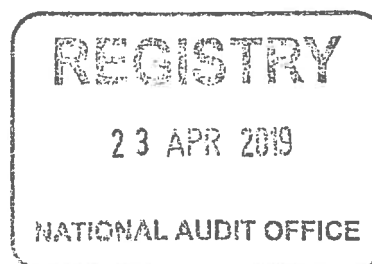


Local Council Marsaxlokk

Annual Audit Report

for the year ended 31 December 2018

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**Statement of Local Council Members' and Executive Secretary's Responsibilities
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

The Local Councils (Financial) Regulations require the Executive Secretary to prepare a detailed annual administrative report which includes a statement of comprehensive income for the year, and of the Council's retained funds at the end of year. By virtue of the same regulations it is the duty of the Local Council and the Executive Secretary to ensure that the financial statements forming part of the report present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies applicable to Local Councils, the income and expenditure of the Local Council for the year and its retained funds as at the year end, and that they comply with the Act, the Local Council (Financial) Regulations, and the Local Council (Financial) Procedures issued in terms of the said Act.

The Executive Secretary is responsible to maintain a continuous internal control to ascertain that the accounting, recording and other financial operations are properly conducted in accordance with the Local Councils Act, Local Council (Financial) Regulations, and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures. The Executive Secretary is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This statement was approved by the Council on 9 April 2019 and signed on its behalf by:


Horace Gauci
Mayor


Emma Vella
Executive Secretary

**Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

		2018	2017
	Notes	€	(Restated) €
Revenue			
Funds received from Central Government	3	414,299	386,504
Income raised under Local Enforcement System	4	1,861	6,854
General Income	6	18,428	11,613
		<u>434,588</u>	<u>404,971</u>
Expenditure			
Personal Emoluments	7	(106,732)	(96,338)
Operations and maintenance	8	(179,242)	(177,575)
Administration and other expenditure	9	(189,239)	(117,020)
		<u>(475,213)</u>	<u>(390,933)</u>
Operating (loss)/profit for the year		(40,625)	14,038
Finance income	5	25	11
(Loss)/profit for the year		<u>(40,600)</u>	<u>14,049</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 26 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 €	2017 (Restated) €
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	222,705	319,335
		<u>222,705</u>	<u>319,335</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	11	19,687	19,561
Cash and cash equivalents	12	176,154	109,777
		<u>195,841</u>	<u>129,338</u>
Total Assets		<u>418,546</u>	<u>448,673</u>
RESERVES			
Retained earnings		356,877	397,477
Total reserves		<u>356,877</u>	<u>397,477</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	61,669	51,196
Total Liabilities		<u>61,669</u>	<u>51,196</u>
Total reserves and liabilities		<u>418,546</u>	<u>448,673</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Local Council on 9th April 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



Horace Gauci
Mayor



Emma Vella
Executive Secretary

The notes on pages 6 to 26 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

	Retained Funds	Total
	€	€
At 1 January 2017	383,428	383,428
Profit for the year	14,049	14,049
At 31 December 2017	<u>397,477</u>	<u>397,477</u>
At 1 January 2018	397,477	397,477
Loss for the year	(40,600)	(40,600)
At 31 December 2018	<u>356,877</u>	<u>356,877</u>

Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 December 2018

	2018		2017 (Restated)
	€	€	€ €
Net (loss)/ profit for the year	(40,600)		14,049
Reconciliation to cash generated from operations:			
Amortisation and Depreciation	101,055		32,666
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	-		921
Movement in Provision for Doubtful Debts	(627)		(384)
Interest receivable	(25)		(11)
Government grant released	-		(870)
Operating surplus before working capital changes	59,803		46,371
(Increase) /decrease in receivables	(2,495)		985
Decrease in other receivables	2,995		9,824
(Decrease) in payables	(11,338)		(3,700)
Increase in other payables	21,811		6,222
Cash generated from operating activities		70,776	59,702
Cash flow from Investing activities			
Interest received	25		11
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(5,318)		(5,623)
Grants received	894		1,317
Cash used in investing activities		(4,399)	(4,295)
Net Increase in cash in the year		66,377	55,407
Cash and equivalents at beginning of year		109,777	54,370
Cash and equivalents at end of year		176,154	109,777

1. General Information

The Marsaxlokk Local Council is the local authority of Malta set up in accordance with the Local Councils Act(1993). The office of the Local Council is situated at 2, Triq Vittorjo Cassar, Marsaxlokk. These financial statements were approved for issue by the Council Members on 9 April 2019. The Local Council's company's presentation as well as functional currency is €.

2. Accounting Policies and Reporting Procedures

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Accounting convention

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include fair values where it is stated in the accounting policies below. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Local Councils Act Cap. 363, the Financial Regulations issued in terms of this Act and the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures 1996 enacted in Malta and with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards.

These financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the accounting policies and reporting procedures prescribed for Local Councils in the Financial Regulations issued by the Minister of Finance in conjunction with the Minister responsible for Local Government in terms of section 67 of the Local Councils Act (Cap. 363).

New and amended standards adopted by the Local Council

In the current year the Council has applied the below new and revised IFRS issued by IASB that is mandatory effective for financial year beginning 1st January 2018.

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments' addresses the classification and measurement of financial assets and replaces the multiple classification and measurement tools in IAS 39 with a single model that only has two classification categories: amortised cost and fair value. Classification under IFRS 9 will be driven by the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual characteristics of the financial assets. IFRS 9 is effective for financial periods beginning on, or after, 1 January 2018.

New standards and Interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2018, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements of the Local Council.

IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition of Material include amendments to its definition of material to make it easier for companies to make materiality judgements. Subject to adoption by EU, IAS 1 and IAS 8 Definition of Material, will be effective for financial periods beginning on, or after, 1 January 2020.

IFRS 9 Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation allow instruments with symmetric prepayment options to qualify for amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income measurement. It will be effective for financial periods beginning on, or after, 1 January 2019.

Amendments to references to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS standards include some important issues which were not covered or were unclear or out of date. It contain a new chapter on measurement; guidance on reporting financial performance; improved definitions of an asset and a liability and clarifications in important areas. Subject to adopted by EU, it will be effective for financial periods beginning on, or after, 1 January 2020.

Annual improvements to IFRS Standards 2015-2017. Subject to adopted by EU, it will be effective for financial periods beginning on, or after, 1 January 2019.

IFRS 16, 'Leases', introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments. A lessee measures right-of-use assets similarly to other non-financial assets (such as property, plant and equipment) and lease liabilities similarly to other financial liabilities. As a consequence, a lessee recognises depreciation of the right-of-use asset and interest on the lease liability, and also classifies cash repayments of the lease liability into a principal portion and an interest portion and presents them in the statement of cash flows applying IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows. IFRS 16 contains expanded disclosure requirements for lessees. Lessees will need to apply judgement in deciding upon the information to disclose to meet the objective of providing a basis for users of financial statements to assess the effect that leases have on the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the lessee. IFRS 16, will be effective for financial periods beginning on, or after, 1 January 2019.

The Councillors are assessing the impact that the adoption of these International Financial Reporting Standards will have on the financial statements in the period of initial application. The Councillors anticipate that the adoption of other International Financial Reporting Standards that were in issue at the date of authorisation of these financial statements, but not yet effective will have no material impact on the financial statements in the period of initial application.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses to date. Depreciation is calculated on a monthly basis using the straight line method at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

	%
Land	0
Trees	0
Buildings	1
Office Furniture and Fittings	7.5 - 100
Construction Works	10 - 100
Urban Improvements (Street Furniture)	10 - 100
Special Projects	10 - 100
Office Equipment	20 - 100
Motor Vehicles	20 - 46
Plant and Machinery	20 - 100
Computer Equipment	25 - 100
Plants	100
Litter Bins	Replacement Basis
Playground Furniture	100
Traffic Signs	Replacement Basis
Road Signs	Replacement Basis
Street Mirrors	Replacement Basis
Street Lights	100

Up to the year ended 31st December 2017, depreciation was calculated on a monthly basis using the reducing balance method at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life according to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment. On 1st January 2018, the straight line method in line with IAS 16, has been adopted, in line with the Directive No.1/2017 issued by the Department for Local Government. This is a change in accounting estimate, and according to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, it has been accounted for prospectively.

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit. The residual values and useful lives of the assets are reviewed and adjusted as appropriate, at each end of the reporting period. The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Subsequent costs are included in the carrying amount of the asset or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Impairment of trade and other receivables

Trade and other assets are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value subsequently recognised in profit and loss. The Council applies the simplified approach for all trade receivables and contract assets. Accordingly, the assessment to determine whether there is a significant increase in credit risk is not applicable for such financial assets.

Where the Council does not have reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort to measure life time expected credit loss on an individual instrument basis and in order to ensure the life time expected credit losses are recognised before an asset becomes credit-impaired or an actual default occurs, life time expected credit losses on the remaining financial assets are measured on a collective basis. In such instances and where appropriate, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics and the life time expected credit losses are estimated using a provision matrix based on actual credit loss experience over past years, which is adjusted to reflect current conditions and the Council's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

Such adjustments are based on factors that are specific to the debtors and economic and industry indicators such as GDP, unemployment rates and/or industry projections, where applicable, unless the effect is considered to be immaterial.

The Council's trade receivables are of a short-term nature as they are based on credit terms of less than one year and, thus, do not include a significant financing component.

For the purpose of the provision matrix, loss rates are calculated using a 'roll rate' method based on the probability a receivable progressing through successive stages of delinquency over a selected period, taking into consideration the applicable credit terms for such debtors and the past due status. Unless the effect is immaterial, for receivables after 360 days, the loss rate was adjusted to take into consideration the proportion of actual recoveries over the selected period.

Impairment of cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are demand deposits, a 1-day probability of default has been applied, based on the respective external ratings of the counterparty banks and an adequate loss given default rate to the carrying amount at the measurement date.

The Council banks with local financial institutions with high quality standing and rating and management consider the probability of default to be close to zero.

Leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Related parties

Related parties are those persons or bodies of persons having relationships with the Council as defined in International Accounting Standard No. 24

Revenue

Revenue is recognised when there are no significant uncertainties concerning the derivation of consideration or associated costs. Interest income is recognised in the profit or loss as it accrues.

Local Enforcement System

Up till August 2011, the Council used to manage the the Local Enforcement System in its locality and used to receive all the income generated from the fines. As from 1 September 2011, the Council started to form part of the Southern Region, which took over the management of Local Enforcement System and the Council is receiving a 10 % administration fee on every fine paid at the Council. As from October 2015, LESA took over the administration of the Local Enforcement System.

Government grants

Government grants relating to operating expenditure are recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period that the related expenditure is incurred.

Government grants relating to the purchase of property, plant and equipment are accounted for using the capital approach, and are thus deducted from the carrying amount of the relative non-current asset.

Up to the year ended 31st December 2017, government grants were accounted for using the income approach according to IAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance. On 1st January 2018, the capital approach, according to IAS 20, has been adopted, in line with the Directive No 1/2017 issued by the Department for Local Government. This is a change in accounting policy, and according to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, it has been accounted for retrospectively.

Profits and losses

Only losses that were realised at the date of the statement of financial position are recognised in these financial statements. All foreseeable liabilities and potential losses arising up to the said date are accounted for even if they become apparent between the said date and the date on which the financial statements are approved.

Cash and equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents are carried in the statement of financial position. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and balances held with banks.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Council becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantially all risks and rewards are transferred.

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are measured initially at fair value plus transactions costs. They are measured subsequently as described below.

Financial assets

Trade and other assets are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value subsequently recognised in profit and loss. Details of impairment policies and the calculation of the loss allowance as per above.

Financial liabilities

The Council's financial liabilities include other payables. These are stated at their nominal amount which is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

All interest-related charges are included within 'finance costs.'

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

In the opinion of the Council, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical in terms of the requirements of IAS 1 .

Capital management policies

The Council's objectives when managing capital are:

- to safeguard the council's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide services and benefits to its local community

The Council sets the amount of capital in proportion to risk. The Council manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

The Council monitors capital on the basis of the debt-to-adjusted capital ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt + adjusted capital. Net debt is calculated as total debt (as shown in the statement of financial position) less cash and cash equivalents. Adjusted capital comprises of retained earnings.

3. Funds received from central government

	2018	2017
	€	Restated
		€
In terms of section 55 of the Local Council Act	339,221	325,280
Supplementary Government Income	3,116	3,908
Other Government Income	71,962	57,316
	<u>414,299</u>	<u>386,504</u>

4. Local Enforcement Income

	2018	2017
	€	€
LESA income distribution	-	3,672
Income from LES administration fees	1,861	3,182
	<u>1,861</u>	<u>6,854</u>

5. Investment Income

	2018	2017
	€	€
Bank Interest	25	11
	<u>25</u>	<u>11</u>

6. General Income

	2018	2017
	€	€
General Income	3	2
Media Advertising	1,020	991
Contractors' Guarantees Withdrawn	1,546	-
Contributions	1,185	-
Insurance Claims	-	726
Income from Permits	14,674	9,894
	<u>18,428</u>	<u>11,613</u>

7. (Loss)/profit for the year

	2018	2017
	€	€
(Loss)/profit for the year is stated after charging:		
Staff salaries	106,732	96,338
Depreciation of non-current assets	101,055	32,666
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	-	921

Personal Emoluments

	2018	2017
	€	€
Mayor's Allowance	7,464	7,345
Councillors' Allowance	6,400	6,400
Executive Secretary Salary and Allowances	30,053	22,629
Employees' Salaries	55,440	54,257
Social Security Contributions	7,375	5,707
	<u>106,732</u>	<u>96,338</u>

8. Operations and Maintenance

	2018	2017
	€	€
<i>Repairs and Upkeep:</i>		
Public Property	-	80
Road/Street Pavements	439	1,795
Signs and road markings	1,457	1,454
Road Markings	561	1,026
Office Furniture and Equipment	994	379
Plant & Equipment	133	763
Maintenance of motor vehicle	127	783
Sundry Repairs	35	-
Other repairs and Upkeep	3,384	1,360
Council Property	-	236
	<u>7,130</u>	<u>7,876</u>

Contractual Services:

Waste Disposal	-	24
Refuse Collection	73,337	70,432
Bulky Refuse Collection	5,202	5,079
Tipping fees	21,312	17,648
Hire of Open Skips	952	531
Cleaning Services	-	1,456
Road & Street Cleaning	21,775	22,354
Cleaning & Maintenance Non-Urban Roads	330	-
Cleaning - Public Conveniences	30,690	30,433
Cleaning - Council Premises	-	582
Cleaning & Maintenance Parks & Gardens	1,017	12,446
Clean. & Maint. Soft Areas	6,333	-
Street Lighting	10,989	8,610
Local Enforcement Expenses	175	104
	<u>172,112</u>	<u>169,699</u>
	<u>179,242</u>	<u>177,575</u>

9. Administration and other expenditure

	2018	2017 (Restated)
	€	€
Utilities	11,516	28,035
Uniforms	430	822
Sundry materials & supplies	1,644	1,475
Rent	8,431	8,400
Participation fee - Nat. Mtg.	283	165
Printing	6,043	3,061
Stationery	1,232	1,019
Subscriptions	520	838
Couriers	2,843	2,321
Postages	454	386
Other Office Services	-	250
Transport	1,644	2,498
Travel	557	-
Information Services	4,626	6,280
Insurance Coverage	2,881	2,566
Bank Charges	166	262
IT Development Services	3,280	4,312
Legal services	950	200
Accountancy services	5,901	2,880
Other support services	7,207	2,913
Entertainment	-	350
Other Hospitality Costs	874	1,017
Social Events	9,948	13,707
Community Services	-	60
Sundry Expenses	17,381	-
Provision for LES receivables	(627)	(384)
Loss on disposal of assets	-	921
Amortisation and Depreciation	101,055	32,666
	<u>189,239</u>	<u>117,020</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

10. Property, plant and equipment

	Motor Vehicle	Property	Construction Works	New Street Signs	Urban Improvements	Plant and Machinery	Office & Computer Equipment	Office Furniture & fittings	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost									
At 1 January 2017	33,618	57,635	1,482,518	14,554	319,002	33,934	75,952	99,607	2,116,820
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,653	-	1,297	2,673	5,623
Disposal	(12,811)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,059)	(421)	(16,291)
At 31 December 2017	20,807	57,635	1,482,518	14,554	320,655	33,934	74,190	101,859	2,106,152
Grants									
At 1 January 2017	-	-	760,810	-	178,414	-	-	-	939,224
Government grant prior years	-	44,232	-	-	86,552	-	50,489	57,862	239,135
Government grants current year	-	-	-	-	-	-	687	-	687
At 31 December 2017	-	44,232	760,810	-	264,966	-	51,176	57,862	1,179,046
Depreciation									
At 1 January 2017	18,717	763	418,895	14,554	99,187	22,763	29,322	22,210	626,411
Adjusted	-	(606)	-	-	(17,220)	-	(13,173)	(4,937)	(35,936)
	18,717	157	418,895	14,554	81,967	22,763	16,149	17,273	590,475
On disposals	(12,067)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,999)	(304)	(15,370)
Charge for the year	2,980	569	26,555	-	4,332	1,123	10,325	5,732	51,616
Adjusted	-	(436)	-	-	(6,966)	-	(7,579)	(3,969)	(18,950)
At 31 December 2017	9,630	290	445,450	14,554	79,333	23,886	15,896	18,732	607,771
Net book values									
At 31 December 2017	11,177	56,303	276,258	-	38,722	10,048	37,542	74,221	504,271
As adjusted	11,177	13,113	276,258	-	(23,644)	10,048	7,118	25,265	319,335
Difference	-	43,190	-	-	62,366	-	30,424	48,956	184,936

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2018**

10. Property, plant and equipment

	Motor Vehicle	Property	Construction Works	New Street Signs	Urban Improvements	Plant and machinery	Office & Computer Equipment	Office Furniture & fittings	Assets under construction	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Cost										
At 1 January 2018	20,807	57,635	1,482,518	14,554	320,655	33,934	74,190	101,859	-	2,106,152
Additions	-	-	-	-	0	1,163	2,527	580	1,048	5,318
Reclassification	(1)	(2)	1,365	-	3,222	(19,265)	17,546	(2,865)	-	-
At 31 December 2018	20,806	57,633	1,483,883	14,554	323,877	15,832	94,263	99,574	1,048	2,111,470
Grants										
At 1 January 2018	-	44,232	760,810	-	264,966	-	51,176	57,862	-	1,179,046
Government grant current year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	894	-	894
At 31 December 2018	-	44,232	760,810	-	264,966	-	51,176	58,756	-	1,179,940
Depreciation										
At 1 January 2018	9,630	290	445,450	14,554	79,333	23,886	15,896	18,732	-	607,771
Reclassification	1	-	(615)	-	161	(11,081)	11,546	(12)	-	-
Charge for the year	5,067	134	132,807	-	(51,810)	1,326	8,031	5,499	-	101,054
At 31 December 2018	14,698	424	577,642	14,554	27,684	14,131	35,473	24,219	-	708,825
Net book values										
At 31 December 2018	6,108	12,977	145,431	-	31,227	1,701	7,614	16,599	1,048	222,705

11. Receivables

	2018	2017
	€	€
Receivables	7,375	4,880
Other receivables	2,804	2,808
Accrued income	4,462	9,728
Financial assets	14,641	17,416
Prepayments	5,046	2,145
	<u>19,687</u>	<u>19,561</u>

Receivables

Receivables are non-interest- bearing and are generally on 30-days term.

General receivables are analysed as follows:

	2018	2017
	€	€
Within credit period	4,025	3,758
Exceeded credit period but not impaired	3,350	1,122
	<u>7,375</u>	<u>4,880</u>

LES Debtors

LES debtors are stated after a specific provision for doubtful debts amounting to € 49,625 (2017:€ 50,253).

The movement in the provision for doubtful debts is as follows:

	2018	2017
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	50,253	50,637
(Decrease) in provision for LES Debtors	(628)	(384)
Balance at 31 December	<u>49,625</u>	<u>50,253</u>

12. Cash and equivalents

	2018	2017
	€	€
Bank Balances	175,955	109,551
Cash in Hand	199	226
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>176,154</u>	<u>109,777</u>

13. Payables

	2018	2017
	€	(Restated)
	€	€
Payables	16,791	28,129
Other payables	117	-
Accruals	38,816	19,145
Financial Liabilities	<u>55,724</u>	<u>47,274</u>
Deferred income	2,245	630
Indirect taxes and social security	3,700	3,292
	<u>61,669</u>	<u>51,196</u>

14. Prior year adjustment

As from 1st January 2018, the capital approach, according to IAS 20, has been adopted, in line with the Directive No 1/2017 issued by the Department for Local Government. This is a change in accounting policy, and according to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, it has been accounted for retrospectively.

In view of this, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been restated to reflect the correction of errors.

	Notes	2017 Originally reported €	Adjustment €	2017 Restated €
Funds received from Central Government	3	(405,454)	18,950	(386,504)
Administration and other expenditure	9	135,970	(18,950)	117,020
Property, plant and equipment	10	504,271	(184,936)	319,335
Non - current deferred income		(168,445)	168,445	-
Trade and other payables	13	(67,687)	16,491	(51,196)

The effect of the restatement on each financial statement line item affected is summarised below:

	Notes	2017 Originally reported €	Adjustment €	2017 Restated €
Other Government income	3	(76,266)	18,950	(57,316)
Depreciation	9	51,616	(18,950)	32,666
Property, plant and equipment	10	504,271	(184,936)	319,335
Non-current deferred income		(168,445)	168,445	-
Current deferred income	13	(17,121)	16,491	630

15. Capital commitments

	2018	2017
	€	€
Details of capital commitments at the accounting date are as follows:		
Approved but not yet contracted for	41,864	102,000
These could be analysed as follows:		
<i>(i) Approved but not yet contracted for:</i>		
Construction	-	100,000
Computer equipment	-	2,000
Urban improvement	41,864	-
	<u>41,864</u>	<u>102,000</u>

16. Contingent liability and contingent asset

A third party has instituted legal proceedings against the Council amounting to € 17,381 due to an incident that happened at Marsaxlokk. Though the Local Council has appealed the court decision, the above amount have been provided for.

17. Related party transactions

During the year under review, the Council carried out transactions with the following related parties:

<i>Name of Entity</i>	<i>Nature of relationship</i>
Department of Local Government	Significant control
Regional Committee (Local Enforcement)	Joint control
Fgura Joint Committee (Local Enforcement)	Joint control
Local Enforcement System Agency	No control
Gozo Regional Committee	No control
North Regional Committee	No control
South Regional Committee	No control
South Eastern Regional Committee	No control
Central Regional Committee	No control
Public General Head Quarters	No control
Local Councils' Association	No control
Malta Information Technology Agency	No control
Malta Communication Authority	No control
Malta Tourism Authority	No control
Malta Transport Authority	No control
Department of Lands	No control
Department of Inland Revenue	No control
Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Education	No control
Permanent Secretary - Ministry for Family & Social Solidarity	No control
Bank of Valletta plc	No control
Airmalta plc	No control
Jobs plus	No control
Arms Limited	No control
Planning Authority	No control
Environment and Resources Authority	No control
Water Services Corporation	No control
Enemalta Corporation	No control
Cleansing Services Department	No control
Director General - Works Division	No control
Wasteserv Malta Limited	No control
Commissioner for Data Protection	No control

The following were the significant transactions carried out by the Council with related parties having significant control:

	2018	2017
Annual Financial Allocation	339,221	325,280
€	€	€

Key management compensation

Transactions with key management personnel are disclosed in note 7.

18. Financial Risk Management

The exposure to risk and the way risks arise, together with the Local Council's objectives, policies and processes for managing and measuring these risks are disclosed in more detail below.

The objectives, policies and processes for managing financial risks and the methods used to measure such risks are subject to continual improvement and development.

Where applicable, any significant changes in the Local Council's exposure to financial risks or manner in which the council manages and measures these risks are disclosed below.

Where possible, the Local Council aims to reduce and control risk concentrations. Concentrations of financial risk arise when financial instruments with similar characteristics are influenced in the same way by changes in economic or other factors. The amount of the risk exposure associated with financial instruments sharing similar characteristics is disclosed in more detail in the notes to the financial statements.

<i>Categories of financial instruments</i>	2018	2017
<i>Financial assets</i>	€	€
<i>Loans and Receivables</i>		
Cash and bank balances	176,154	109,777
Receivables	14,324	17,416
	<u>190,478</u>	<u>127,193</u>
<i>Financial liabilities</i>		
Trade payables and other payables	55,724	47,274
	<u>55,724</u>	<u>47,274</u>

The Council is exposed to credit risk and liquidity risk through its use of financial instruments which result from its operating activities. The Council is not exposed to any market risk. The Council's risk management is coordinated by the Council members and focuses on actively securing the Council's short to medium term cash flows by minimising the exposure to financial risks.

The most significant financial risks to which the Council is exposed are described below.

Credit risk

The Council applies the simplified approach for all trade receivables and contract assets which uses a lifetime expected allowance. Accordingly, the assessment to determine whether there is a significant increase in credit risk is not applicable for such financial assets.

Where the Council does not have reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort to measure life time expected credit loss on an individual instrument basis and in order to ensure the life time expected credit losses are recognised before an asset becomes credit-impaired or an actual default occurs, life time expected credit losses on the remaining financial assets are measured on a collective basis. In such instances and where appropriate, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics and the life time expected credit losses are estimated using a provision matrix based on actual credit loss experience over past years, which is adjusted to reflect current conditions and the Council's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables

Such adjustments are based on factors that are specific to the debtors and economic and industry indicators such as GDP, unemployment rates and/or industry projections, where applicable, unless the effect is considered to be immaterial.

The Council's trade receivables are of a short-term nature as they are based on credit terms of less than one year and, thus, do not include a significant financing component.

For the purpose of the provision matrix, loss rates are calculated using a 'roll rate' method based on the probability a receivable progressing through successive stages of delinquency over a selected period, taking into consideration the applicable credit terms for such debtors and the past due status. Unless the effect is immaterial, for receivables after 360 days, the loss rate was adjusted to take into consideration the proportion of actual recoveries over the selected period.

As at 31 December 2018, trade receivables of € 3,350 were past due but not impaired. The ageing of these past due trade receivables was over 1 month. These mainly related to a number of government entities for whom there is no recent history of default and exposure is very limited. Whilst a number of customers account for a certain percentage of the Council's past due trade debts, management has not identified any major concerns with respect to concentration of credit risk. Categorisation of trade receivables as past due is determined by the Council on the basis of the nature of the credit terms in place and credit arrangements actually utilised in managing exposures with customers. Exposure is immaterial.

Previous accounting policy for impairment of trade and other receivables

In the prior year, the impairment of trade receivables was assessed based on the incurred loss model. Individual receivables which were known to be uncollectible were written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. The other receivables were assessed collectively to determine whether there was objective evidence that an impairment has been incurred but not yet been identified. For these receivables the estimated impairment losses were recognised in a separate provision for impairment.

The Council considered that there was evidence of impairment if any of the following indicators were present:

- significant financial difficulties of the debtor
- probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and
- default or late payments

Receivables for which an impairment provision was recognised were written off against the provision when there was no expectation of recovering additional cash.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Council banks only with local financial institution with high quality standing or rating. At 31 December 2018, cash and cash equivalents are held with counterparty with a credit rating of BBB and are callable on demand. Council consider the probability of default to be close to zero as the counterparty has a strong capacity to meet its contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognised based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the Council.

Liquidity risk

The Council is exposed to liquidity risk in relation to meeting future obligations associated with its financial liabilities, which comprise trade and other payables. Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash to ensure the availability of an adequate amount of funding to meet the Council's obligations.

Management monitors liquidity risk by reviewing expected cash flows and ensures that no additional financing facilities are expected to be required over the coming year. The Council manages its liquidity needs through yearly budgets and business plans by carefully monitoring expected cash inflows and outflows on a daily basis. At the end of the reporting period, the Local Council's net asset position amounted to € 134,172 (2017: € 78,142) in view of the matching of cash inflows and outflows arising from expected maturities of financial instruments. In this respect management does not consider liquidity risk to the Council as significant taking into account the liquidity management process referred to above.

The following table analyses the Council's financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at 31 December 2018 to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, as the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Current		Non- Current		Total
	Payable within 1 year	Payable withing 1 & 2 years	Payable within 2 & 5 years	Payable after more than 5 years	
31 December 2018	€	€	€	€	€
Payables	16,791	-	-	-	16,791
Other payables	117	-	-	-	117
Accruals	38,816	-	-	-	38,816
	<u>55,724</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,724</u>
31 December 2017					
Payables	28,129	-	-	-	28,129
Accruals	19,145	-	-	-	19,145
	<u>47,274</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,274</u>

With respect to the maturity of the Council's financial liabilities as at 31 December 2018, the Council disclose that the trade and other payables are entirely repayable within one year from the end of the respective reporting period.

19. Fair values estimation

The nominal values less estimated credit adjustments of receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values, otherwise, these have been adjusted to approximate their fair values.

20. Comparative Figures

Certain amounts have been re-classified to conform with the current year's presentation.

Report of the Local Government Auditor

To the Auditor General

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Marsaxlokk Local Council set out on pages 2 to 26 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2018, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union (EU), and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Councils Act Cap. 363, the Financial Regulations issued in terms of this Act, the Local Councils (Financial) Procedures 1996 (the "Legislation").

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Council in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements of the Accountancy Profession (Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders) Directive issued in terms of the Accountancy Profession Act, Cap. 281 that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Malta. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of those charged with governance for the financial statements

As described on page 1 the Executive Secretary and the members of the Local Council are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU and are properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Legislation, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Secretary and the members of the Local Council are responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless there is the intention to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Executive Secretary and the members of the Local Council are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

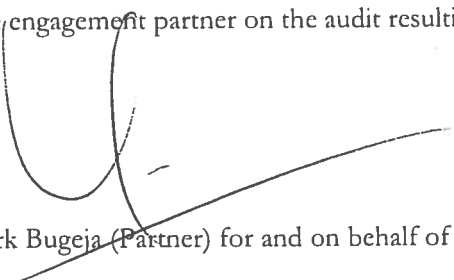
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However future events or conditions may cause the Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mark Bugeja.



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