

WHAT MUNICIPAL LEADERS SAID ...

EASTERN CAPE



Cllr Kekana
Mayor

Sarah Baartman District

'The district municipality attained a clean audit by enhancing their daily disciplines around financial and performance reporting as well as maintaining stringent oversight processes by MPAC, the council and the audit committee.'

MPUMALANGA



Cllr Shongwe
Mayor

Ehlanzeni District

'The achievement of a clean audit did not come easy and is attributable to commitment of staff members, political leadership and consistent hard work.'

MPUMALANGA



Adv. Mbatha
Municipal manager

Ehlanzeni District

'The importance of key controls is a cornerstone for sustaining good governance. As a municipality, we did not compromise on quality, especially that of candidates recruited to join the municipality. Internal auditors play a vital role in assisting us to understand the reports submitted for review.'

MPUMALANGA



Cllr Masina
Mayor

Steve Tshwete

'Maintaining the clean audit status was not easy and required extra attention to the internal controls and a solid control environment.'

GAUTENG



Cllr Mofokeng
Mayor

Sedibeng District

'As an executive mayor I play an oversight role; where it is necessary, I intervene to make sure that things are going according to plan without interference in the administration.'

GAUTENG

Midvaal

'A combination of factors allowed Midvaal to obtain a clean audit. This ranged from resolving performance management issues and performing self-evaluations. We had to ensure that we follow through with the projects we had initiated and comply with all the necessary legislation. We also had to follow through with the supply chain procedures and make sure that we record and document the actions we have taken, including how we have spent our money so that we can be reviewed and assessed in a transparent manner.'



Cllr Baloyi
Mayor

GAUTENG

Mogale City

'While this municipality can now celebrate a clean audit, it was not all smooth sailing as we had to rid the municipality of the three-year backlog of annual financial statements. Although I joined the municipality in 2006, we had to start by working on compiling financial statements for the 2002-03 financial year. But in a few years we managed to turn that around.'



Mr Mashitisho
Municipal manager

GAUTENG



Cllr Gungubele
Mayor

Ekurhuleni Metro

'Achieving a clean audit has a direct impact on service delivery in a number of ways and what is critical of a clean audit is the trust and confidence that people have in government.'

KWAZULU-NATAL



Dr Sibeko
Municipal manager

uMhlathuze

'To be successful, all components of the municipality must work together in harmony and get the basics right. The key successes were due to all staff being held accountable for their actions in their day-to-day operations coupled with project management and monitoring of turnkey projects.'

KWAZULU-NATAL



uMhlathuze

'The achievement of a clean audit was closely related to service delivery and satisfied people in the municipal area.'

Cllr Gumbi
Deputy mayor

KWAZULU-NATAL



Cllr Zulu
Mayor

Mandeni

'The clean audit was the result of the implementation of a turnaround plan on key issues to address challenges. The oversight role of the council to ensure the governance of the municipality was maintained, as was the support that the municipality received from the provincial treasury and the provincial CoGTA. The governance structures assisted with obtaining a clean audit, such as internal risk management committees, the audit committee, MPAC and an effective internal audit unit.'

KWAZULU-NATAL



Cllr Bhamjee
Mayor

uMgungundlovu District

'A clean audit is the first step in providing the information and support structures necessary to overcome the actual challenges to service delivery; for example, proper backlog planning, planning infrastructure projects, and geographical challenges in bringing basic services to impoverished rural communities.'

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Cllr Standers
Mayor

George

'It is through approaching our challenges as a collective and communicating effectively that we have sustained a clean audit outcome since 2012. To sustain a clean audit, good governance and excellent service delivery while also ensuring that we meet the demands of a growing city, we need all role players and partners to work coherently with the same end result in mind.'

KWAZULU-NATAL

Zululand District

The municipality pointed out the importance of community involvement through ward committees and keeping the community informed on a regular basis. The clean audit can be attributed to the dedicated senior management team as well as training, developing and competitively remunerating staff. All other structures of the municipality, such as the internal audit unit, audit committee, MPAC and council, were functioning well. Monitoring, evaluation and reporting are key practices in the municipality, supported by good project management. The municipality has highly skilled officials and a full capacitated workforce who understand the municipal landscape.



Cllr Hlatshwayo
Mayor

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Swartland

'Leadership and good governance were the key ingredients that catapulted us to achieving clean audits for four consecutive years. Exercising effective oversight, appointing the right people, and doing the right things, supported by key governance structures like the internal audit unit and the audit committee as well as the council, have assisted the municipality to consistently maintain good governance and service delivery.'



Mr Scholtz
Municipal manager

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Mr Wallace
Municipal manager

Theewaterskloof

'The achievement of a clean audit and service delivery improvements was a result of a turnaround strategy that dates back to 2006. We achieved a clean audit without having to compromise on service delivery, as our strategy relied on ensuring that there is good corporate governance.'

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Cllr Botha-Guthrie
Mayor

Overstrand

'We did not compromise on the basic service delivery mandate to our communities in striving to maintain a clean audit. Our achievement of a clean audit is the result of unparalleled focus by both the political and the executive leadership in the municipality.'

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Cllr Nel
Mayor

Hessequa

'This achievement proves that service delivery can still be fully achieved and enhanced while working towards a clean audit. This is due to the commitment of the council and management.'

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Mr Nasson
Municipal manager

Witzenberg

'Our clean audit status is the result of the municipal leadership setting the tone at the top, focusing on key objectives, risks, controls and transparent reporting to achieve the requirements of the community, as well as a continued review of capital expenditure by senior management.'

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Mr Mettler
Municipal manager

Drakenstein

'This was made possible by the effective cooperation of management, the political leadership and those charged with governance, who contributed throughout the year to the credibility of financial and performance information and compliance with legislation by ensuring that adequate internal controls were implemented. What is particularly notable about this achievement is that it was done with in-house capacity and without the appointment of any consultants, which is testimony to the distinctive political and administrative leadership contained in this organisation.'

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Cllr Punt
Mayor

Theewaterskloof

'We accept this clean audit status as recognition of good financial administration and control.'