

## BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY APPOINTS NEW MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The Blouberg Local Municipality Council has appointed Mr Refilwe Jonas Ramothwala as the new head of the administration of the municipality. The appointment was approved at the Council meeting on June 28 and will be effective from tomorrow, July 1, 2022. Mr Ramothwala is the current Director for Corporate Services, responsible and accountable for development, implementation and management of 'municipality' strategic goals, policies and procedures among other duties.

Mr Ramothwala, 53, holds a degree from the University of South Africa, municipal governance and financial management qualifications from the universities of Johannesburg and Witwatersrand respectively.

He boasts vast experience in local government, gained from his current position and his previous areas of employment. He worked for the Department of Safety, Security and Liaison and also Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) respectively as Media Liaison Officer. He previously held the position of Head of Strategic Division in Greater Tzaneen Municipality. With commitment, he worked his way up to Municipal Manager in Maruleng Local Municipality, a position he held for almost 10 years and recorded great achievements, including three consecutive Unqualified Audit opinions.

He joined Blouberg Local Municipality as Director Corporate Services in 2018, and together with the senior management team have been working tirelessly to turn the financial situation of the municipality around thus achieving Unqualified Audit opinions for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21. He held the acting Municipal Manager position from November 2021 until his recent appointment in June 2022. Mr Ramothwala possess wealth of local government experience as a trainer, councillor and an administrator.

The Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has welcomed the appointment.

" We have a responsibility as a municipality to make our communities happy by giving them quality service. Mr Ramothwala is competent and possess the required administrative skills. The Council has confidence in his capabilities to exercise his duties with the utmost attention and diligence and we look forward to working with him to improve service delivery and achieve the objectives of Council" the Mayor said.

