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MAYOR'S MID YEAR BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF UMZUMBE MUNICIPALITY

Greetings to everyone especially to the people of Umzumbe whom we have an obligation to report to as far as the performance of the Municipality. Our performance is looking at our implementation of those planned projects and programmes during the past six months ended on the 31st of December 2018. It is worth mentioning that we started 2018/2019 financial year on a positive note however the second quarter of the year was muddled by a month-long protest which impacted negatively on our planned targets

When conducting its performance, we had to utilize the various sources of service delivery information such as financial reports, annual reports, Integrated Development Plan and Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) to determine the status of planned targets within the contrast of efficiency and effectiveness. We can report that our performance dropped tremendously especially in the second quarter of the financial year due to Business Forum protest which impacted in our daily activities. Our regression from Clean Audit opinion to Unqualified Audit Opinion with matters of emphasis is not a major blow but an opportunity to rectify all matters of emphasis which will take back to our usual status.

In terms of service delivery projects, we are a little bit behind due to some challenges that we experienced in 2018 especially towards the end of the year, however the Council has instructed all Senior Managers to be more vigilant in resolving the challenges that made us to regress in our previous performance. The Auditor General's comments on our Performance Management System (PMS) has been noted and the Accounting Officer has vowed to take this matter as a matter of urgency.

Despite the challenges above there are our financial position is stable and poses no threats for the years to come. The 2017/2018 audit showed that our financial statements were presented fairly and on a stipulated time and I must thank the Municipal Manager and her team for a job well done. As we were reviewing our performance, we identified some challenges that needs to be fixed in order to be improved, but looking at AGs report we are confident that we are improving come next audit.

I must also congratulate the Finance Portfolio Committee, Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC), Executive Committee and the entire Council for their sterling job in providing oversight. As we gearing towards the sixth democratic elections, we must be confident that Umzumbe Municipality has made a tremendous contribution in developing the lives of our people.

I thank you

Cllr Sizwe Ngcobo

Mayor of Umzumbe Municipality