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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MURANG'A COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The Assembly met at 2:30 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai) in the Chair]*

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON  
THE MURANG'A COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023 TO 2027.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I would like to move a Motion; -

That this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, on the Murang'a County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023 to 2027, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, we have a very robust Report with us but I will not bore this House with all the details of it because members of this House are in various sectoral Committees and have taken a chance to look at this document. Therefore, with your leave I would want to touch on the most highlighted points on this Report.

I will start with the preface; on behalf of the Finance and Economic Planning Committee, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the County Assembly, the Report of the Committee on the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023-2027 that was submitted to the Assembly on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and Tabled on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 where it was committed to the Finance and Economic Planning Committee as well as other sectoral Committees. The Committee adopted a work plan to guide in the dispensation of the CIDP that entailed; sectoral briefing, public participation and County Executive Committee Member (CECM) engagement. The Finance and Economic Planning Committee held a joint workshop with the Budget and Appropriations Committee where findings and recommendations to the CIDP were recorded and adopted.

The findings of the Committee and the recommendations are as contained in this Report. I would like to go to page number 5 on introduction. The CIDP is a five-year plan that details the

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development priorities, strategies and programmes for a County government. Pursuant to Section 108 (1) of the County Governments Act the plan should have;

- 1) Clear goals and objectives.
- 2) An implementation plan.
- 3) Provisions for monitoring and evaluation.
- 4) Clear reporting mechanisms.

I will go to page 6; I will not read all that is enumerated there but I would just say that to the best of our ability, the Committee fully appraised of the legality of this document and County executive in charge of planning had followed the law in drawing this document. On page six 3.2 public participation, I want to report that public participation was conducted in all our nine sub counties and the report thereof is contained in this document.

I will not read the recommendations of the sub-counties word for word. But I would like to reiterate and confirm that the recommendations bear the letter and meaning of the CIDP. The programs that are enumerated in the CIDP were the concerns of our citizens and they are properly captured in the bigger document that is not within our perusal for now.

We also engaged the sectoral Committees, as you know this Report needs to catch the hopes and aspirations of all the citizens of Murang'a County and on all the sectoral Committee Reports they were satisfied that the Report that we have captures all the development plans that they would like to see in the County in the next five years. For the purposes of confirming the same we thought it wise that we include all the recommendations of all the sectoral Committees though they are well captures in the larger document.

We also had a chance to involve the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of Finance and we have clearly enumerated the deliberations that we had with him on 13<sup>th</sup> and the submissions thereof. If you look on page number 13 those were the submissions of the County executive. As members know very well, this Report was committed to this House sometimes back, it was recalled because the County executive in charge of finance advised that they need to align the CIDP with the medium- term paper for the national government and the bottom- up economic model. Those were his submissions but I can cite on the nine- value chain that were presented by the CECM finance and advocated by the national government we are missing, coffee, avocado, macadamia. Murang'a is number one producer of avocado in this country and Kenya is number one producer of avocado in the whole of Africa, therefore those are

the discussions that we need to have also on how we can get those essential commodities in this value chain.

We had a comparison on page number 14 we had a review of the CIDP for 2018 to 2023. We can report that there have been some major achievements through this planning tool in that the County received medicine from Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA) twice and the objective response rate was 82 percent and 98 percent in those financial years. In the year 2021 the County received medicine from KEMSA and local suppliers at the object response rate of 75 percent.

Our general observations therefore; that CIDP the is aligned to the Medium Term Expenditure Framework IV of the national government (MTPIV) where the County has prioritized agricultural value chains aimed at increasing food supply and economic growth.

- 1) The development priorities proposed in the CIDP will transform the County economic status through implementation of the programs over the five years.
- 2) The County government has identified eight flagship projects as per the Governor's manifesto that are aimed at transforming the County by promoting agriculture, trade, health and infrastructure growth across the County. The projects include;
  - a) Agriculture subsidy vis-a vis Minimum Guarantee Return.
  - b) Coffee development support Maragua wholesale hub.
  - c) Kenol Level IV hospital.
  - d) Kang'ata Care.
  - e) Maternal health and infant support.
  - f) Affordable housing in Makenji and Kiharu.
  - g) Smart town.

I will not read everything there; I will request the members to interrogate this Report further at their leisure but we had some recommendation on page number 17. That the County Integrated Development Plan 2023-24 be implemented as submitted but with the following amendments; inclusion of Horticulture Development Support under the Agriculture Sector Development Priorities. The program on horticulture development should be aimed at supporting horticulture farmers with farm inputs and providing market linkages.

Expunge the sub-programme on Overseas Education Partnership under the youth sector and include it under education sector as a Scholarship Support Programme.

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The establishment and construction of Ward Administration offices to be put on hold for now. That the County Government do implement the ward development projects as annexed in this Report.

That the Budget Estimates for the FY 2023 to 2024 to 2026 to 2027 be informed by this CIDP through the Annual Development Plans. That the CIDP 2023-24 be reviewed after the implementation of the second phase so as to identify areas of amendment and to track impact on the economy.

That the County Assembly County Integrated Development Programmes be implemented as per the schedule attached in this Report.

I would like to ask Hon. Muigai from Kakuzi/ Mitumbiri a member of Finance and Economic planning Committee to second this Report. Thank you.

*(Hon. Steven Muigai bowed to second the Motion)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Honourable Member are you not seconding the Motion? You have been called to second the Motion.

*(Hon. Steven Muigai bowed again to second)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** My eyes were closed, that was another learning experience by the way of bowing. I think the member is reserving the contributions for other debates.

*(Question Proposed)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes, Honourable Member Mark.

**Hon. Mark Gicheru:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support this Report. First is to thank the team for the job well done. Looking at this Report, they have done a good job and I am looking at.....(*inaudible*)..... that they were able to capture the issue of people living with disabilities where they recommended that the County government reserves areas where these people can be able to be doing their businesses. We all know that people living with disability

especially those living with extreme disability are sometimes forgotten and considering them would be a plus to our County.

I am also seeing during the public participation there was a lot emphasis on Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) and vocational training for our youths and that is a plus. The youth are the future of our County and country. Lastly, the aspect of DelMonte land is a good point that the Kshs100 million that had been initially allocated to this exercise be distributed among the three existing municipalities, that is Murang'a and the upcoming two municipalities. Doing that will make sure that residents of those three municipalities experience parallel growth. All in all, if we follow this CIDP we will surely transform Murang'a County. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes, Honourable Member for Mugoiri Ward.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion and congratulate the Members of this Committee for having come up with such a Report, noting that it cuts across all the sectoral Committees. One thing I have noted from the wording of the Report from the top, it has indicated that this Report is transforming Murang'a through agriculture, trade, improved health care and infrastructural development.

Through the Speaker, I kindly want to ask the Mover to maybe inform the members whether in the mother document they have captured the Report, I believe that apart from the few they have indicated in the CIDP, I think even sports can be one of the dockets that can improve our County. I just noted that and I had to contribute so that even sports, I can see members of the sports Committee, or rather the youth Committee might feel they are left out or even our youth might not understand what is in this Report. We have only captured what is in the mother document of the CIDP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** I call the mover to respond.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the members who contributed. The concerns by Hon. Kamwaga are legitimate but I want to assure him that they are very well captured into the CIDP. I can attest to the fact that in the CIDP there are activities that have been suggested in the Report that will be properly and you will see them in other succeeding planning reports. I get your worry, but you are well taken care of.

Mr. Speaker sir, mine is just to thank the members of the Finance Committee and members of all the other sectoral Committees because this is a holistic Report that captures all the 11 sectoral

Committees and they have done a wonderful job and I want to thank them for the co-operation in this. Mr. Speaker, without further ado I request we adopt this Report with the recommendations.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING  
COMMITTEE ON THE MURANG'A COUNTY ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
2023/2024

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to move a Motion; -

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, on the Murang'a County Annual Development Plan (ADP) 2023/2024, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, this Report is an extract of the bigger report; the CIDP. It captures the same imagination of allocating resources; capital resources especially in the County. I will not bore the members with all the lingo that is here but I will just do highlights of the most important things in this Report.

I would like to start with page three; Hon. Speaker, the Committee held a number of meetings, both within the precincts and without, in the consideration of the 2023-2027 County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and the Annual Development Plan (ADP) for the FY 2023-24. In the process of these deliberations, the Committee conducted a public participation, received submissions of the sectoral Committees and met the CECM Finance and his team from the Economic Planning.

Hon. Speaker, the consideration of the plans was an enormous task that required devotion, resources and sacrifices from the various stakeholders who individually or collectively played vital roles in realization of the review exercise. The Committee therefore wishes to acknowledge:

- 1) The office of the Speaker for granting the Members of the joint Committee on Finance and Budget, the sectoral Committees an opportunity to deliberate and report on the plans.
- 2) The sectoral Committees that prioritized the discussions on the sectoral plans by setting aside all other pressing engagements and interrogating the contents of the documents.

- 3) The County Executive through the office of the County Executive Committee Member for Finance for his leadership in the budget process.
- 4) The office of the Clerk for the overall guidance throughout the process. The roles played by different stakeholders cannot be gain said and in particular the Clerk Assistants of various sectoral Committees who provided support to the Committees in discharge of their mandate.
- 5) The public for honouring the call by the County Assembly and creating time to physically participate in public participation forums in the nine sub- counties.

Mr. Speaker sir, the ADP now brings the priorities forth for this particular year and if you look at page six, we have included the submissions by the members of the public through the public participation that we conducted in all the nine sub- counties and the recommendations herewith and they are properly enumerated, and also, the recommendations of the sectoral Committees are attached in this Report. I will not read verbatim all the recommendations but I want to highlight some of the programs that we were talking about in the CIDP so that members can understand how those two, the CIDP and the ADP are married. In that we are now talking about the specific sector priorities. If you look at page 12 all the way to page 22, you can see the funding proposals for all the sectors and divisions within the sectors.

Mr. Speaker, if you can recall from the CIDP we talked about giving health and agriculture priorities, and if you could look at the ADP it does exactly that, in that, if you look at number 15, page 45 we have suggested that seven million for internship, 35 agricultural graduates at three million. The sector ADP sees the farm inputs subsidy allocated Kshs60 million while mango, avocado, banana and development partners allocated Kshs150 million.

The coffee sub sector on page 16, there is Kshs178.2 million suggested for this sub sector, which is a very important sub sector for the people of Murang'a. The livestock sub sector, value addition, there is suggested funding for Kshs478 million.

Mr. Speaker, if we go to health and wellness on page 18, you see that the sector, on purchase of pharmaceuticals for the 157 health centres at a cost of 500 million; half a billion. Also on number 68, you can see Kangata care we can see a funded to a tune of Kshs330 million. The infrastructure development in this sector is suggested at Kshs385.5 million. I will not read all these divisions within the sector, but you can see that the English people say that you only write a cheque you can cash, probably not with your mouth but with your actions. You can see that we have put money in our priorities as enumerated in our CIDP.

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We now go to page 23 on the recommendations; Mr. Speaker sir, having reviewed the submitted Annual Development Plan 2023-24 the Committee recommends as follows:

- a) That the overseas education partnership program under youth sub sector be expunged. As explained in the CIDP it should go to education.
- b) That for the velvet monkey menace should employ the use of multipronged approach because it is an issue across the county.
- c) That phase I on ward offices construction for Ward administrators is put on hold.
- d) That the County Public Service Board should employ enough personnel to the Land and Physical Planning sub sectors to optimize on land-based revenue.
- e) That the public views contained in this Report be considered in the implementation framework of this Annual Development Plan.
- f) That the list of development priorities being undertaken in the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24 as contained in this ADP document be reconciled with the list of projects contained to be approved in the supplementary (2) estimates for the FY 2022/2023. That has been overtaken by events because that supplementary budget has already been approved. So, we will expunge it.
- g) That the Annual Development Plan for FY 2023/2024 be approved with amendments as proposed.
- h) That the County Assembly Service Board gets an additional allocation of Kshs10 million to improve on the quality of the public participation by County Assembly in FY 2023/2024.
- i) That the priorities for the County Assembly Service Board be approved with the above amendment.

Hon. Speaker, in conclusion and pursuant to the provisions of section 126 (3) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and Standing Order 224, the Finance and Economic Planning Committee recommends that this County Assembly adopts the Report of the Finance and Economic Planning Committee on the Consideration of the Annual Development Plan for the FY 2023-24. I call Hon. Machigo, to second this Motion.

*(Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi rose on a point of order)*



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**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Mr. Speaker I can see honourable member for Murarandia seems to have rested his eyes and I want request you to maybe order him to join what the rest of the House is doing. It seems Member for Murarandia is resting his eyes.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Member for?

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Murarandia.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** No, the member for Murarandia is very much awake. I can see he is very much awake. He was just consulting his papers. Hon. Charles Machigo continue.

**Hon. Charles Machigo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to second the Motion and I urge members to support this Report. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes, Honourable Member for Mugoiri.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think after lunch I ate something that had taken my attention that *mheshimiwa* (honourable) was resting his eyes. As many members here can attest that Mugoiri is an island. Mugoiri is surrounded by two rivers, that is Maragua and another river called Kayahwe. Actually, in Mugoiri we have an area called Mesopotamia and my brother Anthony can confirm. Even if you google, Mesopotamia is a village in the Greek which between two rivers. I am happy the ADP has captured the requirements of bridges in Mugoiri because as I have said that when you are from an island, when you do not have bridges, you might be forced only living in your area and maybe one of these days, I might fail to reach this Assembly because if you do not have enough bridges, we might not have a way of moving from the island. So, I am happy that the team that has captured that, I want to add that apart from the two rivers at the boundary, in my Ward we have more than six rivers and I know some areas here like Kakuzi they do not have rivers, as much as we see rivers as a resource of water sometimes the rivers become a hindrance due to access, because some of us lack access----

*(Hon. Steve Muigai rose on a point of order)*

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**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** I would expect the member for Kakuzi to point out the order violated by the Honourable Member.

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** Mr. Speaker, kindly allow me first of all to correct my colleague.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Mr. Speaker

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Order! the Honourable Member for Kakuzi is in the floor.

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** If you allow member for Mugoiri to continue like this, he is going to make this House very noisy and by listening to what he is saying he sounds like he knows too much----

**The Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Honourable Member for Kakuzi, resume your seat, the Honourable Member for Mugoiri is not out of order, continue.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for protecting me, with the knowledge that the member was yesterday complaining about boreholes, maybe when I mentioned---

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Member, address the house, don't address the member for Kakuzi.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** I was confirming that he was on the TV talking about boreholes and I am talking about rivers which are not in his Ward, maybe we can move one of these rivers to his ward if the course allows. Anyway, I want to continue with my point saying that my rivers have been considered and as I was saying most of my people see rivers as a resource but as I was saying they are becoming hindrances because some of my people are unable to move across the wards and some of them even doing businesses you find some even the carpenters, masons who go looking for jobs from their village to other villages, some of them do not even reach their places of work because of floods when it is raining. I am happy and I am asking the relevant sectoral Committees who will be looking at it to ensure that these resolutions have been adapted and considered to put that into consideration when they will be adapting this Report in their sectoral Committees.

Another thing that I want to appreciate is that Mugoiri people have been considered. In Mugoiri we have one town called Kahuro where most of the matatus from most of the destinations that is where we have the main stage, it is unfortunate that in that town we do not have a matatu terminus which forces people to alight or board matatus on the road thus making the town a bit congested or even causes accidents. That has left our markets not very busy because when people

are alighting or boarding matatus at the road, they do not the chance to go to the market. It is my prayer that as we continue when this bus terminus will be constructed, I will request it to be done inside the market which will increase the productivity of the market. As I conclude and this is a reservation and I know the Chair will put it into consideration because in the CIDP, the people of Mugoiri requested that as much as we have appreciated the construction of ECDE's and the transformation of education centres, we had also requested the addition of ECDE care givers.

It is unfortunate that in the ADP, as much as we had captured it in the CIDP, in the ADP, I have not seen it captured, as I look at page 9, the five points given, the point on the ECDE care givers addition has not been considered and that puts me in a worry that he feels it is not a priority, otherwise I stand to support and I also congratulate the Committee.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes, the Mover can respond.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** I also want to thank all the members who contributed to this debate and I want to assure the Honourable Member for Mugoiri that I do not know whether they are ECDE care givers or they are ECDE teachers. That is well taken care of and we have a budget for that and I believe in your leisure you can get the same confirmation from the Chair Education.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to alleviate the fears of the Member for Mugoiri on our budget for youth and youth related activities and I want you to look at page 20 number 88, 89 and 90. Mr. Speaker the numbers that have been allocated to the sectors and their divisions are not the final numbers this is just a roadmap to our intent. The CIDP, ADP plus other documents are budget documents and I believe that the Chair budget will be talking on CFSP and those numbers will be trued up on that Report, so I want to caution members not to look at these numbers and think that they are the final numbers. I think this is just our proposition and the numbers will be guided further by other Reports that are used to make the budget. Mr. Speaker, I urge this House to adopt this Report. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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ADOPTION OF REPORT OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON  
THE MURANGA COUNTY STRATEGY FISCAL 2023.

**Hon. Charles Machigo:** I beg to move the following Motion;-

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, on the Murang'a County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023, laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday May 17, 2023.

Mr. Speaker sir, this is the first County Fiscal Strategy Paper to be considered by this August House. The County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a prime policy document of the County government as it reveals and specifies what its priorities are, how it will implement them through a number of programmes and the amount of funds it has dedicated towards paying for these programmes to achieve its priorities and within the context of limited resources.

Mr. Speaker, in line with the provisions of section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and Standing Order number 220, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2023-2024 was laid in the County Assembly on February 28, 2023. Having been laid and in line with the provisions of Standing Order 220, the Paper stood committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and all the sectoral Committees for the former to consider and report in line with its mandate. The consideration of the CFSP for the ensuing fiscal year was premised on the provisions of section 125 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, which dictate that planning shall inform budgeting hence the need to have in place an approved county integrated development plan and the attendant Annual Development Plan before approval of the fiscal strategies and sector ceilings.

Mr. Speaker, its worthy of notice that the provisions of Standing Order 220 decree that the County Assembly approval of the Motion on the Report of the CFSP Tabled by the Budget and Appropriations Committee constitutes the County Assembly resolution setting forth the total overall projected revenues, the ceilings recommended for the County Government and the County Assembly and where necessary the total sums for each Vote and the allocations to individual programmes for the financial year 2023/2024.

Mr. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee in line with its mandate deliberated on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2023-2024; received submissions from the sectoral Committees; the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Economic Planning; heard requests from the various sectors through their respective County

Executive Members, Chief officers, the County Attorney and from the County Public Service Board, considered written submissions from members of the public as well as consideration of views received during public participation the submissions from the respective stakeholders have been incorporated in this Report.

Mr. Speaker, the document is huge, I will not go through but I will just highlight the areas. In introduction, Standing Order 220 provides that in considering the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the Committee shall consult each sectoral Committee and Table a Report, containing its recommendations on the statement to the Assembly for consideration. The consideration of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the coming financial year shall therefore focus on delivering the strategic priorities for the various sectors and Mr. Speaker we went through all this and we had to review of compliance of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2023- 2024 to the existing legislations, as well we had to look into the area of sector ceilings and the County Fiscal Strategy Paper has outlined the resource envelope, clearly indicating the sector ceilings for each sector vote. The total resource envelope is projected at Kshs10.226 billion, out of which development is capped at Kshs3 billion, translating to 30% while the recurrent is capped at Kshs7.156 billion, equivalent to 70%. The County intends to allocate substantial resources to the five core thematic areas including agricultural transformation; infrastructural development; universal health care; education and training; and improving business environment. The said priorities were a product of views of the public participation.

Mr. Speaker, in the financial year 2023/2024, the County Assembly has been allocated a ceiling of 8.3%, equivalent to Kshs850 million, where Kshs830 million is the recurrent expenditure ceilings excluding mortgage and Kshs20 million for development. Not needless to mention that, the County Assembly in the financial year 2022/2023 had an allocation of Kshs1.071 billion, comprising of Kshs753 million for recurrent expenditure and Kshs318 million for mortgage and car loan and development expenditure. Nonetheless, during the processing of supplementary budget for the financial year 2022/2023, the total allocation was reduced to Kshs977 million, as a bargain to accommodate the pressing government issues, with the expectation that the programmes, particularly developmental needs of the Assembly would be allocated in the Budget for the financial year 2023/2024.

Mr. Speaker, we also reviewed the submissions of the public through public participation and also reviewed the submissions from the sectoral Committees as written there and I hope each

and every one has the document and we received from all the sectoral Committees that is Lands, Housing, Health services, Water and Irrigation Committee, e-government, Child and Welfare and also the Governance and Labour.

Mr. Speaker, this Committee came up with the following recommendations; that, one, this is regarding the policy measures; Mr. Speaker, that moving forward, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper should indicate the sector ceilings and programs to ensure enrichment of the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework in policy and budgetary framework.

That the Murang'a County Government should develop a relevant policy and legislation to support implementation of programmes and priorities. Three that, the FY 2023/2024 budget estimates should be in line with the approved percentages of departments ceilings as endorsed in order of the resource enveloped in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

That this should be strict adherence to the sector/departmental ceilings and other legal requirements when preparing the budget. Number five, the targets, all sectors should be harmonized with the resources at the disposal.

The other area is the area of revenue projection adjustment; that in order to ensure timely consideration and approval of the Finance Bill, the same should be submit the approval and the estimates. Two, that the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance should fully implement the Murang'a County Revenue Collection Management Act, 2023. Three, that the County Assembly should enact the following revenue legislation laws to support and facilitate enhance of local revenue: rating law, trade licensing law, entertainment law, finance law, revenue administration law.

And four Mr. Speaker, that the County Executive Member should fast track the preparation and approval of the valuation roll to provide the basis for implementing the Rating Law.

Recommendation number five, that the local revenue be reviewed from Kshs1.4Billion to Kshs1.45 billion due to the following:

- a) That the enactment of the National Rating Bill 2022 and diversification of revenue streams such as parking in the new municipalities as Kangari.
- b) The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) has carefully suggested that the County potential is about Kshs3 billion; construing that the amended projection is 48.33% of the CRA projection.

Mr. Speaker, the other area was on expenditure projections and the sector ceilings. The development allocation for the County Assembly be increased by Kshs50 million from the Kshs20 million to Kshs70 million, this is to cater for developmental needs of the Assembly including offices and E-Assembly.

Mr. Speaker sir, in conclusion, pursuant to the provisions of section 117 (6) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and Standing Order 220 (7) the County Budget and Appropriations Committee recommends that the County Assembly adopts the Murang'a County Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 with amendments, as indicated in schedule one.

Mr. Speaker, the schedule one here is with the resource envelope where it is indicated very clearly that our shareable resource revenue user fees, national international, raising of medical equipments, balance brought forward, the finance locally climate and DANIDA, NAVCDP NARIGP, local revenue proceeds and this comes total of Kshs10,277,528,324 Mr. Speaker.

The other one, schedule two, it is the expenditure ceilings for the FY 2023/2024 for all the department Mr. Speaker and with a total of the same Kshs10,277,528,324 where Kshs3,007,053,7368 that is our development budget that is our development ceiling and also Kshs7,175,690,96 as our ceiling for recurrent expenditure. With the Mr. Speaker that is the Report and I urge Honorable Members to adopt this Report. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I call upon Hon. Member for Finance Hon. John Kibaiya to second the Motion.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second the Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes, Honourable Member for Kakuzi you want to say something?

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Even though I wasn't ready to say something much.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** You said something.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** But I will start with congratulating the Committee of Budget and probably it is my prayer to the secretariat that next time when you are doing a document for our

able Chair for the Committee, Hon. the landlord, that you do not tire him so much with such a long

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**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Order! Hon. Member we do not have a Member by that name, call the Member by the name. Remember we are on Hansard; we are on record. We do not have an Honourable Member by the name landlord.

**Hon. Steven Muigai:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, the said Member is Hon. Machigo. You know if the Standing Orders allowed, I would have stood to assist the Hon. Member by reading because I was following up on what he was reading and I could tell that he has really skipped a lot of sentences and words.

That notwithstanding to the Hon. Member, we have gotten the context and thank you. Mr. Speaker. Allow me to support the adoption of this Motion. One by seeing that they have recommended that we need to move or look at our own source of revenue and see that we move it from 1.4 Billion to Kshs 1.45 billion. The reasons given there below are quite realistic. I have looked at how we have increasingly gained on the revenue collection and Mr. Speaker maybe going forward we need to ---I do not think it will be over ambitious if we now think of moving from Ksh. 1.45 billion even to Ksh. 1.6 billion. Mr. Speaker because I sit in the Committee of Finance and I think my able Chair will bear me witness, we have gone round most of these revenue centres and we have seen a lot of loopholes. If they are tightened and we are serious on revenue collection, I am sure even a mark of Kshs 2 billion will still be low for us even before we are done with our five years. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support the Motion.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Members, I just want to remind you that the Honourable Chair Budget was following the Standing Orders. In fact, when moving a Motion you are not supposed to read verbatim. You are supposed to just extract. He was very much in Order. Hon. Member for Mugoiri.

*(Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi rose on a Point of Order)*

**Hon. John Kamwaga:** I am just rising on a point of Order because the -----

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Honourable Member for Mugoiri which order has been violated? By who? Because the Hon. Member has already resumed. Order! Order!



Hon Member. The Hon. Member who you are purporting to be raising the point of order has already finished what he was saying and resumed the seat.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** I wanted to say it on behalf of the House we have this -----

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Order Hon. Member. You are now out of Order because you are raising a Point Order when the Hon. Member has already finished debating.... *(inaudible)*.... let us move on. Order! Hon. Member. In fact, I do not expect that coming from one of the Members of the Speakers panel because you clearly know that the Hon. Member whom you purport to be violating the same Standing Orders has already resumed his seat. Yes, unless you want to contribute to the debate on the Floor. You want to contribute? Yes, if you are contributing continue.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, but mine was not much about the contribution of the debate but I feel it is very important for me because other Members tomorrow will violate even a bigger Standing Order. We might not see like Standing Order no. 113 which stops a Member passing between a contributing Member and the Speaker. We might not see that to be a very big violation of the Standing Orders but tomorrow-----

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Order! Hon. Member now you are assuming that you are doing what you are supposed to be doing while on the Chair and actually you are now a Member. I saw the Leader of Majority and the other Hon. Member who passed in between. I think that is what you want to say, that was a point of information you could have raised. That when a Member is on the Floor, no Member is supposed to cross between the Member and the Chair and I think we are raising that information to the majority and another Member who passed. That is information.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** I stand guided thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** That is good, we understand you. Honourable Members let us continue with the debate.

**Hon. Kamwaga Mwangi:** Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Pauline Njeri, you seem to be supporting. Sorry, I have mistaken. I now call the Mover to respond.

**Hon. Charles Machigo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mine is just to thank the Members for supporting this Motion and I assure them that the issues that they have raised, my Committee will ensure that all those concerns are taken care of. Also Mr. Speaker, it is good to inform that, Mr.

Speaker, I was just highlighting whatever was in the Report, I was not reading. Thank you Mr. Speaker for defending me and since this being the first stage of formulating our budget, I can say that I am very grateful for how the way Members are following up the stages of formulating our budget. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

ADOPTION OF REPORT OF VETTING OF MS. VAINUSA YUSSUF ABURO,  
NOMINEE FOR CHIEF OFFICER, TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND CO-  
OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT.

**Hon. James Kabera:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to Move the following Motion;

That, this Assembly adopts the Report of the sectoral Committee on Trade, Industrialization, Co-operative Management, Tourism and Wildlife on the vetting of Ms. Vainusa Yussuf Aburo the nominee for Chief Officer Trade, Industrialization and Co-operative development laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Member you have moved a Motion, call a seconder.

**Hon. James Kabera:** Now I call upon Hon. Julian to second the Motion.

**Hon. Julian Njiri:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand to second the Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** The Floor is open for debate.

**Hon. Kibe Wasary:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion on nomination of Vainusa, the Department of Trade. I have noted among the former 14 Chief Officers that we vetted, we had three ladies and now we have one lady and this is good indication that we have considered gender in the balancing of the offices that we have. I support.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes, Hon. Member for gender top up, Hon. Gladys.

**Hon. Gladys Waikau:** Thank you -----

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** You may continue.

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**Hon. Gladys Waikau:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity, I rise to support. Having been in the vetting Committee, I approve the nominee, Vainusa, having noted that she has the qualifications and also having been a Chief Officer, previously in Mandera County. I see she has vast knowledge and experience so I support. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Yes Hon. Member for gender top up, Hon. Pauline Njeri Muchiri.

**Hon. Pauline Njeri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion and I expected maybe our Chair Trade and Industrialization Committee, where I am a Member, would have taken Members through the Report. I do not know if that was the right thing to do so that Members would understand what we are talking, the person who we are talking about but maybe -----

**The Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, Pauline, it was the prerogative of the Mover of the Motion just to read the Motion and move because he expected the Members have the same Report. He is very much in order. You can expound, being a Member of that Committee.

**Hon. Pauline Njeri:** Alright. Sure, thank you, Hon. Speaker, for the guidance, I felt it was important maybe to just mention about the candidate who I actually support the nomination for, Vainusa. She is a graduate and I do not want to take Members through it because as you said they have the Report. She is a post graduate nominee who has undertaken Master's degree from the United States International University (USIU) in International Relations. She is also a youth, having been born in the year 1992 and, of course, a woman. I am supporting her because she emerged the best out of the 73 candidates or the applicants for this position. 60 being males and 14 being females and I feel that gender was well taken care of.

The other reason why I support is because of the ethnic tribe. Sometimes, I feel it is good for us to have different ethnic tribes or races which will bring about new skills and new talents in Murang'a County. Also, something that caught my attention is her achievements; she has worked a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Mandera County and that was also a plus for her, having had experience to work as a CEO. Her one achievement that caught my attention is that she was able to come up with Geographical Information System that enabled the mapping of the entire County of Mandera and I think maybe if she can bring that skill, to Murang'a County, we can also map or use the system to also do the mapping of our entire County, like the hospitals, and the schools like she did.

Another achievement that caught my attention was that she oversaw the setting up of the County information hub and the final one was the optic fibre connectivity for the entire Mandera County for network purposes. As you know, Mandera County, there are issues with, you know, maybe connectivity, communication systems, and if she was able to do this kind of achievement at maybe her age, I feel we can give her an opportunity to work in Murang'a County as a CEO because I think what I felt during the vetting is with much induction or some induction and more exposure, having held a similar position, she will be able to do better.

Something else that caught my attention is that she stated very clearly that when she comes on board or given this opportunity, she will ensure that she revives or she assists in the reviving of the Murang'a County Creameries, and I felt maybe she could be having sponsors or investors for us from the other part of Mandera. That was something that really caught my attention, and, therefore, I would really want or urge my fellow Members of the County Assembly to support this Motion. Let us give her a chance. She is a young lady. She has achieved a lot in her age, and also, having come from other ethnic tribe, she will bring in new talent. I support her nomination. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Member for Muguru.

**Hon. Moses Muchiri:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion. There are three criteria which mainly we used to deliberate on this Report; I think two of them have already been debated about. The first one is about academic qualification. We noted that Madam Yusuf is an academia, as well as a scholar in the field of Public Relations (PR) and also International Relations (IR). These are disciplines in the field of political science and I think with such a study and knowledge, she will really help Murang'a County Government in dealing with PR of Murang'a business people as well as IR maybe which deal with international business community; I think she is really qualified.

Mr. Speaker, also, concerning the experience, it has been debated how she has worked in the County of Mandera previously as a Chief Officer. I think she is not going to this field to learn, she already has the experience. So, she is ready and going there to work. Lastly, I think Chapter Six of the Kenyan Constitution, talks about the ethics and that is about integrity and leadership. We also noted that this lady has no criminal record. We also noted she has studied Madrasa classes as well as she is a Muslim who is bounded by the Koran. We think that she has the good standard

morals as well as ethics and we know she will really serve this County with integrity. So, I stand to support. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Member for Gatanga.

**Hon. John Ngugi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support, though I would want a clarification from the Mover whether the annexure, I do not know if it is properly numbered, number two, where they have the name and the tribe, whether he was trying to do some tribal profiling.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Member, I have also seen that but it is in the law; it was what *mukurino* was trying to describe. It is a requirement of law to have at least 30 percent of other ethnic. Yes, and I am very much encouraged by Members of that Committee because they just want to educate the other Members on what was supposed to be there but I am sure the Member has noted that and he is going to respond. Yes Hon. Member for Ruchu.

**Hon. Naomi Maina:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me, to first of all, congratulate the Committee Members who came up with this detailed Report, led by a very able Chair Hon. Wakabera. So, I am supporting it. What has caught my attention is the priorities of the nominee in case the House approves her. She has indicated that she will make sure that all the markets are properly improved and shades installed will be improved. That is a plus because I have a market at Gacharage and Githumu and I know they will be improved. I rise to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** I now call the Mover to respond.

**Hon. Kabera James:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I thank those who have contributed and I want to thank our Majority Leader. He talked about how gender was considered. Our sister Gladys has talked about the past knowledge of our nominee and that is why we were trying to see that each and every point has been taken care of. Pauline, *pole* (sorry) for not taking you through. I thought we have the Reports here and I thought everybody has the past knowledge of our nominee. We also have Naomi who has talked about the way she explained when we were doing the vetting and she talked a lot about the market. She even has the knowledge of the Agikuyu, if you can recall, those who were there and also Moses has talked about how she is the PR. She was very confident; she has knowledge about this work because she has worked in the same capacity as Chief Officer and she has a lot of experience over the issue. Thank you from defending me from our able *Mheshimiwa* (Honourable) from Gatanga. That is his character of trying to attack me ---

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*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kabera James:** And I am very grateful for all the Members who are here, they are about 18. Those who supported all of them and I am very grateful for the support for this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Chair Trade, next time, advice the Member for Gatanga that you are a senior Member of this Assembly and senior Members are always respected.

*(Question Put and agreed to)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gachui Mungai):** Hon. Members, that being the case, this House now stands adjourned until a later date as notified via a notice.

*The Assembly rose at 4:17 p.m.*