



Citta Notabile

**Mdina Local Council**  
**Administrative Report 2022**

## 1.0 Introduction

This report is reviewing the period between 01st January 2022 and 31st December 2022 which is the continuation of the term of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council

In the past year, one can notice with satisfaction that, notwithstanding our limitations, we managed to reach a desired and acceptable standard of efficiency and effectiveness. As in previous years a large part of the Council's financial budget went to cover contracts concerning Cleansing, and Gardens upkeep.

The number of vandal acts with the destruction of a equipment, electric appliances and street furniture mainly in the Playing field, and public gardens continued this year which is not always covered by our insurance policy. Hopefully during 2023 and beginning of 2023 as part of the setting up of fences around Howard Gardens, CCTV cameras will be installed and used as a deterrence to vandalism.

Other types of maintenance interventions were also engaged this year, with a constant program for the upkeep of street furniture and light fittings, as well as preventive maintenance operation launched to maintain safety issues.

This year thanks to the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects has agreed and took the initiative on the refurbishment of the Mdina playground just outside Mdina which was completed before the summer and today we have one of the most modern playgrounds around Malta.

During the year, the Council continued insisting with the authorities regarding the lease of the area suitable to be developed into a car park. Unfortunately, there was no progress in this regard and every day that passes, the problem in the area is on the rise every year with the increase in tourists visiting the city besides the frequent events being organized in Mdina. With regards to the Council premises, we are still waiting for a lease agreement from the Lands Department and is beyond our control.

Another project undertaken by the Public Works Department was the reinstatement of Gomorino Bridge which was in a dilapidated state and thanks to the Central Government works were carried out and concluded.

The running of Casino Notabile entrusted to Councillor Mrs Maryann Sultana and during this year various cultural and philanthropic activities have been held.

Cultural and social activities played an important part in our agenda and this includes our Medieval Mdina which every year is increasing its popularity, an Annual BBQ for residence as part of Gieh L-Mdina at the end of summer which is well attended and also the Christmas lunch.

Several cultural outings have also been organized for our Residents.

Other Government Departments and Agencies continued to support and assist the Council, both in a number of funds granted and in addition to direct interventions, especially the Restoration Unit and Malta Tourism Authority

In reviewing last year's working progress on behalf of the Council, we feel we've reached satisfactory results, and although our operation is limited by various factors, amongst which our biggest hurdle is no doubt financial restrictions, we were able to reach our projected targets. This was the result of full cooperation from all the stakeholders including our residents, of all Councillors, and all staff, whilst this encourages us to even work harder in the coming years.



Peter Sant Manduca  
Mayor

## 2.0 The Council

### 2.1 Meetings

During this year 16 meetings were held with the following attendance:

Peter Sant Manduca – <i>Mayor</i> .....	16	Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Joseph Debono – <i>Vice Mayor</i> .....	15	Present	1 Excused	0 Absent
Maryanne Sultana– <i>Councillor</i> .....	16	Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Alfred Barbaro Sant - <i>Councillor</i> .....	14	Present	2 Excused	0 Absent
Camille Scerri – <i>Councillor</i> .....	13	Present	3 Excused	0 Absent
Mark Mallia - <i>Executive Secretary</i> .....	16	Present	0 Excused	0 Absent

One has to notice that attendance by Residents to Council meeting was second to none. During the meetings held apart from the standard items like correspondence and approval of payment schedules, the Council discussed matters concerning the day to day operation, as well as other matters arising from time to time.

Apart from the official Council Meetings, we had various other meeting with Government departments, agencies and other authorities. Meetings as well were held with other private entities. The subjects for such meetings were various and mainly concerning future interventions or actions requested by the Council.

## 2.2 *Set Up*

The office is administered by the Executive Secretary he is assisted by a clerk, Clare Camilleri working on reduced hours and a Full Time Clerk, Francesco Scicluna, complete the staff structure of the office.

During this year the Vehicle Access Passes were once again issued with a computer-generated program which is connected to the Guards & Wardens who are the operators of the system

A number of Circulars were issued to communicate and inform the residents about various activities notices about Power cuts and closing of roads, amongst others This apart from the direct contact between our Residents and Councillors/ Council Staff, an opportunity that is unique for our Council.

## 2.3 *Activities – routine interventions*

The Council agreement with GreenPak to collect recyclable waste and glass once continued to be a huge success. In summer the washing of the streets is done, as well an extra emptying of litter bins. Non urban areas are cleaned not on a routine programme but when the need arises and eventually we made several intervention in rural areas like Triq Gharreqini with the removal of weeds and cleaning of the whole area.

The upkeep of Howard Gardens includes the upkeep of the Gardens, including gardening and cleansing, as well the watering of plant pots in the city.

The Cleansing Department this year assumed again the management of the Public Convenience in Howard Gardens.

The street light system is continuously maintained throughout the.

## 2.4 Activities – Infrastructure

Interventions included (i) the change of broken slabs from the paved street flooring(ii) the installation of traffic signs and new traffic mirrors; (iii) restoration on rubble walls in the various areas outside the walls; (vi) the cleansing of the valley bed next to olive gardens. Many of the interventions were possible with the assistance of the government departments.

## 2.5 Activities – International and EU Funds

This year as well we continued our participation in the Covenant of Mayors which is an association between different communities in the EU that together commit them self to safeguard with action the environment. We as well are members in the ECAD, European Communities against Drugs, and the European Walled Cities)

## 2.6 Activities – Social and Cultural

The Medieval Festival, which is organised by the Council, has now established itself not only in the local calendar of Cultural events but this year we once again, with a greater number, experienced a good number of enquiries from abroad.

The popularity of this event have increased and this was not only beneficial to enhance the Medieval image of our city, but as well boosted economic activity for our business community.

This year we had the participation of various international groups together with a number of Maltese Medieval groups Concerts, children's area, exhibitions and talks formed part as well of this year's Festival.

As part of Mdina Day a BBQ was organised in one of the Squares of Mdina, in which a good number of Mdina residents with their families attended.

A Christmas Lunch was as well organised in December.

During the Mnarja festivities the Bandu (Town Crier) is as well organised in collaboration with the Council.

## 3.0 Conclusion

This report cannot be complete if one does not mention as well the numerous interventions done by different central Government Departments. The Community Police force who put our mind at rest with their preventive measures and their daily traffic management. In this regard the Council expects a better service from LESA who seem to do their best to help out but cannot cope with the demand and supply of their service. Last but not least the service providers who rendered a good service in keeping our city clean and in good shape.

In reviewing the past year operations of the Council, one can realise that throughout the year the Council is involved in different interventions intended to improve the environment and the infrastructure of the city, in work intended to improve our service to the community, in events that highlights the glorious history of our city, and communicate with all stakeholders to assure that these interventions are beneficial to all the community and visitors of our City, We sincerely hope that this is not only our perception.



Mark Mallia

Executive Secretary

## 4 Financial Statement for Year ended 31st December 2022

### 4.1 STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
		€	€
	<i>Notes</i>		
<b>Income</b>			
Funds received from Central Government	4	284,333	286,501
Income raised under Local Council Bye-Laws	5	13,346	13,444
Income raised under Local Enforcement System	6	261	391
General income	7	21,696	18,193
		<u>319,636</u>	<u>318,529</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Personal emoluments	9	(111,236)	(95,251)
Operations and maintenance	10	(96,459)	(97,528)
Administrative and other expenditure	11	(84,628)	(51,034)
		<u>(292,323)</u>	<u>(243,813)</u>
Operating surplus for the year		27,313	74,716
Finance income		-	-
Surplus for the year		<u>27,313</u>	<u>74,716</u>