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**LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE COMMITTEES'
ACTIVITIES IN THE FIRST SESSION, THIRD COUNTY
ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEES' RETREAT SCHEDULE
FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY - JUNE, 2023**

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of Liaison Committee and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 216, it is my pleasant duty to present the report on Committees' activities in the First Session, Third County Assembly and Committees' retreat schedule for the period February - June, 2023

The Liaison Committee provides quality assurance to the House on the implementation of the budgetary allocation to Committees as approved by the House, through its guidance, coordination of the operations and mandates of all committees and their reporting to the House within a definite period. This is to ensure that available budgets to Committees should meet expectations of; value for money through effective governance and accountability, budget management and financial controls.

1.1 COMMITTEE MANDATE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Liaison draws its mandate from the **Standing Order No. 216 (1, 2 &3)** which states that:

- (1) There shall be a select committee to be known as the Liaison Committee which shall consist of ;
 - a) The Deputy Speaker as the Chairperson of the Committee
 - b) The First Panelist of the Speaker's Panel who shall be the Vice- Chairperson

- c) Chairpersons of all Committees of the County Assembly excluding the Ad hoc Committees

(2) The Liaison Committee shall;

- (a) Guide and co-ordinate the operations, policies and mandates of all Committees as per the Constitution of Kenya, other Relevant Statutes and this Standing Orders
- (b) Deliberate on and apportion the annual operating budgets among the Committees;
- (c) Consider and schedule the programmes of all Committees businesses;
- (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 of Committees that have not been deliberated by the House and shall report to the House on the consideration of such reports.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The following are the Members of the Liaison Committee:


Name	Designation
1. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa	Chairperson – Liaison
2. Hon. Christine Mukhongo	Vice chairperson – Liaison
3. Hon. Emmanuel Situma	Member - Chairperson–HBC/Rules/PP/App
4. Hon. James Mukhongo	Member -Chairperson – Finance
5. Hon. Jack Wambulwa	Member -Chairperson – Budget
6. Hon. George Makari	Member -Chairperson – Health Services
7. Hon. Jack Kawa	Member -Chairperson – Gender and Culture
8. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa	Member -Chairperson – Selection
9. Hon. Franklin Simotwo	Member -Chairperson – Roads
10. Hon. Tony Barasa	Member-Chairperson–Public Administration
11. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa	Member – Chairperson -Labour relations
12. Hon. Francis Chemion	Member – Chairperson – Lands,
13. Hon. Johnston Ipara	Member – Chairperson – Trade, Energy
14. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula	Member – Chairperson – Education & VT
15. Hon. Violet Makhanu	Member – Chairperson - Youth Affairs
16. Hon. Waiti Wafula	Member – Chairperson – Agriculture
17. Hon. Edwin Opwora	Member – Chairperson – Tourism
18. Hon. Metrine Nangila	Member – Chairperson – Justice
19. Hon. Linda Kharakha	Member – Chairperson – Delegated
20. Hon. Jacob Psero	Member – Chairperson - Implementation
21. Hon. George Tendet	Member- Chairperson – PAIC

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. Speaker Sir, May I take this opportunity to thank the office of the Speaker and Clerk for facilitating the Committee while it discharged its mandate.

In addition, I wish to appreciate the Honorable Members and the secretariat of the Liaison Committee for their commitment and dedication.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is therefore my pleasant duty on behalf of the Committee to present this report for approval by this Honourable House

SIGNED.....

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa; **MCA Mitua/Soysambu Ward**
Chairperson, Liaison Committee

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1.4 SUMMARY

Mr. Speaker Sir, this report highlights the following aspects:

- a) First, the report expounds on County Assembly oversight, its impact and the activities undertaken by Committees in performing their oversight role in the 1st session of the Third County Assembly.
- b) Secondly, the report indicates the Committees expenditures and balances as at February, 2023 that guides the Committee in effectively planning for their activities for the remaining period of the financial year 2022/2023
- c) Thirdly, the report expounds on the oversight roles undertaken by Committees in the course of the mandate and engagement with the County Executive in the Session under review.
- d) Lastly, the report presents the Committees' retreat schedule from the months of February to June, 2023

CHAPTER TWO

2.1 COUNTY ASSEMBLY OVERSIGHT

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Legislative/ Parliamentary oversight is the sum of the wide range of interests. Effective oversight is founded on a clear and legally established mandate that provides legislatures; County Assemblies included, with the authority to oversee all areas of government at all times. However, like all sets of rules, such a mandate also requires strong arbiters who will champion and defend the rights of all members to undertake oversight. The impartiality of the Speaker is key, and leadership's actions set the tone for upholding the Assembly's right to hold the government to account.

To achieve these challenging objectives; Assemblies are required to – and are frequently seeking to – transform themselves into increasingly representative, transparent, accessible, accountable and effective institutions, and are places where the views of a wide range of stakeholders are not only welcomed but also essential.

Oversight and accountability entail certain interlocking obligations on the part of the County Assembly (the overseer) and County Executive (the accountable entity). To hold county government to account, a legal mandate for oversight, as well as the capacity and independence to exercise it needs to be enhanced in conducting oversight as a core responsibility for all members of the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, County Assemblies therefore have some degree of power to hold the county government accountable. The ways in which they carry out oversight, the tools and procedures each chooses to deploy, and the extent of the scrutiny applied, vary considerably. However, rigorous, constructive and evidence-based oversight is by no

means universal. In some contexts, the political space for oversight may simply not exist. Some Assemblies have the will to carry out more and better oversight, but they lack the human and financial resources to make it happen. Oversight may in some cases be limited to modest questioning and occasional discussion.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Oversight and accountability are comprised of three essential interlocking obligations. These are:

- the obligation of public authorities, primarily the county government, to provide information about their decisions and actions and to justify them to Assemblies and to the people.
- the obligation of the Assembly to scrutinize the decisions and actions of county government or other public authorities and provide constructive and appropriate recommendations.
- the obligation of those accountable to respond appropriately to Assemblies conclusively about the matter under scrutiny.

However, this cardinal responsibility should not be borne alone: The County Assembly is one of the many oversight actors within society (albeit one with a unique constitutional role).

Effective oversight requires the Assembly to work closely with these other bodies, which include the Executive, Judiciary and independent offices and institutions, national human rights bodies and ombudspersons, as well as civil society organizations.

2.1.1 The impact of effective oversight

Mr. Speaker Sir, effective oversight, places the people – their needs, their interests and their experiences – at the heart of politics. It improves government performance in all policy areas. Example of policy change is as a consequence of more attentive oversight abound. Parliamentary oversight also helps to support sustainable development and respect for human rights.

Oversight enhances the democratic process. Benefits include; increased knowledge and understanding of government policies; greater accessibility of information and data; stronger investigation of policies and budgets to ensure ‘value for money’; and more inclusive participation by a diverse range of stakeholders – not least of whom are members of the public.

If legislature’s oversight is to be effective, the government must pay attention to it. The ideal position is that government and assembly work in tandem for the common good. Where relations fall short of this, a County Assembly has a range of powerful options to ensure its voice is heard by the government. These include publicizing the issue, legislating to correct the ill, influencing the budget, and, in extreme circumstances, impeachment and no-confidence motions. Assemblies and its members must be prepared to use these powers where appropriate.

In a nut shell, the County Assembly has an important oversight role on matters to do with revenue collection and management, in addition to their legislative mandate.

A number of crucial laws have not been enacted on revenue collection and administration. This has been mostly attributed to lack of a clear understanding of complementarity roles of the County Executive and the County Assembly. There are instances where County

Executives initially prepared revenue forecasts which are later queried by the County Assembly. Also the Departments at the Executive propose revenue raising measures without basing on the laws appropriate for the implementation. These situations have generated challenges and conflicts including delayed enactment of necessary revenue legislation. It is important for the both arms of Government at the County level to clearly understand the complementary nature of their distinct roles where matters of Own Source Revenue (OSR) are concerned. In general, County Executive is responsible for formulation and execution, while County Assembly is responsible for legislating and providing oversight.

The County Assembly is also required to develop clear rules of procedures on reviewing audited accounts on revenue for follow up on issues raised by the audit. The County Assembly should establish clear rules of procedures on the receiving, considering and determining petitions by stakeholders and members of the public on revenue collection and management as well as other issues incidental to within their mandates.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Assemblies in Kenya are in existence in accordance to Articles 176 and 186 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 that provides inter alia:

Article 176(1) avers that ...there shall be a county government for each county, consisting of a county assembly and a county executive.

Article 185 (3) affirms that A county assembly, while respecting the principle of the separation of powers, may exercise oversight over the county executive committee and any other county executive organs.

Oversight in the First session of the Third County Assembly was underscored vide the following objectives to:

- i. Ensure efficiency and effectiveness of the assigned sectors through inquiry and reporting on all matters relating to the assigned sectors pursuant to Standing Order 217 (5).
- ii. Ensure that the relevant sectors/ departments account on its expenditure
- iii. Consider reports of the Auditor General on the operations of the County Government (Assembly and Executive) and its organ in accordance to Standing Order 209.
- iv. Vet nominees to be appointed to various public offices within the county public service as required by law.

It worth noting that in the Session under review, the County Assembly through the Committee on Appointments considered names forwarded by H.E, the Governor for vetting and subsequent approval of 10 nominees for the position of County Executive Committee Members.

The County Assembly equally considered and approved the appointment of Clerk of the County Assembly.

2.1.2 Attendance and participation in Committee Activities

One of the Members' primary duties is to attend the sittings of the Committee. The attendance of Committee sittings by Members of the County Assembly is one of the key indicators for determining the effectiveness of Assembly Committees. It is assumed that if all members of the Committees attend all the sittings, this would offer every member an

equal opportunity to make observations critical in informing recommendations. The Standing Orders expressly provide for the number required for a quorum. Unless, the quorum is achieved within thirty minutes of the appointed time; a sitting of any select committee shall stand adjourned to such time and day as the chairperson may appoint.

County Assembly Committees hold several meetings to conduct in-depth analysis of various issues through extensive deliberations among Members. While it is difficult to analyse the quality of deliberations in these sittings, the number of sittings held by various Committees can be used as an indicator to measure the quantity and quality of work done by them. Higher participation in committees meetings is essential for the functioning of County Assembly for they act as its backbone in generation of plenary business, scrutinizing legislations and holding the government accountable among other functions. Success of the Committee system depends on the participation of Members in these meetings. The attendance rate is automatically updated as committees meet and attendance is recorded.

In the session under review poor attendance to County Assembly Committees is a rising concern both in internal meetings and retreats a trend that requires to be reversed in order to guarantee an effective County Assembly.

2.1.2 Committee retreats and Status

Mr. Speaker Sir, In the Session under review, all Committees retreated to consider businesses as per the approved *attached schedule*. Some reports have already been considered (Selection, Budget, and Appointment) and others are available for

prioritization by the County Assembly Business Committee save for Trade, Rules and Selection Committees that are yet to retreat.

However, it is worth noting that some Committees altered their activities from those already approved by the House.

2.1.3 Consultations with the County Executive Departments/ Sectors

Mr. Speaker Sir, Committees of the County Assembly have had engagements with their respective sectors/ Departments at the County Executive in the following sequence:

- i. On 15th November, 2022, the Committee on Delegated County Legislation had a consultative meeting with the County Attorney.
- ii. On 25th and 26th November, 2022 all sectoral committees interrogated the 1st Supplementary Budget FY 2022/2023.
- iii. On 28th November, 2022 the Labour Relations, Members Service and Facilities Committee had a familiarization consultation with the County Public Service Board on Human Resource and Labour relation issues with a view of creating a synergized working relation.
- iv. On 1st and 10th December, 2022 Budget and Appropriation Committee had a consultative meeting with the CECM Finance and Economic Planning on the 1st Supplementary Budget FY 2022/2023.
- v. On 1st to 3rd December, 2022 Education and Vocational Training Committee had a consultative meeting with the Department on the Scholarship and the department's work plan.
- vi. On 5th and 9th December, 2022 the Committee on Justice, Cohesion and Legal Affairs engaged the medical superintendents from Bokoli Sub County Hospital and Webuye

Referral Hospital respectively to shed light on the petition on denial rights to health services.

- vii. On 21st -23rd December, 2022 the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development had a sensitization Forum on County Empowerment Fund (Cooperative Fund)
- viii. On 21st to 23rd December, 2022 the Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare had a sensitization Forum on County Empowerment Funds and Ward Procurement Opportunities.
- ix. On 21st to 23rd December, 2022 the Committee on Youth and Sports had a sensitization Forum on County Empowerment Funds and Ward Procurement Opportunities.
- x. On 9th to 11th January, 2023 the Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works had an engagement on the sector's CIDP and Sector Plan.
- xi. On 12th January, 2023 the Committee on Youth and Sports engaged the Executive on the Status of Stadia in Bungoma County.
- xii. On 11th and 31st January, 2023 the Public Accounts Committee interrogated the department of Health on the Special Audit Report on Covid 19 roll out.
- xiii. On 15th January, 2023 the Committee on Budget and Appropriation engaged the CECM Finance to clarify on the issues raised by the Committee on the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper.
- xiv. On 18th January, 2023 the Committee on Education and Vocational Training engaged the County Department on the Status of the County Scholarship and Bursaries Programme.
- xv. On 23rd January, 2023 the Committee on Implementation interrogated the

Department of Trade on the implementation status of the Bungoma County Industrialization Policy and the Department of Water, Tourism and Natural Resources on the implementations status of the Bungoma County Rig Policy.

- xvi. On 23rd January, 2023 the Committee on Public Administration and ICT had a consultation meeting on Village administrators, Ward Offices Status and Departmental Work Plan.
- xvii. On 26th to 28th January, 2023 the Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization had a consultative meeting with the Executive on the County Trade Loan Fund Regulations and;
- xviii. On 30th January, 2023 the Committee on Public Administration and ICT had a meeting to consider the Status report on contracted services Cleaning and Security.

2.1.4 Committee Fact Findings/ Site Visits

Mr. Speaker Sir, the County Assembly's oversight role over the Executive can also be enhanced through proactive committees in conducting fact findings/site visits to the projects and programmes being implemented by the Executive arm of the County Government.

During the First Session of the Third County Assembly the following fact findings were carried out:

- i. On 10th and 11th January, 2023 the Committee on Education and Vocational Training held its fact finding in all the Forty five (45) wards in County with a view of ascertaining the status of all the ECDE Centers that were constructed by the County Government of Bungoma in FY 2017/2018 and FY 2018/2019 with the aim of seeking for more funds through increased budgetary allocation to complete

or establish more ECDE centers in the County that may in turn lead to increased enrollment.

- ii. On 9th December 2022, the Committee on Youth Affairs and Sport held its fact-finding to ascertain the status of Stadia in Bungoma County with the objective of identifying the names and location of the stadia, ascertaining the completion status of the stadia and seeking the operationalization of the stadia.
- iii. On 23rd to 26th January 2023, the Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works carried out a fact finding on the status of Construction of the Sangalo junction-Kanduyi (C33) road to dual carriage way with the need of understanding the status of completion of the road, the expenditure so far, the safety of the road as well as the impact of the road project on the community.
- iv. On 5th, 6th and 9th January 2023, the Committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources conducted its fact finding activity in Mt. Elgon and Bungoma Sub- Counties respectively with the intention of assessing the implementation status of KOICA I and II projects funded by both the Republic Korea and the Kenya Government and Bungoma County Government being the implementing agency. The aim of the fact finding was to assess the status of implementation of the projects given complaints of continuous lack of water in the areas where the projects were undertaken.
- v. On 12th and 13th January, 2023 the Committee on Lands, Urban Planning and Housing held its fact finding on the implementation status of Kimilili and Bungoma Municipalities with a view of ascertaining the implementation status of the budgeted projects in the two municipalities

- vi. On 20th and 23rd January, 2023 the Committee on Health Services and Sanitation undertook its fact finding on the collection and usage of own generated revenue in the major identified Hospital facilities in the County. The objective was to: ascertain whether own generated income at the health facilities was collected as per the procedures governing management and control of public finance; ascertain if at least a certain percentage of the collected revenue was utilized on development projects; determine the impact of the development projects if any on the community and on service delivery; and determine whether collections and usage of the revenue collected by the health facilities have impacted positively on service delivery and quality of services rendered to the public.

From the above the following was noted:

1. Logistical challenges due to unavailability of transportation to carry the team on time for the activity.
2. Budgetary constraints that led to the limitation of the time allocated to conduct the exercise.
3. Lack of signboards that indicate the location of the projects implemented
4. Delay from members leading to late departure to the site of the visit
5. Lack of adequate facilitation, given that most site visits were embarked on immediately after the festive season.
6. Delayed and unsatisfactory responses from the Executive.
7. Unavailability of technical staff from the Executive to accompany the committees during the site visits

2.1.5 Statements/ Questions

Mr. Speaker Sir, equally, oversight can be advanced through Members of the County Assembly raising question to the County Executive Committee. During the year under review; a number of statements were sought:

- i. A Statement sought by Hon. Jack Wambulwa on Implementation of CEF road projects to chairperson Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on 17th November 2022 whose response was to be availed on 1st December 2022
- ii. A Statement sought by Hon. Alfred Wekesa on Environmental and health menace experienced by residents of Ndivisi Ward living close to Makemo dam, to the chairperson, Tourism on 17th November 2022 whose response was to be availed on 1st December 2022
- iii. A Statement sought by Hon. Jack Wambulwa on Information on the Tabala Kimwanga and Nakhwana Kimaeti roads in Kimaeti Ward under the Roads Maintenance Levy Fund, to the chairperson, Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works on 22nd November 2022, whose response was to be availed on 28th February 2023
- iv. A Statement sought by Hon. Miliar Masungu on Health service in relation to a number of Health projects under Community Empowerment Fund which have stalled in Misikhu. It was referred to the chairperson, Health Committee on 16th November 2022, whose response was to be availed on 30th November 2022
- v. A statement sought by Hon. John Wanyama on Muyayi Vocational Training Centre to the chairperson, Education and Vocational Training on 24th November 2022, whose response was to be availed on 15th February 2023.

By the end of the session all statements sought in first session of the Third County Assembly were not responded to.

2.2 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE AND BALANCES

Mr. Speaker Sir, Committees' operations had an approved budget of Kshs. 98,120, 140 out of which Kshs. 64,317,500 has been spend hence a balance of Kshs 33,802,640.

The table below shows the current committees expenditure and balances;

COUNTY ASSEMBLY	ESTIMATE FOR FY 2022/2023	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	RUNNING BALANCE
Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operative Development	3,118,103	1,483,000	1,635,103
Liaison Committee	7,988,574	4,544,000	3,444,574
Selection Committee	2,286,185	2,275,200	10,985
House Business Committee	3,118,103	3,069,200	48,903
Health Committee	3,118,103	1,785,200	1,332,903
Committee on Implementation	2,286,185	1,163,500	1,122,685
Budget and Appropriations Committee	9,000,000	5,519,400	3,480,600
Delegated Legislation Committee	2,286,185	1,160,000	1,126,185
Education and Vocational Training Committee	3,118,103	1,531,500	1,586,603

Finance and Economic Planning Committee	7,000,000	1,612,000	5,388,000
Youth and Sports Committee	3,118,103	1,472,000	1,646,103
Lands, Urban, Physical Planning	3,118,103	1,690,000	1,428,103
Public Accounts and Investment Committee	7,000,000	3,588,700	3,411,300
Powers and Privileges Committee	2,286,185	1,279,000	1,007,185
Public Administration and ICT Committee	3,118,103	1,448,000	1,670,103
Roads, Infrastructure and Public Works	3,118,103	1,828,000	1,290,103
Procedures and House Rules Committee	1,453,779	1,183,000	270,779
Gender, Culture and Social Welfare Committee	3,118,103	1,628,700	1,489,403
Labour and Social Welfare Committee	3,118,103	1,237,600	1,880,503
Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources Committee	3,118,103	1,606,500	1,511,603
Justice and Legal Affairs Committee	2,286,185	1,162,500	1,123,685

Trade, Energy and Industrialization	3,118,103	1,605,500	1,512,603
Speakers Panel Committee	1,043,441	1,031,100	12,341
Committee on Appointment	2,286,185	5,195,400	(2,909,215)
Committee Based Induction	13,500,000	14,218,500	(718,500)
Grand Total for Committees	98,120,140	64,317,500	33,802,640

From the above table it was observed that;

- The committees' expenditure comprises the TSA and the Hotel Bills
- The committee based induction and the Appointment Committee surpassed their allocation by Kshs. 718,500 and Kshs. 2,909, 215
- Some committees' current balance is insufficient for the committee to retreat

2.2 SCHEDULE FOR COMMITTEES' RETREATS

Mr. Speaker,

The Liaison Committee came up with a tentative Committees' retreat schedule for the period February to June 2023. The schedule is subject to change depending on the business before the County Assembly for consideration and any other unforeseen activities: legislative proposal laid and committed to the Assembly committees.

TENTATIVE COMMITTEES' RETREAT SCHEDULE-FEB TO JUNE 2023

N O	COMMITTEE	DATES	DA YS	PLANNED ACTIVITY	FUNDING
1	FINANCE	23 RD - 27 TH FEB	5	Report writing on ADP/Finance Bill	Committee
2	YOUTH	3 RD - 6 TH MARCH	4	Implementation status of Bungoma Youth County Fund	Committee
	POWERS	3 RD - 6 TH MARCH	4	Compliance with filling of wealth declaration forms by Hon. Members	Committee
3	BUDGET	10 TH - 13 TH MARCH	4	Report writing on CFSP	Committee
	JUSTICE	10 TH - 13 TH MARCH	4	Report writing on the status of pending cases in Bungoma County	Committee
	FINANCE	10 TH - 13 TH MARCH		Report on Finance Bill, 2022	
4	GENDER	16 TH - 19 TH MARCH	4	Report on the status of Gender Based Violence cases in Bungoma County	Committee
	LABOUR	16 TH - 19 TH MARCH	4	Annual report on the County Assembly Service Board and CPSB	Committee
5	LANDS	20 TH - 23 RD MARCH	4	Implementation Status of spatial plans, Land Registry and GIS Laboratory in the County	Committee

	PAC	20 TH – 23 RD MARCH	4	Report writing on the 9 reports of the Audit from the Executive and the County Assembly	Committee
6	TOURISM	24 TH – 27 TH MARCH	4	Status of the Tourist Site in the County	Committee
	TRADE	24 TH – 27 TH MARCH	4	Vetting of the Chief Officer	Committee
7	FINANCE	30 TH MARCH – 2 ND APRIL	5	Report writing on CIDP	Committee
	BUDGET	30 TH MARCH – 2 ND APRIL	4	Report writing on Debt Management Strategy Paper	Committee
8	PA	14 TH – 17 TH APRIL	4	Vetting of the Chief Officer	Committee
	IMPLEMENTATION	14 TH – 17 TH APRIL	4	Scrutinize the implementation status of the Bungoma County Vocational Training Centre Policy	Committee
9	HEALTH	21 ST – 24 TH APRIL	4	Vetting of the Chief Officer	Committee
	ROADS	21 ST – 24 TH APRIL	4	Vetting of the Chief Officer	Committee

10	EDUCATION	27 TH – 30 TH APRIL	4	Vetting of the Chief Officer	Committee
	AGRICULTURE	27 TH -30 TH APRIL	4	Vetting of the Chief Officers	Committee
11	DELEGATED	5 TH – 8 TH MAY	4	Familiarization on the processing of Statutory Instrument Act	Committee
	PAC	5 TH – 8 TH MAY	4	Report writing on the 9 reports of the Audit from the Executive and the County Assembly	Committee
12	BUDGET	11 TH – 20 TH MAY	4	Report writing on Annual Budget Estimate FY 2023/2024	Committee
12	LIAISON	26 TH – 29 TH MAY	4	Committee Operations Annual report	Committee

Mr. Speaker Sir, it should be noted that only Committees with sufficient funds have been considered for retreats.

Moreover, committees with statutory/mandatory documents to be processed within timelines and have funds have been scheduled more than once. The number of days for the committee retreat will also be determined by the availability of funds in the respective committee.

In addition, the sector committee that are anticipation of the vetting of the Chief Officers have been required to prioritize the activity.

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

3.1 COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee made the following observations

- (i) Absenteeism and non-adherence to internal and external Committee meetings as approved in the House lead to delay in the commencement of meetings and or late signing off of registers.
- (ii) All the statements/questions that were raised in the 1st session were not responded to.
- (iii) Unstructured mode of operation whereby the County Executive interfered with the approved schedule of external committee retreats by inviting their sector committee without the consent and approval of the Speaker in contravention of Standing Order 184.
- (iv) There are some committees with negative balances and others with insufficient funds to retreat.

3.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee recommends as follows;

- (i) That all attendance registers (books) for internal meetings and hotel attendance list at the retreats will be closed by the chairperson at the end of the meeting and only hotel attendance lists will be used for payment in case of external retreats.
- (ii) That the sector committees should implement the provision of Standing Order 54 by inviting the sector department to respond on the statements and issue progress report on time in the House.
- (iii) That on the engagement with executive, the Speaker should be notified of the activity and engagement within 48 hour before undertaking the activity.
- (iv) That for prudent management of financial resources (Committee Budgets), Committees are urged to strictly adhere to their provision
- (v) That days allocated to external committee retreats are pegged at a minimum of four days and shall vary depending on the nature of the activity under consideration and funds available.

4.0 CONCLUSION




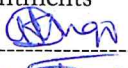

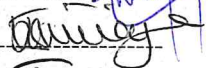
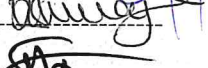

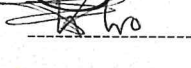
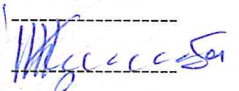

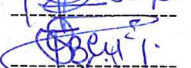

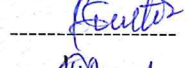



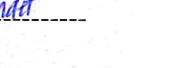


Mr. Speaker Sir,

It is now my humble request that this House approves this report by the Liaison Committee on the Committees' activities in 1st Session, Third County Assembly and Committees' retreat schedule for the period from February - June, 2023.

I move---

5.0 ADOPTION SCHEDULE

We the undersigned members of the Liaison Committee append our signatures adopting this report with the contents therein.

Name	Designation	Signature
1. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa	Chairperson – Liaison	
2. Hon. Christine Mukhongo	Vice chairperson – Liaison	
3. Hon. Emmanuel Situma	Member - Chairperson – Powers/HBC/Rules/Speaker's/Appointments	
4. Hon. James Mukhongo	Member -Chairperson – Finance	
5. Hon. Jack Wambulwa	Member -Chairperson – Budget	
6. Hon. George Makari	Member -Chairperson – Health	
7. Hon. Jack Kawa	Member -Chairperson – Gender	
8. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa	Member -Chairperson – Selection	
9. Hon. Frankline Simotwo	Member -Chairperson – Roads	
10. Hon. Tony Barasa	Member-Chairperson–Public Admin	
11. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa	Member – Chairperson –Labour	
12. Hon. Francis Chemion	Member – Chairperson – Lands,	
13. Hon. Johnson Ipara	Member – Chairperson – Trade	
14. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula	Member – Chairperson – Education	
15. Hon. Violet Makhanu	Member – Chairperson – Youth	
16. Hon. Waiti Wafula	Member – Chairperson – Agriculture	
17. Hon. Edwin Opwora	Member – Chairperson – Tourism	
18. Hon. Metrine Nangila	Member – Chairperson – Justice	
19. Hon. Linda Kharakha	Member – Chairperson – Delegated	
20. Hon. Jacob Psero	Member – Chairperson – Implementation	
21. Hon. George Tendet	Member- Chairperson – PAIC	