

IL-MUNXAR LOCAL COUNCIL

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements**

for the year ended 31 December 2024



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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Statement of Local Council Members' and Executive Secretary's Responsibilities

for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Local Councils (Financial) Regulations require the Executive Secretary to prepare a detailed annual administrative report which includes the Local Council's statement of comprehensive income for the year and the Council's retained funds at the end of year. By virtue of the same regulations it is the duty of the Local Council and the Executive Secretary to ensure that the financial statements forming part of the report present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies applicable to Local Councils, the income and expenditure of the Local Council for the year and its retained funds as at the year end, and that they comply with the Act, the Local Councils (Financial) Regulations, and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures issued in terms of the said Act.

The Executive Secretary is responsible to maintain a continuous internal control to ascertain that the accounting, recording and other financial operations are properly conducted in accordance with the Local Councils Act, the Local Councils (Financial) Regulations, and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures. The Executive Secretary is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Local Council and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This statement was approved by the Local Council on the 15/7/25 and signed on its behalf by



Damien Spiteri
Mayor



Ryan Debrincat
Executive Secretary

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2024

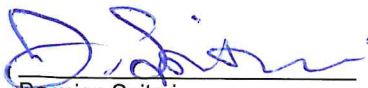
		2024	2023
		€	€
	<i>Notes</i>		
Income			
Funds received from Central Government	4	380,668	371,160
Income raised under Local Enforcement System	5	1,887	697
General Income	6	16,925	21,238
		<u>399,480</u>	<u>393,095</u>
Expenditure			
Personal emoluments	8	(119,523)	(116,816)
Operations and maintenance	9	(130,696)	(122,153)
Administrative and other expenditure	10	(146,547)	(201,581)
		<u>(376,766)</u>	<u>(440,550)</u>
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year	7	2,714	(47,455)
Finance income		24	153
Total Comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the year		<u>2,738</u>	<u>(47,302)</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	<u>161,990</u>	<u>172,877</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	12	8,840	118,615
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	<u>668,258</u>	<u>588,886</u>
Total current assets		<u>677,098</u>	<u>707,501</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>839,088</u></u>	<u><u>880,378</u></u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
Retained Fund		<u>480,766</u>	<u>478,028</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	14	<u>358,322</u>	<u>402,350</u>
Total Equity and Liabilities		<u><u>839,088</u></u>	<u><u>880,378</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the Local Council on the 15/7/25 and signed on its behalf by:


 Damien Spiteri
 Mayor


 Ryan Debrincat
 Executive Secretary

The notes on pages 8 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Retained Funds €
At 1 January 2023	525,330
Total comprehensive deficit for the year:	
<i>Deficit for the year 2023</i>	(47,302)
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At 31 December 2023	478,028
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At 1 January 2024	478,028
Total comprehensive surplus for the year:	
<i>Surplus for the year 2024</i>	2,738
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At 31 December 2024	480,766
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 €	2023 €
	Note	
Cash flows from Operating Activities		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,738	(47,302)
Reconciliation to cash generated from operations:		
Depreciation	35,867	35,864
Interest receivable	(24)	(153)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,688	-
Operating Surplus before Working Capital Changes	<u>40,264</u>	<u>(11,591)</u>
Increase in receivables	(2,001)	(1,243)
Decrease in payables	(39,791)	(751,764)
Cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,528)</u>	<u>(764,598)</u>
 Cash flows from Investing Activities		
Interest received	24	153
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(98,993)	(180,199)
Receipt of grants	179,869	816,470
Cash generated from investing activities	<u>80,900</u>	<u>636,424</u>
 Net Increase / (decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	 79,372	 (128,174)
 Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the year	 <u>588,886</u>	 <u>717,060</u>
 Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the year	 14 <u>668,258</u>	 <u>588,886</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024

1. General Information

The Il-Munxar Local Council is the local Authority of Malta set up in accordance with the Local Councils Act, 1993. The office of the Local Council is situated at Triq Profs Guze Aquilina, Il-Munxar. These financial statements were approved for issue by the Council Members on the 15/7/25. The Local Council's presentation as well as functional currency is denominated in €.

2. Material Accounting Policy Information

The accounting policies that are material to the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting convention

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include fair values where it is stated in the accounting policies below. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Councils Act Cap. 363, the Financial Regulations issued in terms of this Act and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures 1996 enacted in Malta and with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS Accounting Standards") as adopted by the European Union ("EU").

These financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the accounting policies and reporting procedures prescribed for Local Councils in the Financial Regulations issued by the Minister of Finance in conjunction with the Minister responsible for Local Government in terms of section 67 of the Local Councils Act (Cap. 363).

New or amended accounting standards, and interpretations adopted

The Council adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') and the IFRS Interpretations Committee and endorsed by the EU that are mandatory for the current reporting period. The adoption of these amendments to the requirements of IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU did not result in substantial changes to the Council's accounting policies impacting the Council's financial performance and position.

New or amended accounting standards, and interpretations issued but not yet effective

At the end of the reporting period, certain new standards, interpretations and amendments thereto, were in issue and endorsed by the EU, but not yet effective for the current financial year. There have been no instances of early adoption of standards, interpretations or amendments ahead of their effective date. The Council anticipates that the adoption of the new standards, interpretations or amendments thereto, will not have a material impact on the financial statements upon initial application.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

2. Material Accounting Policies and Reporting Procedures (cont.)

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses to date. Depreciation is calculated on a monthly basis using the straight line method at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

	%
Land	0
Trees	0
Buildings	1
Office Furniture and Fittings	7.5
Construction Works	10
Urban Improvements	10
Special Projects	10
Office Equipment	20
Motor Vehicles	20
Plant and Machinery	20
Computer Equipment	25
Plants	100
Litter Bins	Replacement basis
Playground Furniture	100
Traffic Signs	Replacement basis
Road Signs	Replacement basis
Street Mirrors	Replacement basis
Street Lights	100

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit. The residual values and useful lives of the assets are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate, at each statement of financial position date. The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Subsequent costs are included in the carrying amount of the asset or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Council and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Impairment of Assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation or depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value of the asset less costs to sell and the value in use. Impairment losses are immediately recognised as an expense in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Amounts receivable

Amounts receivable are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of amounts receivable is established when there is objective evidence that the Council will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the present value of the estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

2. Material Accounting Policy Information (cont.)

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred.

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expired.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value plus transactions costs. They are measured subsequently as described below.

Financial assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets of the Council are classified into financial assets at amortised cost upon initial recognition.

Receivables are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired when there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

All income and expenses relating to loans and receivables are presented within 'finance income' or 'finance costs', except for impairment of receivables which is presented within 'administration and other expenditure'.

Financial liabilities

The Council's financial liabilities include other payables. These are stated at their nominal amount which is a reasonable approximation of fair value unless the effect of discounting is material in which case other payables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

All interest-related charges are included within 'finance costs'.

Revenue

Revenue is recognised when there are no significant uncertainties concerning the derivation of consideration or associated costs and it can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as it accrues.

Income from central government is not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Council will comply with any conditions attached to it, and that the income will be received. The received income is to be recorded gross and any deductions made therefrom are to be disclosed separately with expenses.

Local Enforcement System

The income recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income under the law enforcement system was derived from the administrative fees from the five Regional Committees and Local Enforcement System Agency for contraventions paid at the Local Council.

Government grants

Government grants relating to operating expenditure are recognised in the statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period that the related expenditure is incurred.

Government grants relating to the purchase of property, plant and equipment are accounted for using the capital approach and are thus deducted from the carrying amount of the relative non-current asset.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

2. Material Accounting Policy Information (cont.)

Foreign currencies

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Local Council operates. These financial statements are presented in €, which is the Council's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into € at the rates of exchange in operation on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into € at the rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the Statement of Financial Position.

3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the Council, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1.

4. Funds received from Central Government

	2024	2023
	€	€
In terms of section 55 of the Local Councils Act	343,223	309,500
Other Government Income	37,445	61,660
	<u>380,668</u>	<u>371,160</u>

5. Income raised under Local Enforcement system

	2024	2023
	€	€
Income from Contraventions	<u>1,887</u>	<u>697</u>

6. General Income

	2024	2023
	€	€
Rent Receivable	4,720	4,720
Tender Documents/Info Charges	-	60
Income from Permits	12,205	14,010
Other income	-	2,448
	<u>16,925</u>	<u>21,238</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

7. Surplus/(deficit) for the year

	2024	2023
	€	€
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year is stated after charging		
Staff salaries (Note 8)	119,523	116,816
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment (Note 11)	35,867	35,864
	<u>119,523</u>	<u>116,816</u>

8. Personal Emoluments

	2024	2023
	€	€
Mayor's Remuneration	11,330	11,079
Mayor's and Councillors' Allowances	13,000	13,000
Executive Secretary Salary and Allowances	40,003	38,548
Employees' Salaries	47,865	47,154
Social Security Contributions	7,325	7,035
	<u>119,523</u>	<u>116,816</u>

9. Operations and Maintenance

	2024	2023
	€	€
<i>Repairs and Upkeep:</i>		
Road/Street Pavements (patching works)	5,298	9,175
Signs and Road Markings	3,402	195
Xlendi maintenance and upkeep	-	708
Other repairs and Upkeep	45,969	48,779
	<u>54,669</u>	<u>58,857</u>
<i>Contractual Services:</i>		
Refuse Collection	19,229	17,144
Bulky Refuse Collection	6,358	4,453
Road & Street Cleaning	4,735	7,315
Cleaning - Public Conveniences	5,037	6,839
Cleaning & Maintaining Parks & Gardens	1,162	262
Cleaning & Maintenance of Council premises	1,438	1,416
Tipping fees	20,189	14,319
Insurance	7,192	3,971
Local Enforcement System expenses	1,953	410
Street Lighting	8,734	7,167
	<u>76,027</u>	<u>63,296</u>
Total Operations and Maintenance Costs	<u>130,696</u>	<u>122,153</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

10. Administrative and other expenditure

	2024	2023
	€	€
Utilities	12,254	9,396
Materials and supplies	504	491
Rent	10,486	4,129
Office repair and upkeep	25	47
National and International Membership	500	500
Office Services	7,334	8,147
Transport	4,102	6,442
Information Services	45	95
Professional Services	20,777	27,106
Community services and events	52,461	108,891
Loss on disposal of property, plant & equipment	1,688	-
Sundry expenses	504	473
Depreciation	35,867	35,864
	<u>146,547</u>	<u>201,581</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

11. Property, plant and equipment

	Buildings & Improvements	Office Furniture & Fittings	Computer & Office Equipment	Plant & Machinery	New Street Signs	Urban Improvements	Construction	Assets under construction	Special Programmes	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost										
At 1 January 2024	3,641	19,367	33,974	4,308	3,785	217,624	171,025	311,571	3,326,758	4,092,052
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	96,566	-	-	2,426	98,993
Disposals	(927)	(87)	(5,845)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,859)
Reclassification	(2,714)	2,714	-	-	-	-	-	(311,571)	311,571	-
At 31 December 2024	-	21,994	28,129	4,308	3,785	314,190	171,025	-	3,640,755	4,184,186
Depreciation										
At 1 January 2024	982	14,990	31,264	4,237	3,785	109,380	118,698	-	437,287	720,623
Charge for the year	8	658	200	12	-	14,607	7,006	-	13,376	35,867
Eliminated on disposal	(66)	(64)	(5,041)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,171)
Reclassification	(924)	924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	16,508	26,423	4,249	3,785	123,987	125,704	-	450,663	751,319
Grants										
At 1 January 2024	-	944	2,242	-	-	43,536	22,682	293,289	2,835,849	3,198,542
Increase	-	-	-	-	-	72,335	-	-	-	72,335
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(293,289)	293,289	-
At 31 December 2024	-	944	2,242	-	-	115,871	22,682	-	3,129,138	3,270,877
Net Book values										
At 31 December 2024	-	4,542	-	59	-	66,428	22,639	-	68,322	161,990

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

11. Property, plant and equipment (cont.)

	Buildings & Improvements	Office Furniture & Fittings	Computer & Office Equipment	Plant & Machinery	New Street Signs	Urban Improvements	Construction	Assets under construction	Special Programmes	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost										
At 1 January 2023	3,641	18,423	33,413	4,308	3,785	203,197	171,025	659,526	2,814,535	3,911,853
Additions	-	944	561	-	-	14,427	-	54,199	110,069	180,199
Reclassification								(402,154)	402,154	-
At 31 December 2023	3,641	19,367	33,974	4,308	3,785	217,624	171,025	311,571	3,326,758	4,092,052
Depreciation										
At 1 January 2023	948	14,521	30,950	3,598	3,785	93,038	111,653	-	426,266	684,759
Charge for the year	34	469	314	639	-	16,342	7,045	-	11,021	35,864
At 31 December 2023	982	14,990	31,264	4,237	3,785	109,380	118,698	-	437,287	720,623
Grants										
At 1 January 2023	-	-	2,242	-	-	43,536	22,682	623,052	2,334,368	3,025,880
Increase	-	944	-	-	-	-	-	64,347	107,371	172,662
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(394,110)	394,110	-
At 31 December 2023	-	944	2,242	-	-	43,536	22,682	293,289	2,835,849	3,198,542
Net Book values										
At 31 December 2023	2,659	3,433	468	71	-	64,708	29,645	18,292	53,622	172,877

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

12. Receivables

	2024	2023
	€	€
Accounts receivables	827	2,887
Prepayments and accrued income	8,013	115,728
	8,840	118,615

Receivables

General receivables are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Within credit period	8,840	118,615
Exceeded credit period but not impaired	-	-
Impaired and provided for	23,307	23,307
Provision for doubtful debts	(23,307)	(23,307)
	8,840	118,615

Included in the accounts receivable are amounts due from related parties amounting to €827 (2023 : €2,887). These amounts are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

13. Cash & cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flows comprise the following statement of financial position amounts.

	2024	2023
	€	€
Cash at Bank	667,679	588,394
Cash in Hand	579	492
	668,258	588,886

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

14. Payables

	2024	2023
	€	€
Accounts payable	16,093	28,700
Other payables	194	154
Deferred Income	255,427	259,742
Accruals	86,608	113,754
	<u>358,322</u>	<u>402,350</u>

Included in the accounts payable are amounts due to related parties amounting to €6,428 (2023 : €8,579). These amounts are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

15. Deferred Income – Government Grants

	2024	2023
	€	€
Government grants		
At 1 January	259,742	279,541
Increase in year	39,644	111,426
Utilized	<u>(54,299)</u>	<u>(131,225)</u>
At 31 December	<u>255,427</u>	<u>259,742</u>
Current Deferred Income	<u>255,427</u>	<u>259,742</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

16. Capital Commitments

	2024	2023
	€	€
Details of capital commitments at the accounting date are as follows:		
- Approved but not yet contracted for	63,241	308,586
- Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	<u>271,211</u>	<u>-</u>
(i) Approved but not yet contracted for:		
Decorative Lighting Upper Xlendi	53,241	-
Dahla Munxar	-	271,211
CCTV systems	-	12,375
Bust - Profs Guze Aquilina	10,000	10,000
Office Furniture	-	10,000
Computer Equipment	-	5,000
	<u>63,241</u>	<u>308,586</u>
(i) Contracted for but not provided in the Financial Statements:		
Dahla Munxar Infrastructure	160,593	-
Dahla Munxar Electrical System	110,618	-
	<u>271,211</u>	<u>-</u>

The Council has Grant Agreements signed for the funding of most of the above capital projects

17. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at year end. However the Council may be subject to claims from third parties who have suffered damages on Munxar Roads

18. Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party of the local council is Central Government since the Council's main revenue is from the Government allocation received every quarter. Apart from the normal funds received from Government, Councils also receive funds relating to specific projects as well as other funds for the improvement and betterment of the locality.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)**19. Financial Risk Management**

The Council's activities expose it to credit risk and liquidity risk through its use of financial instruments which result from its operating activities. The Council is not exposed to any market risk. The Council's risk management is coordinated by the council members and focuses on actively securing the council's short to medium term cash flow by minimising exposure to financial risks.

The most significant financial risks to which the Council is exposed are described below.

Summary of financial assets and liabilities by category:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Current Assets		
Loans and receivables:		
Accounts and other receivables	8,840	118,615
Cash and Cash Equivalents	668,258	588,886
	677,098	707,501
Current Liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised costs:		
Payables	358,822	402,350

Credit risk

Financial assets which potentially subject the Council to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash at bank and debtors. The Council's cash is placed with quality financial institutions as well as it limits the amount of credit exposure with any one financial institution. The Council has appropriate policies to ensure that income is received from sources with appropriate credit history. In this respect, credit risk with respect to debtors is monitored continuously and the Council places a provision on any debt on which there is doubt of recoverability. Bad debts are therefore negligible and in this respect the Council has no significant concentration of credit risk.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is as follows:

	2024	2023
	€	€
Accounts receivables	827	2,887
Accrued income	5,010	111,807
Cash at banks	667,679	588,394
	673,679	703,088

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is defined as financial distress, an extraordinary measure which needs to be taken to manage the Council's present commitments arising due to shortage of funds. The objective of liquidity risk management is to maintain sufficient liquidity, and to ensure that it is available within the necessary time frame in order not to create financial distress and curtail current obligations as well as future short term commitments. The Council monitors and manages its risk to a shortage of funds by maintaining sufficient cash and by monitoring the availability of raising funds to meet commitments due. In fact, at year end, the Council has as cash and cash equivalents the amount of €668,258. This should ensure an ongoing working capital of the Council for the next 12 months. The Council also maintains a positive net current asset position of €318,776 (2023: €305,151) ensuring that adequate headroom is available to cover present liabilities as well as short term obligations and commitments arising.

All financial liabilities are due within 12 months.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

19. Financial Risk Management (cont.)

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency transactions arise when the Council buys or sells goods whose price is denominated in a foreign currency, or incurs or settles liabilities, denominated in a foreign currency. The Council does not trade in any foreign currency transactions.

Interest Rate Risk

The Council operates bank accounts without any financing facilities. As a result, the Council is not exposed to cash flow interest rate risk on bank balances.

Timing of cash flows

The presentation of the financial assets and liabilities under current and non-current headings within the statement of financial position is intended to indicate the timing in which cash flows will arise.

Capital Management

The Council's capital consists of its net assets, including working capital, represented by its retained funds. The Council's management objectives are to ensure:

- that the Council's ability to continue as a going concern is still valid and
- that the Council maintains a positive working capital ratio.

To achieve the above, the Council carries out a quarterly review of the working capital ratio ("Financial Situation Indicator"). This ratio was positive at the reporting date and has not changed significantly from the previous year. The Council also uses budgets and business plans to set its strategy to optimise its use of available funds and implement its commitments to the locality.

20. Related party transactions

During the year under review, the Council carried out transactions with the following related parties:

<i>Name of Entity</i>	<i>Nature of relationship</i>
Department of Local Government	Significant control
North Joint Committee (Local Enforcement)	Joint Control
North Regional Committee	Joint Control
Central Regional Committee	No control
Gozo Regional Committee	No control
South Eastern Regional Committee	No control
South Regional Committee	No control
Local Enforcement System Agency	No control
Malta Environment and Planning Authority	No control
Malta Information Technology Agency	No control
Water Services Corporation	No control
Enemalta Corporation	No control
ARMS Limited	No control
Director General - Works Division	No control
Wasteserv Malta Limited	No control
Police General Headquarters	No control
Department of Lands	No control
Airmalta plc	No control

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 (cont.)

20. Related party transactions (cont.)

The amounts due from / to related parties at year-end are disclosed in notes 12 and 14. The terms and conditions do not specify the nature of the consideration to be provided in settlement. These amounts are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

The following were the significant transactions carried out by the Council with related parties having significant control:

	2024		2023			
	Related party activity	Total activity	%	Related party activity	Total activity	%
	€	€		€	€	
<i>Income</i>						
Transactions with central government	365,298			371,160		
Transactions with regions	1,887			697		
	<u>367,185</u>	<u>399,480</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>371,857</u>	<u>393,095</u>	<u>95</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>						
Transactions with government entities	38,975			35,916		
Key personnel remuneration	65,482			62,627		
	<u>104,457</u>	<u>376,766</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>98,543</u>	<u>440,550</u>	<u>22</u>

21. Fair values estimation

At 31 December 2024 and at 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities classified with current assets and current liabilities respectively, approximated their fair values due to the short term maturities of these assets and liabilities. The fair values of non-current financial assets and non-current financial liabilities are not materially different from their carrying amount.

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REPORT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL**Report on the audit of the financial statements****Qualified Opinion**

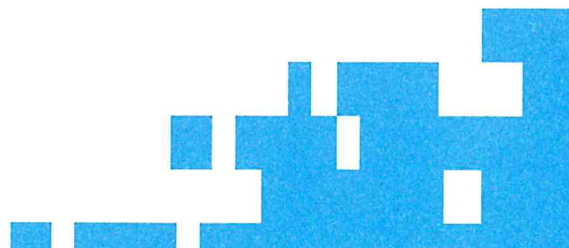
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Munxar Local Council, set out on pages 4 to 21, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Local Council as of 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Following Directive 01/2017 issued by the Department for Local Government to Local Councils on the change in the accounting estimate on depreciation, whereby the straight-line method is to be applied instead of the reducing balance method and the accounting policy on government grants, whereby the capital approach is to be applied instead of the income approach, from the limited procedures that we carried out, we were unable to correctly quantify the value of the items of property, plant and equipment that are already fully depreciated as the fixed asset register does not show their acquisition dates. The same issue for the other items as we were unable to calculate the monthly depreciation due to such limitations. Further, in 2018, during the transition period, the Local Council depreciated the carrying value of all the items of property, plant and equipment with their applicable depreciation rates instead of their remaining applicable useful lives. For the grants, we have noted that changes in accounting policies were still not accounted for during the year. Hence, we were unable to quantify whether corrections need to be made through a prior year adjustment, if material. Ultimately, this would impact the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment as well as the depreciation charge for the year.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Local Council in accordance with the ethical requirements of both the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) and the Accountancy Profession (Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders) Directive issued in terms of the Accountancy Profession Act (Cap. 281) in Malta, that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and the Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders in Malta. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.



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Other Information

The Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Statement of Local Council Members' and Executive Secretary's Responsibilities but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we have obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Council Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

As described on page 3, the Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, and for such internal control as the Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members are responsible for assessing the Local Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Local Council will continue as a going concern.

The Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members are responsible for overseeing the Local Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements - continued

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Local Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Executive Secretary's and the Local Council Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Local Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Local Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Executive Secretary and the Local Council Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Councils Act (Cap. 363), the Financial Regulations issued in terms of the said Act and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Conrad Borg', is written over a faint blue circular stamp.

*This copy of the audit report has been signed by
Conrad Borg (Principal)
for and on behalf of*

RSM Malta

Registered Auditors

15th July 2025