

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

Official Report

SECOND ASSEMBLY – SIXTH SESSION

Thursday, 11th May, 2023

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:00 p.m.

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Good afternoon Honourable Members. Madam Clerk, kindly take us through the order of the day.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the first to take oath is Hon. Kenneth Ooko is on official duty and therefore I want to call upon the following to take Oath of Office for position of Vice-chairpersons of various House Committees.

The Oath of Office was administered to following Honourable Members;

- 1) *Hon. Pamela Awour, Vice-chairperson, Procedure and Rules Committee;*
- 2) *Hon. Reuben Rakwach, Vice-chairperson, Administration of Law, Justice Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security;*
- 3) *Hon. James Were Oyugi, Vice-chairperson, Committee of Implementation;*
- 4) *Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho, Vice-chairperson, ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training Committee.*

Honourable Members, I believe that, this marks the end of the administration of oaths for Members to serve in various House Committees as Vice-chairpersons.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate those Honorable Members who have been sworn in to serve as Vice-chairpersons of various House Committees. It is my humble request that you joint hands with Members of those House Committees and make those Committees what they are supposed to be. As you are all aware that, the oversight role lies with the County Assembly and the provisions of Article 195 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 accords you the quasi-judicial functions, that is powers equivalent to the High Court and this applies to each and every House Committee. So, it is my expectation that you carry out your duties as appropriate.

Otherwise, I have noticed that a number of Members notably Hon. Kennedy Ooko whom I have received his apology, Hon. Henry Obaso, Hon. Mickey Awour and Hon. Kennedy Otieno Ajwang' who have not presented themselves for the taking of Oath of Office. The House Business Committee will advise as appropriate. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

PAPERS LAID

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF KISUMU QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023.

AND

THE KISUMU COUNTY REVENUE FUND QUARTERLY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023.

BY

HON. KEENEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes the Hon. Deputy Leader of Majority.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to table before this House the following documents as papers...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Deputy Leader of Majority, I believe that this is being done on behalf of the Leader of Majority Hon. Ooko.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I am laying these papers as the Deputy Leader of Majority.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of section 166 (1) of the Public Finance and Management Act, No. 18 of 2012, I wish to table today the Thursday, 11th May, 2023 the County Executive of Kisumu Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Period ended 31st March, 2023.

Further, Pursuant to the provisions of section 168 (1) of the Public Finance and Management Act, No. 18 of 2012, I wish to table today the Thursday, 11th May, 2023 the Kisumu County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Period Ended 31st March, 2023. Thank you.

(The Deputy Leader of Majority lays before the House the reports for considerations)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of the County Executive of Kisumu Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Period ended 31st March, 2023 as prepared in accordance to the provisions of the cash basis of accounting method under the International Public Sector Accounts Standards that is IPSAS. Honourable Members, I want to commit this report to the Standing Committee of Co-operative, Finance, Trade and Enterprises Development and request that the Committee works on it as per the provisions of our Standing Orders which should be at most 21(twenty-one) days and report back to the House.

Honourable Members, on the same note, I again acknowledge received of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the Period Ended 31st March, 2023. Honourable Members, having consulted and taking into account the basis of the workload that we have in the Standing Committee of Co-operative, Finance, Trade and Enterprises Development and Budget and Appropriations. I want to committee this report to the Select Committee of PIC/PAC. This is a report prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting under the International Public Sector Accounts Standards that is IPSAS. The Committee should equally follow the same reporting days which as I have mentioned initially of 21(twenty-one) days and report back to the House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATIONS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE KISUMU COUNTY FISCAL
STRATEGY PAPER FY 2023/2024

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH, MCA, KONDELE WARD.

(CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes the Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my Chair, Hon. Joachim Oketch, I seek your indulgence to move this motion on the Report on the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. The County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a budget policy document that sets out the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that guide the preparation of budget estimates for the subsequent financial year and over the medium term. It is prepared in order to demonstrate adherence to fiscal responsibility principles, prudent and transparent management of public funds in line with the Public Finance Management Act 2012.

The main objective of the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper is to outline the County's fiscal policies in the context of prevailing macroeconomic policies and outlook as well as the broad strategic priorities and policies that sets the framework for the preparation of budget estimates for the next financial year 2023/2024.

Specifically, the Kisumu County Government County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY2023/2024 contains the following information;

- i. The principles that will guide the budgetary process for fy2023/2024
- ii. The broad fiscal parameters for the fy2023/2024 budget and key strategies and policies for management of revenues and expenditures
- iii. The broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide the preparation of the budget over the medium term
- iv. A discussion of risks to the budget parameters and budget strategies
- v. The medium term outlook for County Government revenues and expenditures
- vi. A discussion on how the budget strategies relates to Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and County Integrated Development Plan.
- vii. A framework for the preparation of departmental forward budget estimates

Committee Mandate

Hon Speaker, The Committee on Budget and Appropriations is established pursuant to Standing Order No. 189 of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders and is mandated to;

- 1) investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget;
- 2) discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly;
- 3) examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly;
- 4) examine Bills related to the County Government budget, including Appropriations Bills; and
- 5) Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programs with direct budget outlays.

Committee Membership

Hon. Speaker, the following are the members of the committee as currently constituted;

Table 1: Budget Committee Members

No.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1.	Hon. Joachim Oketch	Chairperson
2.	Hon. Seth Okumu	Vice Chairperson
3.	Hon. Nereah Okombo	Member
4.	Hon. Boitone Ratib	Member
5.	Hon. Kennedy Ooko	Member
6.	Hon. Moses Ochele	Member
7.	Hon. Seth Kanga	Member
8.	Hon. Jenipher Obonyo	Member
9.	Hon. Vincent Jagongo	Member
10.	Hon. George Abaja	Member
11.	Hon. Lumumba Owade	Member
12.	Hon. Carren Odhiambo	Member
13.	Hon. Reuben Rakwach	Member
14.	Hon. Pamela Oyoo	Member
15.	Hon. Geoffrey Warindu	Member

Source: Selection Committee Report, April. 2023

Acknowledgement

Hon. Speaker, On behalf of the committee on Budget and Appropriations I wish to thank the office of the Speaker and the office of the Clerk for the support during the legislative processing of this report. I also thank the Committee Secretariat for the technical support and input in making this documentation a reality.

Hon. Speaker, It is now my pleasant duty and privilege to submit this report to this House for consideration and approval.

LEGAL & POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR PREPARATION OF CFSP FY2023/2024

Hon. Speaker, the CFSP is prepared in compliance with the following legal frameworks;

1. Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012: provides that;
 - i. Sect. 117 (1): The County Treasury shall prepare and submit to the County Executive Committee the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for approval and the County Treasury shall submit the approved Fiscal Strategy Paper to the county assembly, by the 28th February of each year.
 - ii. Section 117 (2): The County Treasury shall align its County Fiscal Strategy Paper with the national objectives in the Budget Policy Statement.
 - iii. Section 117 (3): In preparing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the County Treasury shall specify the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide the county government in preparing its budget for the coming financial year and over the medium term.
 - iv. Section 117 (4): The County Treasury shall include in its County Fiscal Strategy Paper the financial outlook with respect to county government revenues, expenditures and borrowing for the coming financial year and over the medium term.
 - v. Section 117 (5): In preparing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the County Treasury shall seek and take into account the views of— (a) the Commission on Revenue Allocation; (b) the public; (c) any interested persons or groups; and (d) any other forum that is established by legislation.
 - vi. Section 117 (6): Not later than fourteen days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the county assembly, the county assembly shall consider and may adopt it with or without amendments.
 - vii. Section 117 (7): The County Treasury shall consider any recommendations made by the county assembly when finalizing the budget proposal for the financial year concerned.
 - viii. Section 117 (8): The County Treasury shall publish and publicize the County Fiscal Strategy Paper within seven days after it has been submitted to the county assembly
2. Section 118 (2) (b) of PFM Act 2012: which provides for the linking of CBROP with specific and updated information from CFSP on economic and financial forecasts
3. Section 107 of PFM Act 2012: on fiscal responsibility principles to ensure prudent and transparent management of public resources
4. Vision 2030: The CFSP fy2023/2024 aligns with Vision 2030, as a long-term national development blueprint. It provides details on the provision of necessary resources and funding to support the implementation of the various initiatives and projects of the vision 2030. Some of the priorities include; infrastructure development, education, and healthcare
5. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): CFSP fy2023/2024 provides framework for allocation of funding for initiatives aimed at reducing poverty, improving access to education and healthcare and protecting the environment which are key SDG pillars
6. African Agenda 2063: the CFSP fy2023/2024 is aligned to the African Agenda 2063 by providing frameworks for supporting the implementation of initiatives aimed at promoting economic growth and development, improving governance and strengthening regional integration

SECTOR REVIEW AND PRIORITIES IN CFSP FY2023/2024

Hon. Speaker, the analysis below indicates the a review of performance of various departments based on their strategic priorities for the previous year, their main achievements, challenges and the key strategic priorities for the next financial year 2023/2024 as well as proposed budget ceiling to enable each of the departments achieve their priorities.

SECTOR	SECTOR PRIORITIES FY2023/2024	PROPOSED ALLOCATION FY2023/2024 (KSH)	% SHARE OF TOTAL COUNTY RESOURCE ENVOLEPE
Finance, Economic Planning& ICT Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automation: Revenue Collection/ Digitization of Government Services • Budget Coordination& Management • Capacity building: Financial management/ E-Procurement • Policy development: risk management policy/ Asset management policy/ ICT Policy Validation/ ICT Strategic Plan • Payment of Pending Bills (as at Feb. 2023 KSH.3,520,716,348.94 • County Integrated Network Infrastructure • Lakefront Development: Infrastructures/ Maritime Transport/ Environmental and Climate Change/ Blue Economy support program: fish processing plant/ cooling storage 	2,457,561,792.84	24.50%
Trade, Tourism, Industry& Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade development and management • Fair Trade Services and Consumer Protection • Industrialization and Investment Promotion, • Tourism products promotion and development • Product Development • Marketing and Diversification • Cooperative Development and Management Services 	220,687,512.80	2.20%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcoholic Licensing, Betting and Gaming Control 		
Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of 150km new gravel ways Rehabilitation& routine maintenance of 170km rural access roads Construction of 5km new tarmac roads Climate proofing of 10meter drains roads and planting of 4000 trees along the roads and nearby institutions Designing of 20 green buildings Construction of 20 public buildings Maintenance of 5 government assets and formulation of 1 policy document Inspection of 40 vehicles and equipment Grid connection of 1200 households, electrification of 4km of streets by street lights Construction of 5 high mast floodlights in market centres, dispensaries and beaches Installation of 50 solar floodlights/ streetlights, establishment of 1 solar mini/ micro grid and establishment of 1 solar farm and distribution of 500 solar kits to households 	419,015,972.02	4.18%
Medical Services, Public Health& Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of uninterrupted services Adequate and motivated staff Adequate medical supplies and sufficient diagnostic and support services Uninterrupted supply of pharmaceuticals, non-pharmaceuticals and laboratory diagnostics Renovations, expansions and refurbishments of hubs to functionalize the Primary Healthcare Strategy Expansion of services at Kisumu County 	3,327,846,726.43	33.18%

	Referral Hospital and Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching Hospital		
Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, expansion & rehabilitation of new water facilities • Strengthening of management of rural water supplies • Capacity building of staff and small scale water service providers on climate resilient water safety planning • Improve Kasese Integrated Waste Management Facility • Developing Integrated County Environment Action Plan and Joint forestry activities • Drainage works and beatification • Enhancing climate change resilience at local levels through Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLOCA) • Implementation of KCICCAP 2022-2027 projects 	286,872,498.44	2.86%
Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Coordination: Drafting of Bills for Legislation • Recruitment of additional staff • Promotion of farm forestry through planting of fruit tree seedlings • Dissemination of urban and peri-urban agricultural technologies through setting up demonstrations in urban and peri-urban centres e.g. conical gardens, multi-story gardens • Dissemination of agricultural extension messages and technologies through demonstrations, field days, exhibitions, farm visits and ASK shows • Development of crop value-chains: clean planting materials to be procured and subsidized (rice, vegetables, cotton, sorghum, cassava, maize and beans, 	210,836,087.61	2.10%

	<p>fodder seeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of livestock value-chains: procurement and distribution of livestock to framers in various wards • Development of fisheries value-chain: procurement and distribution of fish feeds, cages and fisherlings countywide • Development of Agricultural mechanization: procuring of tractors and implements • Pests and diseases: procurement of vaccines, acaricides and insecticides • Agriculture credit access: establishment of a fund to offer affordable credit for agricultural development • Agriculture input access: procurement of bull-semen, liquid nitrogen, and synchronizing hormone and fertilizer subsidies • Promotion of agribusiness: Renovation of Maseno ATC, Construction of livestock cattle dips, incubation units and poultry management equipment 		
Education, Technical Training, Innovation & Social Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver access to free, quality and safe ECD education • Infrastructure development, furniture supply & school feeding program • Provision of teaching and learning materials • Teacher recruitment, monitoring and capacity building • Collaboration and sanitation • Strengthening governance structures through formation and sensitization of Boards of Management • Establishment of one centre of excellence for technical and vocational training in each sub county 	728,953,019.18	7.27%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of modern workshops, classrooms, tools and equipment in vocational centres • Transform Rotary Incubation and Innovation Centre into a One-Stop Skills Innovation Complex • Completion of the formulation of County Vocational Education and Training Policy • Equipping and Operationalization of Empowerment Centres, Rehabilitate and Integrate Street Families, Persons with drugs and other substances, • Promotion of Child protection and participation 		
Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving physical land use and development planning • Improving urban governance and management • Improving the land management system • Improving access to affordable housing and enhanced urban infrastructure • Digital land management system • Completing the County Valuation Roll • Integrated plans for new created urban centres of Kombewa, Maseno, Muhoroni, Katito and Sondu • Streamlining public land use within the local markets 	259,636,811.07	2.59%
Public Service, County Administration & Participatory Development, Office of the Governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and operationalization of service delivery policies and guidelines: Development of Performance Management E-System • Strengthening disaster preparedness and mitigation • Improved legal representation and administration of legal instruments appropriate training for all legal staff 	598,351,345.00	5.97%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Communication Policy • Improved security and enforcement of county by-laws: development of standard operating procedures for enforcement officers • Improved county protocol through trainings and benchmarking of protocol officers • Improvement of image and branding of protocol officers and staffing 		
City of Kisumu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen HR and Administrative framework to facilitate the achievement of City mission • Improve financial and corporate management • Mainstream ICT into City programs and services • Improve infrastructure development and management • Improve urban development and housing management • Improve environmental and natural resource management • Improve education and social services management • Improve safety systems for prevention and control of diseases 	392,823,742.99	3.92%
County Assembly of Kisumu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of ultramodern Assembly building complex • Conduct civic education and Capacity Building of MCAs and Staff • Staff recruitment • Installation of ICT Equipment, Computers and Laptops for MCAs and Staffs • Development of Information and Research Database 	917,524,122.00	9.17%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving Assembly Website and the Modernization of Hansard Equipment and Services 		
County Public Service Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement of Human Resource recruitment information system Renovation and maintenance of board offices Procurement of vault and safe for safe-custody of documents Operation and maintenance Personnel trainings and development 	88,833,775.00	0.89%
Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harness, develop and market talents Provision of a one-stop music and film studio at Mama Grace Onyango Social Centre Improve sports infrastructure facilities-Moi Sports Stadium Promotion of culture and heritage Promote welfare and ensure safety of SIGs and amp; survivors of GBV by establishment of safe house, promote socio-economic empowerment Children welfare protection Coordination and Implementation of Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Policies Formulation of Gender Bill, and Formulation of Arts, Culture and Youth Policy Peer learning, Mentorship and Placement and Implementation of Youth Information and Empowerment Centres Develop a strong PPP coordination framework 	121,179,724.76	1.21%

Source: Kisumu County Government, (2023) CFSP –April 2023

COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF CEILINGS FOR 2022/2023 &2023/2024

Table 2: Ceilings for 2022/2023 Vs 2023/2024

Department		CFSP Ceiling 2022/23	Approved Budget 2022/23 (Millions)	Proposed CFSP Ceiling 2023/24
Public Service, County Administration & Participatory Development, Office of the Governor	Total	573.9	761.3	598.3
	Recurrent	528.9	716.3	298.5
	Development	45.0	45	-
Finance	Sub-Total	2318.7	3035.7	2,457.6
	Recurrent	808.7	1376.5	957.6
	Development	1510.0	1659.2	1,500.00
Health	Sub-total	3591.5	3589.5	3,327.8
	Recurrent	3505.5	3438.3	3,141.9
	Development	86.0	151.2	185.9
Tourism, Culture, Arts & Sports	Sub-total	86.7	147	121.2
	Recurrent	65.7	88	48.6
	Development	21.0	59	72.6
Public Works, Roads & Transport	Sub-Total	211.2	449.6	419.02
	Recurrent	121.2	199	110.8
	Development	90.0	250.6	308.2
Trade, Energy & Industry	Sub-total	156.2	259	220.7
	Recurrent	100.6	120.6	90.1

	Development	55.6	138.4	130.6
Physical Planning, Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Sub-total	417.5	570.9	259.6
	Recurrent	73.5	88.3	54.7
	Development	344.0	482.6	204.9
Agriculture, Food, Livestock and Fisheries	Sub-total	673.3	739.3	210.8
	Recurrent	582.4	615.6	173.3
	Development	90.9	123.7	37.5
Education, Gender, Youth, Human Resource Development, ICT and Social Services	Sub-total	673.3	739.3	728.9
	Recurrent	582.4	615.6	593.7
	Development	90.9	123.7	135.2
Water, Environment& Natural Resources	Sub-total	159.7	311.7	286.8
	Recurrent	94.7	125.4	87.1
	Development	65.0	186.3	199.7
Kisumu City	Sub-total	427.4	460.6	392.8
	Recurrent	347.4	392.1	308.6
	Development	80.0	68.5	84.2
County Assembly	Sub-total	1041.3	917.5	917.5
	Recurrent	701.3	767.5	767.5
	Development	340.0	150	150
County Public Service Board	Sub-total	75.0	88.8	88.8
	Recurrent	75.0	88.8	88.8
	Development	-	0	0

TOTAL		10,290.5	12,035.50	
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Source: CBROP fy2021/2022, (Nov. 2022)& CFSP 2023/2024, (April 2023)

RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND POLICY OUTLOOK

Hon. Speaker,

The following macro-and micro-economic indicators formed the basis for the proposed ceilings in the CFSP FY2023/2024;

Macro-Economic Indicators (National)

- i. The Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the Country (Kenya) increased by 6% in the first half of 2022.
- ii. In 2022, the Country experienced high inflation rates of 7.64% and 6.62% for Annual Average Inflation and 12-month inflation respectively
- iii. Kenya Shillings Exchange Rate: the dollar remained stronger against the shilling which traded at Kshs. 122.9 in Dec 2022 as opposed to Kshs. 112.9 in Dec 2021 thus losing value. The shillings also lost value against the Euro, but gained value against the British Pound from Kshs. 150.2 in Dec 2021 to ksh.149.8 in Dec 2022. However, the shilling remained stronger than other currencies in Sub-Saharan Africa
- iv. Interest Rate:
 - a. the Central Bank Rate increased in Nov 2022 from 8.25% to 8.75%
 - b. the Treasury Bill rates increased in Dec 2022 as a result of the lack of liquidity
 - c. Interbank rate stayed consistent at 5.4% down from 5% in Dec 2021
- v. Money circulation/ money supply increased by 7.2% in the year to Dec 2022
- vi. Balance of payments: the Kenya trade balance was at ksh.135,334.74million made up of Imports: ksh.208,467.15

Micro-Economic Indicators (County)

- i. Own-Source Revenue Performance:
 - a. Total own-source revenue performance was Kshs. 1,199,145,031 against a target of Kshs. 1,984,000,003. This resulted to a negative variance of Kshs. 784,854,972 (40%)
 - b. Department of health contributed the highest revenue amounting to ksh.456,324,315
- ii. Expenditure performance:
 - a. The County's total expenditure stood at Kshs. 9,076,537,459 against a target of Kshs. 12,177,852,410 representing an absorption rate of 76%
 - b. Average departmental absorption rate was observed to be at 74.5%
 - c. Health and Sanitation had highest absorption rate at 92.9%
 - d. Lands, Housing and Physical planning had the lowest absorption rate at 15.9%
- iii. Gross County Product (GCP):
 - a. There was observed an increase in nominal GCP of Kisumu County from 100,347 in 2013 to 115,128 in 2017 although at a slower rate due to inflation
 - b. The inflation rate ranged from 8% to 11% over the period 2013 to 2017

- iv. County Economic Growth: A pattern of increasing economic growth was observed during the period 2013 to 2017 at a rate of 12.73% to 7.36%. It is noted that County's gross product has been on an upward trend due to increased economic activities in the County. Such include; the renovation of Kisumu Port, the operationalization of the unused meter gauge railway, and the expansion of business spaces.
- v. Agriculture, forestry and fishing make up the highest percentage of Kisumu County Gross County Product (GCP) contributing about 26%, followed by wholesale and retail, manufacturing, real estate and transport and storage at 13.4%, 11.8%, 10.5% and 10.1% respectively.
- vi. Per-Capita Gross County Product: The nominal Gross County Product per capita was Kshs. 168,305 while the real Gross County Product was Kshs. 99,628. This indicates that the living standards in Kisumu County were higher than the Country's(Kenya's) real GDP per person in 2017 which was Kshs. 96,779.

FISCAL POLICY, BUDGET FRAMEWORK& DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Hon. Speaker, the County Government of Kisumu's 2023/2024 Medium-Term Fiscal Policy primarily focuses on priority programs aimed at economic recovery and achieving the socio-economic transformation agenda as documented in the third generation CIDP.

Resource Envelop and Expenditure Framework

- i. In the FY2023/2024, the County intends to mobilize a total of Kshs. 10,030,123,129.51 billion comprising of both equitable share and own source revenue
- ii. The funds will be allocated/ shared based on the resource-sharing criteria below;
 - a. Non-discriminatory expenditure; Personnel emoluments at 50% including gratuity and pension
 - b. Development expenditure at 30% based on CIDP III priorities
 - c. Operations and maintenance at 20%
- iii. The Kisumu County's share of National Revenue, which includes equitable share and conditional grants and loans, is projected at Kshs. 8,699,548,135.00 for the FY2023/2024
- iv. Locally collected revenue for the fy2023/2024 is projected at Kshs. 1,330,574,994.5.

Debt Management

- i. The County Government of Kisumu debt portfolio stands at ksh.5,283,314,693.88 which includes; recurrent and development suppliers, NSSF, Unremitted retention, gratuity, medallion, LAPFUND, Legal fees and court decrees, LAPTRUST, and National Housing Corporation
- ii. Factors that have led to accumulation of debts include;
 - a. Unmet local revenue projection
 - b. Non-implementation of debt management policy paper
- iii. The County Government has put in place the following strategies to deal with the debts in the medium term;
 - a. Enhancing revenue collection
 - b. Debt rescheduling or renegotiation
 - c. Enforcing prioritization of recurrent pending bills and budgetary allocations for payment of development pending bills
 - d. Debt/ Assets Trade-offs & Debt Write offs

- e. Improving Cash Flow Management
- f. Realistic Budgetary Estimates and Targets and;
- g. Strengthening internal control systems
- h. Annual review of debt management strategy paper

COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

Hon. Speaker, following the foregoing analysis of the CFSP 2023/2024, the committee makes the following findings; The Committee finds that the County Treasury proposes the following sector ceilings for the respective departments as indicated in the table below;

Table 3: Proposed Sector Ceilings as per CFSP 2023/2024

Sector	P&E	O%M	Development	Total	%
Public Service, County Administration & Participatory Development, Office of the Governor	207,662,737	90,859,000	-	598,351,345	5.97
Finance, Economic Planning & ICT Services	449,197,797	508,363,995.84	1,500,000,000	2,457,561,792.84	24.5
Medical Services, Public Health & Sanitation	2,831,055,761	310,828,698	185,962,267.43	3,327,846,726.43	33.18
Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation	153,925,882	19,397,975.74	37,512,229.87	210,836,087.61	2.10
County Assembly of Kisumu	336,490,356	431,033,766	150,000,000	917,524,122	9.15
City of Kisumu	258,695,144	49,893,885.67	84,234,713.32	392,823,742.99	3.92
Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works	58,153,738	52,646,994.49	308,215,239.53	419,015,972.02	4.18

Kisumu County Public Service Board	40,514,428	48,319,347	-	88,833,775	0.89
Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	375,654,831	218,057,925.18	135,240,263	728,953,019.18	7.27
Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs	25,121,198	23,493,885.37	72,564,641.39	121,179,724.76	1.21
Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development	34,682,901	20,034,273.36	204,919,636.70	259,636,811.07	2.59
Trade, Tourism, Industry & Marketing	71,862,345	18,215,697.80	130,609,470	220,687,512.80	2.20
Water, Environment, Natural Resources & Climate Change	64,240,583	22,853,437.53	199,778,477.91	286,872,498.44	2.86
TOTAL	4,992,736,721	2,028,349,469.98	3,009,036,939.15	10,030,123,130.13	100%

Source: CFSP 2023/2024

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Hon. Speaker, based on the foregoing analysis and observations on the CFSP fy2023/2024, the Committee makes the following recommendations;

- 1) THAT, approves the sector ceilings as indicated below;

Table 4: Approved Sector Ceilings 2023/2024

Sector	P&E	O%M	Development	Total	%
Public Service, County	207,662,737	90,859,000	-	598,351,345	5.97

Administration & Participatory Development, Office of the Governor					
Finance, Economic Planning & ICT Services	449,197,797	508,363,995.84	1,500,000,000	2,457,561,792.84	24.5
Medical Services, Public Health & Sanitation	2,831,055,761	310,828,698	185,962,267.43	3,327,846,726.43	33.18
Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation	153,925,882	19,397,975.74	37,512,229.87	210,836,087.61	2.10
County Assembly of Kisumu	336,490,356	431,033,766	150,000,000	917,524,122	9.15
City of Kisumu	258,695,144	49,893,885.67	84,234,713.32	392,823,742.99	3.92
Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works	58,153,738	52,646,994.49	308,215,239.53	419,015,972.02	4.18
Kisumu County Public Service Board	40,514,428	48,319,347	-	88,833,775	0.89
Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	375,654,831	218,057,925.18	135,240,263	728,953,019.18	7.27
Sports, Culture, Gender & Youth Affairs	25,121,198	23,493,885.37	72,564,641.39	121,179,724.76	1.21
Lands, Physical Planning, Housing &	34,682,901	20,034,273.36	204,919,636.70	259,636,811.07	2.59

Urban Development					
Trade, Tourism, Industry & Marketing	71,862,345	18,215,697.80	130,609,470	220,687,512.80	2.20
Water, Environment, Natural Resources & Climate Change	64,240,583	22,853,437.53	199,778,477.91	286,872,498.44	2.86
TOTAL	4,992,736,721	2,028,349,469.98	3,009,036,939.15	10,030,123,130.13	100%

Source: County Assembly Budget & Appropriations Committee, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, having moved this motion, it is now my pleasure to implore this House to approve the Debt Management Strategy Paper as proposed by the CFSP FY 2023/2024 so that we as a House can adopt it to enable us move on with other requirements in the Budget Making Cycle. Mr. Speaker, I want to call upon Hon. Vincent Jagongo to second. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, in the absence of Hon. Jagongo, I would like to request the Deputy Leader of Majority to do so. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes the Deputy Leader of Majority.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker and I arise to second the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations have presented their report on the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY 2023/2024 and seconded as per the provisions of our Standing Orders. I want to propose a question that, the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations Report on the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY 2023/2024 is now open for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Ratib Boitone.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda "A" Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for according this chance to contribute to this motion. Mr. Speaker, I was not prepared to contribute because I was only trying to settle on my seat. Mr. Speaker, but now that you accorded this opportunity, may I add my voice to this report that has been presented in the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker, it is long overdue that we passed this Strategy Paper. Given that the paper was critically worked on by the Honourable Members of this Select Committee, I therefore implore this House to pass this document. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I have noticed Hon. Rakwach.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, East Kolwa Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I equally arise to support this motion. I would wish to beseech Members of this House to deliberate and adopt this Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper. This is because we are expected to move with haste because we have very limited time given that the Budget Estimates is just about to be brought to this House for deliberations and approval. However, it is my considered opinion that we as a House needs to do some small adjustments. Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee but sometimes after the Committee Sitzings, you may develop some afterthought after again thoroughly going through such a report.

Mr. Speaker, on the ceiling for the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development, you will realize that in the previous financial year, there was a ceiling on the proposed Budget but at the close of the financial year, we still ended up with an Absorption Rate of 15% and it is this line department that absorbed the least allocation. Mr. Speaker, if you compute this figures 15% backwards of what was apportioned for that department in the last financial year, it is then, you will realize that, the department absorbed less than Kshs 100 million.

Mr. Speaker, this year if we set a ceiling for the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development at Kshs 259,636,811.07 in my opinion this will deny other departments which are ready to absorb more to be allocated funds that they need. So, we rally need to amend this so that we set the ceiling for this Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development to be lower than the proposed allocation of Kshs 259,636,811.07. Mr. Speaker, I want to rest my case there but, I support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. James Omollo.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Foremost, I would like to really applaud the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations for coming up with a good report. Mr. Speaker, this report is long overdue because I am aware of the Budget Cycle is at the niche and we have to do our work as a House.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to add something which in my belief should form part of this report. Mr. Speaker, in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation, the Committee should have captured the fishing gears which is to be presented to the fish-farmers who undertake fishing in our lake. This is because we have fisher folks who are really struggling with their fishing gears (nets). So, if that could be captured, it would be okay. Mr. Speaker, another issue that I feel should have been captured in the same Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation is the establishment of Micro-irrigation Schemes in various electoral wards which are really in need of such kind of activities going on.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Committee for considering to come up with the strengthening of Rural Water Supply setups. These Rural Water Supplies are really struggling but as a Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources which is well captured and I really want to thank the Committee for that.

Mr. Speaker, ECD is a devolved function and as a County, we have various ECD Centers and they don't have any teaching staff. This matter has been correctly captured in the proposed recruitment which should be conducted once the Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024 has been approved which will bridge the number of ECD teachers to go up.

Mr. Speaker, I noticed that Ahero Town was missing in the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (III) FY 2023/2027. This should be included because we have the satellite town like Ahero, Maseno, Kombewa, Katito and Muhoroni and I recently saw Sondu included. Mr. Speaker, but in the plan Ahero was missing.

Mr. Speaker in the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing & Urban Development the County is lacking Land Banks. For various projects in the County to take off, we need to have these facilities so that in case an investor wants to construct a health facility or a market or do any other project that is devolved, then the County should have a Land Bank to assist facilitate these projects and this can only be done by deliberately allocating funds to this ventures to enable the County purchase land for various purposes.

Mr. Speaker, on the County Assembly. This has been well captured that Members of the County Assembly need to be digital and the purchases of iPads and other accessories should be given priority. We are still lagging behind in terms of Live Streaming of Assembly proceedings. As a House we really need to take leverage of the social media platforms because we have the You Tube, Twitter, Facebook and the Instagram. Mr. Speaker, for us to appropriately reach the public who are the masses that we serve in this County, it is my opinion that we should deploy technology by having the state of the art equipments for the live streaming of House proceedings. Mr. Speaker, in the report, this was not adequately captured and it is my belief that it should form part of this County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 so that as a House, we can have time to enhance our live coverage to enable the viewers watching us live without experiencing these perennial technical hitches. Thank you, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Oiko, MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The report on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 is a good document that prepares the County Assembly and the County Government on the Budget Estimates. Mr. Speaker, as a House, we need to interrogate and understand this report and reflect on other financial records that have been previously presented in this House.

Mr. Speaker, these records are not merely brought to this House for us to just okay them. We need to interpret them, see their contents and reflect on the other records that had previously been brought to this House for our interrogation and approval. I will go to page eight of the report on the Department of Finance and Economic Planning, ICT on the payment of Pending Bills as at February, 2023 which is stated therein at Kshs 3,520,716,348.94. Mr. Speaker, when we look at this record, the allocation given to Pending Bills for the coming financial year is a whopping Kshs 1.5 billion.

Mr. Speaker, when we retrospect on the previous financial year, the same allocation was given for Pending Bills which was Kshs 1.5 billion. Mr. Speaker, we are also being informed that on the Debt Management, the Kisumu County Government has an accumulation of Kshs

5,283,314,693.00. It is my assumption that, this is part of the Pending Bill of Kshs 3,520,716,348.94. Mr. Speaker, I am seeing here that, the Statutory Deductions have equally not been remitted. Mr. Speaker, when you do your rough computation, you will notice that the Statutory Deductions that have not been remitted amount to a staggering Kshs 2 billion. Mr. Speaker, when the allocation for the Kisumu County Government is disbursed and Payroll is handled, the by-products of the payroll which is composed of the Statutory Deductions are deducted. We are being informed here that, they simply don't remit these deducted amounts. Mr. Speaker, this is to the tune of Kshs 2 billion and the same is brought to this House. I wonder whether this House has ever noticed this.

Mr. Speaker, this is an area where we need to inform the Department of Finance and Economic Planning because it is this department that handles the payroll in this County. This department is doing a disservice to this government and the people of Kisumu County. This is not a matter that should not be taken lightly that we are approving a record brought by the County Executive and we need to address this issue. Mr. Speaker, if possible, we return the document to the department to enable them shed light as to why they don't remit statutory deductions.

Mr. Speaker, another issue on the same page eight of the report, the Department of Infrastructure, Energy & Public Works what they intend to do which is 150 kilometers of New Graveled Roads and the Maintenance of 170 kilometers of Rural Access Roads. When we know very well that, the Machine-based Programmes in this government, failed miserably. This was a policy which was introduced by the Governor which flopped. The programme has collapsed because some people don't want to do their work. Mr. Speaker, it is failing because, people don't want to take an officer failing the government head-on or to task. Mr. Speaker, funds for these projects were allocated and whether funds are released to the roads department or not, this House does not want to know. My fellow Honourable Members, when good documents like this are brought to us and we have the audacity to just pass them, one day the people of Kisumu will judge us. Mr. Speaker, whether Members carry up their hands or not, whether you raise your voice in support, as a House shall be judged harshly.

Mr. Speaker, on page nine of the report, on the Strengthening of the Management of Rural Water Supplies which is in the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resource. These are the rural waters which are the boreholes and the ones that are raised up. These are Water Boreholes that were constructed by the County Government in collaboration Development Partners (NGOs) and now belong to the County Government. I want to point out that maintenance of these boreholes has failed because the committees on the ground had not been inducted and enlightened on their roles. Mr. Speaker, most of these water boreholes are not functioning. When you come to the department, they equally lack the requisite funds to undertake maintenance for these water boreholes. Mr. Speaker, last night, when I looked at the Budget Estimates, you will realize that they have only allocated a trivial Kshs 5 million. There is a member who was praising this, just to inform him that a paltry Kshs 5 million has been allocated for these services and how many such boreholes are non-functional in Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resource needs to look into this matter and it should be taken seriously.

Mr. Speaker, another area of concern is on page ten where there is Development of Agricultural Mechanization, the Procuring of Tractors and Implements. This has failed in this County and let us not lie about this. Agricultural Mechanization Office is at Rabuor, Honourable Members, take time and visit that yard you will find that the Tractors are a shell of themselves and the office they were using, they were equally chased away from. The office that was being occupied by the Agricultural Officers, they were chased away. When the County appointed a Sub-county Administrator, they chased away the Agricultural Officers from that premises. Mr. Speaker that is the reality in this government. Agriculture which should be the backbone of our economy, the food security and the tractors which are supposed to assist our farmers during the ploughing season, the officers are chased from their offices. Then, they now talk nicely on how they are going to improve the delivery of these services.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, another issue on the Agricultural Sub-sector is the Agriculture Credit Access. When you look at the allocation that has been provided and they claim to want to convince us that they want to create such kind of fund, are they serious? We come read this here and we approve that good literature has been brought to us.

Mr. Speaker, another issue is on page eleven, the Strengthening Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation. When you look at the column of this department which is Office of the Governor where a department has now been established known as Public Service County Administration and Participatory Development. This department has been allocated a budget of Kshs 598,351,345 and they are saying how they are going to strengthen disaster. Mr. Speaker, recently, a serious matter was discussed in this House on the flood menace in Kisumu County. Mr. Speaker, when you look at the Budget Estimates under this Department of Public Service County Administration and Participatory Development, the department should have informed this House that on the Development Component, how much they intend to spend, it is left blank. I don't know if this was a deliberate mistake and I believe that the chair will shed more light on this matter. Mr. Speaker, we need to be informed about the allocation for the Department of Disaster and again we need to be informed what the department intend to do for the people of Kisumu County. We shall in the next few days pass a Budget that we don't understand. We are now being informed of a budget of Kshs 600 million where the Operations and Maintenance is expected to consume Kshs 90,859,000 but when it comes to the Development Component, they are silent about it. Then the next minute when Hon. Oiko Pete will start talking, it is alluded that he is beating the government and fighting the party.

Mr. Speaker, on page thirteen when you look at the Department of Finance, the ceiling was Kshs 1.5 billion and the approved ceiling was Kshs 1.69 billion and that means that what was approved was Kshs 1.69 billion. Mr. Speaker, is it really a fact that Kshs 1.69 billion that was approved because this amount was meant for the settling of Pending Bills. Mr. Speaker, figures are just brought to us here in this House to just pass because the County Executive has spoken. We need to be informed what the exact figure that was approved was. The initial or proposed figures was Kshs 1.5 billion and on various documents which were posted in the social media showed Kshs 1.3 billion, Kshs 1.384 billion, those were the figures. Mr. Speaker, as a House, we need to be furnished with a printed Budget Estimates after its approval. This issue of the soft copy from time to time is prone to manipulation. We need the Budget Estimates to be printed for us. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for your patience.

Honourable Members, on page fourteen when this House was handling the First Proposed Kisumu County Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2022/2023 we were informed that the total allocation went down to Kshs 10 billion from the initially approved figures of Kshs 12 billion. We are now being informed on page fourteen that, what was approved was Kshs 12 billion plus. It was my assumption that the County Executive would now give us an updated figure that they gave us in the Supplementary Estimates because those are the figures they used. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in this record we are being informed that, the income of Kisumu County went up. This is indicated in one of the pages in this report; the Per Capita income of the people of Kisumu went up. Now, we need to interrogate this if this was the true position, did the Per Capita Income of the people of Kisumu go up. When we are all aware that during that time, business in this town were disrupted. Which agricultural produce were cheap from our people. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Finance and Economic Planning need to more shed light on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks, let this House make its decision but, the report need to be challenged. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The report on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 as was presented by the able Deputy Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee has adequately elaborated how Kisumu County will be articulating its priorities and policy goals. Mr. Speaker, the document equally offers us a guide on the budget making process for the financial year 2023/2024 and we are all aware that, having a plan will assist us create alignments across line departments and also help us understand how individual House Committees also align to various departments.

Mr. Speaker, this plan will equally assist Kisumu County enhance its performance in terms of service delivery and also to mitigate some of the unseen challenges like the ones Hon. Oiko has brought to the fore. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that, flood disrupted most businesses and livelihoods across most of the Subcounties but we cannot budget without having a plan in place and this Fiscal Strategy Paper is elaborate enough and it will allow us plan adequately and ensure that, such unforeseen phenomenon are adequately and timely taken care of.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to applaud the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations of which I am a member for having done a wonderful job. I want to implore the Honourable Members that they consider joining me in passing this report so that Kisumu County can move forward and work on the Budget Estimates for the fiscal year 2023/2024. Thank you. I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. K’omudho.

Hon. K’omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru Ward): Many, many thanks to the Hon. Speaker together with my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, for each and every cause there are good developments and very good reasons as to why each and every House has its own House Committees. I want to state that, the Budget and Appropriations Committee have done a splendid job and we have lend our ears and in cases of areas of queries which in my belief are not major and we could raise the minor points with the relevant House Committees. As for now, the reports sound a better one which was prepared by the relevant House Committee and I support the same. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Alice.

Hon. Wajewa (Nominated Member): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I equally arise to congratulate the Select committee of Budget and Appropriations for the work well done and I want to reiterate that the Committee has really done a god job and taking into consideration that fact that some of these issue dealing with figures, it is sometimes very difficult to compute these figures and come up with a comprehensive report like this.

Mr. Speaker, the only issue that I would like to implore my fellow colleagues, we should always endeavour to take time to interrogate some of these issues before they are brought to the House. Similarly, there are issues which have been raised by some of the Members, we should also be taking those issue seriously so that we should not be seen as a House that just approves reports even for those which have issue. Even if we are passing, we should really interrogate and identify where the issues are and not just pass these reports blindly. Mr. Speaker, it is so unfortunate that, sometimes when issues are brought to the House, and a Member has highlighted where the issues are, these issues are supposed to be discussed and not watered down and we end up giving these issues a blind eye and move ahead and approve these documents even without thoroughly interrogating them. All in all, the Budget and Appropriations Committee has done a magnificent job but there is nothing to do about it but only to support the report. Thank you.

(The Deputy Speaker rises on her feet)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Deputy Speaker, what is the Point of Order!!

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Honourable Member who has just resumed her seat is alluding that at times Members just come into the House and rubber stamp reports. Therefore, at this point there is nothing much she can do about the document on the floor. Mr. Speaker, this is why this report was presented here so that Members can interrogate it and any possible amendments be raised before the House for consideration. Otherwise, this document would not have been presented here. So, if any member has any proposed amendments, it is my belief that they are at liberty to do so by adding their voice to it so that we come up with a more comprehensive document. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you so much for that. I also heard the Member and I was going to give a similar opinion. That, the purposes of having this document here is for interrogation and if you have any proposed amendments to make, you first propose the amendment, you identify a seconder, it is debated and it becomes part of the document or you reject it. So, Hon. Alice Wajewa, where is the Honourable Member?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): The Member has left....

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, it is my opinion that we give Hon. Wajewa time to correct her sentiments because if the member has something, then there are procedures to be followed where the Member can propose any amendment, get a seconder, its debated and if the Members are in agreement with the proposal, then, it becomes part of the report. So, any member who is debating, if you have any proposed amendment, the procedure is that you propose, it get seconded, we propose a question, it is debated, I put a question and you agree or disagree and if you are in agreement it becomes part of the debate. So, I want to rule Hon. Alice

Wajewa out of order and if she was inside the chambers, I would have accorded here the opportunity to talk.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Miriam Abeid.

Hon. Abeid (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As for me, I will not talk about the figures because I will be lying. I just want to beseech the House and the Budget and Appropriations Committee that critical documents like this one, it is my considered opinion that they need to be uploaded in the Members' social media page twenty-four hours prior to the report being brought to the House for debate. Mr. Speaker, even thirty-six hours if appropriate to be able to peruse the report so that when it comes to supporting the report, we support something that we understand. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. I believe that I want to fully agree with the sentiments of Hon. Abeid and this goes to all the Chairs. The Chair of Chair, Hon. Okombo, please let us make it a habit to inform the respect Chairs that documents should be uploaded early enough to enable member peruse them early unless otherwise.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Much obliged.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes the Deputy Whip Hon. Obonyo.

The Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Going by the mood of the House, may I call the mover to reply?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. First, I begin by thanking the Honourable Members for incorporating of their opinions, ideas and suggestions in this report. Mr. Speaker, I want to totally concur with the sentiments raised by Hon. Rakwach that the ceiling should be based on the absorptions of funds by line departments. Mr. Speaker, the 15% absorption rate by the Department of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development is too low and we agree that, because this is a democratic space, and if the Committee resolved to allocate the department more even though they spent less of the funds that they were allocated in the last fiscal year, it is us to present the report before the House as was agreed by the House Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I want to agree with the suggestions raised by the Honourable Member for West Nyakach Hon. Omollo that, the sector priorities for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock and Irrigation should have included Fishing Gears. On the analysis of the report that was presented by the County Executive, this was not included. I believe that there are more of these other documents that will be brought before this House which includes the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (III) (2023/2027) and the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan FY 2023/2024; we can make that as part of the agenda during our deliberations. This is because this was not captured as one of the priority areas in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024.

Mr. Speaker, there was an issue that was raised of the CFSP not capturing one of the Satellite towns like Ahero and the Land Banks.

Mr. Speaker, I want to advise my fellow colleagues that, today documents have been laid in this House that require our inputs. Please let us make it a routine to look for these documents and conduct analysis on them so that, as the House Committee bring their analysis of the same before the House, it will find that, you have equally done your analysis and then those proposals for changes that you require can be included in the final report. Even though the Honourable Speaker is stating that the Committee has done an analysis and you feel otherwise, the, you can say that, in my own analysis, I found these figures different and the House Committee needs to correct them.

Otherwise, from the submissions from my brother Hon. Oiko Pete, we will only be venting our frustrations because it has been a routine for the Honourable Member to always vent out without offering these House tangible solutions. What did the Member notice and what should we amend on our report better. All that the Member has done is lament, lament and lament and I was waiting for him to pinpoint out something before this House so that, we adopt and add on to the report. This is because, as a House Committee we are not the best, we are just an extension of this House and it's the reason that after these reports have been committed to relevant House Committees, we do our part and bring this reports back to the House to enable you see what we have done and then you adopt, amend or sometimes even reject. So, Hon. Oiko, I am humbly requesting you that, next time take your time to look at the document, do your own analysis and compare the analysis done by the House Committee, we come to the House then, we can bring our inputs and then we adopt.

Mr. Speaker, with regards to the figures, I believe the Member raised something where in the CSFP a different figure was picked contrary to the figures that were provided in the Supplementary Estimates FY 2022/2023. We are all aware that, as we speak the Supplementary Estimates FY 2022/2023 has not been approved by the Office of the Controller of Budget (OCOB). How can we use the figure in the Supplementary Estimates FY 2022/2023 that has not been approved on a County Fiscal Strategy Paper report that is supposed to inform the Budget Estimates for the FY 2023/2024? So, when such information is given to Members, sometimes they are misleading and this might make Member think that we are not doing the right things in this House. The figures that we picked were from the Budget Estimates that was approved. If these figures were not adding up or different, then we would have similarly differed with the officers who brought this policy document that CFSP.

Honourable Members, otherwise, if you look at the objectives and the most important issue to look at in this policy document are the objectives. Why do we as a House approve this CFSP? It was stated here that, it assists in guiding this House during the preparation of the Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024. Again, it helps this County in addressing the following;

1. Debt Management; did we cover that in our discussions?
2. County discover the Risks in the Budget Parameters and Strategies
3. Medium Outlook of the County Government.
4. Revenue and Expenditures
5. Budget Strategies relates to MTEF and the CIDP.

Honourable Members, if the analysis of the CSFP does not cover those, then it is important to bring them up now if you have any. Otherwise, thank you very much and I really want to implore you that we approve this policy paper so that we can move forward with other budgetary documents that are really required for the development of the Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024. Honourable Members, just to remind you that, this document is not a Budget Estimates this is a County Fiscal Strategy Paper which offers guidance to the preparation of the Budget Estimates. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Honourable Seth Okumu for that insight. Before I put a question, I want to rule you out of order for just one matter. It is the responsibility of the county assembly of any county to approve the Budget Estimates and not any other institution. Therefore, it is not the responsibility of the Office of the Controller of Budget to undertake the approval of the Estimates. What they do is that they just acknowledge reports from the County Assemblies. The sole mandate of approving a County Budget lies with the county assembly and no any other institution is mandated to do that.

So, Honourable Members, with that, I have to bring to your attention that, the report by the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations on the its consideration of the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 has been moved as a motion, seconded, debated and it is time that I put a question?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the report by the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations on the it's consideration of the Kisumu County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 has been adopted today Thursday, 11th May, 2023 at 16:36 hours.

Honourable Members, I direct that, communication on the same be made to the County Executive for purposes of implementation. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now there being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 16th May, 2023 at 02:23 p.m.

(House rose at 16:40 hours)

Addendum

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