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# **Cash Shortage Policy**

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#### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the policy is to describe the steps to be taken when there is a cash shortage subsequent to a cashing up procedure at any cash taking point of the municipality.

#### 2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The cash collected by a cashier must correlate to the substantiating documentation issued by such cashier for the period during which such cashier collected monies.
- 2.2 A cashier will be held responsible for any shortage of cash, and has to correct such immediately.
- 2.3 Any shortages should be reported immediately to the Unit Manager.
- 2.4 The Chief Financial Officer can authorise recovery of any shortfall over a period of time.

#### 3. **GUIDELINES**

The Chief Financial Officer can only authorise recovery of a cash shortfall under the following circumstances:

- 3.1. Immediate recovery of the shortfall is not possible
- 3.2. The conclusion of an Acknowledgement of Debt by the responsible cashier;
- 3.3. Inclusion of an agreement for repayment in such Acknowledgement of Debt, in writing, detailing the terms and conditions for such repayment, which should provide for a repayment period not exceeding three (3) months; and
- 3.4. A cashier only be afforded the opportunity once to repay any shortfall in terms of an Acknowledgement of Debt, with any subsequent shortfalls be either recovered immediately or action be instituted

### 4. <u>INFORMATION</u>

This policy must be brought to the attention of all cashiers in the employ of the municipality, who must acknowledge in writing the conditions included therein.