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 **2020/21 Q3**

 **QUARTERLY REVIEW (S52)**

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**PURPOSE**

To report to Council on the quarterly review of the financial and performance results for the second quarter of the 2020/21 financial year as required by section 52 of the Municipal Finance Management Act.

**STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

Promoting good governance

**WARDS AFFECTED**

All wards

**IDP LINKAGE**

Financial Reporting

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

 In terms of S52 of the MFMA

 The mayor of a municipality

(d) must, within 30 days of the end of each quarter, submit a report to the council on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the municipality;

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 52 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) requires that The mayor of a municipality—

(a) Must provide general political guidance over the fiscal and financial affairs of

the municipality;

(b) In providing such general political guidance, may monitor and, to the extent

provided in this Act, oversee the exercise of responsibilities assigned in terms

of this Act to the accounting officer and the chief financial officer, but may not

interfere in the exercise of those responsibilities;

(c) Must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the municipality performs its

constitutional and statutory functions within the limits of the municipality’s

approved budget;

(d) Must, within 30 days of the end of each quarter, submit a report to the council

on the implementation of the budget and the financial state of affairs of the

municipality; and

(e) Must exercise the other powers and perform the other duties assigned to the

mayor in terms of this Act or delegated by the council to the mayor

The following annexure are attached to this item:

Annexure A – S71 for the month ending 31 March 2021

**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

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ANALYSIS OF OPERATING REVENUE (JULY 2020 – MARCH 2021) EXCLUDING

CAPITAL TRANSFERS:

**Budgeted Actual Outcomes % Variance**

**R660,897 R 786,503 19**

Operating revenue recognised for the period July 2020 to March 2021 amounts to R7860million resulting in a 19% positive variance from the R660 million which was anticipated.

The 19 % variance although positive must still be analysed in order to assess its impact on the budgeting process as a whole, as well as future cash flows.

This variance has been attributed to the following:

1. The 19% positive variance on transfers recognised, which is the direct impact of the 4th tranche of the equitable share of R116 million.

WATER& SANITATION SALES:

Water and sanitation sales income recognised combined is 43% above what was originally anticipated. This is due the high billing of sanitation sales in March 2021.

INTEREST FROM OUTSTANDING DEBTORS:

This line item has yielded a negative variance of 11%, it appears we have billed less interest than we had originally anticipated, however this shows an increase in the previously anticipated collection rate.

The municipality has appointed debt collectors, which will improve the collection of outstanding debt. There is also direct liaising with government departments in attempt to recover outstanding debts. The municipality anticipates an improvement in the collection rate by year end due to these efforts.

INTEREST FROM INVESTMENTS:

A total of R3.9 million has been recognised as interest from external investments resulting in a positive variance of 16%.

The municipality has become heavily dependent on investments due to our poor cash condition. We also note the negative impact of the unapproved rollovers on investment interest materialised.

ANALYSIS OF OPERATING EXPENDITURE (JULY2020 – MARCH 2021)

**Budgeted Actual Outcomes % Variance**

**R654,166 R 472, 707 - 36**

The total operating expenditure of the municipality for the nine-month period is R472 million a 27% negative variance from the R 654 million which was anticipated.

EMPLOYEE RELATED COSTS:

Employee related cost incurred is 13% above what was budgeted for the three-month period. We highlight that overtime remains a critical cost driver.

OTHER MATERIALS:

The bulk of other materials comprises of fuel, oil and chemicals. Other materials have a variance of 12% negative variance from the amount originally budgeted. However council must also note that it is due to fuel and oil that there is huge variance.

CONTRACTED SERVICES:

The bulk of contracted services comprise of vehicle repairs, hire of plant, repairs to pumps and pipe lines. A number of payments for such contracted services remain outstanding and once payments have been verified and accounted for the necessary adjustment will decrease the variance.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE:

General expenditure is 31% above what was budgeted. Which is a cause for concern as expenditure remains highly monitored in light of the adopted budget funding plan. The municipality must aim to cap general expenditure at the budgeted amount in order to avoid any unauthorised expenditure.

**SUMMARY OF CAPITAL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

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**Budgeted Actual Outcomes % Variance**

**R 214,216 R 188,176 -12**

The capital expenditure for the third quarter is R188 million resulting in a negative variance of 12% from the projected R214 million

**ANALYSIS OF OUTSTANDING DEBTORS:**

Age analysis at March 2021



Reflected above is the age analysis of debtors for the months of July 2020 – Mach 2021 totalling over R1 billion.

**Midyear Collection Rate:**

The average collection rate stood at 32% at the end of March 2021



The fluctuation in the collection rate is noted, collection rate was at an average of 30% at the end of the second quarter.

The department is also appointed debt collectors to assist in recovering old debt, which will yield an improvement in receipts.

**ANALYSIS OF CASH & INVESTMENTS:**

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The table above reflects investments as at the end of the first quarter, at the various institutions. The total investments totalled R235 million.



At the end of March 2020 cash on hand was R42 million

**ANALYSIS OF GRANTS RECIEVED:**

Conditional Grant allocations received at the end of March 2021 were as follows:

* MIG – R180 million
* FMG - R 1,8 million
* EPWP – R 3.7 million
* WSIG – R90 million
* RBIG – R39 million

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Budget Officer

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accountant : Budget Chief Financial Officer

**Municipal manager’s quality certificate**

I **Martin Sithole,** municipal manager of UThukela District Municipality, hereby certify that the Section 52 and supporting documentation for March 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act and the regulations made under the Act.

Print Name: Martin Sithole

Municipal Manager of UThukela District Municipality (DC23)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 19 April 2021