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The County Assembly met at 9:16 a.m. in the County Assembly Chambers

[The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katisya)] in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

COMMUNICATION AS RELATES TO AN INVITATION TO THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF KITUI
AGRICULTURAL SHOW AND TRADE FAIR, 2023.

The Speaker (Hon. Kelvin K. Katisya): Hon. Members, allow me to issue a communication as relates to invitation to the official opening of Kitui Agricultural show and Trade fair, 2023

Hon. Members, I wish to inform this Honorable House that my office is in receipt of an invitation letter dated 10th July, 2023 from the office of the Governor, H.E. Dr. Julius Malombe, EGH inviting the Honorable Members of Kitui County Assembly for an official opening of Kitui Agricultural Show and Trade Fair, 2023 on 28th July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. at *Ithookwe showground*.

Hon. Members, the theme of this years' Agricultural Show and Trade Fair is: "*promoting Smart Agriculture and Trade Initiatives for Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security and Economic Growth*".

Hon. Members, as elected representatives of the people of Kitui, your support and involvement in fostering sustainable agricultural practices and promoting trade initiatives are of paramount importance. The Kitui Agricultural Show and Trade Fair offers a useful platform to showcase the agricultural, trade and investment potential of our county and explore avenues for collaboration and development.

Hon. Members, I believe that your presence as esteemed guests will not only inspire our farmers, investors, MSMEs and other stakeholders but also highlight the critical role that you play in shaping agricultural policies and driving economic growth.

Hon. Members, I therefore, take this opportunity to extend the invitation of H.E the Governor to the Honorable Members to the official opening of the Kitui Agricultural Show and Trade Fair to be held on 28th July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Ithookwe showground. Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF KITUI COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CIDP) 2023-2027.

(Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Economic Planning ,Hon.Munyoki Mwinzi)

The Speaker: Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi, you may take the floor.

Hon. Mwinzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I beg to move the following motion; Motion on adoption of a report by the committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of the Kitui County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027. THAT, Pursuant to the provision of Section 104(1) and 108 of the County Government Act 2012 as read together with Standing Order No. 179 (6) and 195. This Assembly hereby adopts the report by the committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of the Kitui County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027. Laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 18th July, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, as you all know, this document is very huge and therefore, I have a summarized document but I will be guiding on where we are so that we can move together. Mr. Speaker, on page 8 of the report, there is executive summary but will your permission, allow me to go straight to the acknowledgement since members have the document.

The Speaker: Okay, proceed.

Hon. Mwinzi: Mr. Speaker Sir, I will read the acknowledgement on page 22 of the report. Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Committee, I wish to recognize and appreciate in a special way the committee for their unreserved support and participation all the way from public participation forums and actual document review. Gratitude is further extended to all the sectoral committees, honorable members representing their respective Wards and members of staff who participated throughout the process including collection and documentation of views from members of the public.

Further, the Committee extends her heartfelt gratitude to the County Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management for facilitating the in-depth understanding of this planning document and availing themselves for interactive sessions.

I also wish to thank the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk for its tireless effort towards making this undertaking a success through facilitation and other Logistics.

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Mr. Speaker Sir, on page 23 is introduction. Through the office of the Governor, the County Executive Committee member in charge of the County Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management, submitted the Third CIDP 2023-2027 to the County

Assembly. The document was tabled in the House on Wednesday 14th June, 2023 and thereafter committed to the Committee on Finance & Economic Planning for consideration.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in compliance with Article 196 (1) B and 201 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, and Section 115 of the County Government Act, 2012 the proposed CIDP were subjected to public participation exercise. An advert was placed in the Kitui county Assembly website on 15th June, 2023 and advertised on Star News Paper on 16th June, 2023 and announced on local radios on 23rd to 25th June, 2023 inviting the public for physical public participation on 26th and 27th June, 2023 for all the eight Sub- Counties at the following centres: -

Day One: 26th/06/2023

- i. Kitui Multipurpose Hall – Kitui Central, Kitui West and Kitui Rural Sub Counties;
- ii. Mutomo Chief's Camp – Kitui South Sub County;
- iii. Zombe A.I.C - Kitui East Sub County.

Day Two: 27th/06/2023

- i. Mwingi Resource Centre – Mwingi Central and Mwingi West Sub Counties;
- ii. Kyuso Market Shed – Mwingi North Sub County;

Thereafter, all the sectoral committees retreated to Summer Springs Hotel, Mwingi from 29th June-5th July 2023 in order to examine and interrogate the Sectoral proposed programs and projects and subsequently present a report on the same to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning. Upon receiving the sector recommendations, the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning reviewed the CIDP 2023- 2027, the public participation reports together with the sectoral reports and compiled this report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the document is linked to any other plan and this report is on page 24. The document is linked with the Constitution of Kenya. It is also linked with Kenya Vision 2030, County Government Act 2012, Public Finance Management Act, Urban Areas and Cities Act, CIDP is Linked with the sustainable development goals and it is also linked with Governors manifesto.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on governor's, The Kitui County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for the year 2023-2027 is based on the development agenda outlined in the six pillars of His Excellency the Governor's manifesto. These six (6) pillars are aimed at ensuring development reaches to the Musangis' and Musyokas' at the lowest units of devolution. Their focus is as discussed below: -

Pillar 1: Food Security

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the CIDP focuses on establishing policies, programs and projects to enhance food security through support to agriculture, increase in irrigation and value addition. The proposed programs seek to enhance agricultural productivity through intensive extension

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of agricultural services, water pans machinery, two well maintained and managed farm tractors for each ward, regular training and support of farmers on modern farming, agribusiness and post-harvest management, seed distribution, grains storage facilities and establishment of viable livestock trade centers in each ward.

Mr. Speaker Sir, if you would allow, I will mention the pillars because I believe that members have the document and they also know those pillars.

Pillar 2: Water access, pillar 3: Healthcare, pillar 4: Aggregation and Industrial park, pillar 5: Appropriately Nurtured and Skilled human Capital and Pillar 6: Planned urban Development

Mr. Speaker, allow me to go to committee specific sector recommendation on 38 of the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, based on the observations noted by the Committee, the views and comments submitted by various stakeholders including sectoral considerations by County Assembly Committees, public participation forums, development partners etc., this Committee hereby recommends the following;

That, the office of the governor has planned for flagship programmes and projects as listed below: *-(On page 39 of the report)*

1. Community Level Development Infrastructure (CLIDP) Programme whose main objective is to implement community based infrastructural projects for purposes of ensuring that the prospective benefits are available to a widespread cross-section of the inhabitants of a particular ward and village.
2. Pro-Poor Support Programme whose main objective is to ensure increased schools retention rate, and ultimately enhance education performance in the County through fee support and construction of educational infrastructural structures.
3. Construction of County headquarters with the objective of providing a conducive working environment for headquarters county staff through construction of more offices.
4. Construction of Governor's residence to provide appropriate residence for the Governor to enhance his/her leadership and stewardship for effective and efficient service delivery.
5. Construction of deputy Governor's residence to provide appropriate residence for the Deputy Governor to enhance his/her leadership and stewardship for effective and efficient service delivery.
6. Digitization of Kitui County Records To enhance the accessibility of government records Improved efficiency of use and access of records in digital format
7. Establishment of police stations at the borders to enhance security at wards neighboring Tana River County and the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the office of the governor is the focal point for delivery of all County government programmes and services in addition to having specific responsibility for CLIDP and Pro-Poor programmes among others. The Committee appreciates what the

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office of the governor is doing to enhance service delivery and improve the livelihoods of the Kitui residents but makes the following recommendations: -

1. On “Community Level Infrastructure Development Programme (CLIDP),” the Committee appreciates the program because since inception of devolution, it has recorded remarkable success and has delivered meaningful projects directly to the needy communities. The program has transformed people’s lives and increased income opportunities for women, youth and the poor in the society.

Despite this success, the County Government has not grown budgetary allocation for this noble program substantially or commensurate with its community benefits and public demand.

It is on this basis that the Committee recommends the following: -

- i. That, the average annual allocation for CLIDP regulations to include a requirement for minimum annual increment for the budget allocation.
 - ii. That, the CLIDP Management Committee carries out a CLIDP program impact assessment in order to assess its contribution to the overall development and community empowerment goals of the County government and document its real impact on the lives of the people of Kitui County. This will give justification for the above proposed percentage increment.
 - iii. That, the office of the Governor Provides a Village based budgetary allocations, as opposed to Ward allocations. This will ensure that the programme is more localized and devolved further to the most basic units.
 - iv. That, the Office of the governor includes Projects maintenance kitty for CLIDP. This will ensure that CLIDP projects are maintained on an ongoing basis as opposed to having to wait until the following financial year for procurement of maintenance services.
2. That, SEKEB Operationalized through Gazettement of SEKEB Bill, 2021 be renamed to “*SEKEB Operationalized through Gazettement of SEKEB (General/Operationalization) Guidelines/Regulations, 2023.*” This will ensure that any gaps existing in the SEKEB Act, 2022 are addressed through subsidiary legislation duly published for consideration by the County Assembly through the relevant Committee.
 3. That, under Operationalization of the Kitui County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2014 the Committee recommends a proposed budgetary allocation of Kshs. 50 million be included in the CIDP for operationalization of the above Act. This will ensure that the County and Sub County Alcoholic Drinks Control Committees effectively undertake their activities as outlined in the law and further ensure that their allowances are paid.
 4. That, the “*enforcement unit*” sub programme be transferred and centralized as a directorate under the office of the County secretary so that other ministries can request for enforcement services from the office in charge of common service like legal service, security services among other functions.
 5. That, under sub-programme “***Relief assistance delivered to vulnerable individuals in need***” the Committee recommends that this sector establishes a structured way of identifying the vulnerable individuals and have a policy in place to control the

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undertakings of this activity so as to ensure that only the targeted group of people benefit and there is value for the public funds spend.

6. Under key output “*generated regular status reports to track the progress and implementation of programs/projects*” the Committee supports this programme but recommends that the same be submitted to the County Assembly on quarterly basis for scrutiny and oversight purposes. This will help to ensure that whatever is passed by the
7. Assembly is implemented to the latter and ensure that there is prudence in the use of public funds.
8. That the Office of the governor intends to hold Consultative and coordination meetings between the County executive and Assembly members. The Committee supports this initiative but recommends that the meetings be held on quarterly basis.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee having interrogated the sector programmes and projects makes the following recommendation. *(On page 45 of the report)*

1. That the sector programmes and projects and the corresponding strategies be implemented as proposed in the CIDP 2022-2027.
2. That, all disaster and emergency functions in both Kitui municipality and Mwingi Town Administration be fully transferred to the department of disaster and emergency services under the office of the Deputy Governor. This will ensure that all emergency cases are responded to under a central point that is in-charge of the docket thus ensuring effective quality service delivery.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, members of the Committee scrutinized the proposed programme and projects under this department in the planning document for the period of five years, made a number of observations and makes recommendations as follows: -

1. Sub programme: new tourism sites identified and intended for development. Under this sub – programme, the committee observed that the department proposes to identify and develop only one (1) new tourism site in the second financial year with no other site developed for the 3rd, 4th and 5th years. The committee felt that identifying one new site for development for five years is rather retrogressive given the potential of many available tourist sites that needs to be developed. Therefore, the Committee recommends that completion of the already established and identifying new tourist sites every financial year within the five-year period at a total cost of Kshs. 100M. further, she recommends that the ministry identifies private partners whom they can work with to ensure fast development of the tourists’ sites.
2. Sub programme: Number of Tourism Products enhanced. Under this sub-programme, the Committee observed that the department proposes to develop and enhance only five (5) existing tourism sites in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th financial years. Bearing in mind that there already exist more than five tourism sites, namely, Mutomo snake park, George Adamson picnic site, Mumoni and Mutitu hills, Kanyoonyoo conservancy, Kalalani Rangers camp, Kalundu Eco park, Yanzuu Rock, South Kitui Game Reserve, Ngomeni and Gai Rock just to mention a few which deserve equal attention; The committee therefore, recommends that the department targets to increase the tourism sites to nine

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(9) across the four years at an estimated total cost Kshs. 500M. This move will ensure that many sites are developed thus widening the scope of tourist sites available for different local and international tourist who in turn will enhance own source revenue of the County.

3. Sub programme: Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation. The committee observed that the projected budgetary allocation of handling human wild life conflict given at Kshs. 0.5M
4. in each financial year was inadequate. Thus, she recommends increment of the proposal to Kshs. 1.5 million for each financial year.
5. That, the other proposed programs and activities to be undertaken in the CIDP by the department during the period 2023 -2027 be adopted as submitted.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the ministry has proposed flagship projects in order to attain efficient water supply and irrigation solutions in the County as follows; *(On page 48 of the report)*

1. Develop of Athi Kilawa irrigation project.
2. Develop Thaana Nzau irrigation scheme
3. Solarization of Wikithuki irrigation scheme.
4. Develop of gravity canal on major seasonal rivers i.e., Tana and Athi rivers.
5. Develop of Kauwi irrigation scheme.
6. Develop of mega dams (Kasarani, Maseki, Ikoo, Thua) at a cost of 2.5 billion each.
7. Develop gravity canal for Wikithuki/ Usueni irrigation scheme.
8. Develop Kiambere – Mwingi water supply (KIMWASCO).
9. Kiomo/Kyethani water supply project.
10. Develop River Tana Tseikuru water supply project.
11. Develop River Athi – Kangukangu – Mutomo- Mutha – Ikutha water project.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Water is very essential and the backbone for the sustainable development in every devolved unit in the County.

In Kitui County, water requires substantial allocation of resources to invest in the development of infrastructures for collection and distribution of water to water stressed communities in both rural urban areas of the County. In addition to the challenge of supplying water for domestic use and livestock in the rural areas, there is a growing challenge of sustaining reliable water supply to Kitui municipality, Mwingi and Mutomo towns.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Water scarcity in Kitui has a direct bearing on the seasonal food shortages which the County experiences.

In view of the above, the Committee took keen interest in this ministry's proposed programmes and projects that shall be implemented to ensure Kitui becomes water secure and thus makes the following recommendations: -

1. Under the programme "*water storage and flood control* " the Committee observed that there are many boreholes and earth dams that have been put in place in the County but are not operational thus the Committee recommends that the county government should strike a balance on water searching (drilling of bore holes) and

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water harvesting (construction of mega, medium and small earth dams) by operationalizing the existing boreholes and doing more of water harvesting so as to ensure the water table in Kitui County is not destabilized.

2. Further, the Committee recommends that the County government partners with the other National government agencies like National Irrigation Authority (NIA) in construction of mega earth dams so as to ensure quality earth dams are done as per the required standards.
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4. The Committee recommends establishment of off grid solar power plants in areas where communities rely on shallow wells for water supply so as to provide them
5. with cheap energy for the pumping water. This would also ensure that small scale irrigation can be carried out to increase food security in the County.
6. That, the County government increases local capacity for maintenance of boreholes through establishment of sub- county level workshops for repair and maintenance. This will ensure that maintenance services are brought closer to the local people as per the objective of devolution and also reduce the time and cost of servicing water facilities that may break down.
7. The Committee observed that the County government of Kitui through the Ministry of water has continued providing subsidies to the two Water Service Providers i.e., KITWASCO and KIMWASCO with minimal or no improvement on water provision to the residents of Kitui County. Over the last five years, the two entities have been subsidized to a tune of Kshs. 50 million though there has been no remarkable improvement in their delivery of services to the people of Kitui County. Therefore, the County government must end the culture of subsidies to these entities and thus recommends a one-off grant to enhance their water metering, billing systems and modernize their power supply Further, the Committee recommends that the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, Water & Irrigation and the Committee on Public Investments & Accounts takes up this matter and do a thorough investigation on the financial statements of both water service providers.
8. Further, on KITWASCO the Committee recommends separation of meter for Kitui County and Machakos County since they both use the same line, installation of smart meters to all connections (embrace modern technology), employ different zone managers and automate water payment so as to solve the problem of non-accounted for (non-revenue) water that is lost through the whole process. Further, the water service providers should review their water tariffs in view of increase in recent increase in the cost of energy and other inputs.
9. That the Committee discourages the government from implementing micro-project that have little or no impact to large number of people but instead concentrate on implementation of macro-projects whose impact shall be felt by large groups of Kitui residents. This will ensure prudence in the utilization of public funds and lead to improved standards of living among the people of Kitui County.

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10. The committee appreciates that the ministry has launched a comprehensive sand dam which in addition to increasing water supply will also impact positively on the environment. However, the ministry needs to consider that not all wards have equal need for sand dams. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the ministry carries out need assessment to establish areas that have higher needs and potential for sand dams and allocate resources accordingly. The ministry also needs to consider enhancing budgetary allocation for the same so that they can construct bigger sand dams which can support construction of sump-wells.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee noted that the ministry proposes flagship projects that shall be implemented and that are intended to improve the level of basic education and Vocational education to a better level. These include the following: *-(On page 53 of the report)*

1. Establishment of centers of excellence in five (5) vocational training centers (model VTCs). This is proposed to be done in the following VTCs; Kyuso, Mwingi Baptist, Syongila, Mutomo and Mulango. This will ensure provision of skills that are in line with the current job market demand.
2. Construction of ECDE classrooms, two-door toilets equipped with water tanks for hygiene in each of the 40 wards to increase access to quality education.
3. Construction of day care centres in Kitui town, Mwingi, Mutomo and Kwa Vonza towns to provide a safe place for children whose mothers are engaged in other economic activities.
4. Recruitment of ECDE teachers and VTC instructors to address the challenge of understaffing in ECDE and VTCs in the County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to harmonize and align the Kitui County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) for the year 2023-2027 and further achieve optimum sector benefits in the next 5 years', the Committee recommends as follows: -

1. That, the Ministry provides a programme for capitation of VTC trainees so as to ensure that the centers remain financially stable. This financial support will help in reducing the burden of fees to parents and trainees and thus ensuring high retention level and sustainability of VTCs. Further, availability of continuous funding shall go a long way in empowering the institutional capacity of offering relevant and industry-standard courses, which in turn increase the value of the training and chances of gaining valuable skills and knowledge befitting the job market demand.
2. That, the ministry provides a programme for payment of grade tests for trainees in all the levels in the County VTCs. This programme will help to bridge the gap between privileged and underprivileged trainees thus, fostering improved access to quality and helpful education.
3. That, the ministry includes a programme by the name face-lifting of the existing Vocational Training Centres. By so doing it will positively improve on increasing the

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number of trainees in these centers and thus closing the gap that has seen many graduates from primary and secondary levels shy from joining the tertiary levels.

4. That, the ministry creates a programme by the name Provision of start-up tool kit to graduates from the VTCs in order to enable them apply and further develop the skills and knowledge acquired during their training period. The committee recommends that these Start-up kits be given to trainees who graduate and are willing to start their practice in various centers of VTCs or those in local areas to enhance their skills and knowledge as well as earning a living through the same. This will ensure that the acquired skills and knowledge are optimally utilized to improve their livelihoods and those whose destinies are attached to them.
5. That the ministry enhances capacity building program by including a sub-programme for continuous training for both ECDE teachers and VTC instructors so as to accommodate the ever-changing needs in the sector. This will ensure that teachers and instructors match the current and future skills and knowledge needed to execute their mandates.
6. That, the County Ministry for Basic Education provides a programme to accommodate children living with special needs (disability) to help them access quality education through integrated approach in all ECDE Centre's across the County. This will go a long way in ensuring that all children are considered regardless of their physical or mental challenges.
7. That, in ensuring equity in the construction of Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) classrooms within the County, the ministry proposes to construct 80 ECDE classroom in the coming four years. The committee recommends that the ministry considers constructing one ECED classroom in each ward and construct more classes in areas that have been neglected and that need more classes so as to achieve the principle of equity.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee observed that for the ministry to achieve her vision, she has proposed to carry out flagship projects alongside other proposed ministry projects as follows: (On page 59 of the report)

1. Establishment of a health services Act to enhance provision of services in the ministry of Health and Sanitation to the people of Kitui County.
2. Upgrading of Mwingi and Kitui hospitals from Level IV to teaching and referral hospital to improve health service delivery and access. This will involve construction of non-residential building and equipping them.
3. Construction of Nzamba Kitonga hospital in Mutito to improve health service delivery and access.
4. Establishment of ambulance policy so as to streamline referral systems.
5. Construction of modern newborn units and kangaroo mother care in all the sub-counties aimed at reducing neonatal and perinatal mortality rates.

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6. Construction of Thitani mortuary in Ngutani ward to enhance better preservation of bodies in the said area.

Mr. Speaker Sir, you can allow me to have a drink.

The Speaker: Which drink *Mheshimiwa*? Please specify for record.

Hon. Mwinzi: (Laughter) Mr. Speaker Sir, it is water.

The Speaker: Thank you please you are allowed.

Hon. Mwinzi: Committee recommendation on Health and Sanitation. Mr. Speaker Sir, Kitui County has the highest number of public health facilities in Kenya and currently the health sector consumes approximately 35% of the County's annual budget. This is consistent with the fact that over 80% of the population relies on public health facilities to meet their health needs.

Remarkably, approximately 94% of the ministry's budget goes towards recurrent expenditure, therefore leaving a paltry approximately 6% for development and maintenance. Wards in Kitui County are scattered with health facilities that were started by the former Local Authorities but which the county government has not been able to complete in the last ten years.

Over the medium term, programming for the health sector needs to be managed extremely carefully in order to rationalize resource allocations for human resource, facility development and supplies. The committee therefore recommends that: -

1. The ministry provides an increment by Kshs.40 million to the key output "*Facilities without fences gate & fenced*". The Committee observed that majority of the health facilities were not fenced or the fences were in bad state and thus recommends immediate action be undertaken so as to ensure security and privacy is enhanced in these facilities.
2. Further, the committee recommends inclusion of a key output "*purchase of additional land for health facilities*". This will create more space for expansion and upgrading health care facilities to level III and IV leading to improved provision of health care services to the people of Kitui as enshrined in one of the pillars of governor's manifesto.
3. That, under the key output "*2-floor storey office block constructed at CHMT grounds*" on the activities to be undertaken the Committee recommends inclusion of construction of conference facility, staff cafeteria and garden for catering and recreational purposes for doctors. This move will provide a conducive working environment for health care officers thus improved service delivery.
4. That, completion of all the stalled health care facilities be given the first priority so as to ensure that public funds that were used in their establishment does not go to waste. This will ensure that the government is accountable in the utilization of public funds and ensure that the intended services are delivered to the desired groups of people.

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5. That, include in the activities to be undertaken in the CIDP for the period 2023-2027, for neglected tropical diseases in Kitui such as kalaazar (visceral leishmaniasis), soil transmitted helminths (intestinal worms), trachoma (trichula trichomoniasis) and tunga penetrans (jiggers). These diseases are currently becoming a health burden in the County and there's thus need to provide funding to fight them off. The committee therefore recommends an additional 150M for this budget line.
6. That, include in the activities to be undertaken in the CIDP for the period 2023-2027, the construction and establishment of a Renal Centre at Kitui County Referral Hospital (KCRH). This was as result of the consensus and recommendation by the three leaders in the South- Eastern Kenya Economic Bloc (SEKEB) to establish renal center In Kitui county, cancer center in Machakos county and trauma center in Makueni county. This is in consideration of the memorandum to the Committee referenced CGKTI/CT/FIN/37/III/30 dated 29th June, 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee observed that the Ministry of Roads, Public Works and Transport proposes *flagship projects* that shall be implemented and that are intended to improve road connectivity across the County. These include the following: -

1. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Kitui Town- Museve- Miambani- Ndithini junction(C416)- Kiviui- Kamandio- Ikoo- Mwanzilu- Nzeluni- Mumbuni- Kalisasi- Mwingi Town. This will improve road connectivity between Kitui and Mwingi Towns.
2. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Kyandula- Kamutei- Kyusyani- KwaVonza- Kwa Mutonga- Katutu. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.
3. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Mwita Syano- Tiva- Mulutu- Kitui. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.
4. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Chuluni- Inyuu- Zombe- Endau/Malalani- Twambui- Hola. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.
5. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Ikutha- Kanziko- Mutha- Kona Kaliti- Hola- Lamu- Kilifi- Mombasa. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County and other Counties.
6. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Mutomo- Mathima- Isaa - Mutha. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.
7. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Zombe- Kyaango- Kinakoni- Mutomo. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.
8. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Kakuyu- Nguuku- Musosya- Katse. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.
9. Upgrade to Bitumen standards of Mukonga- Kakuyu- Tyaa- Kiromboko- Kakongo- Mbondoni. This will enhance transportation of products within the growing towns across the County.

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Mr. Speaker Sir, road network connection is paramount in the development of the County. Opening up of new roads and maintaining the existing ones will promote entrepreneurship in the County which in turn will improve the standards of living of the residents. In order to align the ministry proposed programmes and projects to this rational the committee makes the following recommendations: -

1. That, the ministry should train and capacity build hundred (100) contractors per ward. This will not only enable them secure government contracts but also improve on their workmanship if awarded contracts thus ensuring prudence of public funds and impact of the projects to the lives of Kitui residents.
2. That, increase the number of kilometers to be graded in every ward to bring the total number to Eighty-five kilometers (85 km) in order to improve road network across the County.
3. That the ministry moves from light grading to heavy grading and murraming of roads to minimize on the frequent grading that takes place after every rainy season.

That, the ministry strongly considers purchasing a grader in each sub-county to ease the grading program in the 40 wards. This will assist the Ministry implementing the enormous work that is before it in enhancing service delivery.

4. That, in order to enhance service delivery and coordination of the ministry's undertakings in road network connections, the Committee recommends formation of the Kitui County Roads Board.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Ministry of Trade, Industry, MSMEs, Innovation and Co-operatives proposes to undertake the following *flagship projects* with the intention of promoting the ease-to-do business culture as well as promoting investment friendly environment through conducive business working environment and trained market committees: *-(On page 65 of the report)*

- i. Establishment of aggregation and industrial park at Kanyonyoo Economic and Investment zone. This aims at attracting investors in Kitui County which will subsequently accelerate investment in Kitui County.
- ii. Establishment of abattoirs in Kitui and Mwingi towns. This aims at enhancing economic empowerment in the County through skilled and unskilled employment. This will enable the county retain more money in the local economy.
- iii. Acquisition of wheel alignment machine in Kitui and Mwingi. The objective is to support and empower MSMEs in Kitui and Mwingi towns.

The Committee went through the proposed programmes and sub- programmes in the Ministry as captured in the CIDP and made the following recommendations which will guide the Ministry in realizing her set goals and objectives: -

1. The committee recommends that, before the ministry puts up a computerized wheel alignment machine it should relook into the price of the machine because the cost of Kshs. 1 billion seems to be overquoted. Further the Committee discourages the government from investing public funds to avenues that will benefit specific individual

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but instead focus on developing common user infrastructures that will have impact to large numbers of people.

2. That, before procurement and supply of car washing machine and hair dressing machines the Committee recommends that, the ministry carries out a feasibility study to establish areas and people who could benefit from this subprogram. Further that the equipment be issued to organized groups and graduates from VTCs so as to ensure there is ease in monitoring the progress and impact assessment of the same.
3. Ministry proposes to undertake Trade fairs and shows at a cost of Kshs. 200M under sub programme promote -to-do-business culture for the period of 2023-27. The committee recommends that the ministry should facilitate transport services to local residents or registered groups from different parts of the County to participate in the trade fairs. This will enable a large number of residents to benefit from this programme and thus have value for the fund utilization.
4. That, the ministry puts up one modern market in every ward. The Committee observed that previously the county government has been constructing market structures that were small and substandard that could not serve huge numbers of traders. Construction
5. of a modern market ensure that large numbers benefit from the same hence improved standards of living.
6. On garbage collection, the Committee recommends that the ministry needs to change garbage collection time to very early in the morning when there is less traffic. This should apply in all the major towns in the county. To effectively carry out this exercise, the Committee recommends purchase of garbage collection tracks for every major town in Kitui.
7. That, programmes including the Kitui County Textile Centre (KICOTEC), the ballast crusher at kwa Kilui in Yatta/Kwa Vonza ward, Kitui Food Industry, the Kitui Pharma Industry, Kitui Youth Industry in Manyenyoni, Livestock Transportation Trucks and Empowerment Fund initiated by the previous government failed because of poor and inept management, lack or little feasibility studies before the investment and poor performance of the entities. Owing to this, the Committee recommends proper feasibility study of the same and proper management of the entities. Further, on the stone crusher at Kwa Kilui, the committee recommends either relocation of the machine to where there is availability of crushing stones or sale of the machine and use the funds in putting up other common user facilities in the ministry.
8. That, the ministry develops abattoirs and slaughterhouses management policy. This will ensure proper and structured way of handling products from this unit. A proper structured handling of these products will ensure that high quality meat is realized and this will support a programme in the department of livestock development on exportation of meat by ensuring that quality meat is exported thus increasing on the Gross Domestic product (GDP)of the County.

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Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee established that the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Youth, ICT, Sports, and Social Services proposes to implement the following flagship projects (On page 69 of the report)

1. Building of sports stadia at Kivou ward and Ikutha ward. This will enhance in promoting sports talent.
2. Undertake Prevention and Response measures to Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) in the entire county. The objective is to ensure a SGBV free community through sensitization programs against SGBV and building of rescue centres by creating awareness on reporting mechanisms.
3. Undertake Child Community Support Services in the entire county. The objective is to enhance/empower livelihoods through supply of necessities to children's homes.
4. Completion of Manyenyoni resource center at Township ward. This will enhance conferencing and workshop facility.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to ensure that this ministry optimally realizes her vision and mission, the Committee makes the following recommendations: -

1. That, the ministry should form and support organized groups of elected representatives of men, women, Youths and PWDs, in order to champion the social-economic empowerment from village to county levels in order to ensure inclusivity.
2. That, the ministry develops data for all the stadia in Kitui County so as to ensure that they are well managed and maintained. This will ensure that there is equity during distribution of these user facilities in the subsequent financial years.
3. That, all the proposed programmes and projects are implemented as submitted in the CIDP for the period 2023-2027 so as to realize the ministry's vision and mission.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee observed that the ministry plans to develop the following programmes as flagship projects over the five (5) years in line with the SDGs; -(On page 71-72 of the report)

- i. Construction of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Revenue Management office Headquarters at Kshs. 100 million.
- ii. Training the workforce (Capacity building) at Kshs 50million.
- iii. Provide sound economic planning for the County, that is County Budget Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation, County Statistics, Mobilization for donor support, Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives at 278.5 million.
- iv. Improve the financial internal audit systems under the internal audit department and enhance specialized/technical internal audit section for audit committee through preparations of technical risk-based audit reports on projects at Kshs 72.5million.

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- v. Develop revenue collection regulations and reporting systems (E-revenue Systems). This will help increase the own source revenue through the local revenue mobilization in the County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in order to provide a conducive environment for the other user ministries to perform their functions smoothly and ensure that the County government delivers her services to the residents of Kitui County, the Committee makes the following recommendations: -

1. That, in order to effectively monitor and evaluate the absorption matrix of budgetary allocation (implementation of programmes and projects) of the other user ministries, the Committee recommends that the ministry prepares and submit quarterly reports for each user ministry to the County Assembly for oversight purposes.
2. That, the Ministry plans to host business forums and investor conferences to attract investment and financing into the County. This will bridge the gap(deficit) in the cost of the proposed programmes and projects in the CIDP 2023-2027 and further attract other investors through mutually agreed arrangements.
3. That, the Ministry pursues Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) to deliver some of the key projects and also explore the new model called Public-Private Community Partnership (PPCP). This will help both the County Government and private players in working together for social welfare in the County.
4. That, the Ministry improves the revenue management systems by fully automating all the revenue streams in the County using online based systems to ensure technology-based accounting and reporting systems that are up to date. This will help seal all the
5. possible revenue leakages that limit the County from achieving its Own Source Revenue target. Thereby ensuring that there are no possibilities of growing pending bills emanating from un achieved targets.
6. On revenue reports, the committee recommends that the Ministry be submitting to the committee on finance and economic planning the quarterly revenue reports on own source revenue in every financial year.
7. That the sector at least provides one (1) revenue collection vehicle in every sub county. By so doing, the ministry shall effectively supervise revenue collection in all the sub-counties.
8. That, the ministry ensures all ministry assets are registered by itemizing their original cost, annual depreciation, maintenance costs and expected disposal costs and develop a capital development plan that defines assets built with county capital and supporting infrastructure.

Committee recommendations on the Ministry Energy, Environment, Forestry, Natural and Mineral Resources. (On page 76 of the report)

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is the Ministry that is supposed to play a very key role in contributing to the realization of a sustainable society through environmental management which aims at creating enriched value and ensure harmony with the earth (decarbonized society).

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To realize this, the Committee makes the following recommendations: -

1. The Ministry intends to undertake a programme on Sustainable Waste Management with Sensitization, training and capacity building as one of the key outputs. The committee recommends that the Ministry should target to have a sensitization meeting in every ward per year and the approach should be well spelt out on how the Ministry intends to undertake it. and develop a sustainable waste management policy.
2. Environmental Education and awareness; under this programme the Ministry proposes to commemorate twenty (20) international environmental days, four (4) per year. The Committee strongly recommends that the international environmental days should be decentralized and subsequently celebrated across the eight (8) sub-counties in the County.
3. The committee recommends that the Ministry develops a comprehensive plan for protection and conservation specific to each of the eight (8) water towers in the County as well as other environmentally sensitive areas. Further, in order to reduce possibilities of conflict with the local communities, this conservation should be developed in close consultation with local communities and leaders.
4. That, the ministry is proposing to engage in tree planting in Kitui County, the Committee observed that the ministry is not keen on tree growing, a move that will lead

to wastage of public funds because once the trees are planted there is no clear structure on how the exercise shall be supervised to ensure survival of the planted trees. Thus, the Committee recommends that the ministry partners with established institutions such as primary & secondary schools, Vocational Training Centres, churches and other

organized groups. This will ensure that the planted trees are watered and taken care of hence prudence in the use of the public funds and achievement of the climate change goals.

5. That, the ministry should include a programme on sensitization of the public on the importance of proper waste disposal. The Committee recommends that this sensitization should be structured such that it is not a one -day thing in that trainers are trained in institutions and later the trainees to train the public. Further, the Committee recommends that the Ministry develops a waste management policy so as to ensure that waste management and waste disposal becomes a structured exercise.
6. That, the ministry identifies, demarcates and do gazette County Forest Reserves. This move will go a long way in ensuring that forests cover in the County are preserved and maintained, a move that shall help in achieving the national and international climate change mitigation goals hence we shall have a save County in terms of climate maintenance.
7. That, the County government, through the relevant Ministry to identify, conserve and gazette the Kitui County wetlands. The exercise will go a long way in ensuring that there is consistent interaction of water, soil, vegetation and light all the year round or during a greater part of the year thus making the areas around them productive life-

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supporting ecosystems to the people living around them. Further, the Committee recommends that the ministry develops a Kitui County wetlands Policy to ensure that the activities around wetlands are regulated in a structured manner for sustainable long-term benefits.

8. That, the Ministry establishes a Climate Change directorate domiciled at the ministry headquarters to provide advisory to all other departments in response to climate change issues. This will ensure that activities related to climate change are directed and regulated towards attaining environmental Vision 2050 whose aim is to have a decarbonized society.
9. That, the ministry preserves water catchment areas such as Mumoni hills, Museve, Nuu, Ikoo, Kasyala among others so as to ensure steady rains in the County. In order to achieve this the Committee recommends formulation of policy on land use around water catchment areas. This will ensure that human and animal activities around these areas are regulated and controlled. With steady rainfalls in the County the issue of food security will be settled thus achieving food security manifesto pillar of the governor and ensure that Kitui becomes a food secure County.

Mr. Speaker Sir, (On page 81 of the report) The Committee went through the proposed programmes in this sector and made the following recommendations: -

1. The committee urges the County Public Service Board to fast track the implementation of the proposed projects so as to attain a favorable working office space as opposed to the current rented premises.
2. The committee having considered the Sector CIDP for the County Public Service Board for the period 2023-2027 approves for adoption the proposed projects, programs and the corresponding strategies without any amendments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee scrutinized the proposed programmes for the County Assembly and made the following recommendations: -

1. That, the all the proposed programmes be adopted as submitted in the submitted CIDP 2023-2027 so as to ensure effective service delivery to the citizens of Kitui.
2. That, to further facilitate Members of the County Assembly to achieve their mandate as outlined in the constitution, the Committee recommends inclusion of the following projects in the CIDP 2023-2027 as listed here under: -
 - a) Purchase of the following vehicles: -
 - i. Nissan X-trail.
 - ii. Isuzu mux (7seater).
 - iii. Toyota cross (1800 cc).
 - iv. One (1) Assembly bus.
 - v. Three (3) Toyota Landcruiser (13) seaters.
 - vi. Two (2) Assembly vans – 16-seaters.
 - vii. Two (2) double cabin pickups.
 - viii. Two (2) Toyota Fortuner vehicles.

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- ix. Forty (40) motorbikes for the forty Ward offices.
- x. Five (5) motorbikes for the Assembly Head office.
- b) Purchase of at least 3 acres of land within Kitui Municipality for Construction of other Assembly amenities e.g., MCAs Lounge and recreation center, Gym, Swimming pool etc.
- c) Purchase of at least 3 acres of land for construction of MCA's ward offices.
- d) Upgrading of the Assembly to a Virtual and digital Assembly.
- e) Two (2) metallic containers for storage of documents and broken items.
- f) Purchase of at least 3 acres of land in the 40 wards headquarters for construction of MCA's ward offices.
- g) Purchase of at least 3 acres of land, within Kitui Municipality for construction of Speaker's residence.
- h) Completion of office block.
- i) Completion of Speaker's residence.
- j) Drilling and equipping of County Assembly borehole.
- k) Construction of 40 MCA's offices in all the 40-ward headquarters.

Mr. Speaker Sir, The County integrated development plan (CIDP) 2023-2027 for the Kitui Municipality outlines the development priorities, objectives, and strategies for sector. Key amongst them includes strengthen the economic competitiveness of Kitui Municipality, provision of better and quality working environment for businesses, provision of street light/ security lights in the CBD and its environs to spur a 24-hour business economy and enhance security, Market construction and improvement in the entire municipality.

To further enhance resource mobilisation the CIDP is proposing instituting strict supervision of revenue collection, use of monthly bus stickers instead of daily receipts, Installation of CCTV cameras in all barriers for close supervision to avoid revenue leakages. Installation of E-revenue which will increase revenue collection and be cost effective.

Mr. Speaker Sir, upon careful examination of the proposed programmes and projects for Kitui Municipality in CIDP, the committee was satisfied with the proposals and therefore adopted them without amendments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Notably, the Committee keenly interrogated the proposed programmes and projects and came up with the following recommendations: -

1. That, the relevant ministry fast tracks construction to completion of Mwingi Municipality sewerage system flagship project to secure the health of the entire residents of Mwingi as well as ensuring effective waste management and enhanced drainage system.
2. That, the County department should upgrade fifty (50) Kilometers of road to bitumen standards as a way of achieving a dustless town and improving road connectivity within the town and its environs.

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3. That, to strengthen economic competitiveness in Mwingi as well as to encourage prolonged business hours and ongoing income generation for market vendors through lit town, the committee recommends that the County department should construct one modern market complex for hawkers and open-air businesses within Mwingi town in the second financial (2024/2025).

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is a very important sector which will aid in the realization of the Governors six pillar manifesto, particularly food security of the County. In pursuit of this vision the Committee makes the following recommendation:

1. That, on subsidizing production the committee recommends that the Ministry formulates a well-structured plan showing the targeted group and the implementation plan as well as formulate a policy that shall guide the implementation of the plan to ensure the principle of equity is attained.
2. Further, the Committee observed that the Ministry proposes to implement micro projects such as kitchen garden, the committee discourages this idea and thus recommends implementation of macro projects that will have greater impact to large groups of people in the County. This will ensure prudence in the utilization of public funds and thus ensure improved standards of living of the people of Kitui County.
3. Under the programme, purchase of new farm tractors, the committee recommends that the Ministry carries out impact assessment study to evaluate performance of the previous program in terms of total revenue generated, number of farmers targeted before purchasing new ones. Further, the Ministry is encouraged to formulate a detailed tractor ploughing plan to ensure this crucial service is accessible to all deserving farmers.
4. To increase crop production and productivity and further to ensure access to appropriate farm inputs, the Committee recommends for increased budgetary allocation to cater for extension and farm advisory services. The implementation of
5. this programme will go a long way in ensuring that farmers are educated on the best farming practices which will in-turn lead to increased productivity and improved standards of living.
6. Under promotion of Drought tolerant (farm input support), the committee noted that the program was rolled up hurriedly in the previous regime thus not adding value to the deserving farmers. To this end the committee urges the Ministry to formulate a proper distribution criterion with a view of ensuring that the program is beneficial to all deserving farmers.
7. Under Strengthening capacity of AMS programme, the committee has retained the proposal of Ministry to procure Machinery but recommends the programme to be streamlined and scaled-up in order to make the services available to citizenry of Kitui County. Further, the committee recommends rolling of repair and maintenance plan in order to ensure that the machinery is operational all year round.

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8. The committee noted that there is need to enhance institutional capacities as well as strengthening the capacities of Agricultural Training Services (ATC) as the facility has very huge potential which is currently underutilized. To this end the committee recommends the Ministry to streamline its strategic priorities in order to achieve its goals and objectives. Further, the Committee recommends that the facility enhances her kitchen, accommodation and conference facilities so that it could be used to host meetings and generate revenue to the ministry's targets.
9. That on enhancing livestock health and production, the Committee recommends the Ministry to partner with South Eastern University (SEKU) to put up Livestock Improvement Centre to deal with all activities relating to livestock improvement as well as establishing animal genetic laboratory for semen's preservation. Further, the committee urges the Ministry to establish Animal Disease Testing Laboratory in Kitui and Mwingi to support the program of meat exportation (value chain improvement). The move will see the County improving her Domestic Gross Product which will in turn lead to improved standards of living.
10. The Committee noted that, fisheries development and support programmes are being propagated and implemented in areas characterized by water deficiency. The committee recommends for increased budgetary allocation to support this program and further the Ministry to implement the program in areas with adequate water resources for instances River Tana, Athi as well as Ngomeni Rock catchment areas. This will go a long way in improving nutrition and house hold income of the Kitui citizenry.

Mr. Speaker Sir, to ensure sustainable land management, promote affordable housing across all the forty wards and facilitate effective urbanization the committee recommends that:

1. On the affordable housing policy, the committee urges the Ministry to target County Government staffs, especially those working at KRHS, Managers and instructors of Vocational training centres. This can be achieved through modernization and expansion of former County Municipal residential houses. Further, the same program should target to
2. offer the service to member of staff with low as income as means of providing accommodation within close proximity of their working station.
3. The Ministry to expedite valuation roll for Mwingi Town administration. This is aimed at unlocking revenue through land rates which will see the County optimizing her revenue generation on land matters.
4. On long -term planning, the Ministry should carry out needs assessment studies in order to acquire lands in areas where the County Government intends to put up new institution or expand the existing ones.
5. Under land titling, surveying and registration of community lands, the Committee recommends the Ministry to partner with Counterpart National Ministry to expedite the program and prioritize areas prone to land conflicts. This is geared towards reducing periodic cases of land clashes and conflicts amongst the residents living in far flung areas.

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In conclusion Mr. Speaker Sir, The CIDP for the period 2023-2027 is a basket of wish list that contains activities to be undertaken across all the County Ministries. It is the obvious that not all projects proposed in the document that shall be implemented, however, it the road map to equitable development across the County. The CIDP is categorized as the first Statutory document in the budget making process that is implemented through Annual Development Plan. Its existence is thus very critical as it also contains the Sector programs and projects to be implemented throughout the period.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the implementation of the CIDP can also be varied by some external factors that are beyond human control. Emergencies and other uncontrollable happenings may occur necessitating for changes in the planning document which for that matter shall be addressed through revision of the CIDP. The cost involved in implementing the activities therein is huge, nevertheless, it is anticipated that the County will work closely with the National Government to access more donors especially in support of the deficit in the submitted CIDP 2023-2027. The Committee humbly submits to this Honorable House to consider and adopt this report and its recommendations for onward implementation by the County Executive.

The Committee further recommends approval of *annex viii* which captures the list of proposed ward development projects in the period of five years.

In conclusion, as part of the recommendation, the committee seeks approval of *annex vii* detailing projects approved in current financial year 2023/2024 to form part of the projects to be implemented in the matrix Year one of the CIDP 2023-2027. This owes to the fact that the County has worked retrogressively having approved the said budget estimates before the approval of the third generation of the CIDP.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it was a very huge document but I have tried my best to summarize the document.

The Speaker: Hon. Chairperson, for the record, you take us through annex 1. You have not mentioned the members of your committee.

Hon. Mwinzi: Ooh sorry, my apologies Mr. Speaker Sir. Signed list of the members of the committee on Finance and Economic Planning during the consideration of the Kitui County Integrated Development Plan. We, Hon. Members of the committee on Finance and

Economic Planning do hereby append our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm accuracy, validity and authenticity of this report.

(Hon. Mwinzi consulted with the Clerks-at-the table)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I was consulting. I was on Annexure 1. We, Hon. Members of the committee on Finance and Economic Planning do hereby append our signatures to affirm our approval and confirm accuracy, validity and authenticity of this report. The members of the committee who signed the list are as follows:

1. Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Waziri Bakari - V/chairperson

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3. Hon. Joseph Nzungi Ngwele - Member
4. Hon. Mary P. Ndumbu - Member
5. Hon. Sammy Munyithya - Member
6. Hon. Paul Maluki - Member
7. Hon. David Masaku Munyau - Member
8. Hon. Peter Kitonyo Mwanza - Member
9. Hon. Munira Mohamed - Member
10. Hon. Grace Syoindo Mulandi - Member
11. Hon. Mary Mbithe - Member

We all signed the document Mr. Speaker Sir, and since all the members have the document you can allow the members to look at the annexures.

The Speaker: That is okay, you may proceed to move

Hon. Mwinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I was saying, this document is very huge and I have tried my best to summarize it. Allow me also, to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for the cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, it was a very tiresome exercise but my members supported me as their Chair, and that is why we were able to come up with this document. I would also like to thank my clerks and also the office of the Clerk for the facilitation and providing adequate number of staffs to assist us. Mr. Speaker, those clerks did a commendable job. So, allow me to congratulate and thank them.

Mr. Speaker, this is a straight forward document and the advantage part of it, is that the Hon. Members, got an opportunity to interact with it about three to four weeks. So, I believe that they understand what is contained in this document.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, allow me not to comment much on it. I know Hon. Members, understand everything which is contained in this document. Mr. Speaker, allow me to request Hon. Waziri to second this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Chair, you may have to wait to be advised on...

(Hon. Mwinzi consulted with the Clerk-at-the table again)

Hon. Mwinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, you know the document was extremely huge so my mind went off somehow. Mr. Speaker, I want to refer Hon. Members to annexure five, that is where the projects are; they can take time to have a look on it, so that they can know where their projects are.

I therefore, beg to move the motion and request Hon. Masaku to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Hon. Masaku, you may proceed.

(Hon. Masaku bowed to second the motion)

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Thank you, we acknowledge the secondment by way of bowing, although I heard a point of Order from the Hon. Vice-chair (*Finance & Economic Planning*), however, I saw him withdrawing the point of order through sign language.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members I will now give you an opportunity to give your input on this motion. The floor is open and I will give any member wishing to contribute at most three minutes to give their input. Hon. Alphonse Mukwaiyu Musyimi and then Hon. Mark Nding'o and Hon. Jeremiah Mutua Musee.

Hon. Mukwaiyu: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to congratulate this Committee. It has actually analysed the documents and the plans and this is actually an important document and plan. However, Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee reported on page 59, item no.6, construction of Thitani Mortuary in Nguutani ward. That mortuary is in Thitani and Thitani is in Kyome-Thaana Ward, let that correction be done, otherwise it shifts development from my ward to another ward. Thank you.

Hon. Nding'o: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I take this opportunity to appreciate the good work done by the Committee on Finance. The CIDP document is well presented, it touched on most of the Kitui County Government departments. The wish list projects are going to spur a lot of development in our wards, I only want to ask members to be vigilant in our oversight role so that the executive is more serious in implementing these programs. The policies, programs and the projects will spur a lot of development in our wards and I would wish if we go with the CIDP, it will be a game changer to our county. With that I stand to support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Waziri: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the report. Mr. Speaker Sir, as said by the chair of the finance Committee, it was a tireless job. We spent a lot of our time and at times you joined us and you kept your word that you will provide whatever we would want so that we can prepare a good report. Mr. Speaker Sir, we took into consideration the 16 sectors plus the 6 pillars of the governor's manifesto. I want to appreciate the cooperation from Hon. Members from all the 40 wards. They cooperated very well, they brought their wish list. I am even happy that we met the liaison Committee, all the chairs were there to assist us. They gave us a lot of input. If you allow me Mr. Speaker Sir, from the Muslim world, tomorrow we will be celebrating our new year and I want to wish all the Muslims around a happy new year and also congratulate Mr. Abdulhalim Hussein for being appointed as the chief Kadhi of the republic of Kenya. Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Waziri. I also join you in wishing our Muslim brothers a happy New year tomorrow. So, Hon. Munira thank you very much. Hon. Ismail is not a Muslim but we can hear from him and also Hon. Hussein Mwandia.

Hon. Mwamisi: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. Muslims are my brothers and sisters and so I join in wishing them all the best in their new year and also congratulating the new chief Kadhi. On the business before the House, I first want to congratulate the team that did this very good job. The document is voluminous and it captures most of the things. However, I would wish for the purposes of records, we had public participation in Mutomo Subcounty and I want to believe that the Committee was able to capture most of the aspirations from the residents. However, in the report under the ministry of trade, it is in record that Mutha is one of the biggest livestock markets together with Tseikuru. However, there is a recommendation

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that we need to have a fenced stock yard in mutha but I have not seen that in this document. Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you, though we have annex five 1 which has all the detailed projects, I believe the chair and the members clarified that this in in annex 5 because the report is a summary of what is in the entire CIDP but thank you for raising that Hon. Mwamisi. Hon. Jeremia Musee Mutua and then Hon. Deborah, then Hon. Muange.

Hon. Jeremiah: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to start by wishing my good muslim friends a happy new year and I want to congratulate the Committee on Finance for job well done. Hon. Speaker the last time I saw a voluminous document being carried by an individual was when I met my economics lecturer, Mr. Wainaina at Kenyatta University just like the way our Hon. Chair was carrying that big document. I saw him at some point struggling to read the document and even drying up to the point of asking for a sip of a drink of which was not aware which drink was that. Having said that Hon. Speaker, I stand here to support the motion but again I want to make a few deliberations on the same. Hon. Speaker sir, this is a House of rules and regulations that govern the County Government. I am aware as an elected member in this House, that the minister for finance submitted an annual development plan also a County Fiscal strategy paper and also annual budget estimates. I want to on record that the three statutory documents were delivered to this august House without the third approved generation CIDP. It is only today that we are deliberating on its approval. As much Hon. Speaker, there is no specific law that guides when the CIDP is supposed to be submitted to the House, it is also very imperative that under your leadership, going forward we don't want to see this County Assembly being put at a puzzle just the way it was put when we passed the budget without this document. The minister reported that most of the projects that were captured in the budget were extracted from an unapproved CIDP.

Hon. Speaker, going forward we need to demand on timely processing of statutory documents that requires us even before we pass the budget are supposed to be captured in the CIDP. Since it is a five-year document, we don't want to see the fourth assembly adopting a budget without the fourth generation CIDP. Hon. Speaker another thing I have noted when the chair was reading the report was this; the performance review of 2018-2022. I am sitting close to the chair for public accounts and investment Committee and the chair has reported that some of the projects which were listed by ministry departments were reported as started and completed but when we were doing public participation we noted, and I want to be very specific, the project on affordable housing project which was quoted as started and completed. Where on this county? I want to put my chair on notice, that this becomes the first audit query to be looked at by that public accounts and investment Committee, we want to see where those projects are and why a department should give inaccurate information to the Committee and to the assembly for that matter. Hon. Speaker as I finish, I have also recognized on the issue of vocational training centres. This is a bit that has been left behind for so many years. We have the secondary schools which receive capitation from the national government every term. I want to agree with you that even yourself and majority of these Hon. Members are members to the board of management in many secondary schools and we have been approving budgets where monies are received from the national government. Hon. Speaker we have a new one called JSS, junior secondary schools. They are now being funded by the national government. When you look at these VTCs, it is an entity which was started, there are no funds being received from the national government nor from the counties. How then are they supposed to operate? There is a new curriculum, CBC, based on Skill. If there is an avenue where our learners can get the best skills is through the VTCs and they are not being funded. Going forward, we want to see how the Committee on budget and how the

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government of kitui will implore on this matter and start doing capitation to the vocational training centres, a center and an area which is improving skills to our loved ones. With those few deliberations, I support the motion and I know that going forward, we are moving in the right track. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Deborah: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. I first stand to congratulate the Committee for the job well done. They did a commendable job. For the sake of gender balance, I had to stand up and congratulate the Committee. Secondly, I would wish to wish all the Muslim brothers and sisters a happy new year. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Deborah. Hon. Muange and then Hon. Gabriel.

Hon. Muange: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir for the opportunity to contribute on this particular motion. First of all, I want to thank and congratulate Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi and his Committee for work well done. I also want to congratulate the Muslim brothers and sisters on their new year. I grew up in this town and I related very well with the Muslims of kitui and today I have family friends. I wish you well, enjoy your year although it is beginning right in the middle of the other year, but it is your year, so enjoy it.

Coming to the business on the table, the Committee has done a commendable job and I would say I have many projects that have been suggested in our wish list. However, I am making an observation for posterity. We want to develop this county equitably if not equally, and for the county to develop in the north, I have said to the east, the county borders other counties, the same to the south and to the west. But when you look at the north, there is no proper connection and communication from Kitui to the other counties in the north, Meru, Embu, and the rest.

Recently we passed a motion here to support infrastructure that will benefit us when the grand falls dam project is started so that we can have equipment, goods, tools and personnel coming from the port of Mombasa and Lamu so that they pass through kitui and we get those accruing benefits. Ostensibly, I haven't heard any road in Tharaka or Tseikuru being upgraded to bitumen level. Thank God there are two in Muumoni but the rest of the other roads being upgraded are concentrated on this part of the County. So please for posterity, let it go on record that we need to open the north so that we can open business with Meru, Tharaka and Isiolo, and that is the only remaining part of the county that is still like closed. For future generations, we may not be here but others will be, so let everybody in this county think about the north so that we can have all the four corners of the county open to the world. Otherwise, since the document captures many projects that I believe are going to develop this county, I support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Munyao: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me an opportunity to contribute this very important matter on the floor of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker Sir, I first wish to appreciate the work done by the finance Committee in putting together this big volume of a report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to address two or three things and as I continue Mr. Speaker, because in the course of my contribution, protect me from one Hon. Ngwele from Ngomeni so that he does not interrupt me.

The Speaker: Okay. Please proceed?

Hon. Gabriel Munyao: First Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank the ministry of Environment for putting measures in place to plant trees to make our County greener, but Mr. Speaker Sir, for a county to be green, we require a robust program for water harvesting, which actually, was not captured very well under the Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

Mr. Speaker, still, on water and irrigation, there lies so many machines at the Agricultural Mechanization Services Center that actually can do so many dams. But, Mr.

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Speaker, if you allow me, we request the Budget Committee, in the near future, to provide fuel to these machines to be able to do dams in various Wards. I know this is very possible to do as many dams as possible, only if fuel can be provided by the Budget Committee.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is a matter that I was saying that you protect me from Hon. Ngwele; On own-sourcel revenue, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Finance Committee for finding it necessary to recommend that we have what we call "smart meters" for billing of water in the KITWASCO and KIMWASCO departments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as the Chair of Public Accounts and Investments Committee, I have gone through the reports that I have been given by the Auditor General. Mr. Speaker, we lose a lot of revenue from non -revenue water, that is, the water that goes to waste without being billed.

Mr. Speaker, if we install these smart meters, we will have KITWASCO stand on its own feet, and this money that the county government allocates to KITWASCO will be used for another purpose. This will make it possible for us to increase our own-Source revenue, because saving that 50 million that is given to KITWASCO and KIMWASCO will make us do much better in our budget.

Still on the same, Mr. Speaker, the parking fees. I thank the committee for highlighting that it's very imperative, Mr. Speaker, that instead of actually collecting the parking fees on daily basis, if the matatus and the daily customers can be billed monthly, we'll have more money coming to our treasury, and therefore, our own-source revenue will increase from the projected 500 million as submitted by the minister for finance.

Finally, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to day that we as the Assembly have a responsibility of categorizing these projects in order of priority and determine which ones will be executed first. As we had already given our projects during the public participation of CIDP and CLIDP, with your request, we as members of the County Assembly will be required to reorganize our priorities because we submitted them before this document was presented to this House.

With those remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the report.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Gabriel. I think you feared nothing because Hon. Ngwele has not even attempted to interrupt you. So, thank you, Hon. Ngwele. We will now hear Hon. Cyrus Kisavi then Hon. Masaku then I think we rest at that point. Hon. Cyrus Kisavi, please take the floor.

Hon. Cyrus Musyoka: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Mine is first to congratulate the finance team led by Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi on the good work. The two teams, that is the finance and liaison met in Nairobi, and for sure I know the level of work and the volume of work that the finance team had. I sincerely congratulate the team.

Secondly, I want to urge my honorable colleagues that we be vigilant on the side of oversight, because we might have listed all these projects, but now when it comes to implementation and delivery, we fail. So, I urge all of you to be vigilant on matters of implementation and oversight so that we get to deliver to our people. Of course, key issues have been highlighted, issues like maintenance of roads. You find that most of the time we are doing these roads, but now we have nothing factored when it comes now to actual maintenance of the roads. Issues like e-revenue, which are very good now, when it comes to increase or growing our own source revenue.

Lastly, I would take this opportunity to congratulate and wish our Muslim brothers a happy new year. Otherwise, I support the report by the Finance Committee. Thank you, honorable speaker.

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The Speaker: Thank you, honorable Cyrus. Honorable Masaku, Munyau, please, take the floor.

Hon. David Masaku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir. I will start by supporting the motion in front of us today. I will also thank your office and the Office of the Clerk for the support you gave to this Finance Committee. I am a member there. I will also thank all the honorable members for the contribution they gave us during our report writing. And I will also not forget to thank my Chair, who was very fluent today, and I have to commend on that. I also want to commend him for clearly pronouncing a word I thought would trouble him, the word "Operationalization".

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I think these honorable members can bear witness. When we went for public participation, sometimes it was chaotic, especially in Mwingi, because the voters or the residents expected some token either from the honorable members, your office or from the Office of the Clerk. I realized when the honorable members who visited Mwingi for public participation, were almost being caned by irate members of the public. So, Mr. Speaker, my request was; if this public participation can be conducted in every Ward, this can minimize such incidents and it will also be very beneficial. The last time we were in Mutomo, the hall was filled by residents of Mutomo. We didn't have representatives from Mutha Ward. I think we had only one person from Mutha. We has no representation from Kanziku and two from Athi Ward.

The Speaker: Have you said that Kanziku had no representation? I thought the MCA was present?

Hon. David Masaku: He was absent with apology.

The Speaker: Hon. Kimuli, is that the position?

Hon. Kyalo Kimuli: Thank You Mr. Speaker Sir. Yes that is the position but I think he is trying to justify why the residents of Kanziku Ward did not attend. Please find a way as the Speaker, to enable the people of Kanziku attend such functions which are normally hosted in Mutomo Ward.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Masaku, for taking care of your brother.

Hon. David Masaku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I have to take care of my brothers because they are good friends and it is very bad for a voter to travel all the way from Kanziku to Mutomo using a motorbike and he doesn't get any reimbursement for transport. With those remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members for your input on this very important motion. Allow me now to put the question on the motion.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next order!

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY DELEGATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ON THE STRATEGIC EDUCATION PLANNING PROGRAM HELD FROM 13TH TO 17TH OF MARCH, 2023 IN DUBAI.

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(Vice Chairperson, Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development)

The Speaker: Thank you. Vice Chair, Honorable Priscilla Makumi you may take the floor. Switch on your Microphone.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, First I would like to say thank you for this opportunity and also join my colleagues in wishing our Muslim brother and sisters a happy New Year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to move the motion;

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 179(6) and 190(5), this Assembly hereby adopts the report by the delegation of the Committee on Basic Education, Training and Skills Development, on the strategic education planning held from 13th to 17th March 2023, laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir....

The Speaker: Hon. Priscilla just hold on a minute please. Hon. Cyrus I can see your mic is on. What is it?

Hon. Cyrus Musyoka: Hon. Speaker sir, I was requesting Hon. Priscilla, since we have the document, she can summarise.

The Speaker: Thank you. I think Hon. Priscilla you have heard the Hon. Member. Please try to summarise. You may Proceed.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Mr. Speaker, Sir with your permission, I request we all turn to page five.

In 2013, a maiden election after promulgation of Constitution of Kenya 2010 was done, the Kitui County Government was born. Education in Child Development was devolved from the National to County Governments. It is 10 years down the line, the County has been experiencing some challenges in this sector.

These challenges include the management of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary schools is carried by the national government, while the county governments are only in charge of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE). This has brought about poor strategic planning for the basic education in the counties. The ECDE is assumed to be part of the primary school where the head teacher (head of primary school) is the manager of the same ECDE. The primary education is funded by the National Government while the ECDE is cost-shared by parents/guardians and the County Governments.

It is on this basis that the committee attended the Strategic Education Planning programme to equip them with the basic knowledge on education system, how to improve its performance for 100% transition to primary school and enhance members' oversight skills in ensuring prudent use of public resources.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you allow me, I would like to read page 9. Since everybody has the document, you can read the rest. Allow me to read the Acknowledgement.

The committee wishes to record its appreciation to the office of the Speaker and that of Clerk of the Assembly for facilitating the committee to undertake this programme. We also acknowledge and thank the facilitator Dr. Munene from ESAMI - Arusha who tirelessly pumped knowledge to the committee through interactive classroom tutorials and case studies to ensure the concept was well understood.

Mr. Speaker, It is my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of the members of the delegation, to table this report and recommend it to the House for adoption.

The Speaker: *Mheshimiwa* please read the members who were in the delegation.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to read page 27 on recommendations;

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From the successful training sessions, the committee learnt many lessons worth-noting. The following are recommendations made by the committee;

Training and capacity building, invest in proper planning, ensure adequate infrastructure, monitoring and evaluation, frequent consultation with the executive, formulate investor-friendly policies, improve on monitoring and evaluation and facilitate ECD teachers do benchmarking to other counties.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to say thank you for the trip you granted us to Dubai together with the members of the delegation I travelled with. We really enjoyed since most of us it was our first time to travel there. We interacted with our tutors who were very nice to us. As the leader, my delegation didn't give me a hard time while we were there. I don't have much to say...

The Speaker: Hon. Priscilla, we need to know the Hon. Members who accompanied you. Please go on record.

Hon. Priscila Makumi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the delegation I travelled with to Dubai were included.

1	Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi	Leader of the delegation
2	Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya	Member
3	Hon. Mercy Muliwa Muema	Member
4	Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu Musyimi	Member
5	Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndangara	Member
6	Hon. Aron Kilonzi Kasele	Member

The Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Priscila Makumi: I would like to move the motion for adoption and request one of my colleague Members...

The Speaker: Wait a minute. There are some words... Clerk you can assist Hon. Priscilla.

Hon. Priscila Makumi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the motion and request Hon. Mukwayu to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Priscilla. Hon. Mukwayu

Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu: I stand to second the motion as moved our team leader Hon. Priscilla Makumi. I would like to affirm that the delegation learned a lot from this tour. We are also very grateful as she said. Most of us it was the first time to travel outside the country.

First of all, we had a lot of challenges with the cuisines in Dubai. But with time we were able to enjoy. As we are debating the report, I would like to thank the County Government of Kitui through Governor Malombe. We are doing a lot in the Basic Education, starting with the staff who have been employed on Permanent and Pensionable terms. There is a lot happening and as most of us would confirm, we are having a lot of facilities being developed. He should be congratulated for taking this step.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I second the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. I will give you an opportunity to give your input on the motion before I put the Question. Hon. Mathew Ngovi Vuthi.

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Hon. Mathew Vuthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I take the opportunity to thank the Basic Education and Skills Development Committee delegation that travelled to Dubai for the good report.

My humble request as I support the motion is to the Hon. Members of this House. Whatever we go and learn or we train there let us make it practical and implement it at our level. We don't implement what we learn from most of the trainings we attend. The report is very good for our education sector. Let us implement it so that we can get the value for money we use while we attend the training. I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, there being no other input allow me now to put the question.

(Question Put and agreed to)

Next Order!

REPORT BY DELEGATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION ON TRAINING AND BENCHMARKING ON THE ROLES OF LEGISLATORS IN MAINTAINING HEALTHCARE STANDARDS HELD IN MUMBAI, INDIA FROM 17TH – 21ST OF APRIL, 2023

(Designated Member, Committee on Health and Sanitation, Hon. Daniel Muange)

Thank you. Designated Member, Committee on Health and Sanitation. I can see Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange coming forward. You may take the floor Hon. Member.

Hon. Daniel Muange : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to move the motion on adoption of the report by a delegation of the Committee on Health and Sanitation on training and benchmarking on the roles of legislators in maintaining healthcare standards held in Mumbai, India.

That, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 179 (6) and 190 (5), this Assembly hereby adopts the report by a delegation of the Committee on Health and Sanitation on training and benchmarking on the roles of legislators in maintaining healthcare standards held in Mumbai, India; laid on the Table of the Assembly on Tuesday 18th July, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you allow me I will go straight to... The above committee which I have just read undertook the said training in Mumbai, India from 17th – 21st April, 2023 under the tutelage of the Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI).

The workshop was in furtherance of the mandate of the Committee and according to the Committee's Annual Work plan. The overall goal of the exercise was to gain better understanding of how to improve service delivery in health sector in Kitui.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, if I can go to the Acknowledgement in the best interest of time.

The Speaker: Yes, please proceed.

Hon. Daniel Muange: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee extends its appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support given to the team in the execution of its mandate and the opportunity accorded to its members to undertake the exercise.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee also does express profound gratitude to ESAMI for the support extended to the delegation in organizing the training and ensuring that the objectives of the workshop are met and for dispatching Dr. Shadrack Gikonyo to facilitate the training.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, further, the committee thanks and acknowledge the Ministry of Devolution for the timely approval of the workshop. Gratefully, the Committee also thanks the Department of Immigration for the timely processing of all the travel documents for the members of the Delegation.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the delegation, I now have the honor to present the report to the House for adoption.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, our recommendations are:

One; that the Ministry of Health and Sanitation transition from passive health Purchasing to strategic health purchasing to minimize the wastage, inefficiency, and inequalities currently being experienced in the Health facilities. This will help in the proper utilization of the already scarce resources that are allocated to the Ministry.

Two; that the County Government of Kitui deliberately increases budgetary allocation to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to enable the Ministry to improve infrastructure and employ more staff to meet the World Health Organization recommended doctor-patient levels of 1:1000. This shall go a long way in ensuring that mortality rates are reduced since patients will not be kept waiting in long queues.

Three; that the Ministry of Health and Sanitation should come up with programs to educate the population on the role Social Health Determinants play in general health. This will ensure that people acquire the necessary education on matters of health and help them make better decisions about their health.

Four; that the County Assembly of Kitui in collaboration with all sector players formulates policies to encourage and enable the informal sector players to contribute to the healthcare pool like National Hospital Insurance Fund and other Insurance Medical Companies to alleviate the suffering and impoverishment caused by out-of-pocket medical expenditure. This will go a long way in ensuring that people prioritize their health over other needs thus creating a healthy working population.

Five; that the County Assembly should effectively oversight the Ministry of Health and Sanitation being the highest consumer of the County Budget to make sure that the funds allocated to the ministry are put to the intended use. This will ensure prudence in the utilization of the funds as well as ensure that the people of Kitui County maximize benefits from the allocation.

Six; that the County Assembly comes up with proper legislation... (and I think is important because that is why we went there)... proper legislation to minimize overlaps, gaps, and duplications in the delivery of healthcare services in all health facilities as this will seal all the possible loopholes where funds could be misappropriated.

Seven; that the Honorable members of the County Assembly of Kitui use their influence in the Community to talk about cultural practices that are harmful to our health like Female Genital Mutilation and religious cults whose teachings are against Vaccination of children, Covid-19 vaccination and also discourage their followers from seeking formal medical care. This will save many lives as it will eradicate ignorance among residents of Kitui.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in conclusion, a healthy population is one of the nation's most important assets. It is valuable in its own right and also creates value for society. It allows people to participate in family life, the Community, and the workplace. Improving the health of a nation's citizens can directly result in economic growth because there will be more people able to conduct effective activities in the workforce.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the principles of universal coverage require that all should benefit from health care according to need. The Healthy sector in our County is inequitable and

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benefits are not distributed based on need. Deliberate efforts should be directed at restructuring the health system to address access barriers and ensure that all Kitui people can benefit from health care when they need it.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, increasing health spending without making deliberate improvements on how resources are used does not automatically lead to better access to higher-quality services, reduced financial burden on less vulnerable households, and improved health outcomes. To continue progress toward Universal Health Care, the County Government of Kitui must simultaneously commit more resources to the health sector and use the available resources more efficiently. The health sector must deliberately direct health funds to priority populations, interventions, and services and actively create incentives so funding is used equitably and efficiently through strategic purchasing.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Members of my delegation were: Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange (Chairperson of the Delegation), Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno, Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka, Hon. Stephen Ileve Katana and Hon. Mary Mbithe Musili.

Mr. Speaker, the rest of them can be seen there showing how we held our meetings in Mumbai.

Let me say this, as I call upon Members to support the report. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, in a very special way because let me tell you there is no other way or there are very few ways one can go to India for any purpose. Other places like Dubai, Turkey, people go for shopping. But you know for one to go to India, necessarily should be official. So, I don't know how else I would have gone to India personally, but I want to thank the Speaker for finding it prudent to send us to India for that study tour. At any rate India today is the most or the highest medical tourist destination. So, we had our time, we may not be medical doctors or medics but we were able to learn a lot and I believe shall bring that back here so that we can legislate; that our county will benefit from this.

As members in the delegation would affirm, I want to say this as I beg to move the motion. We learned a lot we will continue learning. At this point in time, I want to call Hon. Dr. Erastus Musyoka Mbuno to second the motion. I believe he is in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Daniel Kimanzi Muange. Hon. Mbuno you may go ahead.

Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second the motion that has been moved by the Chairperson for our delegation and then say two things about what we as the committee learned there.

One; being the professional in that field, there are things that I learned. India, having a population of almost 30 million people within a town, you expect the health sector to be strained if you have not gone there. But upon interacting with the Indians there, their health systems are very firm. They can be able to sustain that high number. We were asking ourselves, why? Then there came a factor called Social Determinants to Health – how these people live, how they behave, then will determine their health seeking behaviours. With that then we learned that, if as a country or as a county we can think of doing something to do with Public Health, then chances of hospitalization will be very minimal. That, I think it is a good area that is green for our county. We look at the policies, we look at our behaviours and then we will be able to manage our communities or our population in terms of health.

The second thing that I learned from there is about their system for education when it comes to health. It true that India is one of the leading medical destinations globally. And we were asking ourselves, why? It is because of the proper education system that equips that

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very healthcare provider with enough knowledge and enough skills such that at the early age, the person can be able to manage a client once he or she comes to the clinic

Again, I join my chairperson in thanking the office of the Speaker for the facilitation and giving us the opportunity to go there. We really appreciate, we did whatever we could do there and we thank you so much. God bless you. Thank you so much.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Musyoka Mbuno. Hon. Members allow me to propose the Question.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members at this time, I will give you an opportunity to give your input on this motion before I put the Question. Hon. Jeremiah Musee Mutua.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua : Thank you. Hon. Speaker. I went through the report as submitted by our democrat, Hon. Member for Tseikuru. It is one of the well structured reports I have read recently.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, on matters health as pertains India, I have had an opportunity to work as an insurance officer or per se a consultant for over ten years and I have kept myself questions, why we have medical insurance covers placing referrals to India for further treatment. Most of insurance schemes in Kenya being provided by key insurance companies or what we call underwriters in the country starting with CIC Insurance Company, Madison and Britam to name but a few, you find that once the treatment is done within the country, then they have an extension on that medical cover to refer the patient to India. And I have kept asking myself questions. Why? Why India and not other parts of this country?

Hon. Speaker, Sir, going per the recommendations by this delegation, if the recommendations are put in place, as much as is a very expensive affair in this country, we know the current situation that is affecting us as a country and on the provision of medical services. We passed our budget just the other day. I want to be on record that about Kshs. 3 billion was directed to the medical section. You find that the government is a bit careful and playing good game in pumping some good chunk of money to medical services and health sector. If these recommendations are practiced not even by the county government of Kitui but also by the entire country head by the President, then we can have an improved health sector where our livelihoods and our health can be factored in.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, we have killer diseases like cancer, which are killing our people and more so the leadership class. How many politicians have lost through the heinous disease referred to as cancer and issues to do with diabetes and so forth and affecting our country? A country where the residents and citizens are not healthy, then is not a productive country. I want to urge those who are going to implement the recommendations under must put it cognizant that health sector is one of the important sector that affects the entire population – an entire people in this country so that we can have a productive country.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I support the report and for further following to the implementation of the recommendations therein. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Rose Kathoka.

Hon. Rose Kathoka : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving this chance to comment on the trip to India. I was part of the delegation. I want to tell this House, it was good moment being in India, more than we expected. I personally learned on health issues through our facilitator Dr. Gikonyo. As Hon. Members have said, when we attend the foreign trips we are going there to learn and then come back to implement in our county.

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As we went through the healthcare and other topics, it was really interesting because when you look at our county, we are struggling with how to handle the health issues.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my last observation is that as a team we missed one thing. How I wish we got a chance to visit the hospitals and learn more on how they have managed cancer.

With those remarks I support the motion and take the opportunity to wish our Muslim brothers and sisters a Happy New Year and I think Hon. Bakari as we normally do as Christians, we celebrate with something, I believe you have a gift for us tomorrow so I am waiting for a party to the celebrate the new year for the Muslims. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Rose Kasyoka Kathoka. Hon. Members, there being no other input, allow me now to put the Question.

(Question Put and Agreed to)

Next Order!

REPORT BY DELEGATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON TRAINING WORKSHOP ON MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTION OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES HELD IN DUBAI FROM 27TH FEBRUARY– 4TH MARCH, 2023

(Chairperson, Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources Hon.Kasinga)

Thank you. I believe that motion was not laid. Therefore, we can proceed to the Next Order!

Hon. Speaker: I believe that motion was not laid. We can proceed to the Next Order.

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON POWERS AND PRIVILEGES ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED BREACH OF PRIVILEGE AND UNETHICAL CONDUCT OF HON. SAMMY MUSILI MUNYITHYA, MCA FOR KIVOU WARD.

(Designated Member, Committee on Powers and Privileges, Hon. Boniface Katumbi)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I believe the designated member is Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi. Please take the floor.

Hon. Katumbi: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to move the following motion: -

THAT, pursuant to provisions of section 15(7) of Powers and Privileges Act, 2014 as read together with Standing Orders No. 152 (b) (3a), this Assembly hereby adopts the report by the Committee on Powers and Privileges on Inquiry into the alleged breach of Privilege and unethical conduct of Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya, MCA-Kivou Ward, laid on the table of the Assembly on Tuesday 18th July 2023.

Mr. Speaker Sir, due to the interest of time and if you allow me, I will go straight to the executive summary.

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This report contains the findings and recommendations of the Committee on Powers and Privileges regarding an inquiry into the alleged breach of privilege and unethical conduct by Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya, the Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Kivou Ward.

It is alleged that Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya, the Chairperson Committee on Lands, Infrastructure, and Urban Development, on the evening of Wednesday, 12th April, 2023, after a meeting of the Committee within the Assembly premises confronted Ms. Grace Musombo, the Committee Clerk. He questioned the Clerk as to why he being the Committee Chairperson had not been informed about the meeting. He then forcibly grabbed a committee file from her and fled with it, using a vehicle belonging to Hon. Priscila Martha Makumi.

According to Section 16(5) of the County Assemblies Powers and Privileges Act (CAPP), 2017, the Committee on Powers and Privileges is required to inquire into the conduct of a Member upon receiving a complaint or of its own motion. This inquiry must be completed within fourteen days of receiving the complaint. However, the Committee could not meet this statutory timeline and therefore requested for an extension of the inquiry period which request was granted by the House.

The Committee held a total of six sittings, taking place on 10th and 18th, May, 15th June, and 6th to 8th July, 2023, in order to inquire into the alleged breach of privilege and unethical conduct. During these sittings, the Committee established the scope of work in an initial meeting and received submissions from the following witnesses; Ms. Grace Musombo, Hon. Kyalo Kimuli, Hon. Aron Kilonzi Kasele, Hon. Benard Mwangangi Munyasya, Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya, Hon. Mary Ndumbu and Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi.

During the inquiry, the Committee adhered to the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya was provided with a clear and prompt statement detailing the specific allegations against him and was given an opportunity to present his case in person.

Based on the witnesses' submissions, the Committee identified the following key facts:

- i. A meeting of the Committee on Lands, Infrastructure, and Urban Development took place on the evening of 12th April, 2023, with the aim of passing a vote of no confidence in the Chairperson, Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya.
- ii. After the said meeting, Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya made his way into the Assembly precincts and forcibly grabbed a committee file from the Committee Clerk, Ms. Grace Musombo.
- iii. The Honorable Member fled with the Committee file using a vehicle belonging to Hon. Priscilla Martha Makumi.

Upon conclusion of the inquiry, the Committee made the following observations;

- i) Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya interfered with and obstructed a member of staff while in the execution of her duties by forcibly grabbing a committee file and fleeing with it outside the Assembly precincts. His actions were contrary to section 16(b) and 26(1)(b) of the CAPP, 2017;
- ii) Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya conducted himself in a manner which in the opinion of the Committee is contrary to section 16 (e) of the CAPP, 2017 which prohibits Members from conducting themselves in a manner likely to reflect adversely on the dignity or integrity of the County Assembly. He confronted a Member of Staff and subsequently forcibly grabbed a committee file from her and fled with it outside the Assembly precincts;
- iii) Article 75(1) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 requires state officers to behave, whether in public or private life, or in association with other persons, in a manner

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that avoids demeaning the Office the Office holder holds. Therefore, his act of forcibly grabbing a committee file and running away with it is contrary to the aforementioned Article of the Constitution;

- iv) Standing Order (S.O.) 219 (1) inter alia states that the ‘Clerk of the Assembly is the custodian of Journals and Records, whether audio, electronic or any other form, including all papers and accounts belonging to the County Assembly’. Therefore, Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya acted contrary to this Standing Order by forcibly grabbing and fleeing with a committee file outside the Assembly precincts.
- v) His dishonorable conduct therefore called for sanctions or other appropriate penalties for breach of privilege and unethical conduct under section 17 of the CAPP, 2017.

Mr. Speaker Sir, due to the interest of time, if you allow me , I will to straight to the Committee recommendations.

In consideration of the above observations and findings, the Committee recommends that upon adoption of this report, the House: -

1. Pursuant to section 17(3)(g) of CAPP, 2017, **SUSPENDS** Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya for sixteen (16) plenary sittings for interfering with and obstructing a Member of staff while in the execution of her duties, contrary to section 26(1)(b) of the CAPP, 2017;

2. In line with section 17(6) of CAPP, 2017, **BARS** Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya from entering the precincts of the County Assembly during the period of the suspension for whatever purpose or participating in any activity of the County Assembly or a Committee of a County Assembly without a written permission of the Speaker;

3. Pursuant to Section 17(3) (c) of CAPP, 2017, **ORDERS** Hon. Sammy Musili Munyithya to apologize to the County Assembly after lapse of the suspension period for;

- i. Interfering with and obstructing a member of staff while in execution of her duties.

- ii. Adversely undermining the dignity and integrity of the County Assembly and its Members.

4. Failure to apologize will amount to contempt and breach of privilege under section 16 (c) of CAPP, 2017. The Section provides that a member will be in breach of privilege if he/she wilfully fails or refuses to obey any rule, order or resolution of a County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in annex one, we have the list of Committee members who signed the report as follows; Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya, the Chairperson, Hon. Munira Muhammed, the vice chairperson and the following members; Hon. Christopher Nzilu Nzioka, Hon. Boniface Maundu Katumbi, Hon. Zacchaeus Ivutha Syengo, Hon. Joseph Kavula Kasungi, Hon. Joseph Musyoka Mbite, and Hon. Ciambutra Karigi. One Hon. Elizabeth Ndunge did not append her signature.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to thank you for giving us an opportunity to sit down, being the first report of this Committee to handle one of the complaints which was reported to us. You gave us enough time and we listened to submissions from some of the Hon. Members who gave us their views on what they witnessed that day. It was not an interesting experience because it was unethical for an Hon. Member to flee with a committee file outside the Assembly Premises.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a straight forward and self-explanatory report for anyone who has read the report. I didn't have enough time to go through the whole report but I would

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want to make it clear to the Hon. Members that we didn't have ill intentions in making such recommendations but only as a caution to Hon. Members not to misbehave in future.

With those few remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move and request the vice chair, Hon. Munira Mohammed to second the motion.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Katumbi Maundu. Hon. Munira.

(Hon. (Ms). Munira Mohammed bowed to second the Motion)

The Speaker: Thank you for bowing to second the motion

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Members, I will give you an opportunity to give your input on the motion before I put the question. Thank you. Hon. Deborah and then Hon. Mary Ndumbu.

Hon. (Ms) Deborah: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. First of all, I would like to thank the Committee on Powers and Delegations for taking their time and also giving their first ever report in this Assembly. That is a good job.

Secondly, have gone through the report and understood what happened...

(Hon. Mulandi stood on a point of order)

The Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Mulandi?

Hon. B.N. Mulandi: Hon. Speaker, Hon. Deborah has said that the Committee that has given the report is the Committee on Powers and Delegations. I want to know whether there is a committee in this House by that name.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Benjamin. Hon. Deborah, I am sure you are well guided. Please proceed. Switch on your microphone, kindly.

Hon. (Ms.) Deborah: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand guided. It is Powers and Privileges. Secondly, I was saying that, I have listened to the report and it is true that Hon. Muniyithya did wrong and while this House is a House of rules, I always believe in the law of mercy. Suspending Hon. Muniyithya for sixteen plenary sittings might be a good idea but for me I believe a warning is better than suspension. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Deborah, Hon. Mary Ndumbu.

(Applause)

Hon. (Ms.) Ndumbu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I have gone through the report and me being one of the witnesses, I was very much around although I didn't see Hon. Sammy grapping the file. However, as Hon. Mwangangi alleges that there was loud scream from the Clerk, definitely, I don't think whether I heard any screaming and I must say that Hon. Sammy is not the first one to do mistakes, other members have also done mistakes but I think this punishment is quite harsh, we need one another.

Hon. Sammy is elected by the people of Kivou and they are waiting for his services. Frankly speaking when I was witnessing, I said that, what has been happening in this Assembly is witch-hunting.

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Hon. Speaker, you are the father of all these members and it is good for a parent to arbitrate fairly when there are issues. Some of us are being witch-hunted, and this started during the time of impeachment.

Mr. Speaker, as a leader holding a position like the one you are holding or even the Governor, people mention about impeaching Governor Malombe but that does not make us to be divided or hate one another.

I would request, as Hon. (Ms.) Deborah said, Hon. Sammy needed a warning and you know whatever he did, he was running with the file because Hon. Sila, Hon. Kasele and Hon. Kimuli, actually wanted to beat him. They were running after him when they found me, they are here not far and I asked them, "What is happening, stop". In fact, I said to Hon. Sila, "Hon. Mwangangi, you are mature person, this is not the way to do things". You know, that meeting was not convened the right way. We need to be called properly for a meeting. Hon. Sammy being the Chairperson of that meeting, was actually supposed to have been notified on time.

When I look at the minutes, because I have them, they don't indicate who chaired the meeting but there was someone acting, there were no prayers even. So, let's not witch-hunt one another, let's learn to apologize or to forgive one another when something happens. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I don't support this motion, let's be lenient. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you "*Mheshimiwa*"

*(Question put and agreed to amidst protests from some
Hon. Members who stood in protest while calling for division)*

Hon. Members, let us now be upstanding to adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House stands adjourned until today at 2:30 p.m.

The County Assembly rose at 12:24 a.m.