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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 29th October, 2020

The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 9.00 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika ninaona kama akidi ya Bunge haijatosha.

Deputy Speaker: Clerk confirm whether we have quorum.

(Quorum confirmed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon Stephen Ndiritu we have statements and you seem to have a statement.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: It is only that I have realized that the quorum is okay.

STATEMENTS

STATUS OF SIPILI MARKET STALLS, SIPILI SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND OLMORAN LIVESTOCK MARKET

Deputy Speaker: Hon Stephen Ndiritu, you have a response to statement.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a response and I want to seek extension of time to respond to a statement on status of Sipili market stalls, Sipili slaughterhouse and Olmoran livestock market in Olmoran ward.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the attached statement was read on the floor of the House on 26th November, 2020 by Hon. George Karuiru and committed to Trade, Tourism and Cooperative committee on the same day. The committee received a response from the CECM for Trade vide ref CGL/CO/TT&CO/VOL123 dated 15th September, 2020. However, upon tabling the same response in the House for deliberation the Member for Olmoran ward was not satisfied.

The committee wrote to the CECM for Trade on 27th October, 2020 vide Ref CGL/CA/CM/002/012 inviting him to appear before the committee on Wednesday 4th November,2020 together with the Member for Olmoran ward to deliberate on the response. It is my view of the above that the committee is requesting for more time in order to table a comprehensive report.

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Hon Stephen, probably before you sit down what time do you think you will get back with a comprehensive statement regarding this statement?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, because we are meeting on 4th, I think next week will be 11th or 12th. It is just one week after meeting with the CECM for Trade.

Deputy Speaker: That is very much in order. Then you will give the response next week so that you will be very certain that you will do it. Two weeks, I am very sure will be more than enough but it is always good to have some reservations just in case. In two weeks time from now you will give a comprehensive response to this House. We still have another response by the Chairperson for Public Accounts and Investment committee.

2018/2019 AND 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR PENDING BILLS

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is also a response here but as a committee we made some changes to our committee and that is why maybe the response is written Hon. Daniel Mugweru but because I was elected as the new Chairman, I will also continue with this. I want seek extension of time to respond to a statement on 2018/2019 financial year pending bills.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the attached statement was read on the floor of the House on 4th August, 2020 by Hon. Peter Matunge and committed to County Public Accounts and Investment Committee the same day. The committee received a response from the CECM for Finance and Economic planning vide Ref CGL/CECF/CA.S/VOL111/11 dated 21st August, 2020, on the same day. The committee held a sitting with an officer from the executive on 17th August, 2020 to scrutinize the response after which it was found that some crucial information was left out in the response.

After much deliberation it was resolved that the CECM for Finance and Economic Planning should submit a detailed response to the committee on or before 24th September, 2020 in order for the committee to go through it before tabling it before the House. The committee has however not received the detailed response so far as agreed during the meeting. It is in view of the above that the committee is requesting for more time in order to table a response once the CECM responds.

Asante Bwana Spika. Ninafikiri tumekua na changamoto kidogo. Tumeweza kuletewa ripoti ambayo haina taarifa ambayo Mheshimiwa Matunge aliuliza. Tulimweleza waziri aweze kuleta ripoti hiyo lakini hadi jana kwa mawasiliano waziri alisema ya kwamba atatuletea hiyo ripoti baada ya wiki tatu kwa sababu kuna vitu anataka kuvipanga na aketi na wafanyakazi ili watuletee. Tunaomba mwezi mmoja ili tujibu taarifa hii.

Deputy Speaker: I will say one month will be too much time because most of the things can be carried away by occurrences and other things that are cropping up bearing in mind that CPAIC should be very active. If that is the case, please ensure with your Members that by that day

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you have sorted out and ensured that the CECM and his team have responded promptly. That is granted but with a lot of hopes that you will respond on that day. In thirty days from now you will be able to respond to this House. Thank you.

MOTION

ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Hon. Joseph Suge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report by the Committee on Implementation on the Annual Development Plan Implementation report for the departments of Trade Tourism and Enterprise development, Public Service and County Administration, Education Sports and Social development and Medical Services and Public Health dated October, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a report by the implementation committee…

Deputy Speaker: What is it Hon Mutahi?

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, Mheshimiwa kutoka Ngobit hajavalia barakoa na unaona vile hali ilivyo hatari katika nchi yetu

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member for Ngobit, for the sake of our health please put on a mask. Hon. Joseph, you may continue.

Hon Joseph Suge: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is an annual development plan implementation report for the four departments that I have mentioned in the motion. I will go directly to the report and since it is a huge report you will allow me to just go through it quickly.

Committee's mandate

I will go directly to the committee's mandate. The Committee on Implementation is established as per the provision of Standing Order No. 189. The committees' mandate includes scrutinizing the resolution of the Assembly including adopted committee reports, petitions and the undertakings given by the county executive committee and examine;

a) Whether or not such decisions and the undertakings have been implemented the extent to which they have been implemented and whether such implementation has taken place within the minimum time necessary

b) Whether or not legislation passed by the Assembly has been operationalized and where operationalized the extent to which such operationalization has taken place within the minimum time necessary.

Sub paragraph three of the paragraph 189 further provides that the committee may propose to the Assembly sanctions against any Member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant select committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.

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Committee's composition

The committee on implementation as currently constituted comprises of the following Hon. Members;

1. Hon. Joseph Suge -Chairman
2. Hon. Catherie Nyawira -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Patricia Muthoni -Member
4. Hon. George Karuiru -Member
5. Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo -Member

The committee appreciates the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support received in discharging its mandate. It is my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the implementation committee to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

1. Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives Development

The strategic priorities of the sector

In this report we are starting with the Department of Trade, Tourism and Co-operative Development. This sector was guided by the following strategic priorities in the preparation of the plan as well as the budget for the financial year 2018/2019. The said strategic priorities were adopted by this House giving the department space to prepare the budget which was subsequently adopted.

i. Improvement of business environment and enhancing fair trade practices
ii. Marketing of Laikipia as a tourist destination
iii. Revitalizing cooperative societies for economic growth
iv. Strengthening and providing affordable and accessible credit facilities
v. Promoting investment and industrialization in the County
vi. Promoting innovation programs in the County
vii. Improved funding to foster employment and wealth creation, alleviate poverty and support the productive sectors of the economy

Analysis of planned versus allocated budget in 2018/2019

Analysis of planned versus allocated budget in the 2018/2019 is clearly indicated in the table below. The table below highlights the comparison between the planned allocations versus the actual allocation in the budget. The table below shows the sub program, the planned budget in

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the ADP 2018/2019, the third column is the allocated budget 2018/2019 supplementary and then the deviation. The last column is the committee's comments. I think the Members are following.

If I can take an example of the administrative services in the department which in the ADP which the amount that was proposed was Kshs.55 million, the actual allocation was Kshs.4 million and had a deviation of Kshs.48 million. The committee's comment is that poor allocation of resources with the sub program losing up to 87 percent of the planned allocation. This shows how the department of tourism had planned in the ADP and now the allocation of the budget that was to be spent in executing their mandate. I think Members are following that and have seen what brought about the deviation.

The committee's observation is that from the above analysis it is evident that development plan for the department of trade tourism and cooperative development was over ambitious. The department had plans to utilize up to Kshs. 678 million Kenya shillings but 166 million was allocated which represents 24.5 per cent of the total plan.

Key achievements

The key achievement of the department of trade, tourism and cooperative department reported the following achievements from the allocation they received in the financial year 2018/ 2019:

1. Initiated the operationalization of complete projects i.e. the renovated Rumuruti Ngareng'iro stalls, Naibor ablution blocks and Nyahururu *Jua kali* shades, Nanyuki open air market.
2. Carried out traders' equipment verification and stamping in Laikipia County.
3. Participated in the 2018 Edition of Development Finance Forum at Kigali Rwanda.
4. Engaged with various innovation partners based in Nairobi including KIRDI, KEBS, KCIC among others.
5. Attended 2018 edition of youth summit at Strathmore University focusing on innovations.
6. Collected 1, 061, 540 shillings in AIA.
7. Mapped 6000 traders weighing and measuring equipment in Laikipia County.
8. Fast-tracked the production process BJ50 *Tuktuk* through holding series of meetings and engagements with relevant stakeholders, i.e. LCDA, NTSA, DeKUT, Chief Mechanical Engineer and KEBS.
9. Placed Laikipia products in local supermarket shelves.
10. Constructed 18 *bodaboda* shades and 16 toilets across the county.

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11. Rehabilitated Nanyuki Central Park and Thompson's Falls.
12. Erected fence at Solio Conservancy.
13. Rehabilitated Nanyuki open air market and constructed Rumuruti Market.
14. Organized the Laikipia indigenous technology Festival, Laikipia Armature fun race and Miss Tourism.
15. Exhibited in Nanyuki ASK show, Nyeri cultural festival, Nanyuki Realtors Expo and Kalasha international film and TV awards.
16. Promoted Laikipia innovators and other SMEs at the 6th devolution conference in Kirinyaga.
17. Organized the second Laikipia Innovation and Entrepreneurship fair where 120 innovators were exhibited.
18. Held a film making meeting with the Kenya Film commission which resulted to the signing of the memorandum of understanding with KFC.
19. The enterprise funds have issued loans to 162 groups, 162 individuals that totals to 30.586 million and conducted mobilization across the county.
20. Co-operative societies increased from 167 to 175 that includes 34 marketing cooperative societies, 9 housing and 132 SACCOS with 4 FOSAs in the county and 3 main mobile money service providers and distributed in the entire three sub-counties. Members' funds stand at 4.12 billion Kenya shillings, loan portfolio at 4.38 billion shillings and asset based at 5.01 billion shillings with percentage increase 21%, 20% and 19% respectively. Those include the bank loans which our people in Laikipia County have been able to access through the support of the department.
21. The Laikipia County cooperative Development revolving funds issued loans to 46 co-operative societies worth 34.3 million shillings out of 40 million shillings received with estimated 8000 beneficiaries. The fund supported 15 co-operative societies to conduct value addition namely of milk, maize, livestock marketing and honey.
22. Equally the department was able to work with strategic partners WOCCU, Swiss contact, KUSCO, SASRA, CIC and Co-operative Bank of Kenya in capacitating the co-operative movement.

Mr. Speaker, the next column in page 9 shows the implementation of the projects as per the approved budgets of the 2018/2018. Because the Members have the same report they will go

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through it quickly or even at their free time to ascertain whether this project has been done by the department within the various wards in the county.

I will now go to page 16 where the committee identified the challenges from the department.

Challenges

The department reported the following as some of the challenges encountered during the implementation of the ADP 2018/2019.

1) Insufficient budgetary allocation
2) Inadequate legal framework
3) The challenge of mobility across the vast county orchestrated by fewer number of vehicles
4) Inadequate optimum staff levels across the section
5) Delays in the release of funds
6) Inadequate office space
7) Lessons learnt and recommendations
8) Provision of optimum staff level in the department
9) Timely release of the allocated funds
10) Need to fast track infrastructure
11) Need to fast-track departmental legal framework
12) Fast-track completion of office space
13) Provision of enhance transport

Mr. Speaker, Sir, that was the report from the Department of Trade that includes the achievements and challenges that they have encountered while delivering service within the county.

2. Public Service and County Administration

The strategic priorities

This sector had the following strategic priorities set out for the financial year 2018/2019. The administrative units would be strengthened and staff motivated towards effective delivery of devolved functions

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- Promoting of peaceful county through floodlights, street lightings, community policing and police post initiatives.
- Promotion of disaster reduction strategies towards increased resilience of the local communities.
- The County Public Service Board would also ensure that the personnel maintain high standards of competence and skills in serving citizenry.

Analysis of the planned versus allocated budget in 2018/2019 is as indicated in the table below. The first column is the sub program the planned budget in the ADP 2018/2019, the allocated budget in 2018/2019 and the deviation. You can see in the county service delivery and resources reporting there was no proposal in the ADP but in the actual budget it was allocated Kshs.6.781 million. Human capital strategy was also zero under ADP but in the actual budget was proposed Kshs. 2,588,538 shillings. This includes personnel emoluments in the county and you know the report in the ADP is majorly collected during public participation. That it was not mentioned but it was a critical issue that the county had to look at. The column is that way and if you allow me I will go directly to the committee observation

Committee's Observation

The committee observed that the department's budget exceeded the plan of Kshs.1.944 billion which represents 26 percent of the budget. However, this allocation is explained using the personnel emoluments allocation which is managed in this department. The department was unable to meet most of the plans due to lack of funding in the budget

Key Achievements

The following are the achievements of the department:

1. The department undertook reforms in performance management systems by use of technology-based performance monitoring tool where departments and individual work plans are uploaded, KPIs updated daily/weekly performance is tracked through timesheets. To strengthen PMS, the department contracted KPMG a human resource consultant who developed a county performance management framework and established a results matrix through which performance is tracked
2. A new county public service board was recruited
3. The board conducted a staff perception survey embarked on developing a staff establishment and begin staff audit
4. The department organized quarterly staff meeting and sports awards in the three sub-counties

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5. Staff welfare matter was addressed through procurement of insurance services i.e. group life assurance, WIBA, Group personal accident cover and group medical scheme
6. Personnel actions like promotion, staff training, confirmation in appointment and re-designations were undertaken
7. The department coordinated public participation of ADP 2018/2019, CFSP 2019 and budget estimates. The views collected were documented, classified and incorporated in the budget
8. The department constructed and commissioned 6 flood lights across the county
9. Continuous repair and maintenance of street and flood lights was done in enhancement of security and increase business hours in various urban centers across the county
10. The fire unit continued to respond to fire disasters and other rescue services while still offering support in the neighboring counties
11. Liquor outlets were licensed to operate raising a considerable amount of revenue
12. The enforcement team continued to offer enforcement support to the department mainly in revenue department and infrastructure (building inspection) leading to enhanced revenue collection
13. Enforcement team embarked on guarding county installations and institutions
14. ICT continued to offer ICT support on system security and maintenance
15. Providing legal and legislative support to the county
16. Reporting on budget equalization, project status, annual score card and quality of service delivery
17. Enhancing inter county cooperation and initiating programs to mitigate community conflict and promote peaceful coexistence

Mr. Speaker, the next column is the performance of capital projects for financial year 2018/2019. It shows the project name and location per ward, objective/purposes, output, performance indicators, status (based on the indicators), the actual cost of the project and the source of funds. The next one is the payment of grants, subsidies and I think the Members are also following.

Challenges

The next page, that is page 22, is the departmental challenges.

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The department reported the following challenges experienced during the implementation of the previous plan:

1. Inadequate budgetary allocation
2. Delayed enactment of enabling legislation
3. Inadequate tools and equipment.
4. Re-allocation of budgetary funds
5. Introduction of new programs midterm
6. Inadequate staffing
7. Adverse weather conditions
8. Increased litigations
9. Midterm salary reviews
10. Inconsistent cash flow impeding timely implementation of plans
11. Interruption in the IFMIS system

Recommendations

The department took lessons from the successes and failures they experienced while implementing the plan. They include the following:

1. There is need to fast-track the disbursement of resources
2. Enhance controls in expenditure
3. There is need for early planning
4. There is need for timely implementation of projects

3. Education, Sports and Social Development

The next department is that of Education, Sports and Social Development. The department planned to undertake the following during the period under review

1. Infrastructure development in ECDE centers, vocational training centers, stadia, social halls, cultural centers, child facilities, primary and secondary schools.
2. To offer market oriented/industrial driven courses at vocation training centers.
3. Provide instructional materials and training equipment for early childhood development education, vocational training centers and sports.

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4. Provide social protection for the vulnerable groups, PSDs, orphans, street children, economically disadvantaged women and the elderly persons.
5. Talent identification, nurturing and development of sports, performing arts and cultural practices.
6. Bursary and scholarship support to orphans and most needy in special schools, secondary schools, VTCs, colleges and universities.
7. Build collaboration and partnerships with national and county government centers and learning institutions.
8. Improve staffing and staff skills in ECD centers, VTC spots, community development and childcare centers.

Mr. Speaker, the annex below shows the analyzed plan verses the allocated budget in 2018/2019. The first column is the program, the planned budget 2018, the supplementary budget, deviation and the committee remarks.

Key achievements

In the financial year 2018/2019 the sector achieved the following;

1. Constructed 7 infrastructural projects in vocational training centers including 5 training workshops, one dining hall and 1 kitchen.
2. Undertook major renovation of 2 stadia in Nanyuki and Nyahururu.
3. Constructed a septic tank and renovated the dormitories at the Laikipia rescue and rehabilitation center for Children (LARREC).
4. Constructed 22 ECDE centers across the county.
5. Held the inaugural indigenous technology fair to promote and preserve diverse cultures in Rumuruti.
6. Awarded bursary and scholarships worth 50.5 million shillings to over 900 needy students in secondary, special schools, colleges and universities.
7. Provision, installation and testing of equipment and machines in the 9 VTCs.
8. Coordinated registration and licensing of VTCs.
9. Construction of 15 ECDE classrooms.
10. Fencing of Rumuruti stadium.
11. Coordinated 2018 KICOSCA games in Kisii County.
12. Coordinated cultural technology festival in Rumuruti.

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13. Installation, commissioning of county operation management system.

14. Commissioning of Rumuruti ICTR Hub.

15. Commission of Nanyuki ICT Hub.

Those were the key achievements of the department. The next column starting from page 26 shows the projects in every ward. I think Members are still following to ascertain that the report from the department has reported what has been done.

Challenges

The department experienced the following challenges during the implementation of the ADP;

1. The department does not have adequate vehicles making it difficult to operate as it has various projects that require supervision and monitoring of programs in all the wards
2. Office space is wanting. Officers lack ample working space for efficiency and effectiveness
3. VTCs have acute shortage of trainers hampering the special initiative to grow technical skills to reach 5000 by 2022. There is need to recruit and employ 42 instructors to ensure that the market scan recommendation is achieved
4. Four wards did not have ECDE coordinators thus affected the smooth delivery of services.
5. Budget allocation for the department largely remains low as compared to the department's demands.
6. There is need to double the allocation to meet at least half of the demands
7. Delayed disbursement of funds is a barrier to the implementation of the projects and the programs thus affects the planning.

Recommendations

1. A vehicle is instrumental in ensuring effectiveness and efficiency. The department has leant constant supervision is hampered by lack of thus it recommends to be provided with at least three vehicles, one of which should be a bus
2. Office space is critical in ensuring output is achieved without hindrance
3. Acute shortage of staff in all levels is a major hindrance to service delivery. The department therefore recommends recruitment of staff for deployment in all levels
4. Budget allocation for the departments largely remains low as compared to the demands. There is need to increase the allocation to meet half of their demands

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5. Delayed disbursement of the funds is a barrier in implementation of projects and programs thus affects planning. The department recommends timely disbursement of funds.

4. Medical Services and Public Health

Mr. Speaker, the last department is that of Medical Services and Public Health.

Strategic priorities

The following were the strategic priorities of the medical surveys and public health sector during the implementation of the 2018/2019;

1. Increased investment in preventive and promotive health system
2. Strengthen primary healthcare systems
3. Financial protection through health insurance
4. Quality service delivery with a clear referral health system
5. Leveraging on the technology in the health service delivery

The column is similar to those of the other departments. We have the sub program, planned budget, allocated budget, the deviation and the remarks by the committee. The health products and technology support services in the ADP they planned to spend Kshs.160 million and in the actual budget it was allocated Kshs.139 million and the deviation is Kshs.21 million. That was a slight difference. The columns there indicate how the administration of the department had proposed their budget.

Challenges

1. Late and inadequate disbursement of funds.
2. Poor local revenue collection. During the planned period the county was not able to meet the local revenue targets.
3. Weak coordination.
4. Delay in processing of legal documents from collaborating institutions.
5. Lack of county fiscal and spatial plans.
6. Inadequate staff and facilities.

Recommendations

1. There is need for the government to continue building the capacity of the staff while enlisting the support of the other stakeholders in assessing the risk areas in projects implementation.

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2. The weak local revenue performance which has led to overreliance on the fiscal transfer from the National Government remains a major fiscal risk.
3. Timely disbursement of funds to projects is essential for timely completion of projects.
4. There is also need to strengthen the monetary evaluation function so that the timely follow up can be effected including fast tracking the drafting of monitoring and evaluation policy which are crucial in the formalization of monitoring and evaluation operational structures in the county.
5. The county will continue seeking development partners, (World Bank and UNDP) support in strengthening capacity constitutional implementation and revenue collection.
6. Citizens engagement and public participation will be improved to accelerate the good working relations and minimize conflicts in the county taxation and revenue collection, legislation and business. Therefore, there is need to enhance business activities, investments, revenue mobilization while focusing more on development ahead and revenue collection.
7. The process of formulating ADP should start early enough to allow wide consultation in order to create consensus and ownership in the development planning and implementation.
8. There is need for the continued capacity building of staff in development planning and implementation reporting.

Committee observations

Mr. Speaker, Sir, finally is the committee observation and recommendation. The committee made the following observation from the annual development plan 2018/2019;

1. That the budget does not accommodate the development plans prepared and adopted in the House since they are over ambitious
2. That the county executive has presented a very detailed report on the performance by the departments. The report has indicated the number of projects the county has been able to complete with the reporting period

Recommendations

The committee draws the following recommendations from the observations;

1. The county executive needs to be guided by the expected incomes. This will ensure that the plans are within the abilities of the county government budget

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2. That the sectoral committees take up the oversight role and visit the projects reported to the complete to ascertain as much

This report has been a huge one and is well detailed for the four departments, the department of Trade, Administration, Education, and finally the Health sector. As I was going through the report you have seen that the challenges are more similar. One, every department has raised their concern on the issue of mobility. That shows that there is need for more vehicles to ensure the effectiveness and performance in every department.

For the officers to visit those projects which have been done in every ward considering the diversity of Laikipia County it is clear that the vehicles are needed especially in every department to ensure that the officers are effective and equal to task in discharging their duties. We have heard of several cases when the contractor needs to get the completion certificate. Sometimes the contractors are forced to ferry the officers maybe to the site. Sometimes this compromises the project. As an Assembly we also need to relook in our next budget and see that the departments have vehicles.

The other issue is the release of funds. We do not have much control because that is the issue that sometimes the treasury is failing the counties. That is another challenge that they have raised. The next one is the issue of staffing. We know the county is straining on the issues of wage bill but that should not compromise the effectiveness of service delivery. The departments have concerns also on that issue.

Another critical one is the issue of the ECDE coordinators that has been raised by the department of Education. Up to now four wards do not have ECDE coordinators and that is a matter that should be taken seriously by the committee on education and looked at. The other one is the issue of the budget cycle which we know is a process starting with the CIDP, ADP, the CFSP and finally the actual budget. We have seen the deviation in every department what has been planned in the ADP and what is in the actual budget. There is a big deviation and that shows that we need to have a consensus. Before going to the final budget, the executive and the Assembly should create a forum and come together to discuss to ensure that the budgeted projects meet the expectation and real priorities of the people of Laikipia.

The final one is the issue of public participation. The report should be scrutinized before formulation of the proposed budget to see that issues that have been raised by the people are well catered for. Sometimes we are being fought by our electorate simply because whatever has been proposed in the budget by the executive before going to the final some changes have been made. Maybe the document because it is in the public domain the same electorate would have gone through it and as a representative when you go to the ground they will tell you that you have changed this. You have brought this and it was in the budget and that brings a lot of conflicts with our people because those people do not understand the proposed budget and final budget. There is also need for creation of awareness.

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With those few remarks because Members have gone through the report, I would urge the sectoral committees to also go through it to see the projects which have been indicated to have been done by every department. This Assembly should also get that report from the sectoral committees after going to the ground and witnessing the same. With those few remarks, I would urge the Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo to second the report. Thank you.

(Hon. Chalubo Kaparo seconded the report)

(*Question proposed)*

Hon. Catherine Nyawira: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also wish to put my voice into this report. First is to thank the chair for taking us through…

Deputy Speaker: What is it, Hon Mugweru?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I am just concerned and we need ruling from your Chair because the few remarks that Hon. Suge has made have taken us one hour and the COVID-19 rules are very clear that we should not have a meeting for over one hour. I need your guidance for us to continue with this debate from where Hon. Catherine Nyawira has reached probably next week on Tuesday or any day you will rule. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon Mugweru. When we were in this House a few minutes ago we had one Member who was actually saying that one of our Members was not in a mask. It is just a matter of looking at our health. We all know and agree that any meeting as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Health we are asked that please do not go for more than one hour where possible.

I am finding this report very critical, so at least Members need numbers and time. I will say Hon Suge that we push your report since it is even more than department to next week so that at least Members can be able to go through and have their time to give their suggestions. I will say that we go to the next agenda and this report will be escalating to next week and even probably other weeks to come because I can see it is four departments. Hon. Catherine you will be taking a lead next week as we come back and delve into this report.

(Motion Deferred)

ADJOURNEMENT

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members we may rise. The sittings of this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday 3rd November, at 2.20 p.m.

The House rose at 3.29 p.m.

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