



### **Allegedly Corrupt Property Valuer Arrested Today**

**18 January 2017**

Ms Mbali Maclare, a former Candidate Valuer for the City of Johannesburg, has been arrested today on charges of fraud and corruption.

This follows the airing of the Carte Blanche expose on 6 November 2016, on irregularities in the setting of Johannesburg property valuations as well as an investigation conducted by our internal forensic investigations unit, headed by General Shadrack Sibiya.

Ms Maclare is expected to appear in the Specialised Commercial Crimes Court on Monday, 23 January 2017, on charges of fraud and corruption.

Further arrests on this matter are imminent.

A Deputy Director in the City who was exposed in the Carte Blanche episode has also been suspended pending swift disciplinary processes.

Ms Maclare was identified as the person responsible for irregular and fraudulent adjustments and devaluing of twenty-two properties in the City, amounting to just under R500 million. The fraudulent adjustments and changes of the market values of the aforementioned properties by invalid Municipal Objection Outcome letters resulted in the loss of an estimated R40 million worth of revenue over five financial years.

This money should have been used to provide basic and much needed services such as water, electricity and refuse removal to the poor and most vulnerable residents of our City.

Disgracefully, this forensic report, like so many others, had been swept under the carpet by the previous administration and kept from the public eye. The first I knew of it was when Carte Blanche brought it to my attention. Despite this report being hidden from me, I am pleased to state that the new administration immediately took action.

Last year, when coming into office I declared corruption 'public enemy number one' and this administration is hell-bent on relentlessly uprooting corruption in this City.

We intend on also going after private companies and individuals who worked with these officials to erode the integrity of the City and steal from our residents. These individuals in the private sector must also face the full might of the law and stolen money returned.

Corruption will not be tolerated. The people of Johannesburg have voted for change that brings an end to corruption, creates jobs and delivers better services, and we will not allow self-serving City officials, residents and private companies to continue to benefit themselves at the expense of all other residents.

I would like to congratulate General Sibiya and his team for their excellent work in ensuring that they investigate and bring to justice corrupt officials without fear or favour.

I would also like to acknowledge the role and support of the SAPS and the Prosecuting Authority in this case. Working together we will ensure that the rule of law is restored in our city.

We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that a clean, responsive and caring administration becomes a reality in Johannesburg.

**Cllr Herman Mashaba**

**Executive Mayor, City of Johannesburg**