



To: Head of City Integrity & Investigation Unit, Mr Thulani Ntombela
Per Email: thulani.ntobela@durban.gov.za
Date: Saturday, 11 May 2024
Subject: Request for Urgent Investigation into eThekweni Metro Paying Service Providers Prior to Completion of Work

Dear Mr. Ntobela,

We obtained an internal investigation report regarding the eThekweni Metro's payment of R1.37 million to a service provider for the repair of a community hall following storm damages. Shockingly, despite this substantial payment, the necessary repair work was not done.

According to the report, the Municipality was invoiced twice by the same service provider. The first invoice, dated April 11, 2023, amounted to R683,970.93, with construction purportedly scheduled to commence on April 10, 2023.

Subsequently, another invoice was issued on May 9, 2023, for R689,935.31, intended for construction to commence on May 6, 2023. However, no evidence suggests that the work was initiated or completed despite these payments.

In light of these alarming findings, we urge your department to conduct a thorough investigation into this matter. Specifically, we request the following:

1. Identify and hold accountable those responsible for authorising the payment of these funds. It is imperative that you determine who allowed this apparent act of corruption within the Municipality.
2. Investigate why payments were made to the service provider before any work had commenced.
3. What measures were in place to ensure that the service provider would fulfil their contractual obligations, considering they failed to complete the necessary repairs despite receiving payment?

Your swift action in this matter will not only uncover the truth behind these concerning allegations but also demonstrate the City's commitment to uprooting corrupt individuals within this troubled City, and foster good governance.

We look forward to receiving a prompt response from you soon.

Yours Faithfully

(unsigned as electronically sent)

Zwakele Mncwango
ActionSA KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Chairperson