



Mdina Local Council
Administrative Report 2021



1.0 Introduction

This report is reviewing the period between 01st January 2021 and 31st December 2021 which is the continuation of the term of the 8th 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 Council this year had to face a number of vandal acts with the destruction of a equipment, electric appliances and street furniture mainly in the Playing field, and public gardens which is not always covered by our insurance policy.

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. There have been big advances in playing equipment and we could no longer leave that "inadequate" playground that was there. The Council showed a civic sense of responsibility towards its residents in striving to offer a better quality of life to Maltese families. However, it must be stated that if it was not with the intervention of the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, this project could not have materialised when considering that this project will cost the central government approximately € 1.2 million and the Council gets a quarter of a million annually as its allocation

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.



The running of Casino Notabile after its restoration, has been entrusted to Mr. Clifford Galea as the Curator of the premises and during this year various cultural and philanthropic activities have been held.

Cultural and social activities played an important part in our agenda. Unfortunately due to the Covid pandemic no activities were carried out this year.

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 12 meetings were held with the following attendance:

Peter Sant Manduca – <i>Mayor</i>	12 Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Joseph Debono – <i>Vice Mayor</i>	12 Present	1 Excused	0 Absent
Maryanne Sultana– <i>Councillor</i>	12 Present	0 Excused	0 Absent
Alfred Barbaro Sant - <i>Councillor</i>	12 Present	2 Excused	0 Absent
Camille Scerri – <i>Councillor</i>	9 Present	3 Excused	0 Absent
Mark Mallia - <i>Executive Secretary</i>	12 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 Emmanuel Camilleri, an IPSL worker, 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 once weekly without any extra cost and in the near future there is the intention to start collecting glass separately as well 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 year, after there was a change in the contractors, not only to overcome wear and tear, but also to fix vandalism acts, especially in Howard Gardens. Eventually an exercise was taken to consolidate the bullet lights to avoid easy vandalism



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

The Council officials were involved on many occasions with the visit from Various dignitaries to our City.

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)

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2.6 Activities – Social and Cultural

No cultural activities were carried out due the Covid 19 pandemic. Hopefully in 2022 we will resume with the normal life.

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 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 2021

4.1 STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 31 December 2021

		2021 €	2020 €
	<i>Notes</i>		
Income			
Funds received from Central Government	4	286,501	264,622
Income raised under Local Council Bye-Laws	5	13,444	7,512
Income raised under Local Enforcement System	6	391	290
General income	7	18,193	8,330
		<u>318,529</u>	<u>280,754</u>
Expenditure			
Personal emoluments	9	(95,251)	(92,730)
Operations and maintenance	10	(97,528)	(93,453)
Administrative and other expenditure	11	(51,034)	(49,812)
		<u>(243,813)</u>	<u>(235,995)</u>
Operating surplus for the year		74,716	44,759
Finance income		-	-
Surplus for the year		<u>74,716</u>	<u>44,759</u>