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12th October, 2020

The Director
Department for Local Government 26, Archbishop Street
Valletta Dear Sir,

Re: Management Letter

The Hamrun Local Council has reviewed the comments and recommendations brought forward by the Local Government Auditors Nexia BT regarding the accounting system and procedures operated by our Council for the year ended 31 December 2019. The following are Council's comments as regards queries mentioned in same Management Letter.

Replies for the Notes in the Management Letter


1. The council should have an internal process of requesting at least quarterly statements from those suppliers that render ongoing services to the council. This will facilitate a more timely reconciliation of the amounts due and allow for any adjustments before the council closes its annual financial statements. Hence, at this stage, it is important that the council attempts to get such statements as at 30th September 2020 so a reconciliation is made before the processing of Q4.
2. In conjunction with the above note, it is important that the council chases the respective authorities for a resolution on the amounts due from Water Services Corporation and also from Wasteserve for tipping fees. Whilst we appreciate that are issues effecting other councils, the council can document its attempts to resolve the matter, which would be than presented to the auditors.
3. Car park share of profits – the council needs to make sure that it has timely statements from the operator to be able to account for its share of profits.

4.

Conclusion

Finally, the Council would like to emphasize that it will continue to do its utmost to adhere to financial procedures as regulated in the Local Councils Act, the Financial Procedures and other relative Legal Not ices.


Christian Sammut
Mayor


Daniel Bugeja
Executive Secretary