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RE: REPLY TO REPORT BY AUDITOR GENERAL FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1.0 FOLLOW UP TO LAST YEAR'S REPORT

Noted and currently action is being taken to, as much as possible, address any pending issues.

2.0 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The issue about Property, Plant and Equipment has been with the Council for a couple of years. The Council has embarked on the project to reconcile and update its Fixed Asset Register in line with Direttiva 1/2017 from DLG. During the year under review, the FAR has been rebuilt as noted by the auditors themselves. The rebuilding of the FAR was a challenge in itself, which process was performed as diligently as possible with the data available at hand.

3.0 PAYABLES

Mentioned accrual has been with the Local Council for a number of years. In line with the prudence concept, the Council is accruing for the annual rent as stated by the auditor. The Council will liaise with the Housing Authority about this matter upon receipt of any request for payment/signing of contract

4.0 INCOME

Noted and mentioned adjustment was reflected in the updated financial statements.

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5.0 EXPENDITURE AND TENDERS

Noted. The increase in rent reflects accruing for previous years' rent on one of the devolved properties which invoice was never received. Professional fees refer mainly to architect fees which the Council had to pay to service the capital projects which the Council is working in at the moment.

6.0 PAYROLL

Noted and mentioned reclassification was already processed in the original financial statements which were approved in February 2021.

Damien Spiteri

Mayor

Ryan Debrincat

Executive Secretary