



Kunsill Lokali Gudja

23rd August 2022

General Auditor
The National Audit Office
Notre Dame Ravelin
Floriana

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the management letter of the 8th July 2022 contents of which have been considered.

The Council considers that the points raised will enable the Council to continue having the good governance in the best interest of the community as well as the proper administration and use of public finance entrusted to the Council.

For sake of clarity we will address the points as per same letter above acknowledged.

1.Previous Management Letter

1.1 Joint Committee

The Auditors` comments have been noted. In the past the Council made various attempts with the Joint Committee to obtain the state of affairs but such attempts to recover such documents have proved futile. The figure or any part thereof has not been recognized in the accounts under review and we have always been told by the previous administrator that the funds have all been distributed and that the fund is liquidated.

The Council has also raised this matter with the Director General of the Department for Local Government to ensure that the Joint Committee is actually liquidated and that the Gudja Local Council will receive any amount due to it in this connection.

1.2/2.1/2.2 Supplier Statements

The Council agrees with the auditors remarks on the importance of having the creditors` statements in place. Certainly, the Council continues to chase the suppliers for such statements where required. Meanwhile the Council also ensures that the creditors are duly recorded.

1.3/3.1/3.2 Upkeep of fixed asset register

Your point has been noted. In actual fact the Council will continue working on this task to ensure that the fixed asset register will be updated to the recommended standards. The Council has also notified the accountant to carry out the necessary modifications in the computerized register to comply as necessary.



2. Trade and other payables

Supplier Statements

Already dealt with 1.2

3. Fixed Assets

Fixed Asset Register

Already dealt with 1.3

4. Income

Supplementary Government Income

4.1/4.2 The Council is in agreement with the auditors comments and recommended adjustments and will ensure that this income is properly allocated to the correct revenue stream.

Conclusion

The Council is always conscious to be fully compliant with financial and other regulations concerning the proper administration and operations of the Local Council.

It is in the opinion of the local council that good and proper governance especially from the point of view of finance entrusted to the Local Council gives the maximum value to the community we serve.

We also take this opportunity and thank you for your audit service as well as for the co-operation and courtesy of your staff during the course of your audit.

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