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Councillor H N Khumalo
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Councillor S Singh

TRADITIONAL LEADERS

Nkosi B S Radebe : Not Present

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Municipal Manager Mr Z W Mcineka Strategic Executive Director: Corporate Services P Thabethe Dr D Strategic Executive Director: DP&HS P Mrs Ν Khathide Director: Administration D R Molefe Mrs Director: Budget and Financial Reforms S Mr М Ndlovu Acting Manager: General Administration and Secretariat Z Mrs Sibeko

CM 85: ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET: CAPITAL ROLL-OVERS AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS (T 6/1/1)

RESOLVED

- (a) That, approval be granted for committed internally funded projects for 2021/22 financial year be rolled over to the 2022/23 financial year, attached as Annexure "A".
- (b) That, applications for roll-over of the unspent grants received in 2021/22 be submitted to the National and Provincial Treasury.
- (c) That, roll-over applications approved as per (b) above be immediately appropriated into the 2022/23 budget to avoid further delays on the projects.
- (d) That, the IDP and PMS be amended according with the adjustments emanating from (a) and (b) above.
- (e) That, a report detailing on how funds were managed, hence the required roll-over, be submitted to the Finance Portfolio Standing Committee.

I, the undersigned, **ZAMOKWAKHE WESLEY MCINEKA**, in my capacity as **MUNICIPAL MANAGER** to the Newcastle Municipal Council, hereby certify the above as a true extract from the minutes of the special virtual Council meeting held on 24 August 2022.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Newcastle

ADJUSTMENTS BUDGET: CAPITAL ROLL-OVERS AND APPROPRIATION OF GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS: (T6/1/1-2022/23): BUDGET AND TREASURY OFFICE: AUGUST 2022

Ref. No

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: KZN Provincial Treasury

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain council approval to roll-over unspent balances of the internally funded and committed projects. The report also seeks to obtain council approval to appropriate balances of grants for which roll-over approval has been obtained from National and Provincial Treasuries.

2. BACKGROUND

The municipality has experienced delays in the completion of some of the projects in the 2021/22 financial year, mainly due to the impact of the delays in appointing contractors for certain projects and the challenges on the group for some of the projects. If these projects are not completed, expenditure already incurred on such projects may result in fruitless and wasteful expenditure as well as the reverting of funds to the National Revenue Fund for those projects funded by conditional grants. It is therefore imperative that Council considers rolling over these balances to the current financial year.

3. DISCUSSION

Roll over of internally funded projects is done in line with Section 28(1)(e) of the Municipal Finance Management Act read together with regulation 23(5) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations which requires Council to authorise the spending of funds that were unspent at the end of the past financial year, where the underspending could not have been reasonably foreseen to be included as part of the annual budget preparation.

The list of the projects or balances to be rolled over are contained in the annexures below:

Annexure A

This annexure contains the balances of internally funded and committed projects for which approval for rollovers is sought from Council. An amount of R23 million to complete projects which were delayed last year is required to be rolled over as some of them are already on the ground. It must be mentioned that R17 million of the afore-mentioned amount includes the accreditation and LGSETA funds for which application for roll-overs is not required as the conditions for these grants were already met upon receipt of grant funding.

Annexure B

This annexure contains balances of projects funded from conditional grants which were received during and prior to 2021/22 financial years and for which applications for roll-overs will be submitted to National of Provincial Treasuries by 31 August 2022 in line with DoRA S21. Approval is sought to appropriate these balances into the budget as soon as the approval from National and Provincial Treasuries has been obtained. An amount of R137.3 million is required for this purpose.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 28(1)(e) of the Municipal Finance Management Act read together with regulation 23(5) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations stipulates that, by not later than 25 August, the municipality may adopt an adjustments budget to authorise the spending of funds that were unspent at the end of the past financial year where the under-expenditure could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time to include projected roll-overs where the annual budget of the current year was approved by council.

Section 21 of the 2021 DoRA, in conjunction with the Division of Revenue Amendment Act, 2021 (DoRA), requires that any conditional grants which are not spent at the end of the municipal financial year must revert to the National Revenue Fund (NRF), unless the rollover of the allocation is approved. The receiving officer is required to prove to the satisfaction of National Treasury that the unspent allocation is committed to identifiable projects, in which case the funds may be rolled over.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of unspent capital funds and unconditional grants in done in accordance with the approved Budget Policy of the Newcastle Municipality.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Circular 115 reiterates the requirements of the rollover and unspent conditional grants process in line with conditions outlined in the annual Division of Revenue Act. Municipalities are required to apply for rollover approval for any unspent conditional grants that were allocated through the annual Division of Revenue Act. Failure by the municipality to make an application or obtain approval may result to a municipality paying all unspent grants to the National Treasury or have it deducted from its equitable share. Applications amounting to R137 million have been made in this regard. This amount includes an amount of R110 million in respect of housing projects, which was received in the 2021/22 financial year.

Furthermore, internally funded projects amounting to R23 million will be appropriated to the 2022/23 budget is approved. In must be noted that expenditure on some of these projects has already been made, and failure to roll-over unspent funds may result into the fruitless and wasteful for expenditure already incurred if these projects are not completed.

RISKS

The failure to receive the positive response on grant application may result in the municipality having to revert unspent conditional grants back to National Treasury, whereas failure to approve committed internally funded projects already on ground may result to fruitless and wasteful expenditure if they are not completed.

5. MANAGEMENT OF RISKS

The municipality is currently implementing the Budget Funding Plan to ensure that expenditure is prioritised to core-functions. There may be a need to reprioritise funding from other votes is roll-overs are not approved in order to complete projects already committed.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That approval be granted for committed internally funded projects for 2021/22 financial year to be rolled over to the 2022/23 financial year as per Annexure A
- 6.2 That applications for roll-over of the unspent grants received in 2021/22 be submitted to the National and Provincial Treasuries;
- 6.3 That roll-over applications approved as per (b) above be immediately appropriated into the 2022/23 budget to avoid further delays on projects;
- 6.4 That the IDP and PMS be amended according with the adjustments emanating from a and b above.

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