



BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY

2019/2020 OVERSIGHT REPORT



CHAIRPERSON OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
ALDERLADY SANETTE SMIT
25 MAY 2021

INTRODUCTION

- This Oversight Report on the 2019/2020 Annual Report of the Bergrivier Municipality has been compiled in terms of Section 129 of the Local Government Municipal Finance Management Act, Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) and is presented here today.
- The Municipal Council must adopt an Oversight Report no later than 2 months after the tabling of the annual report which must include a statement whether the Council -
 - has approved the annual report with or without reservations;
 - has rejected the annual report; or
 - has referred the annual report back for revision of those components that can be revised.
- **Note: Due to Covid-19 lockdown, extension for submissions of AFS was granted and the Draft Annual Report and Oversight Committee meetings were conducted 2 months later.**

APPOINTMENT

The Oversight Committee was appointed for the remainder of the term of office of the current council per Council Resolution RVN028/08/2016 on 23 August 2016, and per amended Council resolution dated 22 January 2019 (RVN 35/01/2019) Bergrivier Council decided:

“1. That the Bergrivier Municipality Oversight Committee be constituted as follows for the term of office of current council:

- a. one member of the Committee namely Alderman J. Raats;
 - b. a person from the Municipality’s Performance & Audit Committee appointed by the Chairperson of the Performance Audit Committee, namely Mr. C B De Jager.
 - c. two councillors from the DA namely:
 - i. Councillor Adam Van Wyk (Replace Late Alderman Johan Botha)
 - ii. Councillor Audrey Small
 - d. two councillors from the ANC namely:
 - i. Alderlady Sanette Smit (Chairperson)
 - ii. Councillor Samantha Lesch
2. That the Oversight Committee be chaired by Alderlady Sanette Smit;
3. That the duties and functions of the Oversight Committee be as prescribed by Section 129 of the MFMA.

MANDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Mandate of the Oversight Committee is to:

1. Undertake a detailed analysis and review of the Municipality's Annual Reports;
2. Consider inputs from the Council, Portfolio Committees, Ward Committees and the public on the Municipality's Annual Report;
3. Consider inputs from the Municipality's Audit & Performance Committee as well as the Auditor General on the Municipality's Annual Report;
4. Draft an Oversight Report on the Municipality's Annual Report;
5. Co-opt advisory members should this be necessary.

METHODOLOGY

- The Draft Annual Report was tabled before Council on 30 March 2021;
- The Draft Annual Report was submitted to the relevant authorities and made public for comments on 8th April 2021.
- The closing date for submissions was 7th May 2021;
- No submissions were received;
- The Oversight Committee conducted the Oversight Process over 4 sittings between 13th April 2021 and 7th May 2021 and the process concludes with this presentation to the Municipal Council on 25th May 2021.

STRUCTURE OF THE 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

VOLUME I

- Forewords
- Chapter 1: Municipal Overview and Executive Summary
- Chapter 2: Governance
- Chapter 3: Service Delivery Performance
- Chapter 4: Organisational Development Performance
- Chapter 5: Financial Performance

VOLUME II

- Report of the Auditor General
- Report of the Chairperson of the Audit Committee
- Annual Financial Statements

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

THE KEY OBSERVATIONS

- The Committee hereby would like to convey their condolences to the Botha family with the untimely death of Alderman Johan Botha.
- Employment Equity – This matter still needs real attention and intervention from the management team.
- Client Services – Systems are in place, however real service delivery challenges still remain within the community.
- The committee hereby recommends that secretarial support be allocated for Oversight meetings.
- Staff Costs – All potential measures should be implemented to contain the escalation of costs.

OBSERVATIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- The top management – Senior staff turnover is of great concern and real interventions should be in place to prevent the organization losing talented and scarce skilled staff, it bounds down to no unity in the team.
- We need to highlight also challenges that was encountered during the period of reporting such as the Dwarskersbos court case, service delivery issues and the non application for housing projects in the previous financial year.
- Costing System – The improvement of internal processes and systems are to be complimented however, there is room for improvement.
- The committee would like thank the Municipal Manager and the Directors for the effort made in preparing for the feedback session.
- Improvement is noticeable across departments and this shows the commitment of all the staff. Well done Bergrivier.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

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1. No substantial outstanding matters in the 2018/2019 Oversight Report

CONCLUSION

- I would like to thank the members of the Oversight Committee and all officials who participated in the 2019/2020 Oversight Process for their time and cooperation.
- The process was successful and enabled the Committee to identify areas of concern and that it is noticeable the management of the municipality took the inputs and the recommendations serious.
- I am of the opinion that the 2019/2020 Annual Report accurately reflects the performance of the Municipality for the year under review and recommend that the Council approve the 2019/2020 Annual Report without reservations.