

## BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPALITY

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### **BCM Mayor pledges commitment following Audit Report**

Newly appointed Buffalo City Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku-Hobana acknowledged the challenges the City faced in the last financial year and pledged Council commitment towards improvement.

This follows the Auditor General's comments during a presentation of its report at a Council meeting at the East London City Hall yesterday (27 January 2009).

Despite being a Vuna Award winner as the Best Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape last year, the City did not receive a qualified report from the Auditor General.

The City was the overall winner in the categories of i) Financial Viability and Transformation ii) Municipal Transformation and Institutional Development iii) Good Governance and Public Participation.

"The challenges that have been pointed out have been noted and we will indeed look into them," said Faku-Hobana.

All the political parties in Council also expressed optimism and pledged support towards the Auditor General's recommendations.

The Auditor General recommended that appropriate measures be introduced to ensure compliance with legislation, including the formulation of well constructed measurement tools for the Performance management System.

Addressing Council, Eastern Cape Auditor General Singa Nqwala urged members of City Council to rise up to the challenge.

"We are a democracy and should be honoured to serve this country. Keep up the good work but lets be honest...you did not do well," he said.

"We cannot allow this from happening again because this Municipality is a flagship of development in this province and - as an aspirant metro - one of the high capacity Municipalities," he said.

He cited various challenges including irregular expenditure but also provided some solutions.

"You need to put in place systems that deal with control activities and monitoring. You must take full responsibility as a collective," he said.

"It is our responsibility as a people of South Africa to improve this City. We want to showcase it to the world and put it on the map," Nqwala said.