

# MAN U MUST RIDE WAVE OF CONFIDENCE – BOSS

London – Manchester United's stand-in manager Michael Carrick continued his dream start to his second stint in the position, with victory at Arsenal on Sunday, and said his team must ride the wave of confidence that has swept away the Old Trafford gloom.

Former midfielder Carrick answered United's call in the wake of Ruben Amorim's sacking this month and his two games in charge have seen a 2-0 win against Manchester City and a thrilling 3-2

victory at Premier League leaders Arsenal.

"We've got to ride it and use the emotion; you have got to use the energy and use the confidence," Carrick, whose team moved up to fourth in the table, said.

"You've got to be humble enough to understand how we could just achieve these two big results. It doesn't just come easy, so we need to continue that and bottle it and use it again."

United had to dig deep on Sunday as Arsenal bossed the opening half-hour and

led through a Lisandro Martinez own goal. But Bryan Mbeumo was gifted an equaliser and stunning goals by Patrick Dorgu and Matheus Cunha in the second half sealed a first United league win at Arsenal since 2017.

"The goals were fantastic goals and some of the football was good, and we looked dangerous at certain times," Carrick, who won multiple league titles in United's midfield, said.

"Other times we had to defend, but it was just a performance with a bit of everything, really."

Carrick was also unbeaten in his three-game stint as caretaker manager in 2021, including a 3-2 win against Arsenal

before handing over the reins to Ralf Rangnick. With Carrick placed in charge until the end of the season this time, he has the chance to stake his claim for the role on a permanent basis and his stock has risen rapidly.

"What happens next? I'm not going to be answering it every week. I'm enjoying it and I'll continue to do what I can," the 44-year-old said when asked about his ambition.

"I know from our perspective it's just about moving forward to the next game. It's been less than two weeks that we've been together, so it's just about keeping good habits and good routines. The boys have been fantastic with that." – Reuters



Stand-in manager Michael Carrick who has revived Manchester United's fortunes is going to stay for the rest of the season. /Craig Brough

## Arteta urges Arsenal to bounce back

London – Winning a Premier League title is never going to be a stroll in the park and Arsenal got a painful reminder of that on Sunday, with a 3-2 home defeat by Manchester United increasing the jitters for the north London club.

At times this season, Mikel Arteta's side have looked like they were disappearing into the distance at the top of the table, with reigning champions Liverpool struggling and Manchester City still not the relentless force they once were.

With City and Aston Villa dropping points in recent weeks, Arsenal could have built a daunting advantage as they seek to win their first title for 22 years after a series of near misses.

Instead, they have picked up only two points from their last three games and have seen their lead cut to four points with 15 games still to play after Sunday's loss, their first home defeat of the season

in all competitions. It is a position that Arteta would have signed for at the start of the season, but the anxiety levels are rising after stunning second-half goals by Patrick Dorgu and Matheus Cunha sealed United's first league win at Arsenal since 2017.

"If you want to win [the title], you have to go through these moments," Arteta said. "It's totally unrealistic to win every game you play, the margins are very small and today even smaller because of the manner we did certain things."

"Now it's time to react, to see what we are made of."

Arsenal will try to bounce back tomorrow as they seek to complete a perfect league phase of the Champions League with an eighth win.

They take on minnows Kairat Almaty before a rather tougher test away at Leeds United in the Premier League. – Reuters



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Blouberg Local Municipality hereby invites suitably qualified persons to apply for the following vacant position:

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

#### POSITION: CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

Directorate: Office of the Municipal Manager

Type: Permanent post

This is a permanent position in line with the Local Government: Municipal Systems Amendments Act (Act no. 03 of 2022) and the incumbent shall be expected to sign an employment contract, a performance agreement and disclosure of financial interest. The incumbent will be stationed at Senwabarwana Offices.

**Remuneration:** Total remuneration package for grade 2 Municipality: **R1,174,283 (min) – R1,202,466 (lower) – R1,231,325 (mid)–R1,260,877 (upper)–R1,291,138 (max) Plus 4% Remote allowance per annum** in line with notice no. 53882 dated 18 December 2025 on upper limits of total remuneration packages payable to municipal managers and managers directly accountable to municipal managers.

**Requirements:** At least a bachelor's degree in accounting, Finance or economic or a relevant qualification registered on the National Qualifications Framework at a NQF level 7 with a minimum of 360 credits. The incumbent must have at least five years' relevant experience at middle management level, Extensive knowledge of local government legislation and a thorough understanding of local government systems. A valid motor vehicle driver's license.

**Leading Competencies:** strategic Direction and Leadership; People Management; Program and Project Management; Financial Management; Change Leadership; Governance Leadership. Core Competencies: Moral Competence; Planning and Organising; Analysis and Innovation; Knowledge and Information Management; Communication; Results and Quality Focus.

**Competencies:** A qualification relating to the National Treasury Competency requirements for senior officials such as CPMD/MFMP/ELMDP and registration with a relevant professional body will be an added advantage. Computer literacy. Knowledge of the preparation of strategic plans, business plans and budget compilation. The incumbent will also be expected to have a sound understanding of computer packages (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc. with exceptional analytical, coordination, communication and interpersonal skills. Extensive skills and experience in and knowledge of financial management. In-depth knowledge of the MFMA procurement legislation and other related regulatory framework. Proven management skills

**Key Performance Areas:** Ensure full compliance with applicable legislations, internal policies and procedures by all structures within the municipality. Advise the Municipal Manager and Senior Managers in terms of the MFMA. Formulate and review internal financial policies and ensure implementation and adherence. Responsible for all financial services and affairs of the municipality in respect to income and expenditure, and monitor financial computer system. Develop and coordinate the financial plan in terms of the IDP, and compile financial reports and statements for submission to the Municipal Manager. Compile the budget as per Treasury requirements. Ensure implementation of Grap standards. Prepare Annual financial statement. Manage the Supply Chain unit. Oversee the development of medium and long term budget planning in line with budgeting processes and manage all budget submission to National Treasury and other relevant spheres.

Emailed or Faxed applications will not be considered.

**NB.** All applicants should list names, occupants and contact details of at least three non-relative individuals who may attest to their abilities. Shortlisted applicants may be screened for criminal records, qualification verification and /or any pending criminal or disciplinary cases.

Council reserves the right not to make any appointment and transfer employees between its head office at Senwabarwana and Satellite Offices (currently at Alldays, Eldorado, Tolwe, Raweshi, Langlaagte and Senwabarwana) from time to time due to operational reasons.

Please forward the applications form (for senior Managers) with comprehensive CV, certified copies of qualifications, Identity Documents and Driver's License to: **The Municipal Manager, Blouberg Municipality P.O. Box 1593 Senwabarwana 0790 or hand delivery / Courier to Blouberg Municipality, Head Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Building Mogwadi - Senwabarwana Road at Senwabarwana or at any of our satellite offices (Alldays, Eldorado, Tolwe, Raweshi, Langlaagte and Inveraan); Enquiries: Ms. Phuti Malatji @ 015 505 7100.**

Those who applied previously are urged to apply.

**Closing Date: 16 February 2026**

**Should you not hear from us within six weeks of the closing date kindly accept that your application has been unsuccessful.**

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