

# NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Temporary Speaker (Ms. Emily Oduor) in Chair]

## PRAYER

## QUORUM

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Sergent at arms, confirm quorum and then ring the bell for 10 minutes.

## PAPERS

## THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chair Budget? Minority Leader?

Hon. Elias Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to----

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Sorry. It is Madam Speaker and not Mr. Speaker

(Laughter)

**Hon. Elias Okumu:** Madam Speaker, sorry about that. I am used to men sitting there and so this is an oversight. I want to lay the following paper pursuant to section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 28, 2019. The Nairobi City County Assembly supplementary budget estimates for the FY 2018/2019. I beg to lay.

(Paper laid)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Clerk

#### STATEMENTS

#### Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Matara

**Hon. Silas Matara**: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to standing order 45 (2c), I wish to request for a statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on transport and public works regarding improvement of the commuter rail services in the County. Hon. Speaker, even though developments of railways is a national function under the fourth schedule of the constitution, parts of this functions as a function of transport which is shared cannot be wished away. Hon. Speaker, the railways is a state cooperation established under the Kenya railways act chapter 397 under the laws of Kenya. It is mandated to undertake development of rail infrastructure and rail transportation of persons and goods in Kenya. Hon. Speaker, while Kenya railways is till accessing alternatives for achieving objectives of transporting 132,000 passengers by June 2019, it is noted that the current status of transport system in the County has become untamable and requires urgent and emergency intervention.

Hon. Speaker in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

- 1. The transport route, corridors the railway network will be expanded to
- 2. If the County of Nairobi is involved in the said project and if at all there has been a public participation towards the same.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Chair transport

Hon. Member: Thank you Madam Speaker. In the next two weeks I will have an answer

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Matara, is two weeks okay with you?

Hon. Silas Matara: Most obliged Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hopefully you will get the response in two weeks. Hon. David Mberia? Is the Chair for Education in the house? Is there anyone from education committee because we need the response for Hon. Imwatok? Go ahead

**Hon. David Mbithi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a response on statement requested by Hon. Peter Imwatok MCA Makongeni ward. Hon. Speaker, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 Hon. Peter Imwatok MCA rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to standing order 45 (2c) and requested for a statement from the Chairperson of the sectoral committee on education---

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Yes Hon. Imwatok

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**Hon. Peter Imwatok:** Madam Speaker, I have been supplied with this response as I was walking into the chamber and I thought I was to go through it before the committee responds before the Assembly. Am I wrong?

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** We all know the rule of the house which is that you call the member, discuss on the matter and later he accepts. I do not think that it is wise for you to come and read it here yet it is the first time that he is coming in contact with the response. I therefore suggest that we push it and have a sitting with Hon. Imwatok so that we have it on Tuesday.

Hon. David Mbithi: Thank you Madam Speaker for your guidance. I also have a response statement for Hon. Ayoi and because he was also not satisfied, let us push it to Tuesday so that I proceed with a response from Hon. Azangu.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Do you have the response for Hon. Azangu?

Hon. David Mbithi: Yes

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Go ahead

**Hon. David Mbithi:** Hon. Speaker, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Hon. Azangu MCA rose on the floor of the Assembly pursuant to standing order 45 (2c) and requested for a statement from the chairperson of the sectoral committee on Early childhood and vocational training regarding the delay in disbursement of bursary cheques by the County Executive. The member sought to know the following;

- 1. The reasons why there is delay in processing and disbursement of the cheques
- 2. When does the county executive intend to disburse the county funds as schools are supposed to open for second term by April?
- 3. Measures the County Executive has put in place to avoid delays in processing of bursary cheques in future.

Madam Speaker, the committee wrote to the Executive committee member for culture, social services, and gender affairs on Aril 2018 requesting to be furnished with a written response sought by the honorable member. In this regard madam Speaker, I wish to report to the Assembly that the acting chief Officer responded via a letter REF:CFO/EAG/212/2018 on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Both the acting chief finance officer and Hon. Azangu appeared before the committee on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 in order to consider the said response and the said acting chief finance officer responded as follows;

### 1. The reasons why there is delay in processing and disbursement of the cheques?

The acting chief officer responded via a letter REF: CFO/EAG/1212/2018 and stated as follows; that the delay in disbursement of bursary funds has been occasioned by national treasury delay in release of exchequer in good time. The executive however through the international collection has been able to process Ksh. 357,500,000 for members of the County Assembly and Ksh. 60,000,000 for the executive.

# 2. When does the county executive intend to disburse the county funds as schools are supposed to open for second term by April?

The acting chief officer responded that the controller of budget was given approval for budget payments between 16<sup>th</sup> and17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. This means that bursaries were ready by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 as agreed by the County Executive committee member of early childhood, youth affairs, gender, culture and social services and the County treasury. That the sector had provided a report on bursary cheques commitments for all the 85 wards amounting to Ksh.206,670,125

# 3. Measures the County Executive has put in place to avoid delays in processing of bursary cheques in future?

That the bursary account was opened with Cooperative bank city hall branch account number 011412396611

#### Committee observations:

The member was satisfied with the response given to all questions as the cheques had been disbursed. Hon. Speaker, herein find attached submissions from the Executive. I beg to lay this response

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Azangu, are you satisfied with the response?

Hon. Herman Azangu: Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to say something. This response was for the last financial year. I hope that the committee considers the time because I was promised a response in two weeks but it is now a year down the line. We are now facing bursary disbursement for this year and I don't understand whether they are reporting for this year or the last one. If it is for the last year then I concur with the response and hope that you will shed light to the bursary status for this year.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Mbithi, I hope that you have taken that into account. Hon. Azangu if you need clarification on this year's bursary then I suggest that you have a meeting with the committee so that they can make that clarification

**Hon. David Mbithi:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to assure the Hon. Member that bursaries for this year are almost ready and are going to be wired to the respective accounts for needy students.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Do you also have a response for Hon. David Ayoi. Is he in the House? Go ahead

**Hon. David Mbithi:** Hon. Speaker, we invited the member to the committee but he was not satisfied with the response. So I don't know whether to read through it

Hon. Temporary Speaker: He is not satisfied?

Hon. David Mbithi: I don't know the reasons why.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** If he is not then I don't see a reason for you to read it. Have another meeting with him, consult and once he is satisfied then you will bring it to the house. Is Hon. Mberia in the House? Yes Hon. Ayoi

Hon. David Ayoi: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is unfortunate that this committee has taken too long to answer my statement regarding the disadvantaged students who had been allocated bursaries with the former regime. I have received their response and it is not complete. I requested for the beneficiaries cell numbers and cheques which is issued once you receive the cheques and most of the beneficiaries have not confirmed to having received funds for their students. With your guidance Madam Speaker, my humble request is that I wish to know if they are telling us the truth or not. I called the respective parents and they say that they have never received a single cent since last year. Through your guidance Madam Speaker kindly make a ruling that they give evidence and not play with the lives of our children. Thank you

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Ayoi. Hon. Mbithi, I think the issue of cheques is becoming a thorn in the flesh of members of this County and especially the needy students we have talked about it and nothing is moving I don't know whether it is the committee, Executive or the CEC education. Kindly let us know the status of the needy students

**Hon. David Mbithi:** Madam Speaker, the Executive responded very well and I don't understand why the Hon. Member is not satisfied with the response. I wish I could read it through to the whole house. Most of the students have completed school and so as a County we cannot pay bursaries to students who have completed school. That will be misuse of public funds and that is why I don't understand---

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** I think that we can discuss this issue the whole day and night. So moving forward let Hon. Ayoi go back to the committee and we have a comprehensive response from the committee on this issue.

Hon. David Mbithi: Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Is Hon. David Mberia in the House? Chair for Planning and Housing, could you give a response?

**Hon. Daniel Ngengi:** Thank you Hon Speaker, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 Hon. David Mberia MCA rose on the floor of the assembly pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(c) and requested the chairperson of Planning and Housing committee for a statement regarding current occupation and usage of public land next to the Nairobi west hospital in Nairobi west.

Hon Speaker according to the member, the public land is currently being used by Nairobi west hospital as construction site without approval from the county government and LR number is also not displayed on the site.

The member further asked the chairperson to inquire into and report on:

- 1. Who authorized the usage of the land by the said hospital
- 2. Nature of construction going on at the said property and the approvals for the ongoing project

- 3. Who authorized the development approvals without indicating the LR number of the said property and
- 4. How many units were approved for construction on the said property?

Hon Speaker the committee wrote a letter to the county executive committee member responsible for lands, urban renewal and housing on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 where the contents of the request were outlined. Further the CECM for the docket delivered a written response to the committee on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 on the issues raised. In this regard I wish to report to the assembly that:

#### 1. Who authorized the usage of the land by the said hospital

The land is private land as indicated as LR37/242/22 and 37/242/22. Copies of titles are herewith attached.

- 2. Nature of construction going on at the said property and the approvals for the ongoing project The development comprises a proposed private hospital by the Nairbi hospital limited of PO Box 43375-00100 Nairobi by plan registration no. CBFM346 of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- 3. Who authorized the development approvals without indicating the LR number of the said property

The approval is on LR37/242/4 and 37/242/22 and the same is indicated in the approvals herewith attached.

#### 4. How many units were approved for construction on the said property?

The development is a hospital. It is a not residential development thus the issue of units could not arise.

Hon Speaker I beg to table this response, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mberia, are you satisfied with the response?

Hon. David Mberia: Thank you madam Speaker, the committee shared the response with me and I was duly satisfied, thank you.

#### MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: The chair of Budget committee

**Hon. Patrick Mbatia:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I beg to move that this county assembly adopts the report of the select committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriation on the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the financial year 2019/2022.

The provision of the section 104 of the county government Act 2012 decree that planning is a mandatory part of the county budget process thereby disallowing any appropriation of public funds outside a planning framework approved by the county assembly.

The provision of section 125 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 outlines the stages in the county budget process. In summary the underpinning law leaves no doubt that the annual budget roadmap

starts with the integrated plan which is anticipated to include establishment of financial and economic priorities of the medium term.

The law requires that in this undertaking the county should be able to make an overall estimation of the county government revenues and expenditures. Planning is hence a time when the county actors trades off less yielding priorities for those that would deliver the most far reaching outcomes to the populace.

Of note is that this done in elastic revenue figures. In summary and in pursuant of provision of section 126 (3) of the PFM Act 2012 and Standing Order 219 the Finance, Budget and Appropriation committee recommends that the Annual Development Plan for the financial year 2019/2020 be amended as follows under the respective sectors:

#### Environment, energy, water and natural resources sector

That under the program beautification, recreation and cleaning services the allocation for landscaping and beautification of medians and shoulders roundabout and other opening spaces be maintained at Kshs 30 million as proposed in the CIDP and the ADP be amended accordingly to reflect that change.

That Kshs 40 million be allocated for the environment management and protection program as per the CIDP and the ADP be amended according to reflect that change.

That ward based projects captured in the ADP at shs 75 million for water harvesting and kshs 350 million for supply thro water extension, installation of water ATMs, kiosks and drilling of boreholes be approved as proposed.

Kshs 200 million for the Nairobi rives restoration be approved as captured in the ADP to facilitate and accelerate improvement of water and sanitation situation.

#### Transport, infrastructure and public works sector

That the sector aligns ADP to CIDP to incorporate the program on public works in the ADP as captured in the CIDP. That the sector makes provision and fills in the baseline figure to facilitate tracking of changing programs and projects across the years. The sector provide a detailed breakdown of projects and the allocations where these projects have been lumped in regional classification e.g. citywide or all sub counties and the sector prioritizes procurement of street and public light maintenance materials as well as purchase of road maintenance equipment in the financial year 2019/2020 procurement plan.

#### Trade/ commerce/ tourism and cooperatives sector

That the sector programs, projects and priorities for the liquor licensing board for the financial year 2019/2020 be included in the ADP and the same be implemented as proposed by the sectoral committee on Culture and Community Services.

That the liquor board improves its performance on revenue collection by ensuring that all liquor outlets in the county are licensed and liquor subsector prioritizes in the coming financial year the completion of the proposed construction of containerized rehabilitation centers in the sub counties.

#### Devolution/ administration and public service management

Madam Speaker that the sector programs, projects and priorities for the disaster management and coordination subsector for the financial year 2019/2020 be included in the ADP and the same be implemented as proposed in the sectoral committee on Culture and Community services.

That the sector programs for the County Public Service Board for the financial year 2019/2020 be included in the ADP and the same be implemented as proposed by the sectoral committee on Labor and Social Welfare.

That the department should ensure renovations should be centralized to departments. That vehicles be procured under sub county administration be reduced from 24 utility vehicles to 6 utility vehicles and the corresponding cost be adjusted accordingly to reflect the change.

That all purchase of motor vehicles for all county departments including the county assembly and the county public service board be centralized under the fleet management section. The programs, projects, and sector priorities for legal affairs department be included in the ADP for the financial year 2019/2020 and the same be implemented as proposed by the sectoral committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

#### Education/ youth affairs, children/ sports/ cultures and social services

That the sector prioritizes in the financial year 2019/2020 the completion and construction of Ruai rehabilitation center and name of program 4 of the sector be amended from sports services to sports development.

#### Urban planning/ lands/ housing and urban renewal sector

Madam Speaker that the ADP be aligned to the approved CIDP by ensuring he programs and projects in the two documents are consistent. That the ADP be amended to include only projects for one financial year i.e. 2019/2020 as contained in the CIDP and all sector program and projects be assigned cost estimates.

#### Health sector

Projects on purchase, installation and commissioning of oxygen plant at Pumwani ward amounting to Kshs 40 million be scrapped off and replaced with the repairing of hospital lift at Ksh 20 million and repairing of CSST machine at Kshs 20 million. The amount allocated for rehabilitation of the crematorium at Nairobi Langata cemetery be reduced from Kshs 60 million to Kshs 20 million. That Kshs 30 million reduced from the rehabilitation of the crematorium be allocated to rehabilitation and equipping of health centers in Kasarani zone and another in Embakasi zone at Kshs 50 million.

That allocation for the construction of perimeter wall at Kasarani health center be reduced by Kshs 9.428 million. That Kshs 19.428 million be allocated for construction of a new health facility at Kwa Njenga ward.

The upgrading of Dandora II health center at Kshs 30 million be knocked off the plan. That Kshs 20 million be allocated for equipping and construction of a perimeter wall at Marurrui health center and the project of construction of a dental clinic at Ofafa I clinic amounting to Kshs 10 million be knocked off the plan. Kshs 20 million be allocated for construction of a new health facility at Pipeline water.

#### Food, agriculture and forestry sector

That the sector prioritized the development of a fully-fledged food system in the county to among other things create inspection food points that not only guarantee food security but also ensure market information on food prices is readily available.

That the sector embraces urban faring technologies to enhance food security and castigate them to wards level owing to limited arable land in the city. The programs and projects in the ADP be amended as proposed by the sectoral committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

#### County assembly

The development projects in the county assembly be amended to purchase and equipping of Nairobi City County Assembly administration block and the costs be revived to Kshs 1.5 billion.

Madam Speaker, in conclusion and pursuant to provision of section 126 (3) of the PFM Act 2012 and Standing Order 219 the County Finance, Budget and Appropriation committee recommends that this county assembly adopts the report of the County Finance, Budget and Appropriation committee on the ADP for the financial year 2019/2020.

As I wind up I request Hon. Ogada to second me. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Michael Ogada:** Thanks a lot Madam Speaker. As I second my chair I wish to say one or two things. Coming up with such a detailed document actually requires a lot of effort, energy and researching which the committee has really worked on.

As we look at this document one thing or two that will not miss our eyes is that each and every financial year, and as a house we always look at such documents, and we normally bring them here for the concurrent of the house for their implementations.

But when you compare the two documents - and this is where the Budget committee finds it difficultyou realize whatever was put in the ADP for the previous financial year mostly are repeated in the next financial year. That in essence speaks volume.

In other words we do pass documents but in terms of implementation there are issues. It is upon this house to stab their authority and ensure we don't the executive to check such that whatever the house approves and passes is practically implemented. It makes no sense for a house to spend all this hours looking into documents, discussing documents, making very informed decision and finally nothing seems to be done.

Madam Speaker, I wish to urge the Executive to take the resolutions of this House very seriously because passing a huge document with huge implications and nothing takes place is a bit funny. Take for example the Environment department; we have always budgeted for compactors, for motor vehicles and I know every member of this House will realize that all those things are ever duplicated. There is a budget inside there of around 900 million requested by Inspectorate department for uniforms and recruitment. We have talked about the dame thing year in year out. There are many other things if you look at the Investigations department repeating the some things and other departments repeating the same thing. Basically we can say that we are passing good documents but they seem not to be taken seriously.

The other thing that we need to look at as a House is that, we pass documents but when you go to the ground you realize that the programs which are being implemented are the ones which are not in this particular document which means that, there are things which are done, which are not actually approved by this House. I think that is an illegality. We as committees need to look at that such that the programs that are being undertaken by the County are thigs that are passed through the normal processes and they must be legal in nature.

I really second this document. It is a serious document that Members took their time to work on and the Committee also took their time to look at the various sectors. I will urge our Chairman to put more effort to put the Executive to account because it makes no sense for us to always sit down and discuss the same things year in year out which means we are not progressing because we cannot be discussing the same things year in year out. Otherwise Madam Speaker I wish to second.

#### (Question proposed)

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I rise to support this motion although I have a few concerns and observations to make. Number one is, as a member of ICT committee I have noticed the submissions and recommendations of the committee have not been captured in that report which I know our able Chair of the Budget Committee is going to address adequately. Then there is this issue about roll over of projects, Hon. Speaker this is a big problem that every elected member of this House has in different avenues and conversations always complain that you find that since we were elected, some projects which to some extent possibly were not our priorities keeps on been rolled over to the subsequent years. This truly has some effect because I know each and every year dynamics change which might inform the prioritization of issues in the respective Wards. I believe the Chair is going to put measures by liaising with the responsible departments of the Executive to make sure that that issue of roll over is addressed.

Then number two, another issue is, we really need to ask ourselves as an assembly the issue about slow procurement processes. We really need answers in terms of is it that the Procurement department has low capacity in terms of personnel or in terms of experience or in terms of qualifications of the officers and also the user departments of the respective Executive departments, let's say if it is Roads and Infrastructure or Education. Because we pass supplementary budget and budgetary documents but when it comes to implementation, you find that projects that were advertised late last year or early last year till now they have not been implemented and the procurement process has not been done to finality. This House is aware that there are laws that govern procurement for example, after evaluation which is supposed to be undertaken within 30 days or either an extension to be authorized by the CS for another 30 days.

Hon. Speaker we realize that the slow process of doing the evaluation or awarding is really affecting the programs of this House and it will be unfortunate that we get to do five years this current regime and we will have done few projects. I pray that the respective committee or the Chair of Budget can follow up on this issue and know exactly where the problem is. Is it that as a County we don't have technical officers? That has an effect on the implementation of these projects.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our able Chair for Budget and his team and all those who participated in making sure that this report is tabled to this House in a timely manner. We hope and pray that when it goes to the next stage we are going to pass everything in this House is going to be implemented to the letter. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker**: Thank you Hon. Matara. I hope the Chair of Budget Committee and the committee members have taken in your sentiments.

**Hon. Patrick Karani**: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support. I would like to say that by supporting this report, we are giving way for clearance and for preparation of 2019-2020 budget. This document outlines various programs and projects that will be undertaken by the Executive in the financial year 2019-2020.

Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of the members also as we pass this document that we are not only supposed because I have heard some members rising with reservations regarding rolling over of projects that in many Wards that we started with when we were elected here, there are the same projects on the ground, no new projects being initiated. The main issue here that I would like to point out here is revenue because the budget we are doing here is not supported by the revenue, the spending priorities from the Executive needs to be interrogated further because the money that is achieved each financial year will not be able to pay the current projects because it is prioritized in debts. That is why Madam Speaker, we are having reservations from members.

Madam Speaker, another issue that goes hand in hand with this document is the issue of actual performance of revenue. For example this financial year Madam Speaker, the first half from June to December, we collected 3.7 billion. The month of January we collected 1.7 billion and the month of February we collected 1 billion. This March marking the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, we will end up collecting 1.4 billion. Madam Speaker, this put us at around 8 billion and where the real issue is, is when we come to the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter because going by the last financial year performance, we collected 284 million for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter only. So if the resource envelop we have for this budget, we are talking of 3.7 billion plus 1.7 billion that we collected in January, that becomes 5.4 billion, plus the 1 billion that we collected in the month of February which comes to 6.4 billion, plus this month we will collect 1.4 billion which comes to 7.8 billion. This marks the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter; we are going to close with 7.8 billion.

Last year, during the month of April, May and June we did 284 million. So Madam Speaker you can see this year we are going to underperform in terms of the budget. This will be lowest ever that this County has ever done in history because we are not going to cross the 10 billion that we did the last financial year meaning the performance of budget this year will be affected and this a calls an alarm for the next budget. Madam Speaker as we pass this document, it is important for the Executive to realize now things are not okay. It is high time they put their House in order and make sure that this County meets its revenue target because you can see the danger. I beg to support, thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Vice-chair Budget Committee.

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this document. But I would like to make a few comments in regards to an issue raised by one of the Members which is how to deal with the roll over. I have been attending several committees where we have been preparing CFSPs and the cry of the members especially the elected members is that fact that everything that we have passed we are being told that there is no new project the thing we have is roll over.

This is our second year in office and you find that for those members who ever got any projects in their Wards still have nothing to show on the ground and hope that may be the roll over by 2020-2021 financial cycle. By then we will be in a political season whereby our opponents will be already on the ground and

whenever we try to do something, they will say you are trying to defend your seat. I hope and pray that led by the Budget Committee and this House we can look into the issue of the roll over.

The second issue which I have realized is affecting our budget process is the low absorption. I have realized that most sectors rarely have an absorption percentage of more than 50%, most of them are 50% or less. We need to look into the nitty gritty, why is the absorption so low? This means that for example one of the most critical sectors like transport, they had 30% absorption rate. This means that even if the sector comes seeking to get a sealing raised, it is not possible because they have no bench mark given that they never used what they were given in the previous financial year.

Finally, as an elected member I have very bid concern because this is the second time that I am passing a budget and yet I am not seeing anything that is going on in my area besides what I found there which I am doing more work on. I don't know how the committee or the house can help elected members at least we feel an impact of the budget that we are passing. I would also like to congratulate the committee led by their able Chair for the job well done. But please as an elected member I know I am raising the concerns of many; please let's look at these two issues. Thank you and I beg to support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Chair I hope you have taken his sentiments.

**Hon. Jackline Apondi**: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support the motion. I think the Budget Committee for sitting and coming up with a detailed report on ADP for the financial year 2019-2020. I support the motion.

#### Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mbugua Kabiro.

**Hon. Mbugua Kabiro:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It feels good to have a lady speaker. You should chair many times. I would like to support this ADP document. It is a very good document and the propositions therein are glamorous. What I like about this House is that we churn out very nice documents, but when it goes to implementation nothing happens. That is something that we should put the Executive on check. I think the Committee on Implementation is deemed to be sleeping on their job for not securing at least 50% implementation rate on the things we pass in this Assembly. Otherwise, we will look like bunch of jokers.

Madam Speaker, this document should be followed very quickly with tabling of an implementation plan which includes a procurement plan. The place we fail as a County Assembly is when it comes to implementation of these projects which we have documented in this report. We get to a point where there is no implementation or the budget has gone to an end and nothing has been done. The implementation should be given much weight as timelines and tabling of these other documents.

Madam Speaker, I support and I would wish you call the mover to reply. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. J. J. Ndegwa.

Hon. Juliet Ndegwa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to support this ADP document. I am glad that the Budget Committee overworked in order to give us such a fantastic document. I support with a bit of reservations. Even as I commend them for having done a good job on food and agriculture, urban planning and even on health, which are part of the pillars of big four agenda, I would have loved to see more given to education, especially the ECDs which we are in charge of as a County. There is no mention on how

much goes into the ECD. But my guess is that it is in the CFSP paper that the Education Committee is working on.

Madam Speaker, I have also noticed that there is a lot that is going to Environment, Water and Natural Resources. This is very commendable for Nairobi County because we have seen what is going on and much energy that has been put into cleaning up the City. I am passionate about our environment as a whole. I would have loved to see a lot more go into cleaning our rivers, and not only the solid waste but the liquid waste and other toxins.

Madam Speaker, I have also seen the Liquor Board given quite a lump-sum in Trade and Commerce. Shisha was banned in Nairobi but we still see some establishments having this banned product. I am pleading with Liquor Licensing Board to be stricter on substances that have been banned in this City. Monitoring of these substances should be at the top of their list without any biasness.

Lastly, there is Kshs.1.5 billion that has been given to the Service Board. I hope this round, the County Assembly Service Board will be gracious enough to allocate and give the nominated members of this House, according to SRC circular, their offices and even the employees they are supposed to get. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Muthami Grace.

Hon. Grace Muthami: Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Committee on Finance, led by their able Chairman and entire members of the Committee. I am a member there. We really worked tirelessly even on weekends. I support.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. I now call the mover to reply.

**Hon. Robert Mbatia:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the entire Assembly for the support they have given this document. I also want to agree with most of the sentiments that have been raised on this floor as we were debating on the document.

I also want to assure my friend, Hon. Silas that this is just a report, but in the document of the ADP, ICT has been considered. I also want to agree that the members' concerns have been matters of implementation. The challenge has been in procurement. Going forward, this is Planning document. I know we are now heading to County Fiscal Strategy Paper where we need to put even the policies that may guide into the new financial year, 2019/2020.

Madam Speaker, we want to promise this Assembly that we shall put measures that will ensure that implementation of the laid down projects is done timely such that we don't have those rollover projects and we don't again accumulate pending bills.

I want to thank my entire team of Budget Committee, including you, Madam Speaker who sat tirelessly to come up with this document. I would also want to thank our able Budget office for the support they have continued to give us technically, and the support that your office as the Speaker as continued to give us.

Finally, I would request that this document--- As the Chair, I have visited the website of the County Government but I have never seen these amended documents uploaded by the Executive. I would request that they upload so that the members know what is in these documents. Whatever they brought to us is what remains there. This Assembly sits, considers, makes adjustments but they never upload the corrected, tabled

and approved documents that have been passed by this Assembly. So, I would request that once it is passed, I request that the members of the Executive upload the same. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Chair.

(Question put and agreed to)

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, there being no any other business, the Assembly adjourns until next week Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, at 2:30 p.m.

#### The House rose at 4:05 p.m.