



National Audit Office

Notre Dame Ravelin

Floriana FRN 1601

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## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 - Management Letter

Reference is made to the Auditor's management letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 ref: MB/bb/109424. In terms of Section P2.06P (d.02) of the Local Councils (Audit) Procedures 2006, on behalf of the Marsa Local Council (hereinafter, "the Council"), we are presenting herewith the following comments on the points raised. During the January, February, March, April till 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 the financial responsibility of the Council was under the headship of Mr Edward Spiteri Audibert as the Executive Secretary. Ms Mariella Strout first assumed responsibility as Deputy Executive Secretary from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024. There was also a change in Mayorship, for the first 6 months the Mayor was Mr Josef Azzopardi, however after the Local Councils elections the new Mayor of Local Council is in the responsibility of Mr Luke Farrugia.

The Management Letter was presented to the Council for discussion during Council Meeting number 19 which was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Consequently, the following comments were discussed and approved accordingly.

### **1. Previous Management Letter**

The Council welcomes the positive remarks by the auditor on point 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 and that the efforts made by the Council administration to rectify issues brought forward in the previous audit have now been solved.

### **2. LES receivables**

The difference between the LES debtor in the accounting system and the balance as per Loqus system will be adjusted. However, as stated by the auditors this will not result in any adjustment to the financial statements since the same adjustment will be passed on the provision for doubtful debts. Moreover, the Council has taken note of the Auditor's recommendation and remind Loqus regarding this annual recurrent issue.

### **3. Payable-Charges made by Southern Regional Council.**

The Council has taken note of the recommendation of the Auditors and will be pursuing for guidance from the Department of Local Government with regards the waste rejects payable balance of 2023. Moreover, such guidance will be sought through a circular or an agreement.

### **4. Personal emoluments -FS reports**

The Council has taken note of the Auditor's recommendation to reconcile the FS reports monthly to avoid variances.

### **Conclusion**

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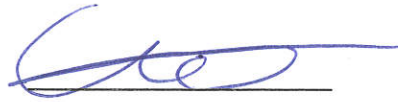
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As a follow-up, the Council will seek to address all the issues raised in this year's management letter namely point 4. However, we reiterate that certain points such as 2 and 3 mentioned are outside the control of the Council and hence very difficult to rectify. During the coming year, the Council will continue to further strengthen and improve its operations, controls and accounting records.



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Mr Luke Farrugia  
Mayor



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Ms Mariella Strout  
Deputy Executive Secretary