash equivalents.

Short term deposits consist of call deposits and fixed deposits

Call and notice deposits.

Call deposits are investments with a maturity period of less than 3 months and earn interest rates per annum.

Fixed deposits

Fixed deposits are fixed term investments with a maturity period of less than 12 months and earn interest rates per annum.

Short term deposits were previous classified as non-current investments. These balances have since been reclassified as cash and cash equivalents.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| 11. Consumer debtor | | |
| Gross balances | | |
| All billing debtors | 41 836 966 | 39 539 581 |
| Less Allowance for impairment | | |
| All billed debtors impairment | (35 953 520) | (32 955 044) |
| Net balance | | |
| All billed debtors | 5 883 446 | 6 584 537 |
| Reconciliation of allowance for impairment | | |
| Balance at beginning of the year | (32 955 044) | (27 619 616) |
| Contribution to allowance | (2 998 476) | (5 335 428) |
| | (35 953 520) | (32 955 044) |

Receivables from exchange transactions are billed monthly, latest end of month. No interest is charged on receivables until the end of the following month. There after interest is charged at a rate determined by council on the outstanding balance. The Council strictly enforces its approved credit control policy to ensure the recovery of receivables.

The Council did not pledge any of its receivables as security for borrowing purposes. In determining the recoverability of Receivables, the council has placed strong emphasis on verifying the payment history of consumers. Allowance for impairment of receivables has been made for all consumer balances outstanding based on the payment ratio over 90 days per service type. No further credit allowance is required in excess of the Allowance for Impairment.

| 12. VAT receivable | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| VAT receivables | 851 106 | 5 422 821 |

VAT is payable in terms of section 7 of the Value-Added Tax Act no 10 of 2000. VAT is payable/receivable on receipt of an invoice or payment, whichever is the earlier. No interest is payable to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue if the VAT is paid over timeously, but interest for late payments is charged in accordance with the Value-Added Tax Act. Council has financial risk policies in place to ensure that payments are affected before the due date.

| 2023 | 2022 |
|------|------|
| N\$ | N\$ |

13. Receivables from exchange transactions

Sundry debtors

The Council did not pledge any of its Receivables as security for borrowing purposes.

14. Receivable from non-exchange transaction

Nored Surcharges

130 516

10 819

186 372

66 773

Council does not hold deposits or other security for its Receivables.

15. Loan receivables

Total receivables from exchange transactions

Long term receivables

5 776 026

6 647 121

The long term receivables are composed of the following:

Sale of erven and housing funds

Housing Loans in terms of the Build Together Housing Scheme are granted to qualifying individuals at an interest rate of 4,00% per annum, repayable over a maximum period of 20 years. Sale of erven loan are granted to residents already occupying plots at the low income settlements at a current commercial lending interest rate per annum, repayable over a maximum of 7 years.

16. Inventories

Inventories 770 308 1 224 296

Inventories are held for own use and measured at the lower of Cost and Current Replacement Cost. No write downs of Inventory to Net Realisable Value were required. No Inventories have been pledged as collateral for Liabilities of the Town Council.

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47 087 1 187 529 17 576 082 185 988 351 915 71 961 72 964 437 Carrying value Accumulated (385 358) depreciation (4168196)(465920)(527804)(65 753 978) accumulated (8 084 698) impairment 2022 and SZ Cost/Valuation 21 744 278 138 718 415 598 650 8 436 613 433 668 553 015 1 187 529 Ŝ 81 966 790 956 15 242 975 20 927 668 67 436 195 153 223 121 193 Carrying value SZ Accumulated accumulated depreciation (4 691 121) (497077)(7760584)(402735)(513719)(71 938 423) impairment and 2023 SZ 24 618 789 650 300 8 551 540 484 701 634 912 139 374 618 Cost/Valuation 15 242 975 17. Property, plant and equipment Furniture and fixtures Office equipment Motor vehicles Infrastructure IT equipment Buildings Land

2 061 582

(2841304)

4 490 956

13 581 637

15 409 074

1 778 947

(3.031.137)

4 810 084

Other property, plant and equipment

Assets Under Construction

15 130 247

109 576 828

 $(82\ 227\ 258)$

191 804 086

121 942 197

(88 834 796)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE (continued) THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA

Reconciliation of property, plant, and equipment - 2023

| | | | | Other | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | | changes, | | |
| | Opening balance | Addition | Disposal | movement | Depreciation | Total |
| | \$ Z | \$ Z | \$Z | | \$Z | \$Z |
| Land | 1 187 529 | | 1 | 14 055 446 | i | 15 242 975 |
| Buildings | 17 576 082 | 1 | • | 3 874 511 | (522925) | 20 927 668 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 185 988 | 1 | (17) | ı | (32 748) | 153 223 |
| Motor vehicles | 351 915 | 707 590 | (7) | ı | (268 542) | 790 956 |
| Office equipment | 71 961 | 27 382 | I | 1 | (17377) | 81 966 |
| IT equipment | 47 087 | 109 380 | (7) | 1 | (35 267) | 121 193 |
| Infrastructure | 72 964 437 | 656 202 | ī | 1 | (61844444) | 67 436 195 |
| Other property, plant and equipment | 2 061 582 | 99 125 | (59 628) | 1 | (322 132) | 1 778 947 |
| Assets under construction | 15 130 247 | 278 827 | ' | 1 | 1 | 15 409 074 |
| | 109 576 828 | 1 878 506 | (59 659) | 17 929 957 | (7 383 435) | 121 942 197 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE (continued) THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA

17. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant, and equipment - 2022

| | Opening balance | Addition | Transfers | Depreciation | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | \$Z | \$ | \$Z | \$Z | \$Z |
| Land | 1 187 529 | | | 1 | 1 187 529 |
| Buildings | 18 023 456 | 1 | ı | (447 374) | 17 576 082 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 166 694 | 53 258 | 1 | (33 964) | 185 988 |
| Motor vehicles | 673 627 | 1 | r | (321 712) | 351 915 |
| Office equipment | 66 134 | 23 651 | ı | (17 824) | 71 961 |
| IT equipment | 49 524 | 21 876 | 1 | (24 313) | 47 087 |
| Infrastructure | 79 895 604 | 1 | ı | (6 931 167) | 72 964 437 |
| Other property, plant and equipment | 1 942 891 | 197 918 | 214 012 | (293 239) | 2 061 582 |
| Assets under construction | 13 581 637 | 1 762 622 | $(214\ 012)$ | 1 | 15 130 247 |
| | 115 587 096 | 2 059 325 | 1 | (8 069 593) | 109 576 828 |

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THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EENHANA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED 30 JUNE (continued)

17. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| | 20 717 165 | 510 715 |
| Land | 15 242 975 | - |
| Building | 3 874 511 | - |
| Furniture and fixtures | 707 590 | - |
| Office equipment | 27 382 | 53 258 |
| IT equipment | 109 380 | 23 651 |
| Infrastructure | 656 202 | 21 876 |
| Other property, plant and equipment | 99 125 | 411 930 |

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2023

| | Included within | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Infrastructure | Total |
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| Opening balance | 15 130 247 | 15 130 247 |
| Additions/capital expenditure | 278 827 | 278 827 |
| Total | 15 409 074 | 15 409 074 |

17. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2022

| | Included | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | within | |
| | Infrastructure | Total |
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| Opening balance | 13 581 637 | 13 581 637 |
| Additions/capital expenditure | 1 762 622 | 1 762 622 |
| Transferred and completed | (214 012) | (214 012) |
| Total | 15 130 247 | 15 130 247 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | 2023 | 2022 |
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| | | |
| | | |
| 18. Payables under exchange transactions | 20 761 270 | 19 747 665 |
| 18. Payables under exchange transactions Trade payables | 20 761 270 14 673 672 | 19 747 665 14 046 396 |
| · | | |
| Trade payables | 14 673 672 | 14 046 396 |
| Trade payables Accrued leave and bonus pay | 14 673 672 2 401 699 | 14 046 396 2 198 358 |
| Trade payables Accrued leave and bonus pay Bonus | 14 673 672 2 401 699 304 383 | 14 046 396 2 198 358 277 120 |

Staff Leave:

Leave accrues to the staff of the Council on an annual basis, subject to certain conditions. The provision is an estimate of the amount due at the reporting date. Maximum staff leave credit allowed as per the Eenhana Town council of 2009 is 60 days.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | N\$ | N\$ |
| 19. Payables from non-exchange transactions | 3 412 263 | 5 242 191 |
| Unallocated receipts | 525 668 | 3 015 403 |
| 5% levies: Regional Council | 2 886 595 | 2 226 788 |

Suspense Accounts are in respect of temporary advances received in the normal month-to-month operations of the town council, not settled at year-end. No credit period exists for Payables from non-exchange Transactions, neither has any credit period been arranged. No interest is charged on outstanding amounts. The Town Council did not default on any payment of its Creditors. No terms for payment have been re-negotiated by the town council. The Town Council's credit risk management processes are disclosed in note to the annual financial statements.

| 20. Funds | 29 658 267 | 31 066 020 |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Build Together | 22 517 447 | 22 229 405 |
| Sale of ervens | 6 815 297 | 8 527 757 |
| Other Funds | 325 523 | 308 858 |

21. Related parties

All Related Party Transactions are conducted at arm's length, unless stated otherwise.

The services rendered to related parties are charged at approved tariffs that were advertised to the public. No bad debts were written off or recognised in respect of amounts owed by related parties.

The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. Consumer deposits were received from Councilors, the Chief Executive Officer and Strategic Executives. No expense has been recognised in the period for bad or doubtful debts in respect of the mounts owed by related parties.

Remuneration of management

Councilors/Mayoral committee members

Refer to Note.7

22. Prior period errors

The following adjustment totalling to N\$ 13.8 million were effected against opening Accumulated surplus:

- 1. Nored Surcharges amounting to N\$ 63 375 previously recognised under Receivable from non-exchange transactions which was already allocated during the financial year 2018/2019.
- 2. Sale of erven of N\$ 577 417 for previous financial year recognised.
- 3. Refund of previous financial year sale of erven of N\$ 300,000 for erf 889, because erf was allocated to someone else.
- 4. Sale of erven fund correction made since there were no proper reconciliations done in the previous financial year amounting to N\$ 534 168.
- 5. VAT control vote was corrected with an amount of N\$ 5 118 047 in order to align it to the VAT summaries and NAMRA records because there were no reconciliations done in the previous financial year.
- 6. Build together advances/receivable corrected with an amount of N\$ 654 214 because there were no reconciliations done in the previous financial year.
- 7. Land amounting to N\$ 14 055 446 not capitalised in the previous financial year was recognised in the current year.
- 8. De-recognition of land from previous financial year amounting to N\$ 1 187 529 because of unclear description and it cannot be identified.

23. Going concern

Management considered the fact that the council continue to have the capacity and ability to collect rates and taxes from

- (i) Strict daily cash management processes are embedded in the council's operations to manage and monitor all actual cash inflows and cash outflows in terms of the Budget.
- (ii) As the council has the power to levy fees, tariffs and charges, this will result in an ongoing inflow of revenue to support the ongoing delivery of municipal services.
- (iii)The council continue to receive financial support for capital projects from the central government through the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development.

Taking the aforementioned into account, management has prepared the Annual Financial Statements on the Going Concern Basis.

24. Events after the reporting date

No events having financial implications requiring disclosure occurred subsequent to 30 June 2023.