



## **Media release:**

### **SENQU MUNICIPALITY GETS CLEAN AUDIT FOR THE FIFTH (5<sup>th</sup>) YEAR CONSECUTIVELY:**

On 26 June 2019, the Auditor-General (AG), Mr. Kimi Makwetu officially released the audit results of the 257 municipalities in South Africa for 2017/18 financial year. The AG awarded Senqu Municipality a clean audit for the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) time in succession. The municipality welcomes the findings. The results demonstrate and confirm the performance of the municipality as set out by the A-G.

The municipality has consistently improved on its performance for many years. This is borne out by the unqualified audits in a row from 2006-2013 and clean audits in a row from 2013-2018. This is the only municipality in the Eastern Cape that has achieved this feat.

The report by the A-G demonstrates consistency in performance and a well-entrenched culture of sound financial planning, strict adherence to internal financial controls and zero tolerance to non-compliance with financial prescripts. The A-G report reaffirms the municipality's adherence to good budgetary practices, effective revenue collection conventions and strategies even under unfavourable economic climate.

This performance is in stark contrast to the less positive picture by other municipalities nation-wide. The relative stability in the management echelons within the municipality is the reason for the consistent performance. Good cooperation between the political and the administrative arms of the council contribute to this success.



The skill levels, experience, financial discipline and the quality of management under sound governance guidance is the bedrock of the consistency. Despite being a rural municipality, the municipality far outshines the urban-based counterparts in respect of its mandate. The municipality's achievements resonate aptly with the principles of **Thuma Mina** which calls on municipalities to connect with the people through activities that improve the lives of the residents and to solve problems affecting them.

The sterling leadership of the Mayor, Cllr. N. Mposelwa and the entire Council ought to be emulated by other municipalities. Senqu cherishes the outcomes especially at a time when municipalities are facing governance difficulties and public trust deficit.

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