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## UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **UMZIMVUBU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CONFIRM THE VISIT BY THE DIRECTORATE FOR PRIORITY CRIME INVESTIGATION (HAWKS).**

Umzimvubu Local Municipality confirms that officials from the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (HAWKS) visited the Municipality on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. The visit related to a request for documentation concerning certain bid processes.

The Municipality cooperated fully with the HAWKS and provided all the requested documents. Transparency and openness were demonstrated throughout the engagement, in line with the Municipality's governance principles and legislative obligations.

Umzimvubu Local Municipality reiterates its unwavering commitment to clean governance, accountability, and ethical administration. This commitment has been independently affirmed by the Auditor-General of South Africa through the awarding of a Clean Audit opinion for the 2024 – 2025 Financial Year, which reflects the Municipality's adherence to sound financial management and governance practices.

“The Municipality further emphasises that all procurement processes are conducted in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA), the Supply Chain Management Regulations, and other applicable legislative frameworks. Every bid advertised and awarded by the Municipality follows clearly defined, standardised, and auditable procedures, including proper bid specification, evaluation, and adjudication processes. These measures are firmly embedded to ensure fairness, competitiveness, transparency, and value for money, thereby upholding the highest standards of good governance and regulatory compliance, said the Municipal Manager, Mr Tobela Nota.

“The Municipality remains focused and resolute in its mandate to deliver quality and sustainable services to the people of Umzimvubu and will continue to work diligently to uphold public trust while advancing service delivery and development in our communities”, said the Mayor Cllr Ndevu.

“As we begin with our quarter 3, we have moved with speed and introduced contractors to undertake various access roads maintenance in 5 wards and the construction of the public transport pound, during their construction phase these projects will see close to 50 local people benefiting from employment and skills transfer, adding to more than 285 jobs created from quarter one and have provided a boost to several local SMMEs, enabling them to grow and improve their compliance and performance ratings”, concluded Mayor Ndevu.

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