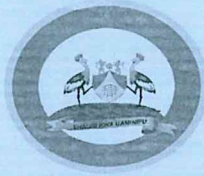


COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAIROBI CITY



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY  
THIRD ASSEMBLY- THIRD SESSION

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

PROGRESS ON MATTERS AFFECTING MEMBERS' WELFARE

Honorable Members, I have a further Communication to convey regarding the progress made on various matters affecting Members' welfare as follows:-

1. Motor vehicle reimbursement benefit.

Honorable Members,

As you are aware, at the commencement of this Third Assembly, the County Assembly Service Board pursuant to the enabling Salaries and Remuneration (SRC) Circular facilitated the disbursement of the motor vehicle reimbursement benefit to all Members. All Members were required to submit copies of log books in their names, valuation reports from recognized valuation firms and sale agreements for them to access the benefit. However, with the indulgence of the Service Board, members who did not have readily available documentation were allowed to access the benefit but were given a timeline to comply with these requirements. This timeline has already expired.

Honorable Members,

As you are further aware, the said documents were to be used to process the requisition of the funds in order to replenish the car and mortgage fund whose funds were used to settle this benefit with the concurrence with the Loans Management Committee. However, I have examined the latest compliance report and I have established that thirty Seven (37) Members are yet to comply making it difficult to



requisition these funds. In this regard, I urge the 37 Members who are yet to comply and who have duly been informed on the same to do so within the next 14 days failure to which the Board will not have no other option but to deduct the funds from their monthly salary as already resolved by the Loans Committee.

## **2. Motor Vehicle Reimbursement Tax Refund.**

**Honorable Members,**

Regarding the tax refund on the motor vehicle re-imburement benefit, you will recall that on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023, I informed the Assembly that the Service Board was in the process of engaging KRA on how to refund the tax following a decision of the High Court. In this regard, I wish to inform you that we have agreed with KRA that the Service Board refunds the tax due to each member by recovering from the Pay As You Earn (P.A.Y.E) tax obligation due to KRA commencing with the month of April, 2024. Accordingly, all Members shall be refunded the deducted amount in full.

## **3. Construction of the Assembly Administration Block**

**Honorable Members,**

You may have noted through your interaction with budget documents in previous budget cycles, that the County Assembly Service Board has been making endeavors to construct a new office block in order to address the challenge of office space shortage within the current City Hall precincts. I am glad to report that as communicated by H.E. the Governor during his address to this Assembly, the County Executive has already identified and allocated a piece of land for the Assembly to construct the said block. Consequently, we are in the process of officially acquiring the said piece of land ahead of the commencement of construction preferably from the next Financial Year which is one month away. May I therefore, on behalf of the County Assembly render my utmost appreciation to H.E the Governor and his County Executive Committee for accepting and facilitating our request for a space to put up the administration block.



#### **4. Members' Lounge**

**Honorable Members,**

In my earlier Communications, I reiterated my commitment to your welfare including facilitation and provision of the most conducive environment and conditions which are important to the execution of your mandate. In this regard, the Board undertook to provide a caucusing space, popularly referred to as Members' Lounge. To address this, a contractor was identified and engaged through the procurement process to design and construct an appealing Lounge where Members will engage, rest and consult. In this regard, **Honorable Members**, I am delighted to report that the contractor has taken up the site and will be concluded before the close of the current Financial Year.

#### **5. Pending Third Quarter retreat perdiems**

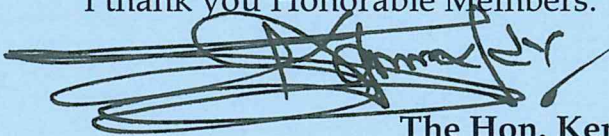
**Hon. Members,**

I am aware that Third Quarter retreat perdiems for all Members and Staff who travelled are yet to be paid. This has been occasioned by the delay in the uploading of the Supplementary Budget which this House passed. However, we are making arrangements both internally and externally to ensure that the perdiems are fully paid and that in future no member shall travel without facilitation.

**Honorable Members,**

Let me therefore give you my assurance as the Chairman of the Board, that even with limitations and challenges of budget, the Assembly is on course to transform into a befitting legislature defined in our vision statement of being the most efficient and effective legislature in promoting good governance in Africa and beyond.

I thank you Honorable Members.



**The Hon. Kennedy Okeyo Ng'ondi, MCA**

**SPEAKER, NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2024**