

Probe detects irregular expenditure

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SOL PLAATJE Municipality has been instructed to implement a service delivery action plan to address the leaking sewage in and around Galeshewe, Roodepan and all other areas in the municipal district, including Ritchie.

The Section 106 investigation report added that the repair of potholes, burst pipes and cleaning of the CBD and other areas need to be prioritised to ensure a safe and clean environment in the city.

The report found that a tender awarded to Zizwe DSD (Pty) Ltd, for the electrification of 260 house-

holds in Phomolong, with a contract value of R3.7 million, was amended in an irregular fashion to include an additional 165 households in Snake Park amounting to R2.5 million.

The task team stated that this transaction was in contravention of the legislation as the electrification of houses in Snake Park should have been procured separately.

The investigation detected that irregular expenditure had been incurred through the appointment of Izwelethu Cemforce for a R3.4 million rural sanitation programme. The company was paid R2.9 million during the 2015/16 financial year.

The report indicated that irregu-

lar expenditure to the value of R2.9 million was incurred as the validity of the contract could not be determined and supply chain regulations were flouted.

It also advised that the selection of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers by councillors had to be reviewed, as the process was currently prone to nepotism and favouritism.

“There needs to be policy guidelines on the EPWP project. During the investigation the team embarked on a verification of EPWP workers to eliminate possible ghost employees. No remuneration should be paid out to those not verified yet.”