

## **ANOTHER UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OUTCOME FOR BLOUBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

The Blouberg Local Municipality has received an unqualified audit opinion for 2020/21 financial year from Auditor General of South Africa (AGSA).

The municipality's audit report which covered 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 was presented by AGSA during Ordinary Council Meeting held on January 27, 2022 in Alldays. The municipality also achieved an unqualified audit opinion for 2019/20 financial year.

The Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga welcomed the report and credited the good result to the management for putting in extra work to ensure that the public money is spent as it should be and accounted for.

"My appreciation to the senior management and your support staff for putting together properly functional internal controls and ensuring implementation of action plans. We are proud to have, again, provided reassurance to our communities that their money is in good hands".

Mayor Thamaga commended the previous Audit Committee for its good work in the municipality. She said the municipality is now working towards attaining a clean audit and is without doubt that the new committee will take the municipality to the greater heights, assist in realising that goal.

"I wish to recognize and thank the previous Audit Committee for sterling work it has done. I have no doubt, that you will continue the good work done by previous committee and even help to us accomplish more. I am without doubt that that you will help us better coordinate municipal activities, improve the audit outcomes and address challenges facing our municipality".

Mayor Thamaga said, the municipality will continue to strive for good financial governance coupled with better services to communities and emphasizes that better audit outcome should be accompanied by service delivery.

"Our ultimate goal is not only to obtain clean audit outcomes, but also to have a clean administration that will be able to effectively deliver services to the community.

We want to give people water, we want to give people electricity, improved audit outcomes must be accompanied by improved and effective service delivery. Our communities need services. Without effective service delivery to the communities, good audit outcomes means we will not make an impact in our communities".

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 and its financial performance and cashflows of the year 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).