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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION

A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016/2017

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1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Annual Development Plan (ADP) is a statutory annual plan that guides the implementation of projects and programs in each department in the fiscal year as they are stipulated in the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP). The Kitui County annual development plan was committed to the committee on 1st October 2015 as the statutory requirement. Section 126 3 of the public finance management act 2012 states that the county executive committee member responsible for planning, shall not later than 1st September in each year, submit the annual development plan to the county assembly for its approval and sent a copy to the commission on revenue allocation and the national treasury.

1.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. Speaker Sir the Annual Development Plan 2016/2017 outlines the proposed development projects and programs to be implemented by the departments within the county in the fiscal year 2016/2017. The implementation and complete operationalization of the plan is expected to move the county towards its vision of being a prosperous county with vibrant rural and urban economies whose people enjoy high quality of life.

On receiving the Kitui County Annual Development Plan the committee embarked on critical scrutiny and analysis of the document. This was done collaboratively with sectoral committees who gave their submissions to the committee on their respective sectors which the committee highly appreciates and forms part of the committee recommendations.

1.2 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee on Finance and Economic planning has made this report pursuant to Standing Order No 191(5) of Kitui County Assembly which defines functions of the committee as being to;

- a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) Study the Programme and policy objectives of the departments and the effectiveness of implementation;
- c) Study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- d) Study, assess and analyze the relative sources of the department as measured by the results obtained as compared with the stated objectives.
- e) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly.
- f) To vet and reports on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the county assembly to approve , except those under Standing Order 185(committee on appointments) and,
- g) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible including recommendations of proposed legislation.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The committee on Finance and Economic planning is composed of the following members:

<u>Members Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
1. Hon. Jamhuri Mwangi	Chairman
2. Hon. Kilonzo D. Kauthi	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Stephen Wambua	Member
4. Hon. Patrick Mutua	Member
5. Hon. Boniface Katumbi	Member
6. Hon. Hussein Mwandia	Member
7. Hon. Rhoda Wambua	Member
8. Hon. Phoebe Kisee	Member
9. Hon. Colleta Koli	Member
10. Hon. Joyce Mutemi	Member
11. Hon. Jane Muli	Member

1.3 INTRODUCTION

This report emanates from the Kitui County Annual Development Plan 2016/2017 prepared by the CEC Finance in line with PFM Act, 2012, which provides under section 126 (1) that every County Government shall prepare a development plan in accordance with Article 220 (2) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which provides that the plan incorporates;

- a) Strategic priorities for the medium term that reflect the county government's priorities and plans;
- b) A description of how the county government is responding to changes in the financial and economic environment;
- c) Programmes to be delivered with details for each Programme of

- (i) The strategic priorities to which the Programme will contribute;
 - (ii) The services or goods to be provided;
 - (iii) Measurable indicators of performance where feasible;
 - (iv) The budget allocated to the Programme;
- d) Payments to be made on behalf of the county government, including details of any grants, benefits and subsidies that are to be paid;
- e) A description of significant capital developments;
- f) A detailed description of proposals with respect to the development of physical, intellectual, human and other resources of the county, including measurable indicators where those are feasible;
- g) A summary budget in the format required by regulations; and
- h) Such other matters as may be required by the Constitution or this Act.

To satisfy and inform the County development agenda for prosperity and posterity, the CEC finance drafted the proposed Kitui County Annual Development plan covering periods 2016/2017 in line with the Constitution and relevant Acts.

The document was committed to the committee on 1st October 2015 through a commitment made of it by the Hon. Speaker and of which the committee put its efforts to consider, scrutinize and act as appropriate.

To fully acquaint itself with the provisions within the document, the Committee retreated to Pride Inn conference hotel on date 16th to 19th of October 2015. During the retreat the committee considered various documents, Acts and regulations which informed them in making key observations and consequently recommendations.

1.4 TOOLS OF REFERENCE

The committee, in the execution of its mandate, was guided by the following provisions of Act, Laws and documents;

- a) The Constitution of Kenya, 2010.
- b) The Public Finance Management Act, 2012.
- c) The County Government Act, 2012.
- d) Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2012.
- e) The Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012
- f) The Kitui County CIDP Document.
- g) The Previous Annual Development plans.
- h) The Current budget under implementation that is 2015/2016 annual budget.

1.5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

To scrutinize, inquire, establish and report to the house whether the proposed Kitui County Annual Development Plan 2016/2017 was in line with the provisions of law and whether it is consistent with the other County Plans and aspirations of the Millennium Development goals and Vision 2030.

1.6 SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS

Upon scrutiny of proposed Kitui County Annual Development Plan 2016/2017, adduced before the committee and by being informed by relevant Articles of Law and Acts the following was observed;

1. The committee commends the improved clarity and objectivity in various ministries' programmes aim at achieving the county mission and vision.
2. The Annual Development Plan had a few typographical and grammatical that need to be corrected.

3. The ADP has major errors in budget tabulations where the itemized programmes had a higher total sum than the ministry's budget ceiling like in the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture.

1.7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker sir, the committee commends the county ministry of Finance and Planning through the County Executive Member for their adherence to their constitutional mandate and submitting the Annual Development Plan on time.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to express my appreciation to the honorable members of the committee who traded off their time to participate in the activities of the committee and whose dedication and fortitude saw the completion of this report.

Mr. Speaker sir, the committee is very grateful to the Speaker's Office and Office of The Clerk of County Assembly for the maximum support for which enabled the committee to discharge its mandate of reviewing the County Annual Development Plan FY 2016/2017.

Mr. Speaker sir, it is now my privilege and duty to recommend to the honorable members in this house to consider and adopt the Committee on Finance and Planning report on the County Annual Development Plan for the FY 2016/2017.

HON.JAMHURI MWANGO

Sign;

Date; 16th NOVEMBER 2015

Chairperson; FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kitui County Assembly.

1.8 SIGNING BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

This Committee urges the assembly to consider and adopt this report.

Members Name	Position	Signature
1. Hon. Jamhuri Mwangi	Chairman
2. Hon. Kilonzo D. Kauthi	Vice Chairperson
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1.9 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016/2017

10.0 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.

Mr Speaker Sir,In the FY 2016/2017, the following County executive priorities will be pursued; To improve County governance, administration and decision making processes for improved social, economic and political environment, Strengthen intergovernmental relations among our neighboring counties and the national government in the spirit of mutual cooperation and respect and Strengthen mobilization of external resources.The office of the governor has the following sub-programmes:

Mr Speaker Sir,

i. Promote Socio Economic Development in the Community.

Focus on socio economic development as a tool for poverty eradication is important in the wake of devolution it stresses on the bottom up approach in citizen involvement on development matters. The sub Programme has been allocated Kshs. 642 million. The committee thus commends the initiative but considering that public participation is enshrined in the constitution in article 10 the committee is of the view that improving the quality of life of the rural and marginal urban can only be felt if sufficient water and quality education is availed and thus recommends that 200 Million from this programme be allocated to water and 142 million to supply of electricity to rural polytechnics.

ii. Fostering intra and inter-governmental relations.

The Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012 establishes several intergovernmental structures, which serve to facilitate greater intergovernmental cooperation and consultation under the devolved government model. The national government and county governments are to use these structures to agree on crosscutting policies, legislation and other important issues that affect them both locally and nationally. Furthermore, these structures will help prevent or resolve intergovernmental disputes.

The Coordinating Summit must convene at least twice a year and submits an annual report to Parliament and the county assemblies within three months after the end of every financial year. Other functions of the Summit are outlined in Clause 8 of *The Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012*.

The committee recognizes the need for improved co-operation between the two levels of government and all county governments but noting that as per the requirements of *The Intergovernmental Relations Act, 2012* no reports have been received by the Kitui County assembly taking note that the activity has been ongoing and is undertaken by all the 47 counties the committee demands for submission of the reports as required. The committee from the programmes allocation of 50 Million transfers 30 Million to support the formation of a disaster management unit in the county.

iii. Disaster management.

In complying with the motion on formation of a disaster preparedness and management unit approved by the Assembly on 6th September 2015 the department should be moved to the county ministry of administration and coordination.

iv. Operationalization of human resource systems.

Mr. Speaker the Human resource system influences organizational performance by eliciting and controlling employee behaviors. Conceptual linkages and employee helping behaviors offers a more coherent understanding of how helping behavior can be facilitated in varying circumstances. The H.R role is vital to economic growth in any institution. This in Kitui County the committee is of the view it can be achieved through strategic values of interpersonal organization behavior that is affiliative, cooperative and directed at all individuals. The sub – programme therefore can gets an allocation of 15 Million to facilitate performance management systems and digitalization of HR records and 30 million is reallocated to water provision.

v. HIV /AIDS and pornography control programme.

The sub programme is allocated 9.35 million. It was noted that the programme had been allocated money in the previous ADP but had not shown any impact in the wards. The committee therefore requested for the workplace policies on HIV/AIDS and pornography to be availed to the committee together with breakdown of the expenditure of the previous years.

vi. Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme.

The Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP) which began in financial year 2013/14 is a commendable programme in service delivery to the people of Kitui County. The objective of the programme is to support small scale infrastructure projects identified and prioritized by communities at the local level in order to improve their livelihoods. This programme the committee recommends that it should have a 200 percent increase in the next financial year and benefit with an allocation of 800 Million. To enable strengthening the regulations of the programme and ensure harmonization of projects and equity the committee urges for a review of the policies and a bill to guide the implementation of the programme.

11.0 MINISTRY OF ADMISTRATION AND COORDINATION OF COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Mr Speaker Sir, Completion of decentralized units offices, disaster management and county coordination are a priority to ensure provision of quality and responsive public services throughout the county. The sub-sector needs to prioritize the development of policies, Legislations and regulations that supports full implementation of the subsector mandates. These policies and legislations include County disaster management bill, civic education bill, county training policy and Public participation bill.

Mr. Speaker, sir, this assembly approved the Kitui County Villages Bill on 20th November 2014 and it was later assented to law on 19th March 2015. The

committee therefore recommends for prudence in prioritization of programs in this ministry as it had allocated 494,000,000 for construction of village administrators offices while the office holders are not in office. The committee therefore made utilization of the funds in allocating 300 million to CLIDP and that the activity will be allocated funds in the subsequent programmes.

There is need to provide support services to ward administrators to help in mobilization and tracking of development projects and such the function has been allocated 100 million deducted from the construction of village offices. This the committee was of the view that it will reduce the time taken by the ward officers travelling to the headquarters to claim imprests for their offices.

To facilitate ease of mobility to ward administrators the department budgeted for eight (8) motorbikes for use by ward administrators this was found not to be sufficient and to sort the mobility issue for the ward administrators the committee increased the number to forty (40) motorbikes to serve all the wards in the county.

12.0 COUNTY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION.

Mr. Speaker Sir, given the county is ASAL; water is key priority to the citizens. Improved sources of water comprise protected springs, protected wells, boreholes, piped water into dwellings, piped and rain water collection while unimproved sources include pond, dam, lake, stream/river, unprotected spring, unprotected well, water vendor and others. In Kitui County, 25% of residents use improved sources of water, with the rest relying on unimproved sources. To this effect the committee recommends that the water department increases pipeline extensions to six hundred (600) kilometers which will give a coverage of fifteen (15) kilometers per ward to enable wards that benefitted with borehole to avail water to communities living in distant areas. On water harvesting in water rock catchments the committee recommends an additional three (3) catchment from the three targeted which gives a total of six (6) rock catchments in the financial year.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the sector priorities also include: 1 crawler to be added to the existing 2 crawlers to be able to construct 120 earth dams inclusive of desilting, this Mr. Speaker amounts to 3 dams per ward. To that effect the committee also recommends purchase of 1 excavator for desilting of earth dams for the next financial year.

In the current financial year 2015/2016, 80 borehole are targeted for drilling, the committee thus found it prudent to increase the target to 160 boreholes. Mr. Speaker the priorities are necessitated by the fact that different areas have diverse water needs and need diverse solutions and this house being the pioneer assembly has to ensure it provides a lasting solution to the challenge of water provision in the county.

Mr. Speaker Sir, a large portion of the county's population, practice livestock production owing to existing favorable semi-arid ecological conditions. Livestock proceeds contribute significantly to household incomes and revenue to the County at large. The committee recommends that the sub-sector prioritizes strategies that will increase livestock productivity through Construction of a premier abattoir at Kanyonyoo to provide market for our livestock products.

The committee also in support of irrigation and livestock support services proposes the purchase of 24 motorbikes three for each sub county to ensure agriculture, water and irrigation support services are availed to the people.

13.0 MINISTRY OF BASIC EDUCATION TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the success of turning Kenya into a globally competitive and a prosperous nation is hinged on the performance of the Education Sector. In the Kenya Vision 2030, the government recognizes that Kenya's main potential is in

its people; their creativity, education, and entrepreneurial skills, therefore, this sector has a responsibility of facilitating the process of inculcating knowledge and skills necessary for uplifting the country to a globally competitive country.

Mr. Speaker sir, the sub-sector priorities includes: provision of school bursary and scholarship to needy students and those in professional courses, expand and equip existing youth polytechnics, operationalization of County Training Centers, curriculum for the pre-primary school teachers, improve the learning conditions in the existing schools, at least two model school of excellence per Sub County, increased school assessment and monitoring, strengthen school monitoring by providing means, it also needs to partner between communities and development agencies and use of multiplicity of ICT tools.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this key ministry has challenges that are shared in every corner of our county this include: mushrooming of ECDE Centers which has led to increased demand in staffing and facilities against limited resources. Lack of appropriate policy for staff which includes;-lack of scheme of service for ECDE teachers, lack of curriculum for ECDE education in the county. It also imperative to note that there is lack of a comprehensive sector strategy to guide programmes for the sector and utilization of limited resources and insufficient resourcing especially in the polytechnics. There is also policy grey areas in relationship to youth polytechnics since most instructors have not been fully been absorbed by the county government. All this need to be addressed for the full realization of the ministry's vision and mission.

Mr Speaker Sir, the ministry sub progrmmes are:

Construction of ECDE classrooms

The committee recommends that the construction of ECDE classrooms be integrated with equipping of the same with fixed outdoor equipment. This aims at reducing cost and turns around time for those projects. Further all ECD Classes should have learning tables instead of desks with each having six seats

as per the National Government Ministry recommendation and each ECD class should have a standard measurement of seven by six meters (7m X 6m.) The equipment's for ECD classes i.e. the learning tables and seats should be assembled at ward level so as to reduce cost of contracts in transportation and support local artisans in the wards.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Integrated programmes for improvement of education in primary and secondary is quite a strategic integration targeted by the ministry to improve education standards in the county, however members propose that support programmes to local boarding schools be separated to become a stand-alone program from mentorship programmes. This will enable assessing progress and overall performance. Further the mentorship programmes should be contacted at ward level as this will be able to motivate schools from within to work harder.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The situation in most youth polytechnics in terms of infrastructure is desperate. The sector require more funds for renovation of all youth polytechnics especially those with dilapidated infrastructure. For starters the committee recommends that the 6Million allocated to childcare be reallocated for construction of new polytechnics in areas that don't have any e.g. Mutitu, Mui and Ngomeni Youth polytechnics

Mr. Speaker Sir, on equipping of polytechnics the committee recommends that it should be based on needs assessment and particularly target those polytechnics that needs to start new courses e.g. Beauty therapy computer ICT and electrical services.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Construction of new youth polytechnics has been given priority with an estimate of 26 Million for construction of twelve youth polytechnics which the committee is of the view that it is too far low hence the committee proposed for Kshs. 4.5 Million per polytechnics thus totaling to Ksh.50million.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Establishment of home craft centers and childcare services should be done through encouraging local investors to open childcare facilities and home craft centers thus the committee recommends that the expenditures are not a priority.

14.0 MINISTRY OF LANDS INFRASTRUCTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the sustainability of lives and livelihoods fundamentally depends on land as a natural resource.

Mr. Speaker sir, the priorities for the sub-sector comprises: Mutation surveys for issuance of title deeds, topographical survey /county projects mapping, land adjudication programmes, cadastral surveys of public land, resolution of general boundary disputes, county boundary survey and planning, taking inventory and renovation of (former municipal and county houses, government pool and institutional houses and securing land for future housing development and in which the houses stand, planning of centers/towns, completion of County Spatial Plan, preparation of Part development plans for public institutions/offices, public sensitization on matters of physical planning, policy formulation (County spatial planning bill, Development control bill),

Mr Speaker Sir, for a county that has statistically speaking poor connectivity in road networks grading of only 1200 kilometers of roads that is targeted to be undertaken for a whole financial year by only two (2) graders raises concern of the ministry's commitment to open up the vast county for accessibility and investments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to address the above the committee recommends that Grading, culverts construction, gravelling and construction of small drifts be merged into one programme and allocated 300million so as to have the funds allocated facilitate the activities as merged cater for priorities and needs of specific areas/wards. To ensure improved and efficiency in service delivery in the view that only two (2) graders will be working in the whole financial year the committee further recommends tendering of the all the programmes as merged.

15.0 MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

Mr. Speaker Sir, a healthy population is a prerequisite for enhanced economic growth and poverty reduction. The Kenya Vision 2030 envisages provision of equitable and affordable healthcare at the highest affordable standards; further this is anchored in our constitution under the Bill of rights.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Health sector will seek to address health related challenges through; provision of improved preventive, curative, and rehabilitative health care services, investment in infrastructural development both for health facilities and sanitation, procurement of medical supplies and equipment and continued staffing and training of health professionals to improve human resource manpower as well as enhance efficient service delivery to its residents.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this committee commends the ministry for having strategic priorities towards health care provision. However, Katumbi dispensary has been listed twice under the curative health services programme. The committee recommended that the double entry should be replaced with Kwa Kimweli dispensary. And more funds to be allocated to cater for Itheng'eli dispensary and Kwa Song'e dispensary under the same programme.

Mr. Speaker sir, to ensure hygiene in hospitals sufficient water in all our health care facilities in the county is necessary. The committee recommends that hospitals and dispensaries should be given first priority water connection and further due to the population served Mwingi and Kitui general hospitals should benefit with drilling of a borehole in their premises by February 2016.

16.0 MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, ICT AND COOPERATIVES.

Mr. Speaker Sir, global competition plays a vital role in creating an enabling environment for trade development, promotion of industrial development and investment. Industrialization is a key productive sector for economic growth and development due to its immense potential for wealth and employment creation as well as poverty alleviation.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Trade sub-sector programmes are geared towards creating an enabling business environment and implements a core poverty programme that provides affordable business credit and entrepreneurial business development services to Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) with the aim of reducing poverty and unemployment.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the sector priorities over the medium term include: development of market infrastructure (market construction), value addition on three Value Chains Products (milk, mangoes, and honey), establishment of Traders Credit Scheme, purchase of Market Land/Plots, securing of existing markets, improving other social amenities e.g. water, constructions of boda boda sheds and providing equipments, Capacity Building on SMEs and Cooperatives through training, establishment of Business Information Centers. The sector so envisages to promote cooperative movement in the county by strengthening cooperatives through sound policies and regulations and value addition technologies especially on processing plants.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The ministry targets to construct and equip ten (10) ICT centers which are not mentioned the committee thus recommends that there should always be names given to areas benefitting to ensure there is equity in distribution of projects.

Mr. Speaker Sir, On the County radio the committee found the item not a prudent expenditure priority as the already existing rural neighborhood radio stations that are specialized in the broadcasting of information that concerns the rural world. They broadcast in FM exclusively, and are therefore very pleasant to listen to.

More time is available for broadcasts in the local language which allows the listeners, who are generally semi-illiterate, to easily follow nearly all of the programs broadcast.

All of these advantages would indicate that the rural radio stations have a secure future ahead of them. As a result, they constitute a valid partner, with whose collaboration will encourage development synergy with all the actors in the rural world. The county government should therefore explore means to partner with the local rural stations among others, in order to increase information dissemination to the masses, thus funds allocated to this item should be used in construction of market sheds and stock yards.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on Construction of modern markets. The committee found that the project had no value for money and hence it's funds were reallocated to construction of standard market sheds which would be used by vendors to store their products safe after sales.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee recommends that Boda boda sheds should be enlarged to have holding space for at least thirty (30) motorbikes and be placed in strategic places identified by the help of the users.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee recommends construction of seven loading facilities (stock yards) in areas with high livestock market; these are Tseikuru market, Nguni market, Mwingi town, Kisasi market , Mutha market, Ikutha market and Athi market. This Mr. Speaker is meant to support the trade in the view that the County will be having a premier abattoir.

17.0 MINISTRY OF SPORTS, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the sub-sector priorities in the FY 2016/17 will be ensuring Gender equity in county appointments and promotions, empowerment of People Living With Disability (PLWDs), youth and women (setting up a revolving fund), development of social amenities like social halls and conservancies, Gender, Youth and Disability mainstreaming in county policies, programs and projects, registering, trade marking, supporting and marketing women cottage industries products, develop the youth talents through sports and cultural exhibition, construction of the main stadiums in Mwingi, Ithookwe and Mutomo, support

Paralympics in the county, national and international competitions, establish county tourism brand and marketing board, preserve, document and market the Kamba culture and cultural artifacts, licensing and sensitization on the dangers of drugs and substance abuse, provision of cash transfers/ social assistance funds for the elderly and the disadvantaged.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to enable and empower our youth to participate in sports the committee recommends construction and improvement of sport stadia in three sub counties which are Mwingi town (area to be identified), Ithookwe play grounds, and purchase and construction of a modern stadium at Mutomo. The stadiums should be constructed to the standards that can be able to host national and intercontinental sporting events. To support this the committee recommends the allocation of 50 million to support the construction of the stadiums in Mwingi, upgrading of Ithookwe play grounds and 18 million for the purchase and construction of a stadium in Mutomo.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to support initiatives towards socioeconomic development of marginalized people in the society. The committee allocates 35 million to cater for the programmes and projects for the persons with disabilities and that the amount be equally distributed in all wards.

18.0 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND MINERAL INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Speaker sir, the main mandate of this sub-sector is to provide clean, secure and sustainable environment by promoting the quality and preservation of the county's environment and natural resources. The mission of Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Sector is to improve the livelihoods of Kitui people through the provision of varied and reliable sources of affordable energy and increased levels of mineral investments in a sustainably managed environment. This sector provides critical linkages with the main productive sectors namely agriculture, tourism, manufacturing and energy. These sectors

are heavily dependent on use of natural resources that are derived from the environment. Environmental issues are also closely linked to other sectors of the economy such as development planning, population dynamics, finance, public health and sanitation, and trade.

Mr. Speaker sir: Environmental degradation in our county through wanton destruction of our little almost extinct forest cover is an issue that has gnawed hearts for a long time. This is highly accelerated by the illegal charcoal business. Sad, the business never seems to benefit those who engage in it at the grass root! A lot of indigenous trees have been lost to this and the surviving few are fast disappearing if not to the business, to the scorching heat. It is a mountainous task but we can reverse the trend with the good will of all of us.

To recover the lost forest cover the committee recommends a collaborative effort which will bear a very significant impact.

1) Charcoal trade needs to be slowed down if not put to a total halt. This the committee suggest should be done through full implementation of the Charcoal Bill or reconsideration of the Bill to effect a total ban on charcoal trade in the county.

2) Talk and campaigns to encourage people to develop a culture of planting and nurturing trees at homes and individual farms.

3) Pupils and high school students in our schools in the county, each to be given a tree to plant and nurture each year as this will engrain the culture of conservation in our future generations.

4) Partnership with relevant bodies and organizations that can help to conduct the above activities and provide seedlings.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to support the initiatives enlisted here above the committee recommends an allocation of 50 million for tree planting activities in major forests to increase the forest cover in our county which are: Mumoni forest, Kavonge Forest in Kyangwithya East, Mutito Forest and Kyawea forest in Mutonguni and support tree planting initiatives in the county.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the energy department in the county has performed fairly well in provision of electricity to the rural areas in the county through its partnership with rural electrification authority. The committee though appeals to the department to seek to address the issue of power shortages in the county as it has for long hurt business in the county. Further the committee recommends the principle of maximization in electricity provision with priority for the next financial being given youth polytechnics which are should be supplied electricity through a three phase supply.

19.0 FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning is charged with the responsibility of formulating sound economic, fiscal and financial policies that facilitate socio - economic development. This responsibility makes the ministry strategic and central to the county's economic management, as all sectors of the economy look upon it to create an enabling environment in which they can operate effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The ministry is supposed to Provide leadership in harmonized Development planning that ensures inclusiveness, equity, justice and sustainable development, Ensuring coordination, preparation and timely implementation of the County budget, improving internal revenue collection by over one hundred Per cent, develop and implement effective and efficient County procurement systems for improved service delivery and value for money, Undertake effective financial management and strengthen internal control systems in the county to safeguard public resources.

Mr. Speaker Sir. Most of the spending in this sector will be on infrastructure development specifically the construction of 1 four storey building for county treasury and e - revenue system.

Mr. Speaker Sir. Effective running of devolved functions requires adequate resources. Currently the larger proportion of county government financial

resources is sourced from the national government. This is attributed to the county governments' insufficient capacity to mobilize revenues within their jurisdictions. Corruption is one of the main challenge that inhibits revenue collection. The employees also lack requisite competences for collecting revenue.

The inculcation of information and communication technologies (ICTs) through the e- revenue is thus paramount in ensuring optimal revenue collection. Indeed, the call for transparency to ensure optimization in revenue collection and thus improved service delivery through decentralization of LAIFOMS in the eight sub – counties is geared to address public expenditure management program and thus a commendable program.

Mr. Speaker sir, to end this committee commends the revenue department for commencing the journey to automation of revenue collection through hiring of KAPS to offer the services. This the committee believes that's a step in curbing the loopholes in revenue collection and enhance revenue collection up to 1 billion by the end of the year in focus.

Mr. Speaker sir, the committee notes that there is need to have advanced and successful tax policies which will enhance revenue collection. The committee also recommends that county governments should create competitive terms for their staff in order to attract skilled and competitive employees.

20.0 MINISTRY OF TOURISM.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the tourism sub-sector remains one of the leading foreign exchange earners and a major contributor of employment in Kenya, contributing about 10% of the GDP and also providing a market for goods produced in other sectors and is thus key to attainment of the economic pillar of Vision 2030. The sub-sector will implement policies that will ensure sustainable tourism development in the County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee recommends that the ministry should give priorities to three key areas up to completion in order to ensure the County has complete tourists attraction sites which can bring revenue to the County.

These three key areas includes;

- 1) Mutomo hill plant sanctuary (MHPS)
- 2) Operationalization of Mwingi game reserve
- 3) Nzambani rock ecotourism centre (NEC)

On Operationalization of South Kitui game reserve

Members noted that the estimate of Seven Million Five hundred thousand shillings set for the clearance of cutline, boreholes and outposts is too far low to undertake the outlined activities. The committee proposed for additional of five million towards the same bringing to a total of twelve million and Five hundred thousand shillings.

The committee recommends that both the Mwingi National Reserve, Nzambani rock and Mutomo Hills plant Sanctuary should be accorded first priority. If the three are done to completion, they stand a chance to lay a solid foundation for Tourism attraction/ activities in Kitui County as well as providing employments to the people.

The county ministry of Tourism needs to be aggressive enough in promoting tourism activities in the County. This can be realized by ensuring that the county government increases financial allocation to this critical Ministry.

21.0 KITUI AND MWINGI TOWN ADMINISTRATIONS

The committee recommends that Town administrations in both Kitui and Mwingi should not be funded until a clear legal information is provided on the legality of their existence. This is informed by the fact that both Kitui and Mwingi Town have no substantive explanation aligned to the *Urban Areas And Cities Act*

Sections 8,9 And 10 that gives the legal basis for a County to have a Town administrations. In the Annual Development Plan Mwingi town administration is given the explanation below for its existence:

‘Mwingi Town is one of the two Towns in Kitui County of Kenya. The Local Government Act Cap 265 of the Laws of Kenya gave the Minister jurisdiction over the area within 16 km radius. The Kenya Bureau of Statistics (KBS) census of 2009 put the Town’s urban population at 15,970 with a projected national average annual population growth rate of 2.7%.

The importance of Mwingi Town derives from its significance as a revenue base and being one of the six Economic Zones in Kitui County. The justification for this that *Mwingi town is [a] trade and commercial hub area of the County, given its location on the Nairobi – Garissa highway, proximity to Mui basin and the proposed LAPSSET transport corridor ... The County Government will improve the social amenities and infrastructure of the town*

Mwingi Town Administration is made up of the following 5 Departments; Finance and Economic Planning; Trade, Commerce, and Industrialization; Physical Planning, Infrastructure, and Development Control; Administration and Corporate Services; and Environment, Culture, Recreation, and Community Development.’

On Kitui town the Annual Development Plan offers the explanation below:

Urbanization postulates a key concern in the Kenya’s development blue-print, vision 2030, and as such has become a national and county government’s priority. The creation of well planned, vibrant and efficient urban centres is anchored on the Urban Areas and Cities Act (UACA), The National Urban Development Policy (NUDP) Draft, The County Governments Act, as well as The Constitution of Kenya 2010. Kitui town which is the Kitui County headquarters is about 580 Square Kilometers, with the township covering 195 Square Kilometers. The population of the town is about **155,806** people.

Kitui Town Administration is made up of the following 5 Departments; Finance and Economic Planning; Trade, Commerce, and Industrialization; Physical Planning, Infrastructure, and Development Control; Administration and Corporate Services; and Environment, Culture, Recreation, and Community Development.

On both the town administrations members said their formation had not adhered to the set laws in the Urban Areas and Cities Act 2012 sections 8, 9, 10. The members.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The Local Government Act Cap 265 that is used to form the basis of the formation of the Town has been repealed and such null and void. The Laws granting town status as per section 8, 9 and 10 of the Urban areas and Cities act 2012 states that:

The board of a municipality may, upon a resolution, apply to the county executive committee for consideration for the conferment of city status.

(2) Where the executive committee approves the application, the county governor shall constitute an ad hoc committee to consider the recommendation and advise as appropriate.

(3) The ad hoc committee shall comprise of relevant professionals in good standing nominated by the following institutions taking account of regional, ethnic and gender diversity and representation of persons with disability—

- (a) The Institution of Surveyors of Kenya;
- (b) The Kenya Institute of Planners;
- (c) The Architectural Association of Kenya;
- (d) The Law Society of Kenya;
- (e) An association of urban areas and cities;
- (f) The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya; and
- (g) The business community.

(4) Where the ad hoc committee under subsection (2) determines that the municipality under review meets the requisite criteria for classification as a city, the county governor shall transmit the recommendation to the county assembly for approval.

(5) Where the county assembly approves the recommendation for conferment of city status to a municipality under this section, the clerk of the county assembly shall transmit the resolution to the senate for consideration.

(6) Where the senate approves the recommendation, the clerk of the senate shall forward the resolution to the President for conferment of city status on the municipality.

9. (1) The county governor may, on the resolution of the county assembly, confer the status of a municipality on a town that meets the criteria set out in subsection (3), by grant of a charter in the prescribed form.

(2) The procedure set out under section 8 (1) to (4) shall apply with necessary modifications to the conferment of municipal status to a town, except that the conferment shall be done by the county governor.

(3) A town is eligible for the conferment of municipal status under this Act if the town satisfies the following criteria—

(a) has a population of at least two hundred and fifty thousand residents according to the final gazetted results of the last population census carried out by an institution authorized under any written law, preceding the grant;

(b) Has an integrated development plan in accordance with this Act;

(c) has demonstrable revenue collection or revenue collection potential;

- (d) Has demonstrable capacity to generate sufficient revenue to sustain its operations.
- (e) Has the capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver essential services to its residents as provided in the First Schedule;
- (f) Has institutionalised active participation by its residents in the management of its affairs;
- (g) has sufficient space for expansion;
- (h) Has infrastructural facilities, including but not limited to street lighting, markets and fire stations; and
- (i) Has a capacity for functional and effective waste disposal.

Eligibility for grant of a town status.

10. (1) The county governor may, in consultation with the committee constituted under section 8(2), confer the status of a town on an area that meets the criteria set out in subsection (2).

(2) An area shall be eligible for the grant of the status of a town under this Act if it has—

- (a) A population of at least ten thousand residents according to the final gazetted results of the latest population census carried out by an institution authorized under any written law, preceding the grant;
- (b) Demonstrable economic, functional and financial viability;
- (c) The existence of an integrated development plan in accordance with this Act;
- (d) The capacity to effectively and efficiently deliver essential services to its residents as provided in the First Schedule; and
- (e) Sufficient space for expansion.

22.0 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon the scrutiny of the Proposed Annual development plan 2016/2017, and putting into consideration all the observations the Committee put the following as recommendations;

i) That the programmes for each ministry should include a baseline survey report on mapping of needs and gaps. This will enable for the ministry to do intervention for the identified needs and gaps.

ii) Review of the figures with tabulation errors

iii) Correction of all typographical and grammatical errors in the ADP.

iv) Clarification on areas that are set to benefit from different programmes e.g. in the Ministry of Trade Industry ICT and Cooperatives where the ministry targets to equip 10 ICT centers which are mentioned.

v) All expenditure programmes that have raised queries should be addressed before the Ministry Of Finance and Planning submits the County Fiscal Strategy Paper which is due for submission by 28th February 2016.

v) Further that all ministries' programmes should ensure there is equity in the distribution of resources in the County.