



BLM COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING FOR 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR The Blouberg Local Municipality Council today, July 30, successfully held its first Ordinary Council meeting for the new financial year 2025/26 at Ga-Machaba, Ward 11. The Council dealt with reports on the Forth Quarter Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan(SDBIP) 2024/25, Fourth Quarter Back to basics 2024-25 , Draft Intergrated Development Plan - IDP Process plan 2025-26 and the Establishment of solar plant on remainder of farm Bochum 178 LS among others. Delivering the keynote address, the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga was thrilled to share with the council how the municipality has handled its finances properly in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA). " Speaker, National treasury e emišitše go fa mebasepala ye 39 di equitable shares ka ge ba palelwa ke go patela di third parties. Seo se re thabišago ke gore rena ga re balwe le mebasepala yeo. Dilo tša rena di tsamaya ka makgethe,if I may borrow from you Mr Speaker. Ngwagola go ile gwa ba boima ka lebaka la tšhelete yeo Public works e rilego e ka se re lefele yona ya property rates mola re šetše re e akareditše ka gare ga ditekanyetšo tša rena. Ke leboga ge re kgonne go dula fase ra tla ka di austerity measures tšeo di ilego tša re thuša go tshela moedi woo re bego re lebane le wona. Ka mehla ge re lebane le mathata baetapele ba swanetše go tla ka ditharollo. Sometimes we must take unpopular decisions that will make us popular tomorrow. Maloba ge re be re kopane ka Review session re kgonne go bona gore maemo a rena a mašelang a kaonafetše. Our Liquidity ratio is better. Re ka kgona go

pethagatša maikarabelo a rena (financially) for the next three months se ra hwetša mašeleng go tšwa national treasury. Let us continue to build a caring and sustainable Municipality that can provide services to her communities". As the country concludes Mandela month commemoration, the Mayor called on every one to continue the fight against poverty and inequality in the society. "It is a call that all of us, in one way or another, must respond to. Let us continue to make everyday a Mandela day in Blouberg Municipality". Mayor Thamaga extended her appreciation to the Capricorn District Municipality, Executive Mayor, Cllr Mamedupe Teffo for addressing water challenges in Blouberg by officially handing over the completed water projects to communities. "Re leboga Executive Mayor, Cllr Mamedupe Teffo wa Masepala wa selete sa rena sa Capricorn ge ba thomile go bula di protšeke tša meetse semmušo. Di tla thuša go emolla badudi ba rena. Sa bohlokwa ke gore re ithute go hlokomela thoto ya mmušo, re thibele di illegal connections gore batho ba rena ba hwetše meetse dinako ka moka". Mayor Thamaga concluded by making a call to Council and administration structures work hard and Improve the lives of the Blouberg citizens. "Former President Nelson Mandela once said "After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there many more hills to climb" end quote. Ngwaga wa 2024-25 o tlile o fetile. 2025-26 financial year is upon us. Let us get into the new financial year determined to climb many more hills in order to serve our communities better".