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Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 191(6), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, Thursday 23rd September, 2021:

— **THE REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TOURISM AND CO-OPERATIVES ON WORKSHOP HELD FROM 20TH TO 23RD MAY 2021 AT TRAVELERS BEACH HOTEL, MOMBASA.**

(Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives)

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REPORT OF THE SECTORAL
COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES
WORKSHOP HELD FROM THURSDAY 20TH TO SUNDAY 23RD MAY, 2021 AT TRAVELLERS
BEACH HOTEL, MOMBASA

CLERK'S CHAMBERS,
CITY HALL,
NAIROBI

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1.0 PREFACE

Hon. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives is mandated under Standing Order 203, “to investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to trade development and regulation, including markets, trade licenses (excluding regulation of professions), fair trading practices, local tourism and cooperative societies; and Liquor Licensing”.

1.1 Committee Membership

Hon. Speaker,

The Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives comprises of the following Members:

1. Hon. Daniel Ngengi, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Clarence Munga, MCA
3. Hon. Anthony Gatune, MCA
4. Hon. Benson Mwangi, MCA
5. Hon. Charles Thuo, MCA
6. Hon. Doris Kanario, MCA
7. Hon. Chege Mwaura MCA
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20. Hon. Naftaly Mathenge, MCA
21. Hon. Nicholas Okumu, MCA

22. Hon. Rose Kulla, MCA
23. Hon. Patrick Musili, MCA
24. Hon. Paul Shilaho, MCA
25. Hon. Laura Mwende, MCA

The Committee undertook a joint retreat with the Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector to deliberate on the management, activities, administration and operations of the Sector from Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd May, 2021 in Mombasa. At the end of the retreat, the participants were expected to:

- i.) understand the management, activities, administration and operations of the Sector;
- ii.) acknowledge the Sector's achievements and recognize its challenges; and
- iii.) enable Members conduct effective oversight on the respective executive sector's progress against the passed budget.

1.2 Acknowledgement


Hon. Speaker, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support extended to the Committee in the execution of its mandate.

I also thank the Secretariats for their input and valuable contribution and advisory where required during the session.

Finally, much thanks to the Members of the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives for their dedication, untiring commitment and valuable contributions which has enabled the Committee to effectively accomplish its Legislative and Oversight role.

Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives to present the Committee's report pursuant to the Standing Orders of the County Assembly.

Thank you.

Signed  Dated this 16th day of September 2021

Hon. Daniel Ngengi, MCA

(Chairperson) Sectoral Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperative

OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

The Workshop was officially opened by Hon. Daniel Ngengi, MCA Chairperson of the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives. He welcomed and thanked the participants for availing themselves for the workshop and introductions were made. In his remarks, he noted that at the end of the workshop, the Committee would understand better the management, operations and the FY 2021/2022 work plans of the Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR TRADE, COMMERCE, TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES

In her opening remarks the CECM noted that there was need for Committee and the Sector to work as a team. She added that at the end of the workshop, the Committee would have internalized the management, activities, administration and operations of the Sector.

2.0 PRESENTATIONS

The Director for the Trade and Enterprise Development sub-sector, Ms. Elizabeth Njau, stated the broad Sector objective as to support growth and development of local and foreign trade and investments through formulation and implementation of a sound policy, legal and regulatory framework.

She informed the Committee that the Sector had eight (8) technical sub-sectors, namely;

- i. Trade and Enterprise/ Industrialization development;
- ii. Tourism and Culture Development;
- iii. Cooperative development;
- iv. Cooperative audit;
- v. Trade Licensing;
- vi. Gaming and Betting;
- vii. Weights and measures; and
- viii. Markets Services.

It was noted that Liquor Licensing Board that regulates alcohol trade and related activities operates as a County semi-autonomous agency in the Sector.

Other Sector objectives include;

- i. To promote issuance, control and regulate business licensing;
- ii. To promote growth of trade and industrial development for local and international investment;
- iii. To increase growth of co-operative movement activities;
- iv. To increase transparency and accountability in co-operative societies;
- v. To regulate and control gaming, betting and lotteries activities;
- vi. To provide effective Legal Metrology and consumer protection;
- vii. To promote Nairobi City County as a tourist destination of choice regionally & globally; and
- viii. To facilitate the application and enforcement of standards on the regulation of manufacture, advertisement, sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks.

2.1 Management, activities, operations and work plans FY 2021/22 for the Sector

2.1.1 Cooperatives sub-sector

The Director for the Cooperative Audit section Ms. Betty Rono informed the Committee that the sub-sector's mandate was to promote the growth and development of co-operatives in the County through registration and supervision of the registered co-operatives by ensuring that the registered co-operatives operate within the Cooperative Societies Act. The department has two sections: Co-operative Development and Co-operative Audit sections.

The Co-operative Audit section has the following mandate;

- i. Statutory audit of co-operative societies;
- ii. Attend and present audited accounts during Societies AGM;
- iii. Collection of audit fees;
- iv. Attend scheduled management meeting to present draft audited accounts to the board members; and
- v. Carry out in-depth/Investigative audit on reported cases of misappropriation of funds.

The Committee was informed that Section 25 of the Cooperative Societies Act, requires that all cooperative societies audit their books of accounts and present the audited accounts to members during the annual general meeting four months after the closure of the financial year. For the cooperative societies to comply with this requirement, the co-operative audit section carries out statutory audits and present the audited accounts during annual general meetings.

During the fiscal year 2020/2021, the Cooperative audit section managed to carry out 590 audit years and the audit fees raised during the year amounted to Kshs 10.1M. The section as required by sec 25 of the Cooperative Societies Act presented 170 audited accounts during Sacco AGM due to effects of Covid 19.

Table 1: Cooperative Audit section performance review for the FY 2020/21

Activity	Target	Achieved	Remarks
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Statutory audits	800	123	Covid-19 affected the performance of the section
Interim audits	100	10	
System audits	8	2	
Audit presentation on AGMs	800	2	
Revenue collected	12.5M	2.1	

The Committee was informed by the Director for the Cooperative Development section Ms. Dolphine Arema that the section promotes growth and development of competitive co-operative movement for the betterment of the socio-economic lives of the people of the County and that there were 4,761 registered co-operatives in the County.

Table 2: Cooperative Development section performance review for the FY 2020/21 and projections for FY 2021/22

Activity	Planned 2020/2021	Achieved 2020/2021	Projections 2021/2022
To Register new co-operatives	102	98	105
Carry out inspections in Co-operatives	46	50	46
Revive Dormant Co-operatives	25	31	24
Preside over General Meetings	1190	952	1,200
Train Co-operative members	31,931	143,262	32,400
Hold Co-operative (Ushirika) days	1	0	1
Hold leaders' consultative meetings	8	8	8
Develop complaints register	8	8	8
Enhance revenue	285,600	274,400	294,000

Table 3: Cooperative Development and Audit work plan FY 2021/22

	Output	Activity	Indicator
Cooperative Development Services	Increased uptake of the cooperative movement	Registration of new cooperatives	No. of new registration certificates issued
		Revival of dormant cooperatives	No. of dormant cooperative revived

		Consultative meetings with cooperative leaders & other stakeholders	No. of meeting held/Number of minutes distributed
		Resolve public complaints	No of complaints resolved
Cooperative Audit Services	Increased accountability of the cooperative movement	Carry out cooperatives societies inspections	No. of Inspections carried out
		Enforcing SACCO regulations	Percentage of compliance with the rules
		Resolve public complaints	No. of complaints resolved
	Increased accountability and transparency of cooperative operations	Conduct statutory audits	No. of statutory audits reports submitted
			No. of Interim audit reports done and submitted
			No. of Systems audit reports done and submitted
			No. of Investigative audit reports done and submitted

2.1.2 Trade &Industrialization/Enterprise sub-sector

The following was highlighted as the mandate of the sub-sector;

- i. Disseminating business information to the public through establishment of information desks;
- ii. Facilitating the growth, development and graduation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) through establishment of common manufacturing facility (incubation centers and business parks);
- iii. Promoting entrepreneurial culture and growth through training and capacity building;
- iv. Facilitating trade and investment promotion activities through trade fairs and exhibitions;
- v. Conducting research to identify micro and small enterprise challenges and to advise in appropriate programmes and projects; and
- vi. Participating and organizing trade interactive forums, trade fairs and exhibitions

2.1.3 Markets Services sub-sector

The sub-sectors mandate is;

- i. Provision of physical trading infrastructure (markets) through construction of markets and rehabilitation of the existing; and
- ii. Maintenance and management of all county markets

Table 4: Trade Development and Market Services work plan FY 2021/22

Output	Activities	Indicators
Increased access to finances	Establish Special Loans revolving fund	Amount of funds available (Ksh Millions)
Sound sector working environment developed	Organize & participate in the Nairobi International Trade Fair	No. of ASK stands paid for
		No. of exhibition materials developed
Increased growth of business	Disbursement of loans to traders	No. of traders issued with loans
	Monitoring and supervision of loan beneficiaries	No. of supervision visits done
	Hold investments Stakeholder fora	No. of stakeholder fora held
	Creating partnerships through holding business investment conference with stakeholders	No. of conferences held
	Creating market linkages by holding stakeholders exhibition	No. of exhibitions carried out
Increased technical capacity in the cottage industry	Develop Training of Trainers manual for Micro Small Medium Enterprises training	No. of TOT manuals developed
	MSME training and development	No. of MSME trained
	Establish incubation centres	No. of centres
Increased productivity and employment creation	Establish Cottage industry “Jua Kali” parks	No. of parks established
	Establish of business Information Centres	No. of information centres established
	One Village One Product initiatives implemented	No. of initiatives promoted and adopted
	Census	No. of census
Increased utility of trading spaces	Maintenance of markets	No. of markets maintained
	Construction of new markets	No. of Markets constructed
	Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of existing markets	No. of markets rehabilitated/reconstructed

2.1.4 Tourism & Culture Development sub-sector

Its mandate is to promote Nairobi City County as the tourist destination of choice locally, regionally and globally through holding exhibition & trade fairs and cultural festivals exchange tours.

Table 5: Trade Development and Market Services work plan FY 2021/22

	Output	Activity	Indicator
Tourism & Culture Development	Increased number of tourists visiting the county	Marketing promotional activities(Live, love Nairobi Campaigns, NITF, Art festival)	No. of events organized, participated in
		Development and diversification of tourism products	No. developed products
		Development of Tourism Information education materials	No. of Materials developed
	Increased partnerships and efficiency in tourism promotion	Hold Consultative meetings with stakeholders	Number of meetings held with stakeholders
		Construct tourism information centres	No. of information centres constructed
		Carry out survey to develop tourism database	Number of surveys

2.1.5 Gaming & Betting sub-sector

The sub-sector's mandate includes;

- i. Periodic monitoring and evaluation of betting, lotteries and gaming;
- ii. Development and implementation of county legislation on betting and other forms of gambling;
- iii. Enforcement and compliance i.e. spot checks, daily supervisions of casinos;
- iv. Licensing of public gaming (casino) premises; prize competition for promotions confined to the county, amusement machines, premises for totalisators, betting premises- Licensing and supervision of County lotteries and licensing and issuance of pool table permits within the County; and
- v. Handling of complaints and arbitration

2.1.6 Trade Licensing sub-sector

Table 6: Trade Licensing & Gaming and Betting Services work plan FY 2021/22

	Output	Activity	Indicator
Trade Licensing Services	Increased awareness on trade licensing	Traders education & awareness campaigns on licensing	No. of campaigns carried out
		Carry out SBP/UBP licensing compliance enforcement	Percentage increase in licensing compliance
Gaming & Betting Services	Decreased illegal operations on gaming and betting	Daily monitoring & supervision of casinos	No. of casinos supervised
		Licensing of pool tables & amusement machines	No. of licensed pool tables No. of amusement machines
	Decreased illegal lotteries	Licensing of public lotteries	No. of licensed public lotteries
		Establish a public lottery	No. of licenses established

2.1.7 Weights & Measures sub-sector

The sub-sector is mandated in Legal Notice No 177/2013 on transfer of functions to the Nairobi City County Government, to ensure fair trading practices and consumer protection by enforcement of the Weights and Measures Act and the Trade Descriptions Act through:

- verification of weighing and measuring instruments;
- inspection of weighing and measuring instruments and pre-packed goods;
- investigation of complaints relating to unfair trade practices;
- Prosecution of offences arising from unfair trade practices; and
- Conducting awareness programs on weights and measures matters.

Table 7: Weights and Measures Services work plan FY 2021/22

	Output	Activity	Indicator
Weights & Measures Services	Increased compliance on set standards	Bi-annual calibration of physical legal Metrology standards	No. of times standards are calibrated and certified
		Verify weighing and Measuring equipment	No. of weighing and measuring equipment Verified

		Inspection for compliance with weights and Measures Legislations	No. of compliance inspections carried out
		Pre-Packaged products Conformity assessment	No. of Pre-packaged products conformity assessments carried out
		Investigation of complaints arising from infringement of the weights and measures legislations	Percentage of complaints investigated of total received
		Prosecution of cases arising from enforcement of legal metrology legislation	Percentage prosecuted cases of total investigated in law courts
	Increased public capacity and confidence	Carry out weights and Measures Public awareness media campaigns	No. of public awareness media campaigns carried out
		Carry out weights and measures Traders Education	No. of Traders Education carried out
		Carry out weights and Measured consumers satisfaction Survey	No. of surveys carried out and survey Reports Confidence
		Construction of metrology offices and weighing centres in all sub counties	No. of offices constructed
		Construct a cold room	No. of cold rooms constructed
		Establish a weights & measures laboratory	No. of laboratories constructed
		Equip centres with metrology tools Equipment	No. of tools & equipment acquired
		Acquire a mobile tank Calibration & verification units	No. of mobile metrology facilities acquired
		Establish a weighing equipment Manufacturing cluster	No. of manufacturing clusters established

3.0 SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS

The Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector achievements for the (previous) 2020/2021 financial year are tabularized below;

Table 8: Sector achievements FY 2020/21

		Strategic Objective	Project Name	Activity Description	K.P.I	Budget Allocated (Ksh) M	Amount Paid	Remarks	Project Status
Trade Development & Markets Services	Markets Services								
		To improve functionality of existing markets	Rehabilitation of markets	<i>Makina market</i> Rehabilitation works; painting, drainage and pathways	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed	30,000,000	51,132,506	On Going Works 65% Complete	Commence 2015/2016 About complete
			Rehabilitation of markets	<i>Karen market</i> Rehabilitation of burnt block	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed	20,000,000		Contractor is out of site due to non-payment	20% commenced Commence 2014/2015
			Rehabilitation of markets	Construction of <i>modern kiosks</i>	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed	85,000,000			10% commenced FY 2019/ All applications done. To completed 2021/22
			Rehabilitation of markets	<i>Shauri Moyo Market:</i> Replacement of roof, improve parking area, walkways, drainages and foot paths	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed	7,000,000		Complete	60% commenced Commence 2015/2016

		Strategic Objective	Project Name	Activity Description	K.P.I	Budget Allocated (Ksh) M	Amount Paid	Remarks	Project Status
			Rehabilitation of markets	City Park Market Reconstruction of burnt market The Project entails construction of retail sheds, retail kiosks, eateries, drainage works, foot paths and ablution block	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed	80,000,000		Contractors out of site Works taken over by State Department of Housing.	• 75% complete
	Trade Development	To support MSE improved technology tools & equipment towards efficient production of competitive of garments and apparel	Jogoo Road textile centre of excellence	Jogoo Road Market . Construction of go-down fitted with new equipment for MSE trainees	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed Certificates for completed works	50,000,000		80% complete	• Commenced FY 2014/2015
		To provide the sector with basis for MSE/MSI support measures in order to be productive in the global market	Micro & Small Enterprise industrial support feasibility study	MSME industrial feasibility study focusing on leather, textile & Apparel, wood work, food process & value addition, and metal works cluster within the county	Identified scope of study Contracts signed Inception report Final validated report	12,500,000		80% complete	

		Strategic Objective	Project Name	Activity Description	K.P.I	Budget Allocated (Ksh) M	Amount Paid	Remarks	Project Status
		To provide Kariokor market with modern technology machines tools & equipment to efficiency in leather goods production	Kariokor Common Leather Manufacturing Facility	Kariokor Common Leather Manufacturing Facility • Construction of production Go down equipped with modern leather tooling machines. • For production of leather goods including school shoes, boots, casual wear, sandal, office shoes, belts, bags etc.	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed Certificates for completed works	40,000,000	1,901,170	80% complete.	• implementation caused delayed payment for certificate issued
		To provide a platform for business/trade information dissemination and provide to provide investment opportunities and guide youth in business planning at grass root level	Trade business information dissemination centres	Information centres establishment and equipping	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed Certificates for completed works Business information content for dissemination	18,000,000		The CBD and Dagoretti North Information desks completed	•40% completed (Joint venture with National government support textile MSE)
Licensing, Consumer protection & Fair-Trade practices	Weights & Measures	Legal Metrology	Construction of Weighbridge at the New Kangundo Road market	Construction of Weighbridge at the New Kangundo Road market	Identified scope of works Bill of quantities Contracts signed	17,000,000		100% complete Construction of weighbridge commenced in 2016/2017. •The weighbridge has already been installed.	60% completed after submission of the feasibility study report with requisite prototypes. Field assessments done stakeholder engagement carried out

		Strategic Objective	Project Name	Activity Description	K.P.I	Budget Allocated (Ksh) M	Amount Paid	Remarks	Project Status
					Certificates for completed works				the review of draft report

4.0 CROSS-SECTOR LINKAGES AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

4.1 Cross-Sector linkages

1. Urban Planning

- The sector depends on the Urban planning sector for all development projects' approvals and raising of bill of quantities for construction works. This process takes even more than a year upon requisition by the sector departments, to receive any feedback

2. Roads, Transport & Public works

- Dependence of pooled transport causes delay or non-performance of some activities due to lack of transport or related inefficiencies

3. ICT & E-government

- The Licensing Board works hand in hand with ICT Sector. The ICT infrastructure has made the Board improve efficiency in the service delivery. It has further increased the transparency and convenience both to the clients and the County Liquor Board

4. Finance & Economic planning

- Lack of finance of sector full independence in AIE operations and financing, resulting in poor funds utilization and low performance in service delivery as disbursement of funds is pegged on priorities/ prerequisites of the CFO's office

5. Supplies Chain Management

The department is very slow

4.2 Sector challenges

The Sector pointed out the following challenges as a hindrance to its performance;

- Reduced number of staff through retirement thus affecting service delivery;
- Prolonged and slow procurement procedures;

3. Lengthy processes involved in approvals of projects by Urban Planning Sector;
4. Low budget absorption- Centralization of the accounting function in the County Executive Committee Member for Finance limit the role of the Chief Officer in spending the Sector's allocation;
5. The conversion of residential areas into commercial zones leads to regulation problems and frequent complaints from residents;
6. Liquor enforcement unit is faced by hostility when penetrating some areas in the County to carry out their normal enforcement exercise; and
7. The Weights and Measures sub-sector only operates at the County headquarters in South C, further devolution to sub-county levels need to be undertaken.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends as following, THAT; -

1. The County Executive do forward Trade Policies and legislative proposals for consideration by the Assembly;
2. The County Executive to ensure procurement of equipment's and facilities for the Sector's use is done in a timely manner;
3. The Sector do ensure contractors and other partners working with it are paid in good time to avoid disruptions in normal operations;
4. For effective oversight, the Sector do forward quarterly projects implementation status, quarterly development expenditure analysis and quarterly revenue performance for consideration by the relevant Committee;

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MINUTES OF THE 45TH SITTING OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE,
TOURISM AND COOPERATIVES HELD ON MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 11.00
AM – VIRTUAL MEETING

PRESENT

1. Hon. Daniel Ngengi, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Jane Muasya, MCA
3. Hon. Jayendra Malde, MCA
4. Hon. Jeremiah Themendu, MCA
5. Hon. Elias Okumu, MCA
6. Hon. Doris Kanario, MCA
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8. Hon. Rose Ogonda, MCA
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ABSENT

– COUNTY ASSEMBLY

1. Hon. Geoffrey Ng'ang'a, MCA
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SECRETARIAT

– COUNTY ASSEMBLY

Ms. Hellen Mutie

– Committee Clerk

Agenda

1. Preliminaries (prayers & adoption of the Agenda)
2. Deliberation and adoption of the report on the joint retreat with the Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector held on 20th – 23rd May, 2021 in Mombasa
3. Any Other Business
4. Adjournment

Min. No.197/TTC/Sept/2021: Preliminaries

- The Ag. Chairperson (Hon. JeremiahThemendu) called the meeting to order at 11.15am and he said the prayers. He informed that Committee that under agenda 2 it would deliberate and adopt its report on the joint retreat with the Trade,

Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector held from 20th – 23rd May, 2021 in Mombasa.

- The agenda was adopted as proposed by Hon. Jayendra Malde and seconded by Hon. Rose Ogonda.

Min. No.198/TTC/Sept/2021: Deliberation and adoption of the report on the joint retreat with the Trade, Commerce, Tourism and Cooperatives Sector held on 20th – 23rd May, 2021 in Mombasa

- The Committee clerk took the Members through the Sectors achievements as discussed in Chapter 2 of the report.
- She briefed the Committee on the Cross-Sector linkages and challenges as follows;

Cross-Sector linkages

1. Urban Planning

The sector depends on the Urban planning sector for all development projects' approvals and raising of bill of quantities for construction works. This process takes even more than a year upon requisition by the sector departments, to receive any feedback.

2. Roads, Transport & Public works

Dependence of pooled transport causes delay or non-performance of some activities due to lack of transport or related inefficiencies.

3. ICT & E-government

The Licensing Board works hand in hand with ICT Sector. The ICT infrastructure has made the Board improve efficiency in the service delivery. It has further increased the transparency and convenience both to the clients and the County Liquor Board.

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Lack of finance of sector full independence in AIE operations and financing, resulting in poor funds utilization and low performance in service delivery as disbursement of funds is pegged on priorities/ prerequisites of the CFO's office.

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— The report was subsequently adopted as proposed by Hon. Doris Kanario and seconded by Hon. Paul Shilaho.

Min. No.199/ TTC/Sept/2021: Any Other Business

— Members raised concern on the delay in construction of modern kiosks by the Sector. It was resolved that the CECM be invited to a meeting to furnish the Committee with a comprehensive report on the implementation of modern kiosks construction.

Min. No.200/TTC/Sept/2021: Adjournment and date of next meeting

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11.48am. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 22nd September, 2021 at 11.00am in the Assembly Chamber.

SIGNATURE
(CHAIRPERSON)

DATE 20/9/21

