



OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE ALLEGED MUNICIPAL STATEMENTS PRINTED BEHIND ANC MEMBERSHIP FORMS

The matter regarding the alleged municipal statements printed behind ANC membership forms herein refers.

I have investigated the matter and I have come to the conclusion that it was an honest mistake by the cashier at the front desk.

The Municipality is a political structure which is formed by representatives of Political Parties, who together with Officials, constitute Local Government. Councillors who represent their respective political parties at uMgungundlovu District Municipality, have access to the use of Municipal Infrastructure to do business related to the activities of the Municipality. All parties have in the past used Council infrastructure for political purposes and we have always hoped that it was for Council related activities.

We have not been monitoring the use of Council infrastructure by Councillors as we have always hoped that it is done in good faith. We regret the incident which seems not to fit the purpose mentioned above.

Council being a political environment, with many people with political interests harboured within its corridors, is exposed to sometimes advantage being taken or even temptation to use resources at people's disposal to the advantage of their political parties. We have a duty to ensure that this does not happen, and in an event where it has happened, we are duty bound to investigate and thereafter make a determination about consequence management.

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