COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – SECOND SESSION

Tuesday 23rd May, 2023

House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Good afternoon Honourable Members and welcome to this session and please let me call upon the Clerk take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next order!!

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY LIAISON COMMITTEE ON CONSIDERATION OF HALF YEARLY PROGRESS REPORTS OF ALL COMMITTEES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022
BY
HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANTYATTA "B" WARD

(CHAIRPERSON, LIAISON COMMITTEE)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Moses Ochele, can you please present the report on behalf of the Liaison Committee.

Hon. Ochele (MCA. East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to move a motion on Consideration of Half Yearly Progress Reports of all Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2022.
Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Liaison Committee, in its work plan which was adopted on the floor of this House in October 2022 alongside its report on apportionment of Committees' annual operating budgets for the fiscal year 2022/2023, outlined its intended activities. Among them was consideration of the Half-yearly progress reports of all Committees.

During the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th March, 2023 vide MIN NO.6/CAK/LC/MAR/2023 (see appendix 9) reminded its Members to submit half yearly progress reports as is a requirement of the Standing Orders for consideration and subsequent adoption by the House.

Hon. Speaker, in the Committee sitting of Tuesday 4th April, 2023 vide MIN.NO.06/CAK/LC/OCT/2022, the Committee unanimously resolved to convene a retreat in Nakuru for purpose of reviewing the submitted half-yearly progress reports from House Committees in accordance with the County Assembly Standing Orders.

This report therefore is a compilation of the reports as submitted and presented by the Chairpersons during the retreat, analysis and presentation of the general performance of Committees' during the period ended 31st December, 2023 and finally presented in fulfilment of the requirement of Standing Orders No. 183(1) & (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders.

Methodology
Mr. Speaker and Hon Members, in coming up with this report, the Committee relied on the following methodology;

1. Examined half yearly progress reports submitted by each House Committee.
2. Focus group discussion in which the Committee retreated and various Chairpersons presented their reports.

Objective
Mr. Speaker and Hon Members, the main objective of this exercise was to fulfil the requirements of Standing Orders No. 183(2) of the County Assembly Standing Orders that mandates the Committee to '*compile the reports under paragraph (1) and submit a report to the County Assembly'*.

Acknowledgment
Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee wishes to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Kisumu County Assembly for the support accorded to it towards fulfillment of its mandate.

The Committee also recognizes and appreciates the commitment and valuable contribution that its Honourable Members exercised during the sittings to deliberate on various elements of this report, not forgetting its secretariats for their exemplary performance in providing the needed technical support.

Finally, it is my pleasant duty and privilege, on behalf of this Committee, to present the Liaison Committee report on consideration of half-yearly progress reports of all Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2022 before this House for debate and adoption.

PREFACE

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee.
Mr. Speaker and Hon Members, Liaison Committee is established pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 194 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders which provides that;

1) There shall be a select Committee, to be known as the Liaison Committee which shall consist of the Chairperson of Committees as the Chairperson and all Chairpersons of all other Committees of the County Assembly.
2) The Liaison Committees shall-
    a) Guide and co-ordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all Committees;
    b) Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budget among the Committees;
    c) Consider the programs of all Committees, including their need to travel and sit away from precincts of County Assembly;
    d) Ensure that Committees submit reports as required by these Standing Orders;
    e) Determine, whenever necessary, the Committee or Committees to deliberate on any matter; and
    f) Give such advice relating to the work and mandate of select Committees as it may consider necessary.
3) The Liaison Committee shall consider reports compiled by other Committees which reports have not been deliberated by the County Assembly and shall report to the County Assembly on the consideration of such reports.

Committee Membership
Mr. Speaker and Hon Members. PURSUANT to the report of the Selection Committee on the constitution of the House Committees that was adopted by the House on the 26th day of April, 2023, and in line with Standing Orders No. 194(1), the Liaison Committee is constituted as follows;
Committee Members

1.	Hon Nereah Okombo	Chairperson
2.	Hon Vincent Jagongo	Vice Chairperson
3.	Hon Elisha Jack Oraro	Member
4.	Hon Kennedy Ooko	Member

5.	Hon Reuben Rakwach	Member
6.	Hon Boitone Ratib	Member
7.	Hon Moses Ochele	Member
8.	Hon Alice Wajewa	Member
9.	Hon Samuel Dedeh	Member
10.	Hon Kennedy Ouko	Member
11.	Hon Zacharia Okoyo	Member
12.	Hon Carren Odhiambo	Member
13.	Hon Seth Okumu	Member
14.	Hon Eunice Alandoh	Member
15.	Hon Mariam Abeid	Member
16.	Hon Henrietta Bodo	Member
17.	Hon Nancy Matara	Member
18.	Hon Vitalis K'Omudho	Member
19.	Hon Joachim Oketch	Member
20.	Hon Mildred Ajumbo	Member
21.	Hon Seth Kanga	Member
22.	Hon Lumumba Owade	Member
23.	Hon Jennifer Obonyo	Member
24.	Hon Emily Oginga	Member
25.	Hon Pamela Oyoo	Member
26.	Hon George Abaja	Member

Committee Secretariat

1.	Mr. Nashon Kusina	Deputy Clerk
2.	Ms. Obonyo Angelyne	Clerk Assistant
3.	Mr. Fanuel Okode	Hansard reporter

4. Miss. Risper Wayua Sergeant-at-arm

Legal framework
Mr. Speaker and Hon Members, the Committee while carrying out this exercise was guided by the following statutory instruments;

Section 14 of the of the County Governments Act No. 17 of 2012
Procedure and Committees of the county assembly

(1) A county assembly –
   (a) may make standing orders consistent with the Constitution and this Act regulating the procedure of the county assembly including, in particular, orders for the proper conduct of proceedings, and
   (b) subject to standing orders made under paragraph (a), may establish committees in such manner and for such general or special purposes as it considers fit, and regulate the procedure of any Committee so established

Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 183
Progress reports

(1) Unless a more regular interval is prescribed under any written law or these Standing Orders, each select Committee shall submit half yearly progress reports to the Liaison Committee.

(2) The Liaison Committee shall, within twenty-one days, compile the reports under paragraph (1) and submit a report to the County Assembly.

COMMITTEES' HALF YEARLY PROGRESS REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

In the period under review, the Committee held a total of nine (9) regular sittings to consider seven (7) activities that were committed to it.

b) Local visits

The Committee undertook one site visit to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital to inspect its maternity section in respect of a statement sought on the Floor of the House.

c) Workshops/Seminars/retreats

The Committee neither attended nor conducted any workshop during the period.

d) Foreign trips.

The Committee did not undertake any foreign trip.

e) Papers.

There were two papers Committed before the Committee for consideration;

i. Annual report and financial statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June,2022.
ii. Annual report and financial statements of Kisumu County Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June,2022.

f) Statements.

The Committee had before it a total of five (5) statements before it;

i. A statement on the hospitalized victims of the unfortunate fire incident that razed down Adu Blossom Primary School in Katito, North Nyakach.
ii. A statement on the memo suspending night duties in Masogo Sub county hospital and closure of maternity ward in both Masogo sub county hospital and Ahero sub county hospitals.
iii. A Statement regarding maternal deaths at JOOTRH.
iv. A statement on unavailability of power backup at Chulaimbo Hospital.
v. A statement on the operational status of Oduwo and Kibigori dispensaries in Chemelil Tamu Ward.

g) Petitions

The Committee did not receive any petition.

h) Reports

The Committee managed to table one report before the House;

i. Report on consideration of the annual report and financial statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June,2022.

i) Pending businesses

There were two pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022.

i. Report on consideration of the annual report and financial statements of Kisumu County Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June,2022.
ii. Report on the operational status of Oduwo and Kibigori Dispensaries in Chemelil Tamu Ward.

j) Priorities for January to June, 2023

The Committee has the following priorities for the next half year;

i. Completion and tabling of the report on consideration of the annual report and financial statements of Kisumu County Referral Hospital for the period ended 30th June,2022.
ii. Site visit on the operational status of Oduwo and Kibigori Dispensaries in Chemelil Tamu Ward.
iii. Study tour to and Mama Kibaki and Kenyatta National Hospitals.
iv. Consideration of departmental Budget Estimates for FY 2023/24
v. Approval hearing of nominee Chief Officer for Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation.
vi. Consideration of the Committees half yearly report for the second half of the year.

k) Challenges

The Committee faced the following challenges;

i. Unavailability of fuel in the utility vehicles that hindered the Committee's attempts to carry out site visits to ascertain facts thus failure to meet set deadlines.
ii. Delay in submission of correspondences from the executive.

WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of six (6) sittings to deliberate on various businesses before it.

b) Local visits

The Committee carried out two site visits to Bukna and River Nyando in Kajulu and Ahero wards respectively.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee attended a workshop in Homabay County to deliberate on the draft Kisumu County Water Bill.

d) Papers

No paper was Committed to the Committee during this period.

e) Statements.

The Committee had before it a total of eight (8) statements;

i. A Statement by Hon Zachariah Okoyo and regarding the pollution on Lake Victoria
ii. A Statement by Hon Mildred Ajumbo regarding the pollution on Lake Victoria
iii. A Statement by Hon Pete Oiko regarding the Affluent in Lake Victoria (joint with ALF Committee)

iv. A Statement by Hon Ken Ooko on storm water management and environmental cleanliness of Ahero Town.
v. A Statement by Hon. Lumumba Owade regarding unhygienic conditions in Sondu and Nyabondo markets
vi. A Statement raised by Hon. Benson Adega regarding the water problem in Bukna area.
vii. A Statement raised by Hon. Ken Ooko regarding the Sand harvesting in Ahero Ward.

f) Petitions

There was no petition before the Committee.

g) Reports.

The Committee did not table any report for adoption during the period under review.

h) Pending businesses as at 31st December, 2022.

The Committee had the following pending businesses before it

i. Report on storm water management and general environmental cleanliness of Ahero town.
ii. Report on lack of cleanliness and unhygienic conditions in Sondu and Nyabondo Markets in South East Nyakach.
iii. Report on water crisis in Bukna area (Katiega, Kobuya and Aora-Meya) in Kajulu Ward.
iv. Report on sand harvesting along river Nyando in Ahero ward.

i) Priorities for January to June, 2023

The Committee did not present any priority for the coming half of the year.

j) Challenges

There were no challenges listed.

ECD, ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

a) Sittings

The Committee did not indicate the number of sittings held during this period.

b) Local visits

The Committee did not undertake any site visit.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

d) Papers

One paper was Committed before the Committee for consideration;

i. The Kisumu County Education Fund Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

e) Statements

There was only one statement Committed to the Committee for consideration during this period;

i. Statement sought by Hon Boitone Ratib on the County's preparedness to the reopening of schools in terms of scholarships and bursaries.

f) Petitions

The Committee did not process any petition.

g) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption.

h) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

As at the end of the period under review, there were two items pending before the Committee;

i. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Education Fund Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
ii. Statement sought by Hon Boitone Ratib on the County's preparedness to the reopening of schools in terms of scholarships and bursaries.

i) Priorities for January – June, 2023

The Committee listed the following as its priority for the coming half of the year;

i. Evaluation of the Kisumu County Bursary Fund.
ii. Investigation into the Status of ECD Education in Kisumu County.
iii. Investigation into the Status of Technical and Vocational Education Training in Kisumu County.
iv. Consideration of the Status of Childcare Services in Kisumu County.
v. Investigation into gender inclusive education system in Kisumu County.
vi. Investigation into PWDs absorption rates in TVETs within the County.
vii. Sessional Report of the Committee.

j) Challenges

The Committee did not list any challenge faced.

AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of nine meetings deliberating on various reports, statements and respective subject issues referred to it by the House.

b) Local visits

There was no local visits reported by the Committee.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook one retreat for and induction exercise in Nakuru County

d) Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any foreign trip.

e) Papers

There was no paper committed to the Committee during this period.

f) Statements

The Committee had before it a total of three (3) statements for joint consideration with WENR Committee

i. A statement by Hon. Pete Oiko regarding the Contamination of Water from the Lake leading to loss of aquatic life and killing plants when used for Irrigation.
ii. A statement by Hon Zachariah Okoyo regarding status of implementation of NEMA Policy regulations and previous resolution of the House on treatment of and discharge of effluents into Lake Victoria, its tributaries and the neighbouring Community.
iii. A statement by Hon Mildred Ajubo on the contamination of and possible pollution of Lake Victoria that has so far resulted to loss of aqua-life and livelihoods by over 25 farmers in Othany and Asat beaches in Central Seme ward.

g) Petitions

No petition was reported.

h) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption during the period under review.

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There was no petition before the Committee.

j) Challenges
- ✓ Inadequate Committee allocation

k) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not report any priority for January - June, 2023.

PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held 6 sittings to deliberate on committees matters relating to roads, public works and transport.

b) Local visits

The Committee did not report any local visit.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook neither of the above during the period under review.

d) Foreign trips

The Committee did no undertake any foreign trip.

e) Papers

There were no papers Committed to the Committee.

f) Statements

The following statements were before the Committee for consideration;

i. A statement by Hon Benson Adega regarding the status of the Osiepe-Jamna-Thuol-Ong'adi-Soi road in Kajulu ward.
ii. A statement sought by Hon Ratib Boitone regarding status of streetlights and floodlights within the County.
iii. A statement sought by Hon Samwel Onyango regarding the status of river Awaya and Mbita Bridge in Railways Ward.
iv. A statement sought by Hon Fredrick Adonija regarding status of the following projects in Chemelil - Tamu ward.
    1) Public toilet in Kopere center
    2) Corner Legio - Chepsueta road
    3) High mast floodlight at Kopere and Songhor markets.

g) Petitions

There was no petition before the Committee.

h) Reports

During the period under review, the Committee did not table any report for adoption

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were a total of pending businesses before the committee as at the close of the period under review;

i. Report on the status of streetlights and floodlights within the County.
ii. Report on the status of river Awaya and Mbita Bridge in Railways Ward.
iii. Report on the status of the following projects in Chemelil - Tamu ward;
    1) Public toilet in Kopere center
    2) Corner Legio - Chepsueta road
    3) High mast floodlight at Kopere and Songhor markets.

j) Challenges

The Committee reported the following challenges;

i. Inadequate budgetary allocation
ii. Having most sittings running concurrently hence affecting committee`s operations

k) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The following are the Committee's priorities for the next half of the financial year;

i. Site visitation
ii. Benchmarking with the Senate/or other County Assemblies
iii. Partnering with KeNHA
iv. Processing of incoming statements, petitions and legislative proposals committed to the committee.

PLANNING, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ICT COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During this period, the Committee held twelve (12) meetings to deliberate on various issues before it.

b) Local visits

As per the report presented by the Committee, there was no local visits undertaken.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook one retreat to write a number of reports that were committed to it;

d) Foreign trips

The Committee did not carry out any foreign trip.

e) Papers

The following papers were committed to the Committee;

i. Annual report and financial statements for Kisumu Urban Project - Cash Expenditure Fund for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.
ii. Annual report and financial statements for Kisumu County Urban Project Advance Account for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.
iii. Annual report and financial statements for City of Kisumu for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

f) Statements

There were two statements before the Committee for consideration;

i. A statement sought by Hon Benson Adega regarding the status of Mamboleo abattoir.
ii. A statement sought by Hon Joachim Oketch regarding shutdown of businesses (Carwash and bars/clubs) within the City and confiscation of merchandises.

g) Petitions

There was no petition before the Committee

h) Reports

The Committee did not table any report before the House for adoption.

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

The following were businesses pending before the Committee as at the end of the period under review;

i. Report on consideration of the Kisumu Urban Project - Cash Expenditure Fund annual report and financial statements for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.
ii. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Urban Project Advance Account annual report and financial statements for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.
iii. Report on consideration of the City of Kisumu annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
iv. Report on the status of Mamboleo abattoir.
v. Report on shutdown of businesses (Carwash and bars/clubs) within the City and confiscation of merchandises.

j) Challenges

The Committee presented the following as its major challenge

i. Inadequate Committee budgetary allocation.

k) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not present any priority for January - June, 2023.

CHILDREN, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held 7 meetings during the period under review.

b) Local visits

There were no local visits reported.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook one retreat to consider the following businesses that were committed it;

i. The Kisumu County Culture Policy.
ii. The Kisumu County Sports Policy 2021.

d) Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any foreign trip.

e) Papers

Two papers were Committed to the Committee for consideration;

i. The Kisumu County Culture Policy.
ii. The Kisumu County Sports Policy 2021.

f) Statements/Petitions

The Committee had neither of the above before it.

g) Reports

The Committee did not table any report on the floor of the House for adoption.

h) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

The Committee had two businesses pending before it as at the close of the period under review;

i. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Culture Policy.
ii. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Sports Policy 2021.

i) Challenges
- ✓ Inadequate funds.

j) Priorities for January - June, 2023

There was no priority listed by the Committee.

COOPERATIVES, FINANCE, TRADE AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of eight meetings deliberating on various reports, statements and respective subject issues referred to it by the House

b) Local visits

No local visit was reported.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee did not undertake any of the above.

d) Foreign trips

There was no foreign trip reported

e) Papers

During the period under review, a total of papers were Committed to the Committee;

i. Quarterly reports and financial statements for Kisumu County Assembly for the period ended September, 30th 2022.
ii. Quarterly report and financial statements for Kisumu County Executive for the period ended 31st December, 2022.
iii. Quarterly report and financial statements for Kisumu County Revenue Fund for the period ended 31st December, 2022.

f) Statements

There was one statement before the Committee;

i. A statement sought by Hon Lumumba Owade regarding safety of trade merchandise in Sondu Market in South East Nyakach.

g) Petitions

The Committee did not consider any petition.

h) Reports

The Committee tabled one report on the floor of the House for adoption;

i. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Executive quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 30th September, 2022.

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were three businesses pending before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022.

i. Report on the safety of trade merchandise in Sondu Market in South East Nyakach.
ii. Report on consideration of Kisumu County Assembly quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ended September, 30th 2022.
iii. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2022.Statements.

j) Challenges

✓ Inadequate Committee budgetary allocation

k) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not report any priority for January - June, 2023.

LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of five sittings.

b) Local visits/workshops/seminars/retreats/foreign trips

The Committee did not report any of these.

c) Papers

There were no papers committed to the Committee during this period.

d) Statements

There was only one statement before the Committee for joint consideration with Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee.

e) Petitions

Two petitions were before the Committee for consideration;

i. Petition to the County Assembly by the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentist Union concerning perennial delay in payment of salaries due to employees of the County Government of Kisumu.
ii. Petition to the County Assembly by Healthcare Workers Union on the status of healthcare workforce and healthcare service provision across Public Health Facilities within Kisumu County.

f) Reports

There was no report tabled before the House for adoption.

g) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

As at 31st December, 3033 the following were the businesses pending before the Committee;

i. Report on consideration of the petition to the County Assembly by the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentist Union concerning perennial delay in payment of salaries due to employees of the County Government of Kisumu.
ii. Report on consideration of a petition to the County Assembly by Healthcare Workers Union on the status of healthcare workforce and healthcare service provision across Public Health Facilities within Kisumu County.

h) Challenges

✓ Delay in response by the County Executive departments in cases of invitation or responses sought

i) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee's reported the following as their priority for the second half of the financial year;

i. To complete all pending works before it
ii. To work on committee businesses within the timelines provided in the Standing Orders and or any enabling laws.

TOURISM, WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of five sittings.

b) Local visits/Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any of the above.

c) Papers/Statements/Petitions

None of these were reported to have been before the Committee during the period under review

d) Reports

The Committee did not table any report before the House for adoption.

e) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There was no business pending before the Committee

f) Challenges

i. Budgetary allocation to the Committee not enough to enable it run its operations for 12 months.

g) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not report any priority for this period.

WARD DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee did not indicate the number of sitting it held during the period under review.

b) Local visits/Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

There were neither of this undertaken by the Committee.

c) Papers/Statements/Petitions

During this period, the Committee did not receive any paper, statement or petition before it for consideration.

d) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption.

e) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

The Committee had the following pending;

i. Report on the operational status of the Kisumu County Ward Development Fund (Amendment) Act, 2016.

f) Challenges

i. Inadequate budgetary allocation to handle the Committee's operations.

g) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not report any priority for this period.

ADMINISTRATION OF LAW, JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of 13 sittings during the period under review.

b) Local visits/Workshops/seminars/retreats/foreign trips

The Committee undertook neither of the above.

c) Papers

There was no paper before the Committee for consideration.

d) Statements

Two statements were committed to the Committee;

i. A statement regarding the list of Village Council Members, their remuneration and the implementation status of the report establishing Village Units as was approved by the House – a joint consideration with Implementation Committee

ii. A statement on the emergency status of Ongoi bridge along Chemelil - Oduwo - Muhoroni road in Chemelil Tamu ward.

e) Petitions

There was no petition before the Committee.

f) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption during the period under review.

g) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022.

The Committee had one business pending before it;

i. Statement on the emergency status of Ongoi bridge along Chemelil - Oduwo - Muhoroni road in Chemelil Tamu ward.

h) Challenges

The Committee did not experience any challenge.

i) Priorities for January - June, 2023

Consideration of the Kisumu County Administration (Village Units) Amendment Bill, 2023.

BUDGET AND APROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of 3 sittings

b) Local visits

The Committee did not report any site visit during this period.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook the following workshops/seminars/retreats;

i. Committee workshop on consideration of the County Revenue expenditure statements for the financial year ending 30th June 2022.
ii. Committee workshop on consideration of CBROP FY 2021/2022.
iii. Committee workshop and consultative forum with the County Executive Department of Finance.

iv. Committee benchmarking visit with counterpart committee of Mombasa County Assembly.

d) Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any foreign trip.

e) Papers

The following papers were Committed to the Committee for consideration;

i. The Kisumu County Budget Review Outlook Paper for the FY2021/2022.
ii. The Kisumu County Revenue Expenditure Statements for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.

f) Statements/Petitions

There was no statement or petition before the Committee

g) Bills

During the period under review, the Committee had one Bill before it;

i. The Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022 (Kisumu County Bill No 6 of 2022).

h) Reports

The following reports were tabled for adoption;

i. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Budget Review Outlook Paper (CBROP) for the FY2021/2022.
ii. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County revenue statements for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There was one report pending before the Committee as at the close of the period under review;

j) Report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022.

k) Challenges
Inadequate budgetary allocation

i. Committee priorities for January - June, 2023
ii. Consideration of the Supplementary Budget Estimates FY 2022/2023.
iii. Consideration of County Fiscal Strategy Paper for FY 2023/2024.
iv. Consideration of the County CID III.
v. Consideration of ADP 2023/2024.
vi. Consideration of County Budget Estimates FY 2023/2024.

LIAISON COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of six (6) regular sittings.

b) Local visits

The Committee did not undertake any local visit.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee carried out one retreat at Vicmark hotel in Nakuru to consider apportionment of Committees annual operating budgets for FY 2022/2023.

d) Foreign trips

There was no foreign trip by the Committee.

e) Papers

No paper was Committed to the Committee during this period.

f) Statements

There was no paper before the Committee during this period.

g) Petitions

No paper was Committed to the Committee during this period.

h) Reports

The committee tabled one report on the Floor of the House for adoption;

i. Report on the apportionment of Committees annual operating budgets for FY 2022/2023.

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were no businesses pending before the Committee as at the end of this period.

j) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee highlighted the following as its priority for the second half of the financial year.

i. Consideration of half early progress reports of all Committees and their general performances for the period ended 31st December, 2022.

HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of eight (8) regular meetings to schedule businesses for the House and clear reports, statements, motions and papers.

b) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook neither of the above.

c) Statements

The Committee cleared a total of 23 statements as listed in appendix 3.

d) Papers

There were a total of seventeen (17) papers cleared for laying on the table of the House as listed in appendix 1.

e) Motions

During this period, the Committee cleared seven (7) motions as listed in appendix 2.

f) Petitions

Two petitions were cleared as listed in appendix 6.

g) Bills

Only one Bill was cleared;

i. The Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022.

h) Reports

A total of eight (8) reports were cleared for tabling, notices and presentation as listed in appendix 5.

i) Priorities for January - June, 2023.

The Committee has the following priorities for the second half of the year.

i. Retreat to consider a report on the activities of the Committee during the first session.
ii. Consideration of the Committee's half yearly report for the period ending 30th June, 2023.

j) Challenges

The Committee faced the following challenges'

i. Unavailability of motions to schedule for discussion during the process of making the weekly House Business Calendar due to delay by Committees to submit reports,

PIC/PAC COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee did not indicate the number of sittings it held during this period.

b) Local visits

There were no local visits attended.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee carried out one induction retreat in Nakuru.

d) Foreign trips

There were no foreign trips by the Committee.

e) Papers

The following papers were committed to the Committee for consideration;

i. Auditor General's report on the County Executive of Kisumu for the year ended 30th June, 2020.
ii. Annual report and financial statements for Kisumu County Car and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.

f) Statements

There were no statements before the Committee.

g) Petitions

There was zero petition before the Committee.

h) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption during the period under review.

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

The following were businesses pending before the Committee as at the end of the period under review;

i. Report on consideration of the Auditor General's report on the County Executive of Kisumu for the year ended 30th June, 2020.

ii. Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Car and Mortgage Scheme Fund annual report and financial statements for the financial year ended 30th June, 2022.
iii. Report on the induction exercise by the Office of the Auditor General held in Nakuru.

j) Challenges

The following were the challenges faced;

i. Inadequate finance. The Committee was allocated an amount of 2.5million which has since been exhausted.

k) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not present any priority.

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of eight (8) sittings to deliberate on matters relating to implementation and oversight works

b) Local visits

The Committee did not report any local visits

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

The Committee undertook one induction retreat in Nairobi County.

d) Papers/Statements/Petitions

There weren't any of these before the Committee for consideration.

e) Reports

There was no report tabled by the Committee for adoption.

f) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

The Committee had the following pending businesses as at 31st December, 2022

i. Report on the Committee induction exercise held in Nairobi.

g) Challenges

i. Untimely transmissions of response from the Executive to the legislature –Delay in responses from the Executive. This is as a result of unwilling executive hence lack of compliance

ii. Inadequate funding-the committee was apportioned only Kshs. 2 million against the proposed budget of Kshs.6 Million thereby making the committee unable to execute its activities as per the adopted work plan for the FY 2022/2023.

h) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee reported the following as its priorities;

i. To continue following up on House Resolutions
ii. Invitation of various CECMs who have failed to respond to issues within their docket.
iii. To initiate the process of convening a stakeholder's conference to discuss and chat way-forward on the status of implementation of County Assembly Resolutions.

DELEGATED COUNTY LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of four (4) regular meetings.

b) Local visits

There was no local visit carried out by the Committee.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook one induction retreat at Pride Inn Azure in Nairobi County.

d) Foreign trips

The Committee did not attend any foreign trip during the period under review.

e) Papers

No paper was committed to the Committee.

f) Statements/Petition

There was zero statements and petitions before the Committee.

g) Reports

The Committee did not table any report before the House for adoption.

h) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

At the end of this period, the Committee had one pending business;

i. Report on the induction exercise carried out at Pride Inn Azure in Nairobi County from 17th - 22nd November, 2022.

i) Challenges

The following were the challenges presented by the Committee;

i. Delay by the CEC Members to submit regulations to the Assembly.

j) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee intends to look into the following in the second half of the financial year;

- ✓ Consideration of pending regulations.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee did not indicate the number of sittings it held during the period under review.

b) Local visits

The Committee did not report any local visit.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats

The Committee undertook one retreat to Nakuru County to deliberate on;

i. Alignment of Members to House Committees

d) Foreign trips

There was no foreign trip undertaken by the Committee

e) Papers/Statements/Petitions

None of these was reported to be before the Committee

f) Reports

The Committee tabled one report for adoption;

i. Report on the alignment of Members to House Committees.

g) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were no businesses pending before the Committee as at this time.

h) Challenges

i. The amount appropriated was not adequate to handle the Committee's operations.

i) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not report and priority for this period.

WELFARE AND EQUAL OPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of six (6) sittings.

b) Local visits/Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any of the above exercises.

c) Papers/Statements/Petitions.

The Committee did not undertake any of the above exercises.

d) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption.

e) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were no businesses pending before the Committee as at the close of the period under review.

f) Challenges

Committee allocation not enough to enable it run its operations for 12 months.

g) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee did not report any priority for this period.

PROCEDURE AND RULES COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee did not indicate the number of sitting held during the period under review.

b) Local visits

The Committee undertook one retreat in Nakuru County to consider the following;

i. Proposed amendments to the County Assembly Standing Orders

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any of the above exercises.

d) Papers/Statements/Petitions

There were no papers, statements or petitions before the Committee.

e) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption.

f) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

As at the close of the period under review, the Committee had the following pending;

i. Report on the consideration of amendments to the County Assembly Standing Orders.

g) Challenges

There were no challenges reported.

h) Priorities for January - June, 2023

There were no priorities reported.

POWERS AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

During the period under review, the Committee held a total of two sittings.

b) Local visits/Workshops/seminars/retreats/Foreign trips

The Committee did not undertake any of the above exercises.

c) Papers/Statements/Petitions

There were no papers, statements or petitions before the Committee.

d) Reports

The Committee did not table any report for adoption,

e) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were no businesses pending before the Committee as at the close of the period under review.

f) Challenges

i. Inadequate funding-the committee was apportioned only Kshs. 2 million against the proposed budget of Kshs.4,280,000 thereby making the committee unable to execute its activities as per the adopted work plan for the FY 2022/2023.

g) Priorities for January - June, 2023

The Committee intends to carry out the following activities;

i. To proceed for induction exercise to equip members with the necessary knowledge and skills to discharge its mandates effectively.

ii. To consider any matter of inquiry into the conduct of a member whose conduct is alleged to constitute a breach of privileges in terms of section 16 of the county Assemblies' powers and privileges Act, 2017.

APPOITNMENT COMMITTEE

a) Sittings

The Committee held a total of 12 sittings

b) Local visits

The Committee did not carry out any local visit.

c) Workshops/seminars/retreats.

The Committee undertook one retreat to consider the following;

i. Report on the vetting of the nominees to the position of County Executive Committee Members (CECM).

d) Foreign trips

There was no foreign trip by the Committee.

e) Papers

One paper was Committed to the Committee for consideration;

i. List of nominees to the positions of the County Executive Committee Member (CECM).

f) Statements

There were no statements or petitions before the Committee.

g) Petitions

There was one court injunction order.

h) Reports

The Committee tabled one report for adoption;

i. Report on the vetting of the nominees to the position of County Executive Committee Members (CECM).

i) Pending businesses before the Committee as at 31st December, 2022

There were no businesses pending before the Committee as at the end of the period under review.

j) Challenges

The Committee did not report any challenge

k) Priorities for January - June, 2023

i. Committee induction exercise.

COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE WITH REGARDS TO THE NUMBER OF BUSINESSES BEFORE THEM DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

Mr. Speaker and Hon Members,

During this period, various committees performed as below;

Select Committees

#	Committee	No. of Activities	No. presented/ responded to	Adopted	Rejected	Pending
1.	Liaison	1 report	1	1	0	0
2.	Budget and Appropriations	3 reports	2	2	0	1
3.	PIC/PAC	2 reports	0	0	0	2
4.	Selection	1 report	1	1	0	0
5.	Procedure and Rules	1 report	0	0	0	1

Sectoral Committees

#	Committee	No. of activities	No. Presented/ Responded to	Adopted	Rejected	Pending
1.	Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries	3 statements joint with Water Com.	3 statements	N/A	0	0
2.	Health, Housing and Sanitation	2 reports	1 report	1	0	1 report
		5 statements 1 (joint with	4 statements	N/A	0	1 statement

		Labour Com.)				
3.	Children, Culture and Community Services	2 reports	0	0	0	2 reports
4.	Public Works, Roads and Transport	5 statements	2 statement	N/A	0	3 statements
5.	Planning, Industrialization and ICT	3 reports	0	0	0	3 reports
		2 statements	0	N/A	0	2 statements
6.	ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training	1 report	0	0	0	1 report
		1 statement	0	N/A	0	1 statement
7.	Labour and Social Welfare	2 reports	0	0	0	2 reports
		1 statement (joint with Health Com.)	1 statement (joint with Health Com.)	N/A	0	0
8.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security	2 statements (1 joint with Implementation Com.)	1 statement (joint with Implementation Com.)	N/A	0	1 statement
9.	Water, Environment and Natural Resources	8 statements (3 joint with Agriculture Com.)	3 (Joint with Agriculture Com.)	N/A	0	5 statements
10.	Cooperatives, Finance, Trade and Enterprise Development	3 reports	1 report	1	0	2 reports
		1 statement	0	N/A	0	1 statement

OBSERVATION AND FINDINGS

It is important to note that unless the Hon Speaker directs otherwise, the following maxims have always guided timelines for processing of and submission of reports and statements.

1. *Statements: 2 weeks upon committal.*
2. *Reports from consideration of bills: 20 calendar days upon committal*
3. *Reports emanating from report writing retreats: forthwith upon return from the retreat.*
4. *Benchmarking/Study tour reports: 2 weeks upon return.*
5. *Submission of any other document before the House, not provided for by any written law or by the Standing Orders, is subject to the Speaker's directive.*

Mr. Speaker and Hon Members,

Taking cognizant of the above, the Committee observed as follows;

1) THAT during the period under review various items were transacted by the Committees as shown in the table below and in the appendices;

#	ITEM	NO.
1.	Papers	17
2.	Motions	7
3.	Statements	23
4.	Reports	8
5.	Bills	1
6.	Petitions	2

2. THAT out of sixteen (16) papers that were tabled during the period under review, only eight (8) managed to come back to the Floor of the House in terms of reports. Consequently, out of 22 statements sought, only 9 responses were presented.
3. THAT Committees took an average of 25.2 days to report back for discussion.

$$\left\{ \frac{\text{Total Time Taken by the 5 Committees that reported back)}}{\text{(No of those Committees)}} \; \frac{34+22+36+14+20}{5} \right\}$$

4. THAT the period ended with a total of 32 items pending *(see appendix 7).*
5. THAT there was manifest laxity in the manner which Committees are reporting. To give an example;

    a. Liaison Committee did not submit any report as prescribed for under Standing Orders No. 183(2)

b. Implementation Committee did not submit any report on the implementation status of the House resolutions in the duration under scrutiny despite elapse of stipulated time for reporting of the same.

6. THAT 97% of Committees did not meet set timelines for processing of reports which reflected negatively on legislative work resulting into a number of sessions going without motions for discussion while there are lots of pending works which were beyond timeline.

CHALLENGES

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, challenges faced by the Committee during this duration include the following: -

1. Delay by Committees to submit reports within the stipulated time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Committee in accordance with its mandates and from the above findings/observations recommends;

1. THAT the Honorable Speaker and the House Leadership should collaborate on devising a plan to uphold the predetermined deadlines for report submissions to the House. The objective is to ensure that committees are held responsible for meeting these established timelines. This strategy may involve implementing consequences for non-compliance, such as withholding resources or time allocations for future tasks until the reports are submitted.
2. THAT considering the challenges faced by Committees in adhering to the current 21-day and 14-day deadlines for processing reports and statements respectively, it is proposed to extend the reporting time by an additional 7 days. This adjustment would result in a revised timeline of 28 days for reports and 21 days for statements.
3. THAT it is essential to establish a system of regular monitoring and evaluation to ensure Committees adherence to the designated timelines. This can be accomplished by periodic/progress reporting to the House and other relevant stakeholders. By implementing this practice, it will be possible to track and assess the committees' performances effectively.
4. THAT the Honorable Speaker and the House Leadership should devise a strategy to enhance the morale of the Committees. One approach could involve introducing a reward system based on performance and adherence to timelines. By offering incentives for timely reporting, this initiative can motivate Committees to prioritize and meet the required deadlines effectively
5. THAT in the upcoming fiscal year, there should be allocated funds specifically for fueling utility vehicles. Absence of sufficient fuel has severely hindered the Committee's ability to conduct site visits, thereby impeding their progress and causing delays in meeting deadlines. By addressing this issue through dedicated budget allocation, the Committees will have the necessary resources to carry out their work effectively and meet the stipulated timelines.

6. THAT Members need to propose motions and private Member bills to reduce the House's reliance on motions originating from papers submitted by the executive. Arm of the government. By actively generating their own motions and bills, Members can contribute to a more diverse and independent legislative agenda, fostering a balanced representation of priorities and concerns within the House.
7. THAT going forward, all Committees SHOULD submit to the Liaison Committee their half yearly progress reports on every second week of January and annual reports on every second week of July.

CONCLUSION
Mr. Speaker and Hon Members, it is now my privilege to present this report by the Liaison Committee on consideration of half-yearly progress reports by all Committees before this Honourable House for adoption

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi Ward): On a Point of Order. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention that, we are lacking quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, I can't see the Leader of Majority or the Whip. Hon. Ratib Boitone, please confirm if we have the required quorum.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda A Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to confirm that the House has no quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, based on that respect, I want to invoke the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 32 (1) and request the Serjeant -at- Arms rings the quorum bell for the first eight minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for eight minutes)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): The Deputy Whip, can you confirm if we quorum.

The Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. There is quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Ochele. Please proceed.

Hon. Ochele (MCA. East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you once again Madam Speaker. May I request Hon. Eunice Alando to second?

Hon. Alando (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to second the report as presented by Hon. Ochele.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, a report by Liaison Committee on consideration of Half-yearly Progress Reports for all House Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2022 has been moved by Hon. Moses Ochele and seconded by Hon. Eunice Alando. I therefore, want to propose a question that this report is open for debate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Ratib Boitone.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda "A" Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker and Honourable Members. I want to thank the Chairs of various House Committees for the good work done. Truly, this is a good work given that this is the report that is being tabled in this Honourable House for the period under review for the Third Assembly. Madam Speaker, I have certain reservations to make on this report.

Two House Committees have mentioned the lack of fuel as a challenge to facilitate their site visits. A House Committee went out for a trip and had a problem of fuel. The other went for two trips and didn't mention it as a challenge. We shouldn't be talking about inadequate fuel yet we have a budget and again we have officers who can plan and budget for the institution. Madam Speaker, there is also this issue of inadequate allocations of funds to House Committees. This is quite unfortunate that a number of Chairs failed to mention what their budgetary allocation was appropriated to them and their absorption rate. That breakdown ought to have been provided in this report.

Madam Speaker, another problem that we must address is the issue of meetings coinciding or colliding. I want to believe that the House Business Committee is able to address this matter so that various House Committees are able to effectively operate without this kind of conundrum. Lastly, the delay there is this issue of delays in the response from the Executive that has also been hampering the operations of House Committees considering the fact that there are timelines provided in our Standing Orders. These delays should also be addressed. I support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you. Hon. Warindo.

Hon. Warindo (MCA, Miwani Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion by the Liaison Committee. We all realize that the House can only be effective when we have performing committees. If you look at the challenges, they can be addressed by both the Assembly and the Executive. We have been members of these House Committees and the recommendations have not always been followed appropriately. How I wish we can say that a project has been completed when the recommendations are implemented accordingly. There has also been lack of cooperation from the Executive. I request that the recommendations be looked into. I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes, Hon. Peter Obaso.

Hon. Obaso: Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to first begin by appreciating the Chairs of various House Committees that participated in coming up with this report. Almost every House Committee has mentioning inadequate allocation of funds as a challenge and I want to request

that more funds be allocated to committees for effective productivity. Madam Speaker, I believe that every House Committee should be equal in this House for effective and efficient performance. I support.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): I had not seen Hon. Pete Oiko. Welcome.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I was a bit late. If the Assembly could go this way, then we would make good impact in our work. In the works of all these House Committees can be analyzed and see how effective, useful and what these House Committees have achieved in their endevours, challenges that have encountered it is my considered opinion that we will go the right way. Madam Speaker, but I am aware that, the general problem that we have at the committee level, is financing. These House Committees are seriously under-funded and I know this is deliberate move to stifle the works of key House Committees.

Madam Speaker, when a House Committee is scheduled to move out for report writing, which is very critical, it has been the tradition that, House Committees cannot do their reports in the precincts of the Assembly. So, they have to move out to a peaceful and conducive atmosphere where they would not be easily distracted. The tradition we are all aware of here is that, there is no money and Committee allocations is meager. Madam Speaker the Kshs 2 million is not adequate to keep these House Committees running effectively for a whole year. Madam Speaker, when one House Committee moves out once, there allocation is finished. I know that the House Committee that is well financed which is a fact is the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations. This is because this Select Committee is the eye of the County Executive on Budget matters. So, it is favored both at the County Executive and at the County Assembly.

So, Honourable Members, when time comes during the Budget making, let us demand to see the Budget Estimates of the County Assembly of Kisumu and interrogate the allocations appropriated to House Committees. Madam Speaker, in practice, there is the Budget office that should lecture, enlighten and empower us on the budget matters of the County Assembly on how the funds in the assembly are appropriated per vote-head. In that Estimates, we need to take into consideration our welfare. Madam Speaker the vote-heads allocated to our welfare are the Committee Travels, Public Participation, Foreign Trips and the one we all know we nick-named. I believe that we are all aware of the one that we nick-named. Madam Speaker, that one we also deliberated upon at the County Assembly Forum (CAF). For your information, most of the County Assemblies are implementing that vote. Kisumu County Assembly is not implementing this vote. Madam Speaker, when we talk about it, it is like we have stepped on the toes of the leadership of the County Assembly. So, the onus is on you Honourable Member of this House. If you don't wake up and inform the leadership of this House, things will continue that way. Madam, Speaker, this is being practiced in all the County Assemblies in Kenya, why is it not practiced in our County Assembly? I wish that the Honourable Speaker was here and that includes the House leadership that is the Leader of Majority and the Chief Whip and the Chair, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, East Kolwa Ward): Point of order Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon. Rakwach, what is your Point of Order!!

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, East Kolwa Ward): Madam Speaker, but the Honourable Member contributing is alluding that the Speaker is on the chair.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Honourable Members, the Substantive Speaker is not seated in the chair and that is what the Member for Kabonyo/Kanyagwal is referring to.

(Laughter)

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, the other issue that we have on that. These House Committees of late realized that, a number of committee meetings are supposed to be convened and that is a credit so that we leverage on committee sittings. This is because these committee meetings form part of our payslips. So, when these House Committees don't meet as frequent as they are required to do so, the payslip will be thin. So, let us endevour to demand to have as many committee meetings so that we optimize on them.

Madam Speaker, the other issue is this. There is the maximum allowance that each and every Member is supposed to receive as per the Salaries and Remuneration Circulars (SRC). This circular will not simple accord us this if we don't put this into practice. Madam Speaker, for us to actualize this, the Chairpersons and Members of House Committees must ensure that, you convene four meetings in a week. So, that the four meeting per week that are permissible make it sixteen. That is for the payslip. Honourable Members, if we don't do that, these House Committees will remain dormant. Madam Speaker, in general, this is a move in the right direction and please let us continue this way because we shall learn a lot because we are in a learning curve. Madam Speaker, those Members who came in during the First Term of the County Assembly and those who came during the Second Term and there are those who have joined in the Third Term. Madam Speaker, learning is never done once, it is a continuous process. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes the Deputy Whip.

The Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. may I call upon the mover to reply.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Yes Hon. Ochele.

Hon. Ochele, MCA, East Kano Wawidhi: Thank you Madam Speaker, I am very grateful this evening because I was privileged to move a report on behalf of the Chair Liaison Committee. On behalf of all chairpersons, I am grateful that even though the report came late from the office of the Liaison, but, all in all the reports reached and the comprehensive summary of the reports is here with us.

Madam Speaker, I didn't expect an elaborate report like this because House Committees were task early December and by 31st December the task for half year was ending. That makes me wonder why most of the chairs are putting financial constrains as a challenge! I want to believe that they were seeing a challenge in the second half and not in the first half because one month and some days cannot make you feel a challenge and from the information from the House, is that, most House Committees were engaged from 31st December. So I personally, as a Chair of the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs I did not see that as serious challenge. But maybe they were raising this alarms that, in future when funds are being appropriated it you raise it. That if it was Kshs. 2 million that was appropriated let is be appraised to Kshs. 2.5 million. Madam Speaker, that can be true because in the next financial year it will be a complete financial year beginning from 1st of July and ending in June 30th 2024.

Madam Speaker, that informs some of our cries that if we go a full financial year then that money might not be enough to take us through the fiscal year. However, the period that we covered and that which is remaining might not be a financial year. Madam Speaker, I would like to urge the Chairs that we make the work of Liaison Committee easy. Liaise promptly with you secretariats so that immediate and promptly we conduct an after an activity has been conducted let us make it easy for the Liaison Committee to have adequate time to enable it come up with a comprehensive report.

Madam Speaker, I want to echo what my brother Hon. Pete has mentioned that, if we want this Assembly to be robust, individual at our own capacity as the representative of the people we should fight hard to come up with private motions so that the calendar of the House become more busy and that will also add to the commitment of these House Committees because most of the motions will be committed there.

Madam Speaker, the other matter that I want to lament on is that, some chairs do not know that they are chairs because they are running moribus committees, where they don't care or ask if the House Committees sits and most of the time some of them are not even present at the Assembly. Madam Speaker, if these House Committees continue with that trend and nothing is done to the Chairs by reminding them to take their work seriously, if they don't improve on this, let them be summoned and be talked to.

Madam Speaker, I don't have much to say but, I want to underscore that there is no favored House Committee in this Assembly, This is because the Budget and Appropriations Committee has a working program and is appropriated funds based on a working program that is not initiated by themselves and as we talk today they are busy. Therefore, the allegation is a distorted fact and I beg member to be honest and say the truth while addressing this Honorable House. On behalf of the Chairperson, Liaison Committee, Madam Speaker I beg to support, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you Hon. Members. Hon. Abeid what is it.

Hon. Abeid (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to say something.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Something on what? Honourable Member are you aware that the mover has already replied?

Hon. Abeid (Nominated Member): On the issue of House Committees.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Hon Abeid you are out of order, because the mover of the motion has been called to reply and he has replied so you are out of order. Honorable Members, we extend our gratitude to the Liaison Committee for their insightful report. However, before we proceed with adopting the report, we kindly request all Members to undertake a thorough review of our Standing Orders, Constitution, and other Statutory Instruments. This is essential to ensure that we remain well-informed about our powers and privileges that are bestowed upon us as an Assembly by the Constitution and other relevant statutes.

Honorable Members I have taken note of the concerns raised by the mover of the motion regarding chairpersons expressing their grievances about non-responsive CECMs (County Executive Committee Members) in relation to committee invitations. I would like to draw the attention of the Honourable Chairpersons to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 174, which grants you substantial powers within this House. Additionally, individual House Committees possess powers equivalent to those of the High Court, and as such, specific procedures have been in place to address the non-compliance of a County Executive Committee Members (CECMs) who refuses to appear before a committee when invited..

Honourable Members, it is crucial that you recognize and exercise these powers and adhere to the established procedures. By doing so, you will not be perceived to be powerless, as you possess the authority to address such instances of non-cooperation by County Executive Committee Members (CECMs). So, let us strive to ensure that appropriate actions are taken against any County Executive Committee Members who display such arrogance, and please don't hesitate to invoke the laid down procedures.

Honourable Members, I would like to emphasize the importance of reviewing our Standing Order No. 170, which provides guidance on the appropriate course of action if a Member fails to attend committee sittings for four consecutive meetings. It is crucial that we revise our Standing Orders to ensure that all Members are aware of the necessary steps to take in such cases.

Furthermore, it is essential for the Honourable Chairpersons to exercise their authority diligently. We must tighten our belts and take the issue of non-attendance at committee meetings seriously. By doing so, we will ensure that the businesses conducted in this House is robust, as highlighted by the mover of the reports. Let us prioritize the fulfillment of our responsibilities and ensure the active participation of all Members in committee meetings.

Honourable Members, otherwise a report by the Liaison committee on consideration of Half – yearly Progress Reports of all committees for the period ended 31st December 2022 has been moved by Hon. Ochele seconded Hon. Olando and debated by Honourable Members. I therefore we want to put a question on the adoption of the same?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, a report by the Liaison Committee on consideration of Half-year Progress Reports of all House Committees for the period ended 31st December 2022 has been adopted by the Kisumu County Assembly today Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 1626 hours.

Honourable Members, I want to direct that the report together with the recommendations and the Hansard report be forwarded to the County Assembly Service Board and Committee on Implementation for follow up and execution. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Next Order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to be transacted, the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

(House rose at 04:29 p.m.)

Addendum

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