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REPORT ON PUBLIC AUDIT AMENDMENT ACT WORKSHOP CONDUCTED FOR COUNCILLORS (SPEAKER) (3/1/4/3)

PURPOSE

To submit a report to Council about the workshop that was conducted for Councillors on the Public Audit Amendment Act, for noting.

BACKGROUND

On the 18th November 2018, President Cyril Ramaphosa signed into law the Public Audit Amendment Act, Act 5 of 2018 which substantially amends the Public Audit Act, Act 25 of 2004.

In a nutshell, the Public Audit Act of 2004 provided the Auditor-General with authority to establish auditing functions, but his office lacked the necessary power to enforce the implementation of the recommendations. In terms of Section 3(1A) of the Amendment Act, the Auditor-General will now be able to refer “suspected material irregularities” which arise from an audit, to a relevant public body, such as the SAP, Hawks, and the Public Protector, for investigation.

On the 15th January 2019, a workshop on the Public Audit Amendment Act was conducted for Councillors.

- *** Attached on page 1 to page 5 of the Addendum Annexures is the attendance register.
- *** Attached on page 6 to page 25 of the Addendum Annexures is Government Gazette No. 42045 dated 20 November 2018.
- *** Attached on page 26 to page 27 of the Addendum Annexures is further correspondence on the Amendment Act.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Municipal Finance Management Act
Public Audit Amendment Act, 2018

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council takes note of the item.