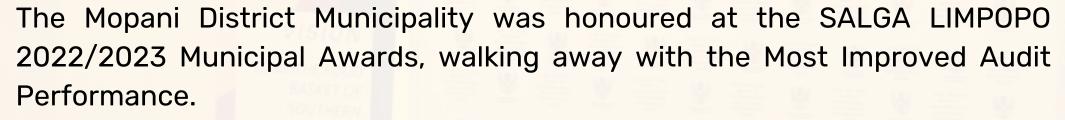


## MDM WALKS AWAY WITH 2022/23 MOST IMPROVED AUDIT PERFORMANCE





The Municipality managed to move away from a disclaimer opinion to a qualified audit opinion in the 2022/23 financial year. The Executive Mayor Cllr. Pule Shayi has credited the achievement to the collective efforts both at the level of council and administration, describing it as a quantum leap.

"And many people who do not appreciate the historical context of this disclaimer may easily underestimate this progress. Those that have been in council for long have made a strong argument for celebration of this epoch-changing progress.







"We are from a history of always recording a century plus in findings from AGSA, including in the 2021/22 financial year, but today we have 58 findings from the AGSA. We have made slight, but significant improvement on Property, Plant and Equipment, Contract Management, Revenue Management, Expenditure Management, and it has helped us to reduce paragraphs as compared to the previous financial year,"he said.

The Municipality made huge progress on human resource management, achieving an unqualified audit opinion. "This of course is an opportunity to appreciate the colleagues in council for the support, in particular the PMT, Mayoral Committee, oversight committees, but also the robust debates from opposition parties. This generation of councillors is a beacon of hope for our people.

The Executive Mayor said this achievement will help set the Municipality on a path to achieve unqualified audit opinion. "It is through your oversight work that we are able to build a culture of accountability and consequence management for people who fail to perform."

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