

## BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ACHIEVES UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION FOR 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Blouberg Local Municipality has received an unqualified audit opinion for the 2019/20 financial year from the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA).

The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) represented by Senior Manager , Ms Molatelo Magongwa , today presented the 2019/20 audit outcomes for the municipality during an Ordinary Council Meeting held earlier in Senwabarwana.

An unqualified opinion is defined as an auditor's opinion that; the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects , the financial position of the municipality as at 30 June 2020 , and it's financial performance and cash flows of the year ended in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognized Accounting Practice ( Standard GRAP) and requirements of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) of South Africa. Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) and the Division of Revenue Act 16 of 2019 (Dora).

Mayor Pheedi has welcomed the report and commended the council and the administration of Blouberg Local Municipality led by Municipal Manager , Mr Junias Machaba for the hard work and efforts they undergo to provide communities with the reassurance that their money is being spent as it should.

"I find it befitting, for me as the Mayor of Blouberg Local Municipality to congratulate the team for the stunning work in ensuring that we spend the money entrusted to us by the people of Blouberg in a prudent manner. You will recall that since our inception the AGSA has been issuing qualified audit opinion on us , after all those qualifications we soldiered on"

Mayor Pheedi indicated that , good financial governance translates into better service delivery and that efficiently run municipality remain key to delivering services needed to make it a better place for everyone who live in it.

"This collective men and women have delivered on the people's mandate, allow me to borrow from Socrates , when he said, the secret of change is to focus all energy not on fighting the old but on building the new. When we took over the leadership of this institution , we did exactly what Socrates said, we concentrated on building a new , On our journey, we met all sorts of challenges but we did not allow failures to define us".

Mayor Pheedi thanked the outgoing municipal external Audit Committee for traveling this journey with the municipality. He further indicated that the municipality has now set sights on a clean audit.

"Team unqualified audit I say to you , keep moving , we have not reach out there, on to our destination; clean audit is our destination , where there is a will , there is a way" , He concluded.

