

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SPECIAL AND INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

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The Speaker of the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council, Councillor Margaret Arnolds hereby notifies the public that at its 13<sup>th</sup> Ordinary meeting on Wednesday 21 June 2023, Council resolved to appoint “A Special and Independent Investigation Committee, (**“the SIIC”**) in terms of Regulation 5(3) of the Disciplinary Regulations, and Item 16(1)(b) of the Code of Conduct for Councillors. The SIIC is appointed to investigate the lawfulness or otherwise of the establishment of the Group Forensic and Investigation Services (**“GFIS”**), as well as allegations of improper and unlawful conduct on the part of GFIS.

The said complaints relate to allegations of fraud, corruption, maladministration, and breach of law by GFIS and others and, in particular, to the establishment of GFIS as a separate unit or department and its inherent powers without approval by the Municipal Council, the appointment of the head of GFIS without compliance with the applicable recruitment processes, and the unlawful investigations conducted by GFIS against senior officials and Councillors.

In summary, the SIIC has been established and empowered to inquire into, make findings and recommendations, and report on the following, inter alia:

1. Allegations of fraud, corruption, maladministration and breach of law in the establishment of GFIS as a separate department,
2. Allegations of fraud, corruption, maladministration and breach of law in the appointment of the head of GFIS,
3. Allegations of fraud, corruption maladministration and breach of law regarding the implementation of rogue, clandestine and unlawful investigations by GFIS,

Copies of the detailed and complete Terms of Reference of the Special and Independent Investigation Committee (**“the SIIC”**) and Rules governing the proceedings of the Special Independent Investigation Committee (**“the SIIC”**) may be obtained and inspected from the website: [www.joburg.org.za](http://www.joburg.org.za)

Notice issued by Mr. Andile Gobinca, Secretary to Council,

On behalf of the Speaker of Council,  
Councillor Margaret Arnolds

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