

## BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY TENDER SCAM ALERT

The Blouberg Local Municipality would like to warn members of the public especially service providers to be vigilant of deceitful persons contacting them with opportunities to secure tenders at the municipality in exchange for cash.

It has come to our attention that, a certain man claiming to be Vincent Sebola (BLM official) has been calling unsuspecting service providers and prospective bidders asking them to send money through e-wallet service in return for the awarding of a tender. The fraudster would then request that the service providers meet up with him at the municipal headquarters in Senwabarwana to collect their "appointment letters". That being the case, four unsuspecting service providers showed up at the municipality yesterday, March 14, to collect their "appointment letters".

Blouberg Local Municipality has a very sound and transparent tender system. Municipal tenders are advertised on the municipal website and newspapers.

Members of the public are advised to disregard any further communication in this regard. Those who have already paid the money to the scammer are encouraged report the matter to the nearest police station.