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Re-Management letter for Audit for year ending 31st December 2023.

We are in receipt of the management letter dated 7th May 2024, in connection with the annual audit of the L-Imsida Local Council (L.C) financial records for the year ending 31st December 2023.

Whilst we would like to take this opportunity to thank your firm for the services and cooperation provided to the L.C during their field work, we would also like to comment as follows:

1 Previous management letter

1.1 Debtors

The L.C took note on comments about overdue receivables, refer to replies in 2.1

The L.C took note on comments about confirmation of debtors, refer to replies in 2.2

1.2 Expenditures

The L.C took note and aims to maintain compliance

2.1 Overdue receivables



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The L.C took note. As stated in the previous year reply, efforts have been increased to pursue with the request for the settlement of €23,266.59 some of which the debtor has settled. The LC has resent a statement and copies of pending invoices pointing out that the higher percentage of the balance is comprised of the overdue amounts whilst others more current have been settled. Until resolved the LC will keep communicating with the accounts department at LESA to reconcile from their end the remaining overdue balance (€15,747) and strive for settlement.

2.2 Confirmation of debtors

As stated in the previous reply to management letter 2022 the Local Council has been in contact with Wasteserv Malta throughout 2023 to ensure that all invoices are approved and recorded in their books. This comprised frequent reminders until feedback on status was received in October / November explaining that further to the previous reasons given there are two monthly invoices that were showing an extra collection day of organic waste for the related month. Upon checking the LC agreed and amended accordingly and likewise complained that this does not justify the delay to record and approve the other correct invoice amounts which could have been settled earlier and not kept on hold.

3 Income

3.1 Government Allocation

Prior to the issue of circular 1/2024 dated 11th March 2024 the Region was managing according to the previous circular 5/2023 dated 7th March 2023 whereas clause 11 says that towards the end of the year, the Regional Council reconciles all the amounts paid with the Local Councils' financial allocation and return any balances that remain in favour of Local Councils. Re compliance the Financial Statements as of 31st December 2023 were already completed and approved by the Local Council on the 30th of January 2024.

3.2 Other Government income

Remarks noted and the LC shall apply as recommended when similar funding schemes are presented.

4 Leases

Remarks lease agreement updates noted and the LC shall comply as recommended.

5 Deferred Income

Remarks noted and the LC shall review and present any grants received to comply as recommended.



Conclusion

The I-Imsida Local Council would like to take this opportunity once again to thank your firm for the services offered and cooperation shown and for the comments raised for the L.C to operate in a smoother and more efficient manner.



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cc. Mr Christopher Galea, Director Monitoring and Support, Local Government Division.

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