

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI
THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THIRD ASSEMBLY - (FIFTH SESSION)
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

No. 1(b) of 2026

**COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO RESUMPTION FROM
DECEMBER 2025 RECESS.**

Honourable Members,

I am delighted to welcome you all back to this August House following the conclusion of the December, 2025 long recess. It is my believe that we all had a restful and rejuvenating break and we are now prepared to continue with the critical mandate entrusted to us by the great people of Kitui County. I also trust that the break gave you an opportunity to interact with your electorates.

As we reconvene today, I urge each and every one of you to renew your commitment to our constitutional mandate. Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 gives this House the mandate to legislate, oversight the County Executive, to represent our electorates, and to ensure the responsible use of public resources. These are not just duties; but the reason this Assembly exists and the core to our service as elected leaders and stewards of public trust. The people of this county are counting on us for effective and responsive governance.

Honourable Members,

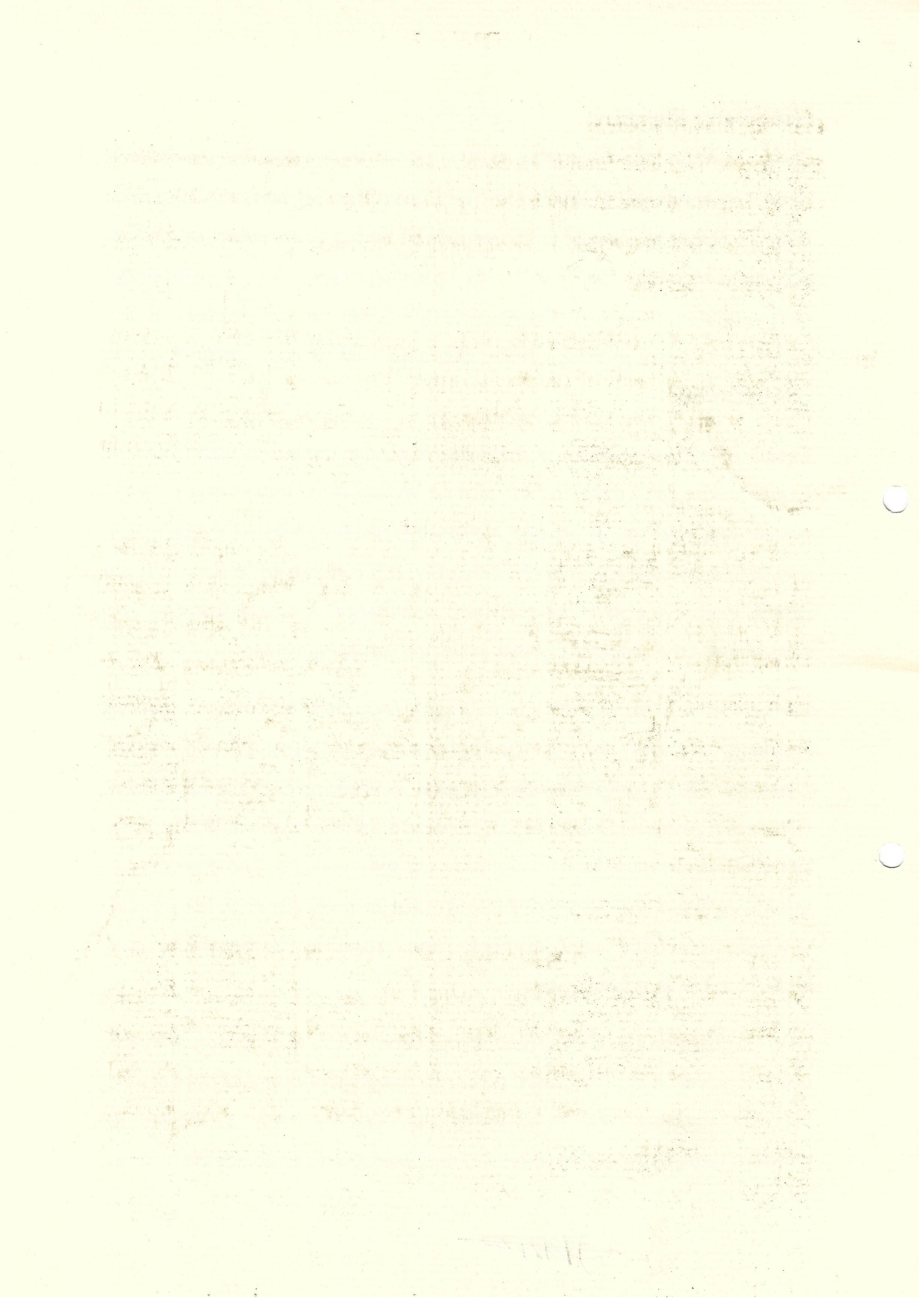
As we resume our legislative duties, let us be guided by the solemn reminder enshrined in Article 1 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, which vests all sovereign power in the people of Kenya to be exercised only in accordance with their will. In carrying out our constitutional responsibilities, we must always remember that we are trustees of this power, a responsibility that demands diligence, integrity, and accountability.

Equally, Article 10, which outlines the National Values and Principles of Governance, calls upon us to uphold democracy, inclusiveness, good governance, transparency, and sustainable development in every action and decision we take within this Assembly. It is through adherence to these principles that we earn the trust and confidence of our electorates and demonstrate the value of choosing the right representatives.

Further, under Article 185, this County Assembly is vested with the legislative authority of the County and the oversight of the County Executive. Our work is therefore pivotal in ensuring that the aspirations outlined in Articles 174 and 175 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on the objectives and principles of devolution are fully realized. These provisions remind us that devolution exists to bring government closer to the people, promote equitable development, and enhance participation and accountability in governance.

As we embark on this new session, I urge each of you to embrace dialogue, unity of purpose, and dedicated service to the great people of Kitui County, so that together we may build our County into a model of constitutionalism, good governance, and exemplary service delivery to its citizens.





Honourable Members,

The Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us that there is a time for everything: in this regard, there is a time to rest, a time to campaign, a time to legislate, a time to exercise oversight, a time to represent, and ultimately, a time to be with our families.

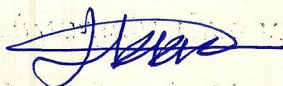
Further, the Holy Scripture in Romans 14:12 teaches us that each of one us shall give an account of our deeds. I therefore urge you to take time to reflect on what you have accomplished for your electorates and for your families since the day you assumed office in this Assembly.

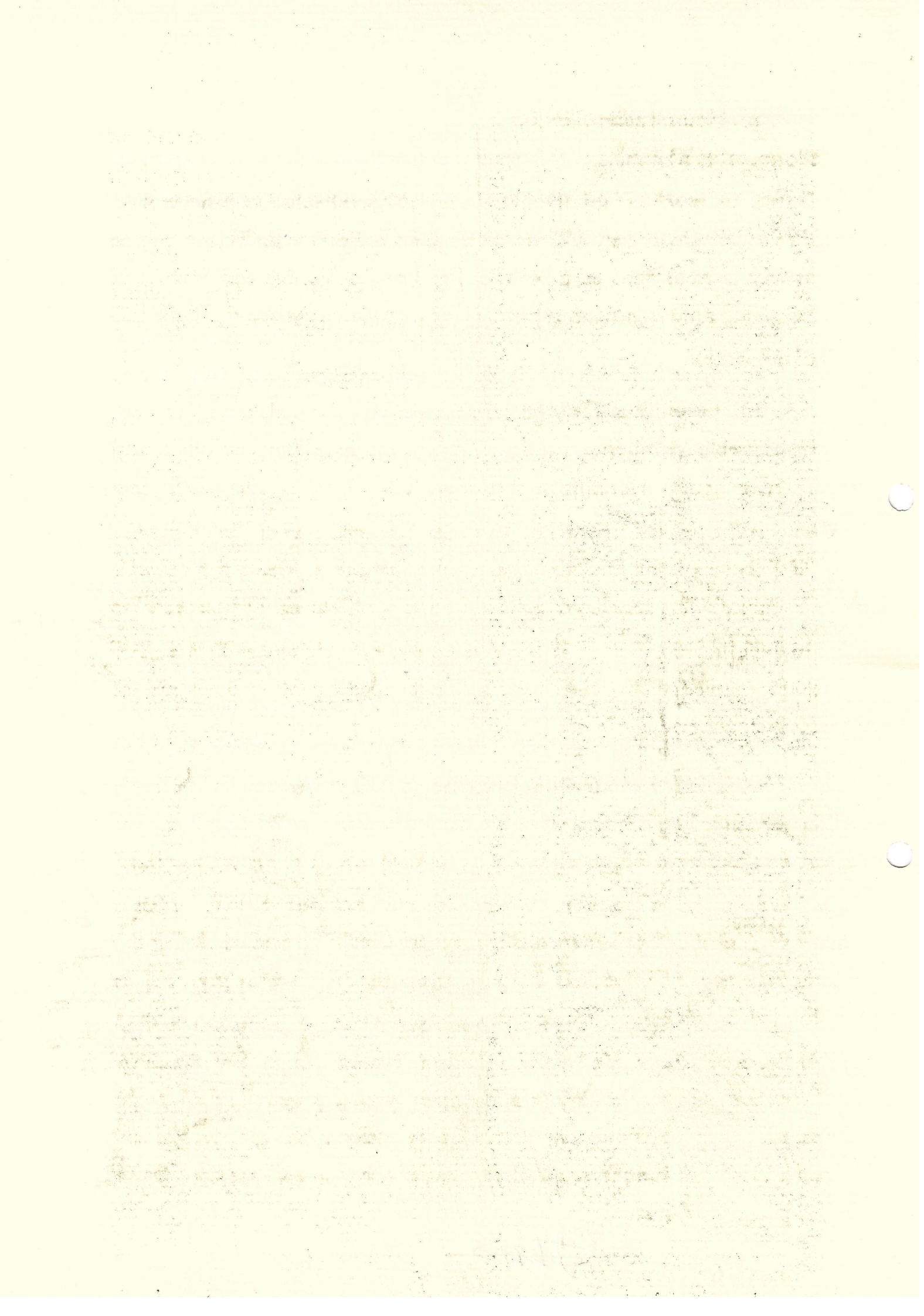
Honourable Members,

Your core mandate is representation, legislation, and oversight. Beyond this, you are ambassadors of peace within our county. This role is demonstrated through your interactions with one another, the County Executive, the National Government, and the County Assembly Service. I wish to remind you of the guiding principle that "united we stand, divided we fall". Appreciating that time is limited, I urge you to uphold this spirit and ensure harmony within the Assembly, among yourselves, the Assembly Service, the County Executive, the National Government and the great people of Kenya.

Honourable Members,

During the recess period, which began on 17th December 2025 following the alteration of the Assembly Calendar for the Fourth Session (2025) pursuant to Standing Order No. 24(2) of the County Assembly of Kitui, the County Assembly undertook several notable activities worthy of commendation. Allow me to highlight some of the activities carried out during this period; -





a). House Leadership Retreat

Honourable Members,

During the recess period, the House Leadership retreated to Nairobi from 22nd to 24th December, 2025 to undertake a review on the Fourth Session as well as plan and schedule Assembly activities carried out during the December long recess period, with the aim of enhancing the oversight role of this House.

b). Committee Training

Honourable Members,

Training equips Honourable Members with the necessary skills and knowledge needed to enhance oversight for public good. In this regard, the County Assembly Committee on Appointments attended a capacity building training facilitated by Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI) from 5th to 9th January, 2026 on building competence in good governance and appointment committees' development programme.

c). Oversight/Inspection Exercise

Honourable Members,

As part of the County Assembly constitutional mandate, the whole House conducted an inspection exercise on key completed and ongoing development projects implemented by the County Executive during the financial year 2024/25 and 2025/26 across the forty wards from 12th to 16th January, 2026. The exercise sought to assess projects implementation status, particularly in sectors including Health, Road Infrastructure, Education, Water, Agriculture and Trade, among others. This oversight exercise was necessary in strengthening democratic governance by providing a platform through which citizens' concerns are represented and addressed by this House

d). Approval Hearings

Honourable Members,

During the recess period, the County Assembly Committee on Appointments conducted approval hearings on 19th January 2026 for persons nominated for appointment as County Secretary, County Attorney, and Secretary to the County Public Service Board, to assess their suitability for the offices to which they were nominated.

e). Report writing exercise

Honourable Members,

In exercising its legislative and oversight mandate, the Committee on Appointment also retreated to Nairobi from 20th to 25th January, 2026 to compile the Committee reports on the following:

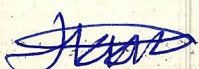
1. Report on the vetting of Mr. Christopher Okumu Ombunya for appointment as the Secretary to the Kitui County Public Service Board.
2. Report on the vetting of Mr. Timothy Kyalo Mwange for appointment as the County Attorney, County Government of Kitui.
3. Report on the vetting of Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa for appointment as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.

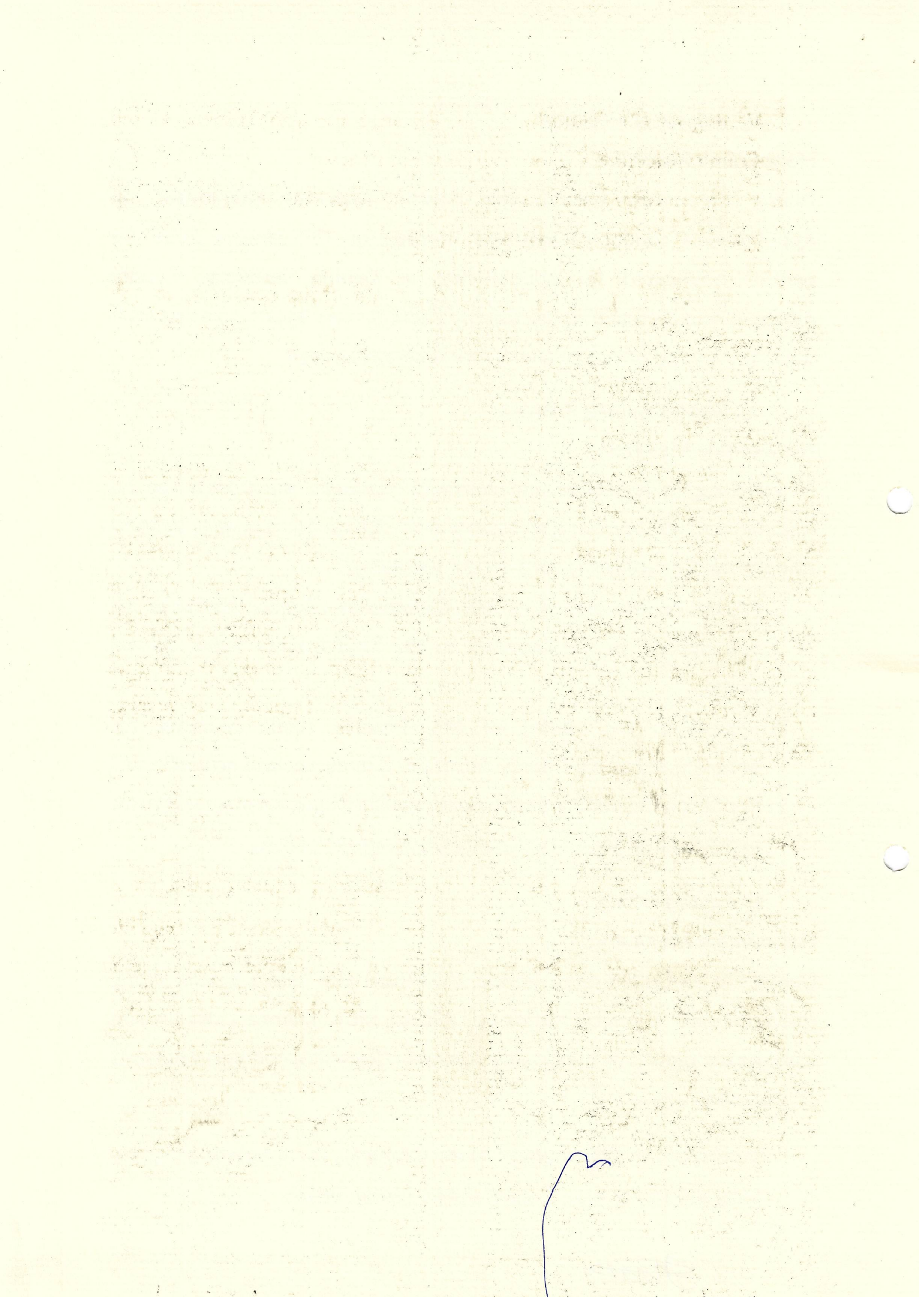
f). Special Sitting

Honourable Members,

During the concluded recess period, the House also held a Special Sitting convened vide a gazette notice no. 826 to allow members debate and consider the reports of the County Assembly Committee on Appointments on the following:

1. Vetting of Mr. Christopher Okumu Ombunya for appointment as the Secretary to the Kitui County Public Service Board.





2. Vetting of Mr. Timothy Kyaio Mwange for appointment as the County Attorney, County Government of Kitui.
3. Vetting of Ms. Agnes Kawila Mulewa for appointment as the County Secretary, County Government of Kitui.

Where the House approved the names of the three nominees to the positions for which they were nominated.

g). Consultative Meeting

Honourable Members,

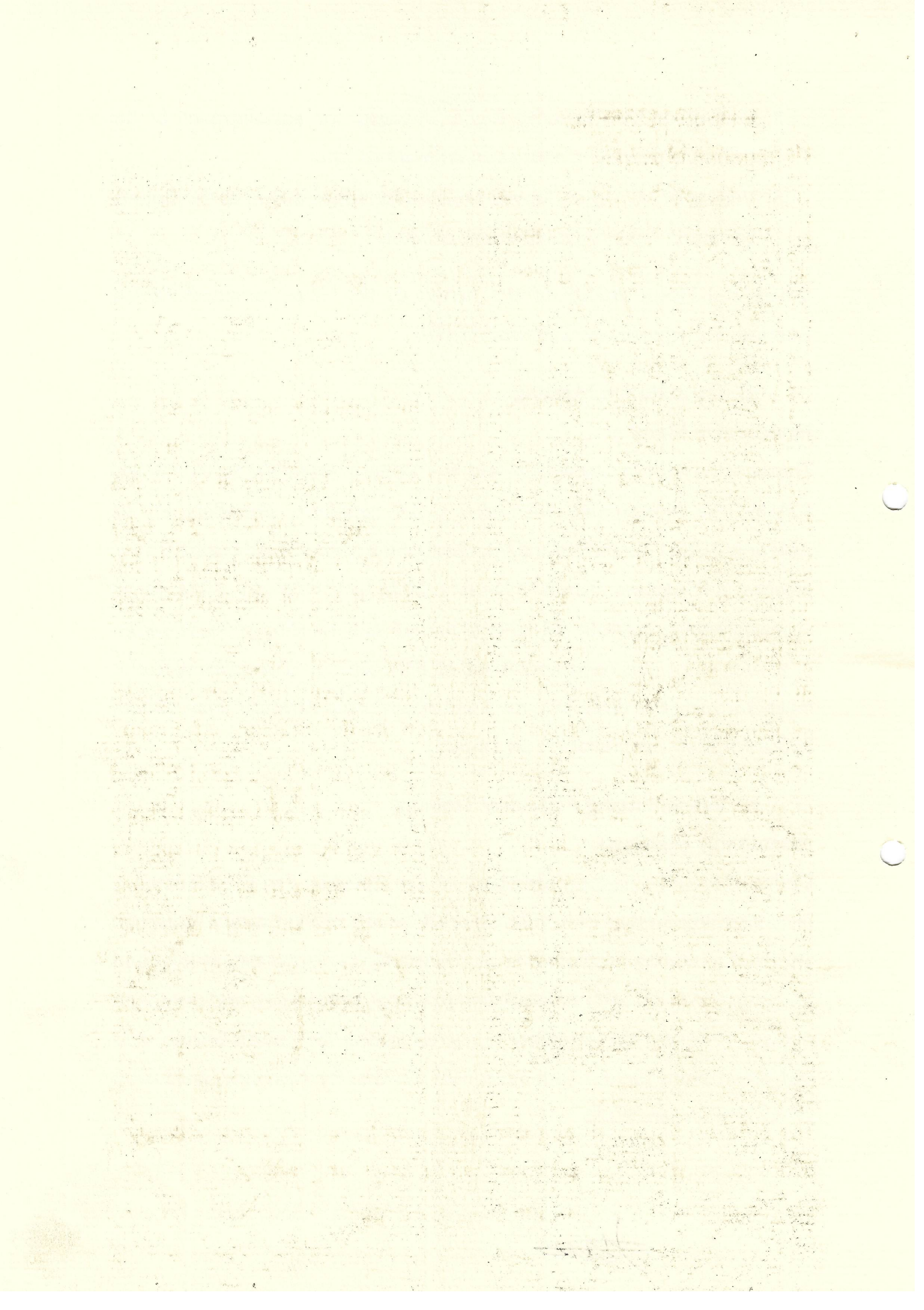
Through the House Leadership and the County Assembly Service Board (CASB), the Honourable Members, CASB members, Members of the Assembly Audit Committee and members of the Service, held a consultative meeting in Mombasa from 27th January, 2026 to 1st February, 2026 aimed at strengthening institutional synergy as well as enhancing professionalism in readiness for the commencement of Fifth Session. The team was also taken through the draft County Assembly of Kitui Strategic Plan (2026-2030) for their consideration and input.

h). Benchmarking Activities/ Training

Honourable Members,

During the same period, Members of the Speaker Panel conducted a benchmarking exercise on legislative practices at Kiambu County Assembly, attended a training facilitated by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) on best parliamentary practices, procedures, and presidium matters, reviewed the Assembly's progress during the Fourth Session, and laid down plans for the Fifth Session of the County Assembly, held from 2nd to 7th February 2026.





I. House Leadership

Honourable Members,

During this period, the House Leadership had a joint programme with the Members of the Speaker's Panel from 5th to 7th February 2026, to review the recess programme and plan for the Fifth Session of the Third County Assembly.

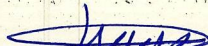
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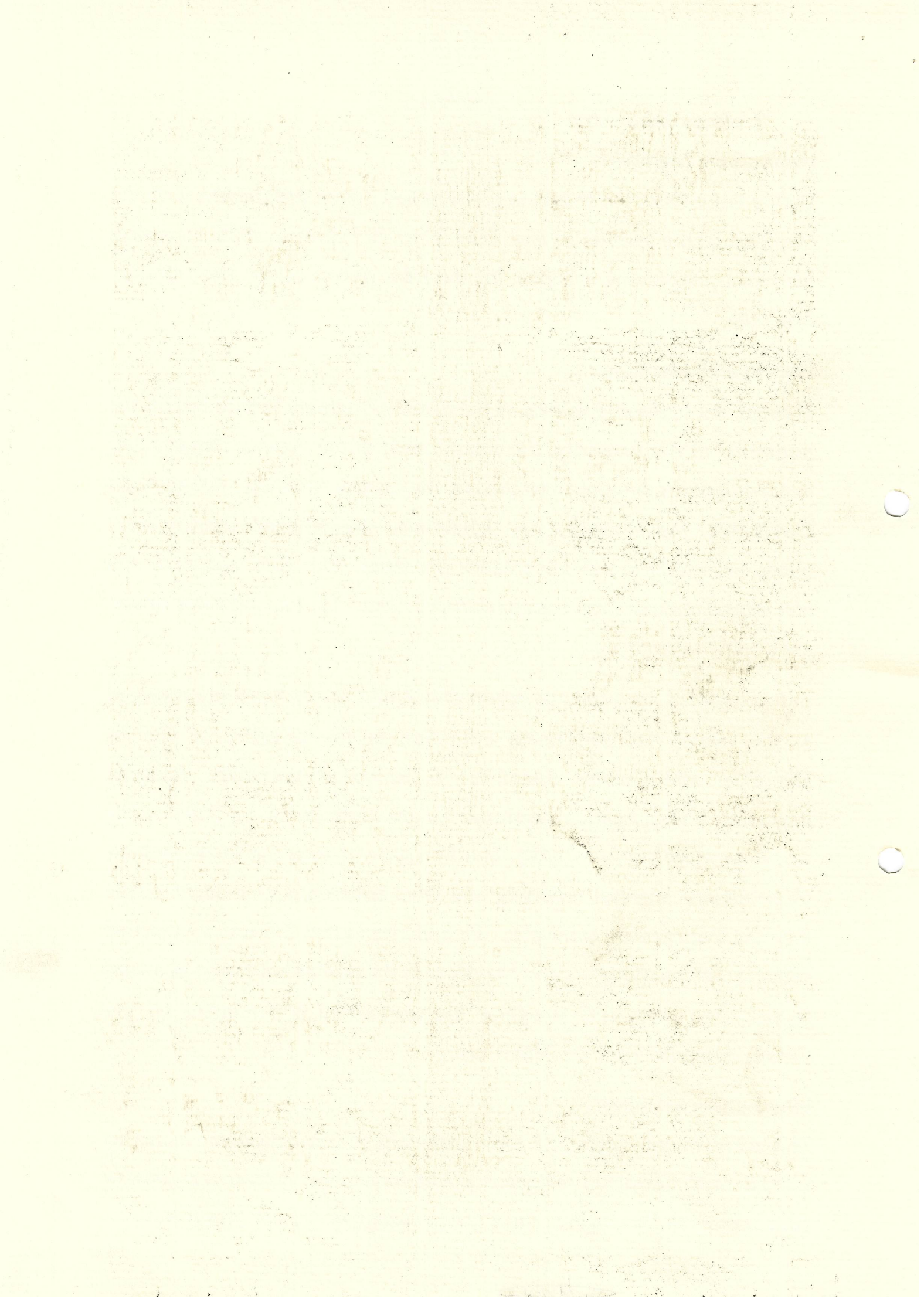
Through the strategic guidance of the County Assembly Service Board, the leadership of this Assembly, the commitment of the Finance Department, and the rigorous oversight exercised by the County Assembly of Kitui Audit Committee, the Assembly has significantly strengthened scrutiny over public expenditure and governance processes. This firm approach has entrenched transparency, accountability, prudent, lawful, and value-driven use of public resources.

In this regard, I am proud to report that Kitui County Assembly emerged as the overall top-performing institution in the category of County Executives and County Assemblies in Kenya at the 2025 Financial Reporting (FiRe) Awards organized by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK). This honour was awarded in recognition of exemplary financial reporting and strict adherence to prudent public financial management principles. We understand that this was a collective effort for all the Members and Members of the service but I must in a very special way thank and recognize the unmatched commitment by the County Assembly Finance Department.

Honourable Members,

This achievement stands as a clear testament to our collective resolve to uphold fiscal discipline, safeguard public funds, and deliver accountable governance. In this regard, the County Assembly Service Board remains





committed to ensuring that both Honourable Members and members of the Assembly Service are fully facilitated and supported to effectively discharge their constitutional and statutory mandates. Further, the CASB will ensure the full and timely implementation of the Annual Development Plan, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, and the approved Budget.

Honourable Members,

As we acknowledge the enumerated achievements, we must also confront a challenge that continues to hamper the full functioning of this Assembly, specifically the matter of pending committee reports. During my communication regarding the December 2025 recess, I highlighted a number of pending committees' business that need to be expedited as follows:

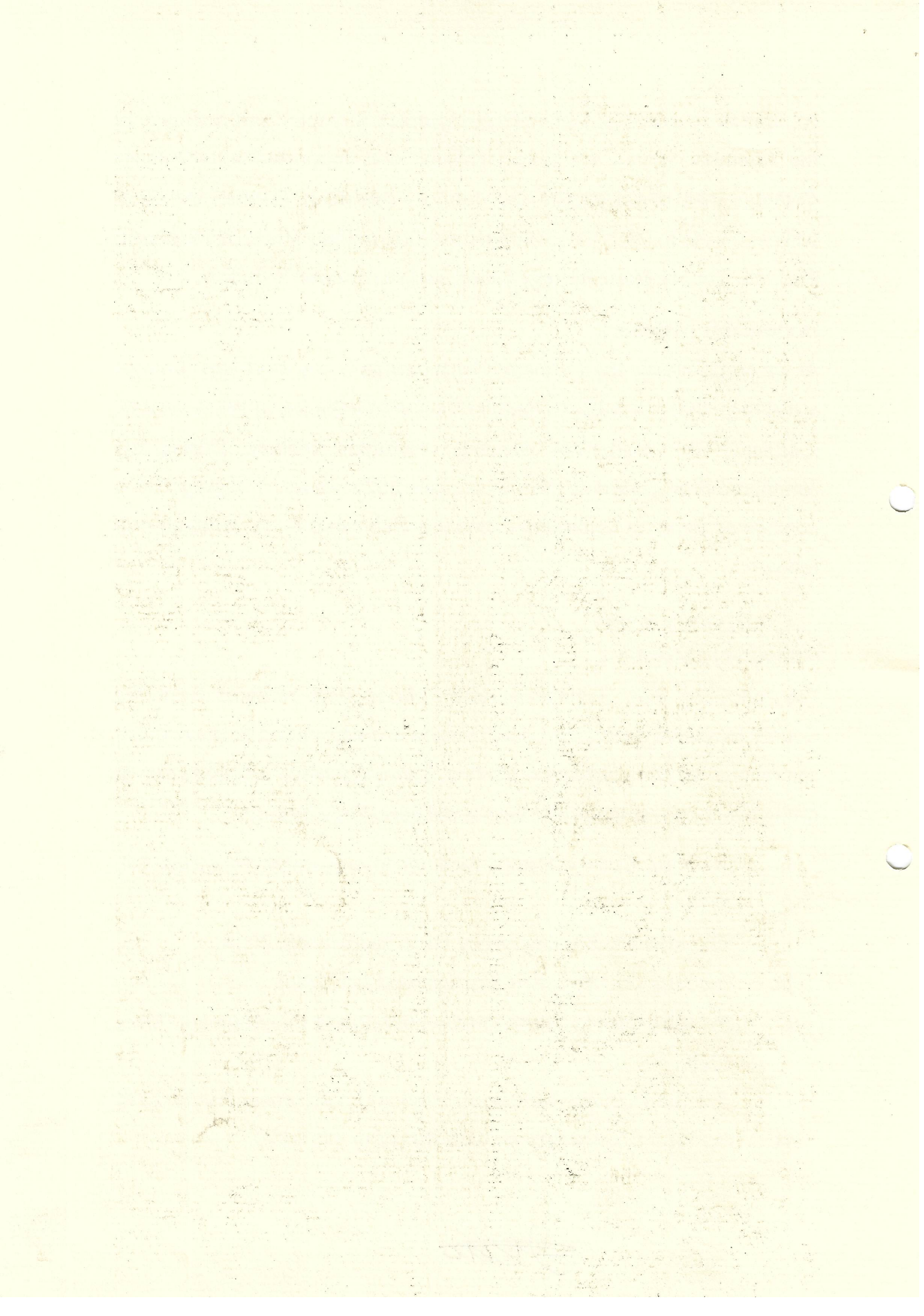
1. **BILLS/ POLICIES**

Honourable Members,

The following Bills, Regulations and Policies were received from the County Executive during the Fourth Session and committed to the relevant committees for pre-publication scrutiny. These legislative proposals aim at strengthening governance and service delivery. They include;

- i. The Kitui County Health Facilities Improvement Financing Bill, 2024.
- ii. The Kitui County Emergency Fund Regulations, 2024.
- iii. The Kitui County Sports Management Bill, 2024.
- iv. The Kitui County Youth Empowerment and Development Policy 2025.
- v. The Kitui County Temporary Workers Employment Policy, 2025.
- vi. The Kitui County Persons with Disability Bill, 2023.





I direct all concerned Committees to prioritize the consideration and finalization of these proposals and table their reports without further delay.

I also urge the MCAs to come up with the Public Participation Bill and the Civic Education Bill, both of which I am very passionate about, and are essential to enable the County to effectively sensitize our people about Constitution and foster greater civic engagement.

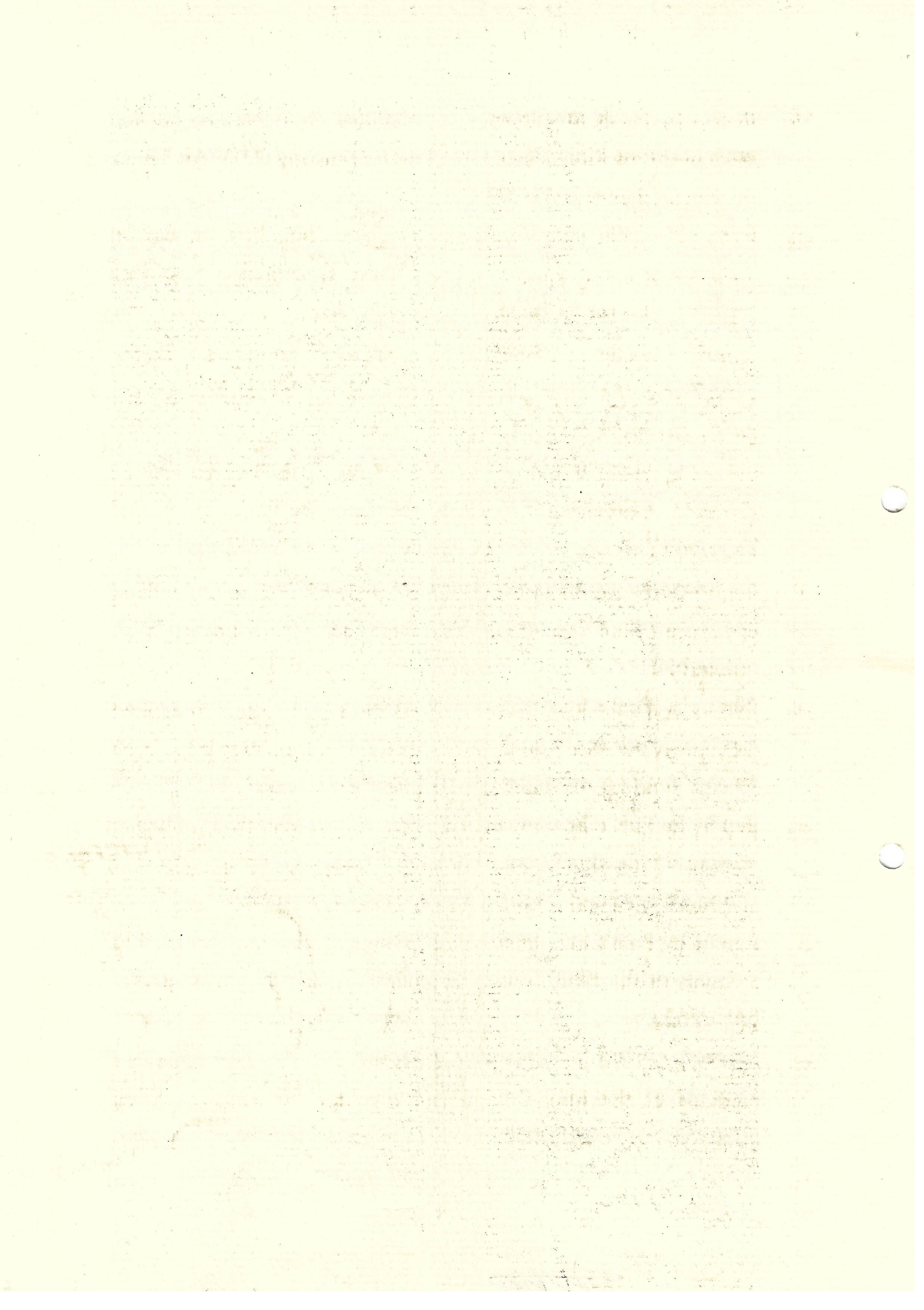
2. REPORTS

Honourable Members,

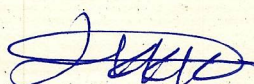
As the House adjourned for the December, 2025 long recess, the following committee reports were still pending;

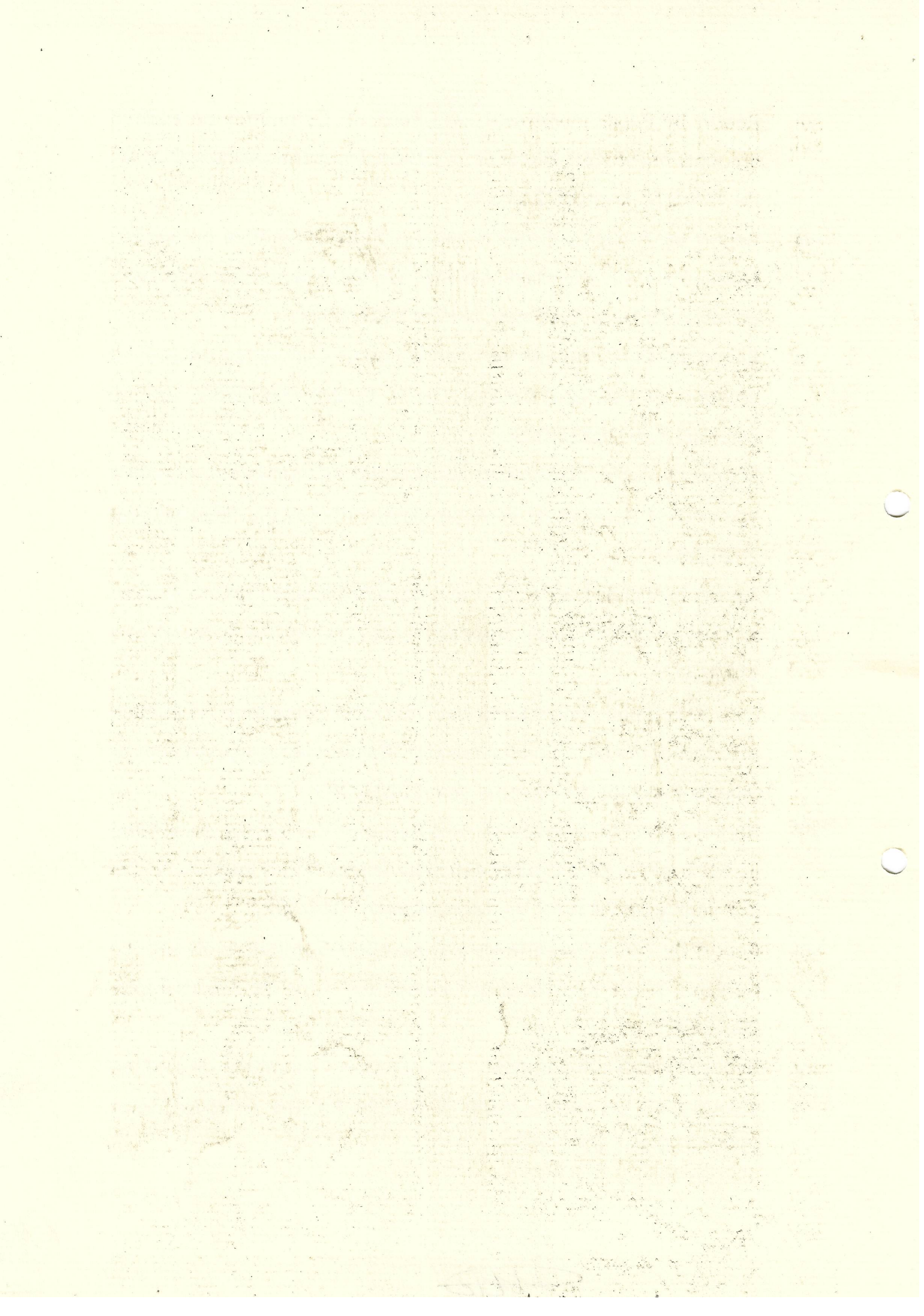
- i. Report by the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the inspection exercise on water projects across the county funded by the County Government of Kitui in the Financial Year 2024/2025, conducted from 1st to 5th July 2025.
- ii. Report by the Committee on Health and Sanitation on the inspection exercise carried out from 1st to 5th July, 2025.
- iii. Report by the Committee on Environment, Energy and Mineral Investments Development on inspection of solar floodlights projects in Kitui County carried out from 1st to 5th July, 2025.
- iv. Report by the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on an oversight exercise on revenue collection in county markets and livestock yards in Kitui County carried out from 1st to 5th July, 2025.
- v. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Executive for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- vi. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly for the Financial Year 2022/2023.



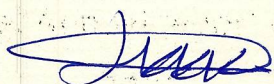


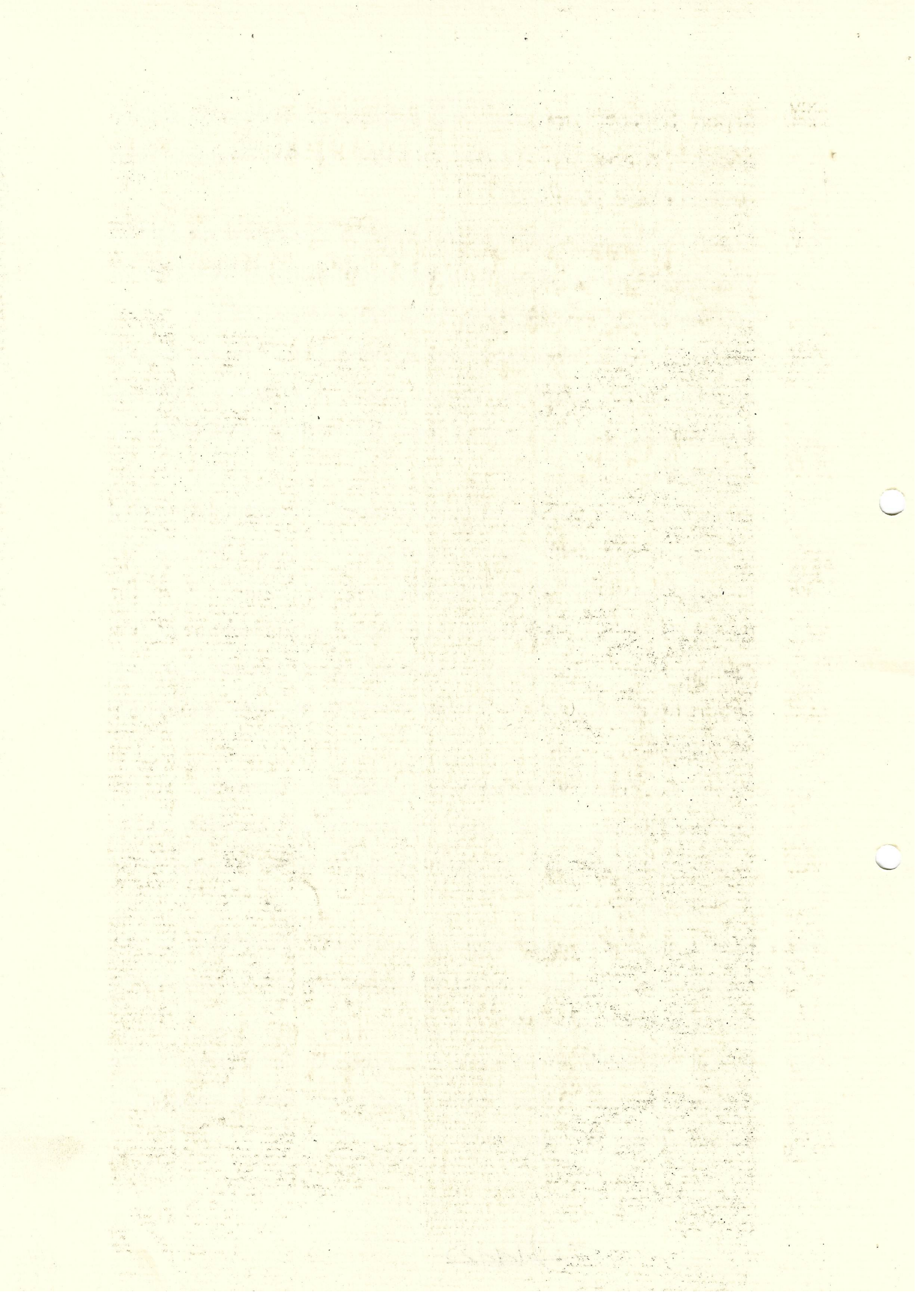
- vii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui Water & Sanitation Company (KITWASCO) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- viii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kiambere Mwingi Water & Sanitation Company (KIMWASCO) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- ix. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Textile Centre (KICOTEC) for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- x. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of Receiver of Revenue statements for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xi. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of Kitui County Empowerment Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly Car and Mortgage (Members) Scheme Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xiii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board Employees' Car and Mortgage Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xiv. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Revenue Fund for the financial year 2022/2023.
- xv. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Executive for the Financial Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.





- xvi. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Assembly for the Financial Years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- xvii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui Water & Sanitation Company (KITWASCO) for the Financial Years 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
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- xix. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on audited accounts of the Kitui County Textile Centre (KICOTEC) for the Financial Years 2019/2020; 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- xx. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Kitui County Assembly Car Loan and Mortgage (Members) Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- xxi. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Kitui County Assembly Service Board Employees' Car & Mortgage Fund Scheme for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- xxii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Migwani Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- xxiii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Mutomo Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2025.





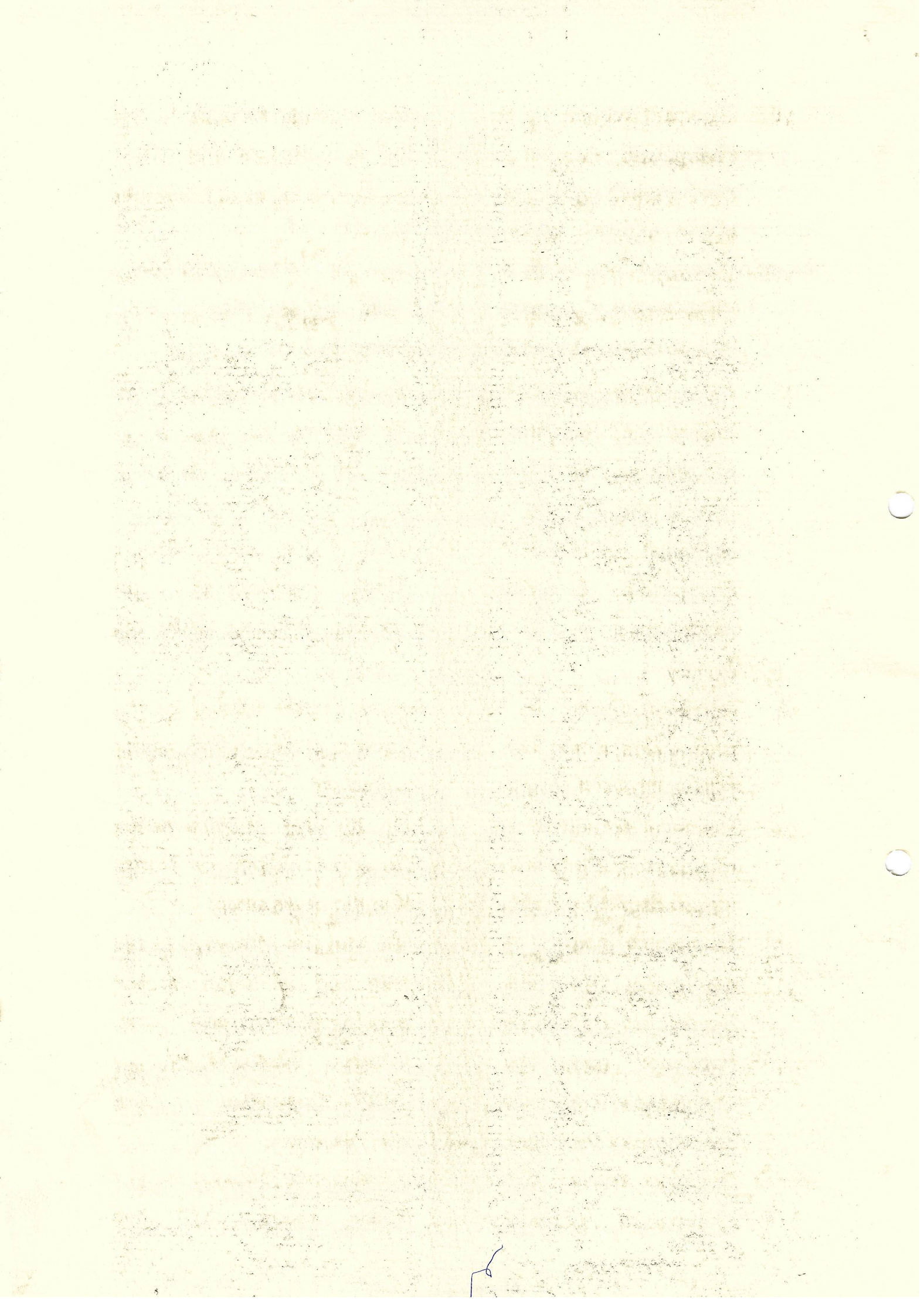
- xxiv. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Kyuso Sub- County Hospital for the year ended 30th June,2025.
- xxv. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Ikutha Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June.2025.
- xxvi. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Kiambere Mwingi Water & Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June,2025.
- xxvii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Tseikuru Sub- County Hospital for the year ended 30th June.2025.
- xxviii. Report by Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Audited Financial Annual report for Kitui Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June,2025.
- xxix. Report by the Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the inspection exercise on water projects across the county funded by the County Government of Kitui, carried out from 2nd to 4th October 2025.
- xxx. Report by the Committee on Health and Sanitation on the inspection of health projects exercise carried out from 2nd to 4th October, 2025.
- xxxi. Report on benchmarking exercise on best legislative practices with East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and the Eastern and Southern African Management institute (ESAMI) by various County Assembly Committees in Arusha, Tanzania from 26th October to and 2nd November, 2025 and 30th October to 6th November, 2025.
- xxxii. Report by the Committee on Culture, Sports, Gender and Social Services on the 6th edition of CASA game 2025 held in Meru County from 23rd to 28th November, 2025.

3. STATEMENTS

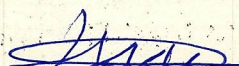
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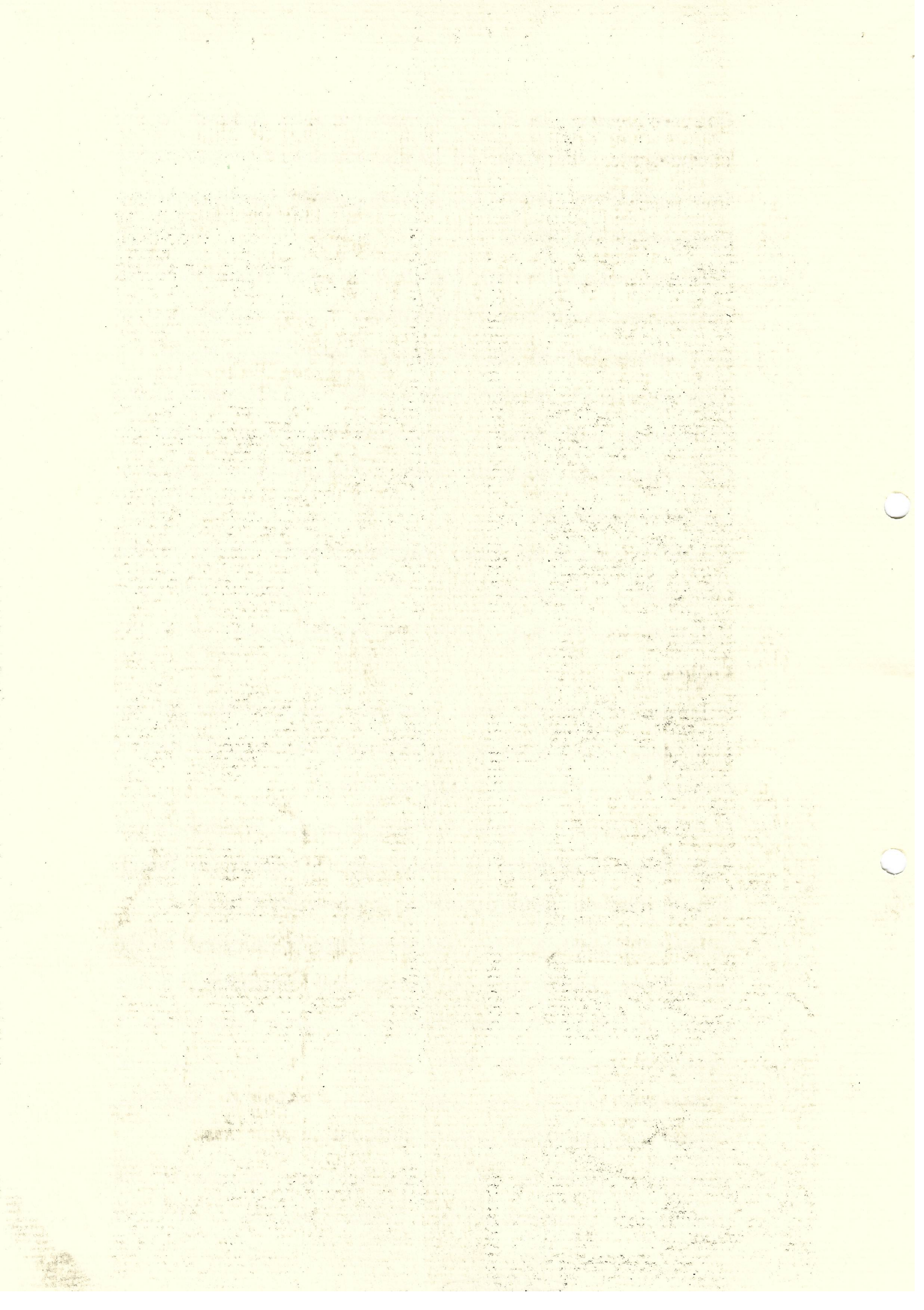
Statements play a central role in the legislative process by ensuring clarity, informing the public, justifying policy decisions, and facilitating informed debates. In this respect, responses to the following statements requests dating back in 2024 are still pending, key among them being:

- i. Statement request by Hon. Christopher Nzilu Nzioka to the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development on status of grading works at Kavou- Ndumoni road in Kyangwithya West ward and inquiry into program Feasibility;
- ii. Statement request by Hon. Jeremiah Mutua to the Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Sports, Gender, and Social Services on the Status of Nzouni Primary School Stadium, Nguni Ward – Mwingi Central Sub County
- iii. Statement request by Hon. Benjamin Mulandi to the Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation on the status of Non-operational Health facilities in Mutonguni ward.
- iv. Statement request by Hon. Harrison Majuki Mawia to the Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Energy and Minerals Investment Development on Solar lights (Mlika Mwizi) repair and maintenance across Kitui County.
- v. Statement request by Hon. Anthony Musyimi Musyoka to the Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Sports, Gender, and Social Services on the Kitui County Youth Engagement forum, 2024.
- vi. Statement request by Hon. Charity Kathathi Musyoka to the Chairperson, Committee on Culture, Sports, Gender, and Social Services on the distribution of assistive devices in Kitui county.



- vii. Statement request by Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi to the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development on cleaning and garbage collection in all markets in Kyangwithya East Ward.
- viii. Statement request by Hon. Alphonse Musyimi Mukwayu to the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the proposed Thaana Nzau scheme in Kyome Thaana Nzau.
- ix. Statement request by Hon. Alphonse Musyimi Mukwayu to the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the proposed extension of Songea – Thitani Water Pipeline in Kyome Thaana Nzau.
- x. Statement request by Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia to the Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and Cooperatives on non-payment of market guards across the County.
- xi. Statement request by Hon. Harrison Maluki Mawia to the Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation on the state of Migwani Level 4 Hospital in Migwani Ward
- xii. Statement request by Hon. Anthony Musyoka Musyimi to the Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation on Health Infrastructure and Staffing shortages in Kiomo/Kyethani
- xiii. Statement request by Hon. Alphonse Musyimi Mukwayu to the Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation on the operationalization of Thitani Mortuary in Kyome / Thaana Ward.
- xiv. Statement request by Hon. Cornelius Muthami to the Chairperson, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee regarding operations of the Office of the County Attorney.
- xv. Statement request by Hon. Mary Mwende Mutune to the Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Industry, ICT and





Cooperatives on the alleged theft/ vandalism of Kitui County Textile Centre.

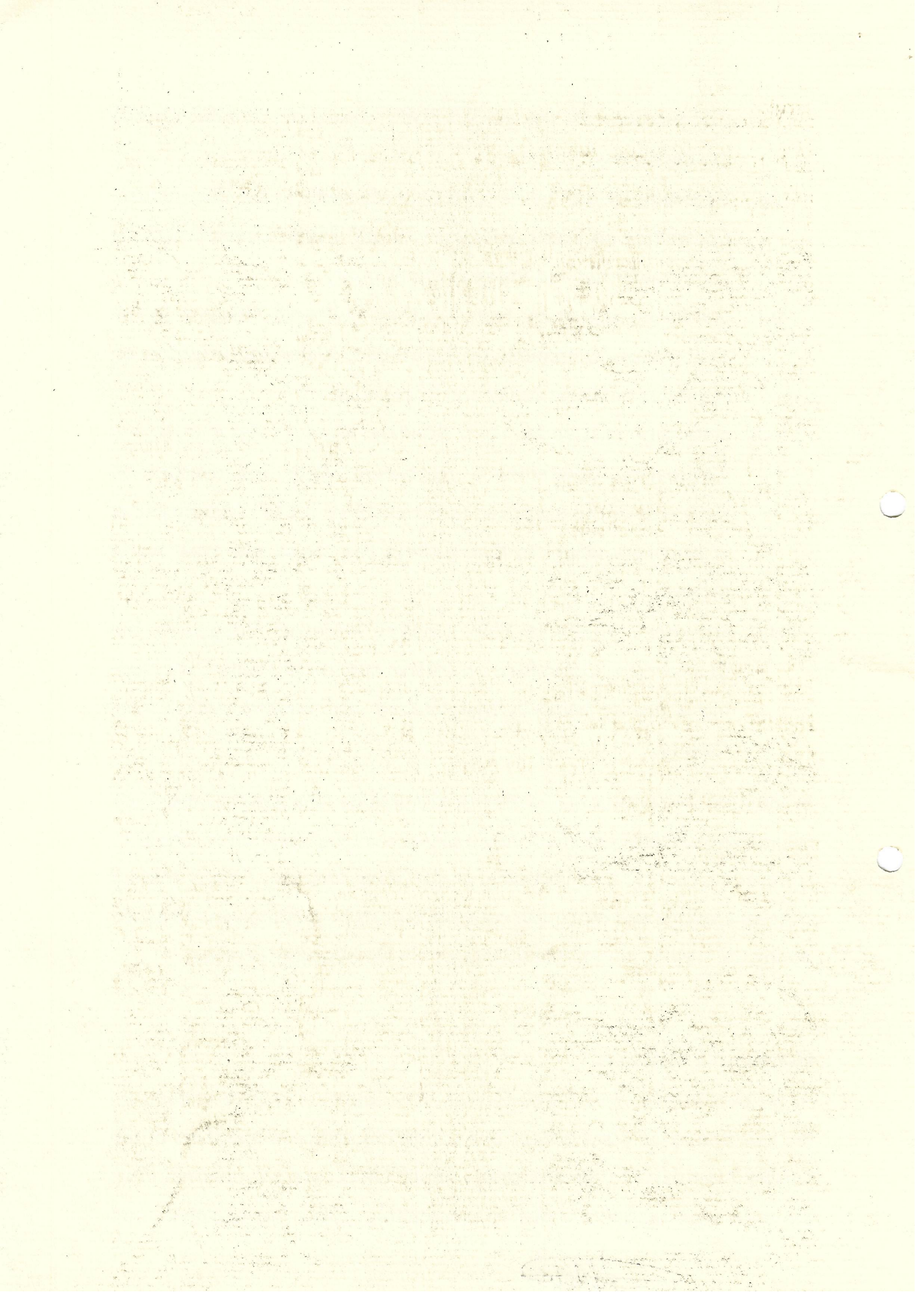
- xvi. Statement request by Hon. Hussein Mwandia to the Chairperson, Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development on Land ownership and titling in Kitui County.
- xvii. Statement request by Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara to the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the status of Water projects in Tharaka Ward.
- xviii. Statement request by Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi to the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Water and Irrigation on the status of the proposed construction of 100M3 Masonry tank at Misewani village in Kyangwithya East Ward and other water projects.
- xix. Statement request by Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara to the Chairperson, Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on Non-inclusivity of Minority/Marginalized communities within Kitui County.

In view of the foregoing, I challenge Committee Chairpersons and their respective secretariats to effectively utilize the weekly committee sittings to compile and conclude all pending work. Going forward, I direct that all oversight reports and other non-complex reports be prepared and finalized during the weekly committee sittings within the assembly premises.

Honourable Members,

As we continue to serve the people of Kitui County, I wish to underscore the importance of Ward Offices as a critical link between Members of the County Assembly and the electorates. Ward Offices are not optional; they are a cornerstone of effective representation, public participation, and





service delivery at the grassroots level. In this regard, I call upon the County Department of Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development to facilitate the provision of public land for the construction of these offices.

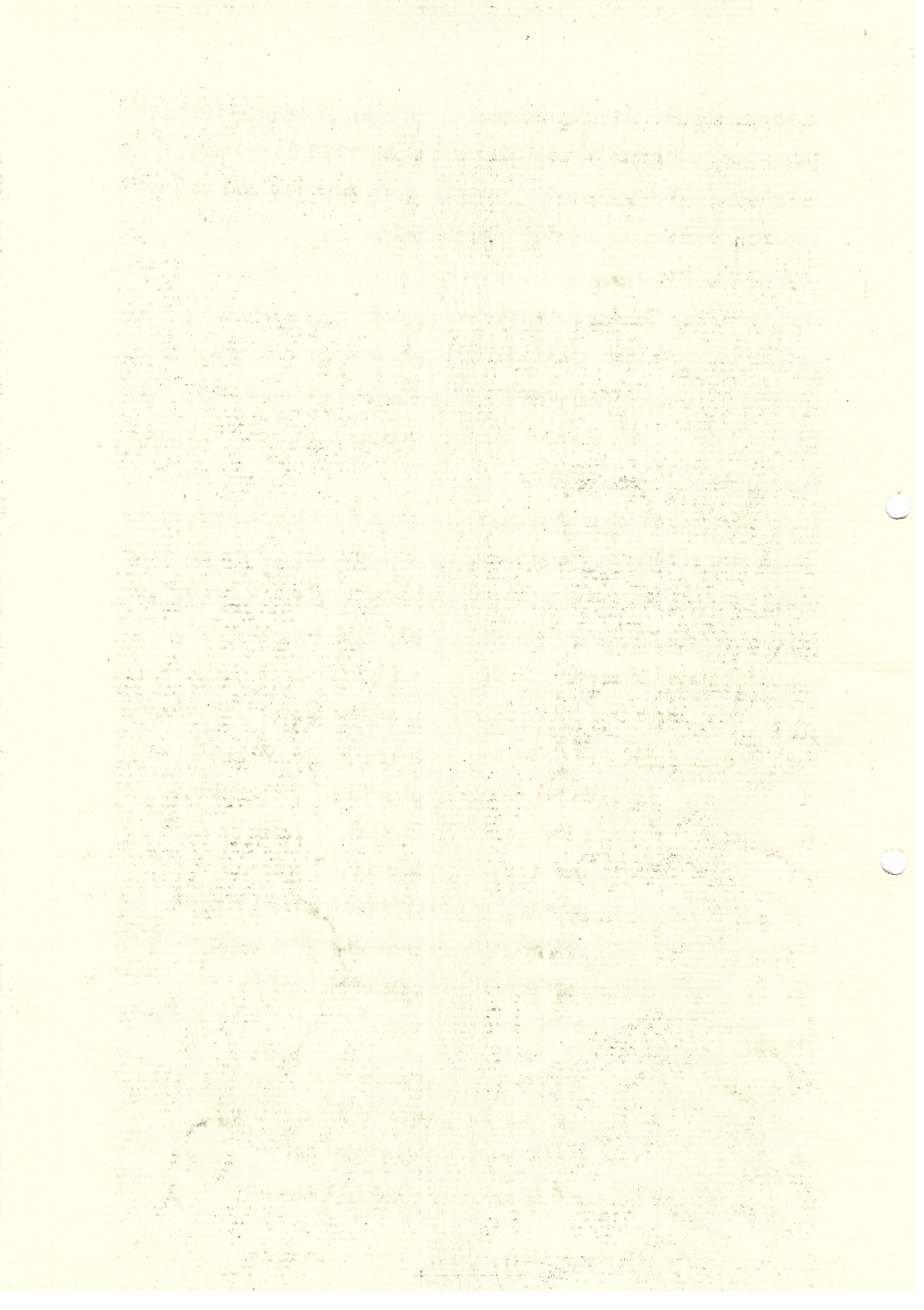
Equally important, the County Assembly Service Board is fast-tracking the construction of the Speaker's residence, a project that is long overdue. I wish to inform this House and the people of Kitui County that land and designs for this project are ready, and the CASB is firmly committed to ensuring that the Speaker's residence is completed before the end of this year.

Further, Article 41(2)(d) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, guarantees every worker the right to reasonable working conditions. In line with this constitutional obligation, the CASB is committed to the timely completion of the County Assembly Modern Office Block to provide a safe, dignified, and conducive working environment for Members and staff.

I therefore call upon all relevant stakeholders, and particularly the County Executive, to provide the necessary technical, administrative, and budgetary support to ensure the successful and timely implementation of these critical projects.

Honourable Members,

I wish to emphasize the importance of digitizing the County Assembly as a key step towards enhancing efficiency, transparency, and service delivery. Moving our legislative processes, records, and communications to digital platforms will not only streamline committee work and facilitate timely access to information, but also strengthen accountability through secure and easily retrievable records. Digitization will reduce operational costs, support data-driven decision-making, and enable remote or hybrid participation, ensuring continuity of Assembly business at all times. In light of the foregoing, I wish to promise you that very soon, we will be



livestreaming all our sittings through our assembly social media platforms. It is therefore my humble request to all Members and staff to support this initiative, which is critical for modernizing our Assembly and improving engagement with the people of Kitui County.

Honourable Members,

As you are aware, Kitui County has tremendously benefited from its engagement with the National Government. This progress is largely attributable to the cordial relationship and cooperation between the two levels of government, as envisaged under Articles 6(2), 189 and 190 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

In this spirit of intergovernmental collaboration, this Assembly expresses its sincere appreciation to the National Government, led by His Excellency President Dr. William Samoei Ruto, for the recently launched development projects in Kitui County. Among the key projects launched are the construction and upgrading of critical road infrastructure, including the Enziu Bridge, Kwa-Siku-Mbondoni Road, Kamuwongo-Kandwia Road, Chuluni-Zombe-Mwitika Road, and the Ikutha-Kanziku-Mutha-Mutomo Road. Further, the National Government initiated the construction of modern markets across the eight Sub-Counties, a Huduma Centre in Zombe-Kitui East, a State Lodge in Kitui Town, Ithookwe Stadium, Ithookwe Airstrip, and promised to expedite completion of UMAA Dam in Kyangwithya East Ward. These initiatives are strategic investments aimed at transforming the socio-economic landscape of our county.

Honourable Members,

These projects are critical to economic growth, service delivery, and the improvement of livelihoods for the people of Kitui County. While we commend the National Government for this partnership and commitment, we respectfully call upon it to continue working closely with the County

Government and to expedite the completion of the ongoing projects so that the intended benefits may be realized within the shortest time possible.

I also wish to call upon all Members of the County Assembly Service to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and diligence in the execution of their duties. As we enter the 2027 political season, I urge you to refrain from partisan politics or any activity that may compromise the neutrality of this House. Let us work in a spirit of cordiality, collaboration, and mutual respect with one another, Members of the County Assembly, and all stakeholders. By doing so, we will safeguard a productive, harmonious, and effective legislative environment, ensuring that the Assembly continues to serve the people of Kitui County faithfully and without prejudice.

Honourable Members,

This Fifth Session presents an opportunity to build on our past successes and address emerging challenges with renewed commitment and diligence. Let us rise above external pressures and partisan considerations and faithfully execute our constitutional mandate. With only **one year and six months** remaining to the next General Election, history will judge this Assembly not by rhetoric, but by the quality, relevance, and impact of our legislative output.

Hon. Members and Members of the service, let us have "*Unity in diversity*" by appreciating diversity as a strength and a weapon to foster professionalism, collaboration and a sense of accommodation for our diversity in political, social and religious differences. This will enrich debates and polish our Constitutional mandate of representation, oversight and legislation.

Honourable Members,



Finally, I wish to inform you that my office has organized a Luncheon for all of us, including our invited guests and members of the service, at the Parkside Villa Hotel, starting at 5:30 pm. I warmly invite each one of you to attend so that we may share a meal together as we commence our penultimate Session.

I look forward to a productive and fulfilling Fifth Session. Once again, welcome back!

Thank you!



HON. KEVIN KINENGO KATISYA, *MEP*
SPEAKER, COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI.

Tuesday, 10th February, 2026.

