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1. Introduction

This policy applies to the Msunduzi Local Municipality and it all municipal officials making decisions on behalf of the municipality or managing its resources. This policy is applied in accordance with GRAP 18 Segment Reporting.

2. Objectives of the policy

The objective of this policy is aimed at providing guidance for segment reporting in within the municipality as prescribed by GRAP 18 segment reporting.

This policy will affect the preparation and presentation of annual financial statements, consolidated financial statements and management accounts reporting.

Segment reporting is to provide information about the specific operational objectives and major activities of an entity as well as the resources devoted to and costs of these objectives and activities.

3. Scope

This policy shall outline the following:

- Responsibility / Accountability;
- Basis of accounting;
- Reportable segments;
- Segment Disclosure Requirements;
- Segment Reporting procedures;
- Commencement date

4. Responsibility / Accountability

- 4.1. The City Manager as the Accounting Officer of the municipality is accountable for Segment Reporting of the municipality in accordance the GRAP 18.
- 4.2. The municipal council must approve a policy directing procedures required to ensure efficient and effective management of reporting per segment for financial reporting.
- 4.3. Segment reporting will ensure the management to be able to:-
- 4.3.1. Evaluate nature and financial effects of activities or segments of the municipality,
- 4.3.2. Understand past financial performance of the municipality's activities,
- 4.3.3. Evaluate economic environment of the municipality and
- 4.3.4. Enhance transparency of financial reporting.

5. Basis of accounting

The segment reporting in the municipality is applied in accordance with GRAP standards, which requires the segment reporting on the accrual basis of accounting. Segment reporting policy applies to the municipality's individual financial statements, as well as the consolidated financial statements.

6. Reportable segments

The reportable segments of the municipality has been to identified in accordance with the GRAP 18.

The segments of the Msunduzi Local Municipality has been identified as those activities of the municipality that generate economic benefits or service potential whose results are regularly reviewed by management to make decisions about resources to be allocated to that activity and in assessing it's performance and for which separate financial information is available.

6.1. Aggregation of municipality's segments

The Municipality has aggregated some segments in accordance with GRAP 18.

These conditions are required to be met for *aggregation of the municipality's segments*:

If segments are

Share nature of goods or services delivered

Share class of customer or consumer Share methods used to distributes the services or goods

Share nature of regulatory environment

OR

May aggregate individually insignificant segments where practical **limit of 10 segments** has been reached

The municipality has the following economic activities or segments:

- 1. Electricity
- 2. Water
- 3. Waste Water

Sanitation

- 4. Refuse
- 5. Airport
- 6. Market
- 7. Forestry
- 8. Property Rates
- 9. Property Rental
- 10. Support Services, which are traffic, cemetery, landfill, fire and emergency, library, SMC services, Municipal facilities hire, Art Gallery etc

6.2. Change in segment

The Municipality shall review the existing of the reportable segments of the municipality if the organisational structure changes in the manner that result in the composition of its reportable segments to change, then previously reported information must be restated in accordance with GRAP 18.

The restatement of previously reported information shall be done in the financial year in which the change occurs.

7. Segment Disclosure Requirements

The Municipality shall disclose the segment information in the financial statements in accordance with GRAP 18 standards.

The Municipality shall disclose the reportable segments, **segment specific disclosures and geographic disclosures** as prescribed by GRAP 18.

The Municipality must report on the following for segment specific disclosures:-

- General information should be disclosed about the basis of segmentation and aggregation (if applicable). Details about products and services provided per segment should also be disclosed.
- Disclosures about segment surplus or deficit and specific required items.
- Disclosures about segment assets.
- Disclosures about segment liabilities.
- Reconciliations of segment information to entity information as presented in the statement of financial performance and statement of financial position.
- Explanations of segment measurements when not apparent from reconciliations.

The Municipality must report on the following for segment geographic disclosures:-

 Entity wide disclosures of geographical areas of operations including revenues, expenditures and non-current assets attributable to those areas. Information based on information used to develop entity financial statements. Only if it is costs are feasible to achieve this reporting.

8. Commencement date

This policy shall commence as at 1 July 2020.