

Performance Agreement for the financial year 2023 / 2024 12 October 2023 - January 2024

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

MADE AND ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN KANNALAND MUNICIPALITY
HEREBY REPRESENTED BY:

THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

(herein and after referred as Employer)

AND

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

(herein and after referred as Employee)

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR:

12 OCTOBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the agreement is to:

- 1.1. comply with the provisions of Section 57(1)(b), (4A), (4B) and (5) of the Act as well as the employment contract entered into between Mr. Jeffery Donson, in his capacity as the Executive Mayor of Kannaland Municipality. and Hendrik Barnard, in his capacity as Acting Municipal Manager of Kannaland Municipality
- 1.2. Specify objectives and targets defined and agreed with the employee and to communicate to the employee the employer's expectations of the employee's performance and accountabilities in alignment with the Integrated Development Plan, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and the Budget of Kannaland Municipality;
- 1.3. Specify accountabilities as set out in a performance plan, which forms an annexure to the performance agreement;
- 1.4. Monitor and measure performance against set targeted outputs;
- 1.5. Use the performance agreement as the basis for assessing whether the employee has met the performance expectations applicable to his job;
- 1.6. In the event of outstanding performance, to appropriately reward the employee; and
- 1.7. Give effect to the employer's commitment to a performance-orientated relationship with its employee in attaining equitable and improved service delivery.

2. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

- 2.1. This performance agreement is entered into as from October 2023 to January 2024 financial year of Kannaland Municipality, or part thereof
- 2.2. The parties must review the provisions of this agreement during June each year and must conclude a new performance agreement that replaces the previous agreement at least once a year within one month after the commencement of the new financial year.
- 2.3. The agreement will terminate on the termination of the employee's contract of

employment for any reason.

2.4. If at any time during the validity of the agreement the work environment alters to the extent that the contents of the agreement are no longer appropriate, the contents must by mutual agreement between the parties, immediately be revised.

3. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. The performance plan sets out:
 - (a) The performance objectives and targets that must be met by the employee; and
 - (b) the time frames within which those performance objectives and targets must be met.
- 3.2. The performance objectives and targets reflected in the performance plan are set by the employer in consultation with the employee and based on the Integrated Development Plan, Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and the Budget of the municipality, and shall include key objectives; key performance indicators; target dates and weightings.
- 3.3. The key objectives describe the main tasks that need to be done. The key performance indicators provide the details of the evidence that must be provided to show that a key objective has been achieved. The target dates describe the timeframe in which the work must be achieved. The weightings show the relative importance of the key objectives to each other.
- 3.4. The employee's performance will, in addition, be measured in terms of contributions to the goals and strategies set out in the employer's Integrated Development Plan.

4. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- 4.1. The employee agrees to participate in the performance management system that the employer adopts or introduces for the municipality.
- 4.2. The employee accepts that the purpose of the performance management system will be to provide a comprehensive system with specific performance standards to assist the employer, management and municipal staff to perform to the standards required.
- 4.3. The employer will consult the employee about the specific performance standards that

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will be included in the performance management system as applicable to the employee.

- 4.4. The employee undertakes to actively focus towards the promotion and implementation of the Key Performance Areas (KPAs) (including special projects relevant to the employee's responsibilities) within the local government framework.
- 4.5. The criteria upon which the performance of the employee must be assessed consist of two components, both of which must be contained in the performance agreement. The employee must be assessed against both components, with a weighting of 80: 20 allocated to the Key Performance Areas (KPAs) and the Core Competency Requirements (CCRs), respectively. Each area of assessment will be weighted and will contribute a specific part to the total score. KPAs covering the main areas of work will account for 80% and CCRs will account for 20% of the final assessment.
- 4.6. The employee's assessment will be based on his performance in terms of the outputs/outcomes (performance indicators) identified as per the performance plan which are linked to the KPA's, which constitute 80% of the overall assessment result as per the weightings agreed to between the employer and employee.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS (KPA's)	WEIGHTING
KPA 1: To provide access to reliable infrastructure that will contribute to a	
higher quality of life for Kannaland citizens	
KPA 2: To provide adequate services and improve our public relations	
KPA 3: To strive towards a safe community in Kannaland through the	
proactive management of traffic, environmental health, fire and disaster risks	
KPA 4: To facilitate economic growth and social and community	
development	
KPA 5: To promote efficient and effective governance with high levels of	
stakeholder participation	
KPA 6: To provide an efficient workforce by aligning our institutional	
arrangements to our overall strategy	_ =
KPA 7: To strive toward financially sustainable municipality	
TOTAL	100%

4.7. In the case of managers directly accountable to the municipal manager, key performance

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areas related to the functional area of the relevant manager, must be subject to negotiation between the municipal manager and the relevant manager.

4.8. The CCR's will make up the other 20% of the employee's assessment score. CCRs that are deemed to be most critical for the employee's specific job should be selected from the list below as agreed to between the employer and the employee and must be considered with due regard to the proficiency level agreed to.

CORE COMPENTECY REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYEES (CCR)		
-	Indicate	Weighting
*	Choice	
	√	
Core Managerial competencies:		
Strategic Capability and Leadership		
Programme and Project Management		
Financial Management	1	
Change Management		
Knowledge Management		
Service Delivery Innovation		
Problem Solving and Analysis		
People Management and Empowerment	1	
Client Orientation and Customer Focus	1	
Communication		
Honesty and Integrity		
Core Occupational Competencies:		
Competence in Self-Management		
Interpretation of and implementation within the legislative and		
national policy frameworks		
Knowledge of developmental local government		
Knowledge of Performance Management and Reporting		
Knowledge of global and South African specific political, social and		
economic contexts		
Competence in policy conceptualisation, analysis and		
implementation		
Knowledge of more than one functional municipal field/ discipline		_

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CORE COMPENTECY REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYEES (CCR)		
` .	Indicate	Weighting
*	Choice	
	√	
Skills in Mediation		
Skills in Governance		
Competence as required by other national line sector		
departments		
Exceptional and dynamic creativity to improve the functioning of the		
municipality		
Total Percentage		100%

5. EVALUATING PERFORMANCE

- 5.1. The Performance Plan (Annexure B) to this Agreement sets out-
 - (a) The standards and procedures for evaluating the employee's performance; and
 - (b) the intervals for the evaluation of the employee's performance.
- 5.2. Despite the establishment of agreed intervals for evaluation, the employer may in addition review the employee's performance at any stage while the contract of employment remains in force.
- 5.3. Personal growth and development needs identified during any performance review discussion must be documented in a Personal Development Plan as well as the actions agreed to and implementation must take place within a set time frames.
- 5.4. The annual performance appraisal must involve:
 - (a) Assessment of the achievement of results as outlined in the performance plan:
 - (i) Each KPA should be assessed according to the extent to which the specified standards or performance indicators have been met and with due regard to ad hoc tasks that had to be performed under the KPA.
 - (ii) An indicative rating on the five-point scale should be provided for each KPA.
 - (iii) The applicable assessment rating calculator must then be used to add the scores and calculate a final KPA score.



(b) Assessment of the CCRs

- (i) Each CCR should be assessed according to the extent to which the specified standards have been met.
- (ii) An indicative rating on the five-point scale should be provided for each CCR.
- (iii) This rating should be multiplied by the weighting given to each CCR during the contracting process, to provide a score.
- (iv) The applicable assessment-rating calculator must then be used to add the scores and calculate a final CCR score.

(c) Overall rating

- (i) An overall rating is calculated by using the applicable assessment rating calculator. Such overall rating represents the outcome of the performance appraisal.
- (ii) The assessment of the performance of the employee will be based on the following rating scale for KPA's and CCR's:

LEVEL	Terminology	Description		F	Rati	ng	***
5	Outstanding performance	Performance far exceeds the standard expected of an employee at this level. The appraisal indicates that the Employee has achieved above fully effective results against all performance criteria and indicators as specified in the PA and Performance plan and maintain this in all areas of responsibility throughout the year.	1	2	3	4	5
4	Performance significantly above expectations	Performance is significantly higher than the standard expected in the job. The appraisal indicates that the Employee has achieved above fully effective results against more than half of the performance criteria and indicators and fully achieved allothers throughout the year.					
3	Fully effective	Performance fully meets the standards expected in all areas of the job. The appraisal indicates that the Employee has fully achieved effective results against all significant performance criteria and indicators as specified in the PA and Performance Plan.	the job. The appraisal indicates that the has fully achieved effective results significant performance criteria and				

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LEVEL	Terminology	Description	Rating
2	Not fully effective	Performance is below the standard required for the job in key areas. Performance meets some of the standards expected for the job. The review/assessment indicates that the employee has achieved below fully effective results against more than half the key performance criteria and indicators as specified in the PA and Performance Plan.	
1		Performance does not meet the standard expected for the job. The review/assessment indicates that they employee has achieved below fully effective results against almost all of the performance criteria and indicators as specified in the PA and Performance Plan. The employee has failed to demonstrate the commitment or ability to bring performance up to the level expected in the job despite management efforts to encourage improvement.	

- (d) For the purposes of evaluating the annual performance of the Municipal Manager, an evaluation panel constituted for the following persons must be established-
 - (i) Executive Mayor or Mayor;
 - (ii) Chairperson of the Performance Audit Committee or the Audit Committee in the absence of a Performance Audit Committee;
 - (iii) Member of the Mayoral or Executive Committee or in respect of a plenary type municipality, another Member of Council;
 - (iv) Mayor and/or Municipal Manager from another municipality; and
 - (v) Member of a ward committee as nominated by the executive Mayor or Mayor.
- (e) For the purposes of evaluating the annual performance of Managers directly accountable to the Municipal Manager, an evaluation panel constituted of the following persons must be established
 - (i) Municipal Manager;
 - (ii) Chairperson of the Performance Audit Committee or the Audit Committee in the absence of a Performance Audit Committee;

- (iii) Member of the Mayoral or Executive Committee or in respect of a plenary type municipality, another Member of Council and;
- (iv) Municipal Manager from another municipality
- (f) The manager responsible for Human Resources of the municipality must provide Secretariat services to the evaluation panels referred to in sub-regulations (d) and
 (e)

6. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE REVIEWS

6.1. The performance of the Employee in relation to his performance agreement must be reviewed on the following dates with the understanding that the reviews in the first and the third quarter may be verbal if performance is satisfactory:

Quarter	Months	Review completed by
First Quarter	July – September	31 October 2023 (informal)
Second Quarter	October - December	28 February 2023 (formal)
Third Quarter	January – March	30 April 2024 (informal)
Fourth Quarter	April – June	30 September 2024 (formal

- 6.2. The Employer must keep a record of the mid –year and annual assessment meetings;
- 6.3. Performance feedback must be based on the Employer's assessment of the Employee's performance;
- 6.4. The Employer will be entitled to review and make reasonable changes to the provisions of Performance Plan from time to time for operational reasons on agreement between both parties
- 6.5. The Employer may amend the provisions of Performance Plan whenever the performance management system is adopted, implemented and/or amended as the case may be on agreement between both parties.

7. DEVELOPMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

7.1. A Personal Development Plan (PDP) for addressing developmental gaps must form part of the performance agreement.

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8. OBLIGATIONS OF THE EMPLOYER

- 8.1. The Employer must-
 - (a) Create an enabling environment to facilitate effective performance by the employee;
 - (b) Provide access to skills development and capacity building opportunities;
 - (c) Work collaboratively with the Employee to solve problems and generate solutions to common problems that may impact on the performance of the Employee;
 - (d) On the request of the Employee delegate such powers reasonably required by the Employee to enable him to meet the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement; and
 - (e) Make available to the Employee such resources as the Employee may reasonably require from time to time to assist him to meet the performance objectives and targets established in terms of this Agreement.

9. CONSULTATION

- 9.1. The Employer agrees to consult the Employee timeously where the exercising of its powers will have amongst others, -
 - (a) A direct effect on the performance of any of the Employee's functions;
 - (b) Commit the Employee to implement or to give effect to a decision made by the Employer; and
 - (c) A substantial financial effect on the Employer.
- 9.2. The Employer agrees to inform the Employee of the outcome of any decisions taken pursuant to the exercise of powers contemplated in sub-regulation 9.1 as soon as is practicable to enable the Employee to take any necessary action without delay.

10. MANAGEMENT OF EVALUATION OUTCOMES

- 10.1. The evaluation of the employee's performance will form the basis for rewarding outstanding performance or correcting unacceptable performance.
- 10.2. A performance bonus ranging from 5% to 14% of the all-inclusive remuneration package may be paid to an employee in recognition of outstanding performance. In determining the performance bonus the relevant percentage is based on the overall rating, calculated by using the applicable assessment-rating calculator; provided that:
 - (a) a score of 130% to 149% is awarded a performance bonus ranging from 5% to 9%; and

- (b) a score of 150% and above is awarded a performance bonus ranging from 10% to 14%.
- 10.3. In the case of unacceptable performance, the employer shall:
 - (a) provide systematic remedial or developmental support to assist the employee to improve his performance; and
 - (b) after appropriate performance counselling and having provided the necessary guidance and/or support and reasonable time for improvement in performance, and performance does not improve, the employer may consider steps to terminate the contract of employment of the employee on grounds of unfitness or incapacity to carry out his duties

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 11.1. Any disputes about the nature of the employee's performance agreement, whether it relates to key responsibilities, priorities, methods of assessment and/ or salary increment in the agreement, must be mediated by:
 - (a) In the case of the municipal manager, the MEC for local government in the province within thirty (30) days of receipt of a formal dispute from the employee, or any other person designated by the MEC; and
 - (b) In the case of managers directly accountable to the municipal manager, the executive mayor or mayor within thirty (30) days of receipt of a formal dispute from the employee; whose decision shall be final and binding on both parties.
- 11.2. Any disputes about the outcome of the employee's performance evaluation, must be mediated by:
 - (a) In the case of the municipal manager, the MEC for local government in the province within thirty (30) days of receipt of a formal dispute from the employee, or any other person designated by the MEC; and
 - (b) In the case of managers directly accountable to the municipal manager, a member of the municipal council, provided that such member was not part of the evaluation panel provided for in sub-regulation 5.4(e), within thirty (30) days of receipt of a formal dispute from the employee; whose decision shall be final and binding on both parties

12. GENERAL

12.1. The contents of the performance agreement must be made available to the public by

the employer in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 and Section 46 of the Act.

- 12.2. Nothing in this agreement diminishes the obligations, duties or accountabilities of te Employee in terms of his contract of employment, or the effects of existing or new regulations, circulars, policies, directives or other instruments.
- 12.3. The performance assessment results of the municipal manager must be submitted to the MEC responsible for local government in the relevant province as well as the national minister responsible for local government, within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the assessment.

Thus, done and signed at lodismith on the 17 day of October of 2023.

AS WITNESSES:

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Thus, done and signed at Ladismith on the 12 day of October of 2023.

AS WITNESSES:

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EXECUTIVE MAYOR