

## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



### ***THE HANSARD***

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

**The Assembly met at the County Assembly Chambers at 2:30 pm**

***The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen), in Chair***

### **PRAYERS**

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Majority Leader.

**The Majority Leader,** (Hon. Lentukunye Christopher): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Looking at the floor, I can see the number of Members present is below the required number for this House to deliberate

*(Low tone consultation)*

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Sergeant-At-Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes

*(The bell is rung)*

The Speaker, (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Order Members. Now that we have the quorum we can now continue

## **MOTION**

**Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriation,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you so much Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker I beg to move forward the following Motion:

**THAT,** this House debates and approves the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriation on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024/2025

Thank you Hon. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Silapia to second

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker I stand to second the Motion

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Members, I now propose the Motion THAT, this House debates and approves the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024/2025

**Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriation,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the 2024 Samburu County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is the second to be prepared under third County Integrated Development Plan 2023-2027 (CIDP) as mandated by section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act of 2012. It sets out the

County's budgetary priorities and fiscal framework for Financial Year 2024/2025 aligned with the third County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP III)

The County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 (CFSP) outlines strategic priorities and policy goals guiding the Samburu County Government in preparing its budget over the medium term and for the Financial Year 2024/25. The components of the paper include performance review, priority setting, financial projections, and sector ceilings. The primary aim of the paper is to set departmental budget ceilings and put into perspective how the County intends to allocate resources in Financial Year 2024/25 and over the medium term.

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and as required under Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 (PFMA) as read together with Standing Order 216 (4), it is my pleasure to present to this House, the Committee's Report on the consideration of the Samburu County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) for the Financial Year 2024/2025.

Hon. Speaker, Section 117 (7) of the PFMA, 2012 provides that the County Treasury shall consider any recommendations by the County Assembly when finalizing the Budget proposal for the Financial Year concerned. It is worth mentioning that once the CFSP is approved, it should form the basis of evaluating the Budget estimates for Financial Year 2024/2025 for the various spending entities. This is therefore a very important stage in the Budget cycle as it not only provides recommendations to be considered when finalizing the Budget, but also sets the expenditure ceilings for the various spending entities which must be adhered to.

The role of consideration of the CFSP is an absolute mandate of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations as conferred by Standing Order 216. The Committee on Budget and Appropriations is a select Committee established under Standing Order 195 with specific mandate as to inter alia;

- (i) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County Budget.

- (ii) Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly. It was therefore the full responsibility of this Committee to consider and ensure a report is tabled for approval by the Assembly.

Hon. Speaker I will only read about the findings and recommendations of the Committee for the benefit of time so that other Members can have time to contribute. As a Committee I think we had five general findings and very quickly Hon. Speaker I want to go through the findings.

### **GENERAL FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS**

During the review of the CFSP 2024, the following findings and observations emerged from the reported data:

1. Departments are not providing specific and detailed information when reporting on projects. Ambiguity in reporting, such as stating the construction of 60 classrooms without specifying their locations, undermines accountability. The reports should include comprehensive details, including the list of Wards and villages where projects were implemented. This level of specificity enables better tracking, monitoring, and evaluation of projects, facilitating accountability throughout the implementation process.
2. It is noteworthy that local revenue collection has displayed inconsistency during the period from July 2023 to December 2023. Notably, there have been significant variances in revenue collection amounts, with discrepancies observed particularly in the months of October and November, reaching up to Ksh 16 million. This fluctuation in revenue raises concerns and warrants further investigation. Understanding the factors contributing to these fluctuations is crucial for effective financial management and ensuring the reliability of revenue projections and budgetary planning.
3. The absorption rates for departments, as presented in Table 6, are notably low. This trend is concerning as it has the potential to impede the progress of development initiatives within the County. Therefore, it is imperative for the Budget Sector to identify the root causes of this issue.
4. The annual Own Source Revenue target of 256 million Kenya Shillings appears significantly below the County's potential as indicated by a survey conducted by Adam Smith International in collaboration with the World Bank. This discrepancy underscores the need for a thorough review

of all specific revenue streams. Specifically, efforts should be focused on ensuring that each revenue stream reaches at least 80% of its potential, if not more.

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Without delay, facilitating smoother implementation and ultimately contributing to the overall absorption of allocated development budget.

4. It is imperative for the departments to note the implications of mandatory contributions such as the housing levy (1.5% of gross pay), the social health fund (2.75% of gross salary), and the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) contribution (Ksh 2160). These contributions, mandated for civil servants in all County Governments, collectively result in an annual increase of over Ksh.100 million. These mandatory contributions have a significant financial impact on our County's normal budget allocations.

5. To complement the efforts mentioned above, the County should focus on the following areas:

- a) Implement robust revenue-raising measures with specific targets set for each department. Additionally, leverage the newly launched *Supa Pay* revenue collection system to its fullest potential, as it offers enhanced capabilities for efficient revenue collection.
- b) An increase in budgetary allocation for the department of Health from the new Ceiling of 1.4 Billion for the Financial Year 2024-2025 to the original allocation of 1.6 Billion.
- c) Further explore opportunities for collaboration with development partners through relevant departments within the County Executive. Proactive engagement with potential partners is essential to secure additional funds for financing various projects within the County.
- d) Foster a culture of fiscal responsibility within all departments by emphasizing the importance of minimizing fund wastages. Implement and enforce a robust expenditure control system across departments to ensure prudent utilization of resources and maximize efficiency in spending.
- e) The House approves the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2024 with the recommendations contained.

- f) The Executive, under the stewardship of the County Treasury should within Two (2) Weeks upon approval of this report, without delay facilitating smoother implementation and I think this one complete.

The executive under the stewardship of county treasury should within 2 weeks upon the approval of this report incorporate the recommendation, amendments herein above, compile, produce, publish and publicize approved County Strategy Paper 2024 as per section 26-5 of PFM Act regulations of 2015. To wind up let me read the recommendations from the committee;

1. In evaluating Departmental performance it is recommended that the Department provide the specific detail regarding the projects undertaken as obtained in the table below I think all Members has this copy just see how we had set a table that a Department should be using to report. The Table contains Objectives, Project name, Project location/ Ward, Project costs status, Project relation, Challenges and interventions. This approach facilitates accurate evaluation ensuring accountability and value of monies across all the wards. Further the committee should meet with the revenue Department to discuss Revenue raising measures and scrutinize streams across all the Departments, each Department should list its source of revenue and set quarterly target for each stream of revenue and Department
2. Based on the findings conducted on Survey of Adan Smith International and Collaboration with the World Bank, which indicates Samburu County Revenue Potential of 700 Million Annually, it is recommended to revise the revenue target in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper from 281 Million to Kshs 300 Million. These adjustments reflect the significant opportunity of County to enhance revenue collection efforts and potentially surpassed the initial target reaching up to 400Million annually. By aligning the revenue targets more closely to the County revenue potential.
3. To address the Law absorption rates Departments should focus improving their efficiency in early preparation of procurement plans and expediting the advertisements of tenders for awards of contracts by initiating these processes in timely manner Department can ensure the projects commence without Delay facilitating smoother implementation and untimely contributions to the overall absorption of the allocated Budgets.

Before I sit, I just want personally to give some insights of these that we have seen as a committee, the absorption rate from the Department is very worrying, because in the first six months the absorption rate is zero.

I just want to task my fellow Members that each and every sectorial committee chair, to be very serious to the Department concerned because as an assembly, one of our work here is to do oversight, and by doing so we should make sure that all the projects as underlined in the budget that we pass here are being undertaken as per their timelines, you will find that up to now we only have one month for this year to end and I think that a bigger percentage of projects are not done.

It is very worrying each and every time we are dealing with pending bills here, just because the executive are reluctant in doing their work. We have no clue of their role as the departments, that in a whole year they only do a range of 2 or 3 projects. Another insight was that we have seen a very bad trend of Department ceilings, that instead of the ceiling being increased then it is reduced. So Mr. Speaker I suggest you have to call CEC finance for more explanations, because we have seen that those Department are very crucial specifically department of Health and Water that are having their ceilings reduced instead of being increased.

Another serious problem we have with the executive is that, most of the Donor projects they use to set ceilings of respective Departments especially of Health, Water and Agriculture. Mr. Speaker it is not allowed to use a budget of a donor to set a ceiling of a Department. This Donor money have regulations on how they will be used, thus an individual cannot just use the donor money to set a Department Ceiling.

I think it is very prudent for CEC Finance to allocate ceilings as per the exchequer without considering this donor funds, otherwise there are more Departments that we run down especially on operations because the donor money has regulations, we do not have to use the donor money to fuel vehicles like the county vehicles or to repair boreholes, those are my personal insights let me conclude to give my fellow committee Members a chance to raise their observations and comments, Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Mr. Lenamarle Stephen): Hon. Silapia

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. Lenamatiyo Silapia): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee on budget and appropriation for the good work they have done. I know indeed it was a tiresome work that they went to the three sub-counties to make sure they get the views of the communities for the good report on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Hon. Speaker, the normal legal framework on forming or coming up with the County Fiscal Strategy Paper is to look at the CIDP (County Integrated Development Plan) and also to look at the ADP (Annual Development Plan), that is where the County Fiscal Strategy Paper would generate from, and Hon. Speaker, at this County Fiscal Strategy Paper, emphasized on some main issues like as the Hon. chair says, it also sets the ceilings of the department.

When we say the ceilings of the departments across the whole sectors like agriculture, tourism, health and social services and the rest Hon. Speaker, and we are observing some concerns like now as the Hon. chair mentioned the issue of health, water and also the rise of lands department as their ceiling arise and Hon. Speaker, when you look at the department of lands, you see that some of the Wards are not benefitting from the same sector and we are seeing their ceiling has been raised in a big amount of money, and we are not also seeing the reasons for the Executive to reduce the ceilings of the departments like now health and also the reason they are increasing the ceilings of the land department.

When I talk of the land department Hon. Speaker, this is the second time am raising this concern I once did it during 2023/2024 budget, when I came to realization that we don't even have a single project coming from the land department, when we look the issue at Wamba North Ward. Hon. Speaker, we have no any project that they are implementing in that Ward, and that is why I saw it is not in order for the increase of ceilings in the department of land, in addition to that Hon. Speaker, I'm observing that the department of health is a very sensitive department when you carefully observe you will realize that we have our level 4 referral hospital in Maralal, and the services they are offering to our people are extremely poor due to lack of resources to offer better services.

Therefore, Hon. Speaker, I do not see the reasons as to why the Executive reducing the health department's ceiling and increasing the lands department's ceiling or reducing the water

department ceiling Hon. Speaker, If you allow me I will like to mention some of the issues that had happened within the Assembly, we have 2 people who are not giving us chance to perform our rights, just because the County Fiscal Strategy Paper we are discussing now Hon. Speaker, was brought to this House on 13<sup>th</sup> March when it is supposed to be here on timeline on 28<sup>th</sup> February, and somebody comes here, who is the head of administration here emphasizing what the department has done.

Hon. Speaker, that is why we have taken long time to deliberate on this County Fiscal Strategy Paper when the time has already elapsed without even doing anything. So now that the Executive are assuming that the Assembly have already passed the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, we have no any room again to make sure, but when it happens we have it, it will be a little room that will not accommodate all of us. Hon. Speaker, changing these ceilings, the Executive is doing its own job while we are here busy deliberating on the issue of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, they have already gone to secret meetings when they have no recommendations from this Honorable House Hon. Speaker.

So, Hon. Speaker, what is pulling us down again in this House to perform our oversight duty? it is the head of administration, also the head of the Assembly for baptizing what the Executive have done, next time let it be the first and last time that the Assembly is helping the Executive to do their job, to do their things in timelines that the constitution has given us and also other legal frameworks have given to us Hon. Speaker.

With that Hon. Speaker, I talked the issue of ceilings and also I have gone through the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, and I encountered that when you look for example at the department of education, they wrote to us the construction of several or 60 ECDE classrooms without specification of those project, where are those projects going to be implemented, villages or Wards? So, we are observing some issues that are not good in this County Fiscal Strategy Paper, now that we are just passing budget supplementary now and then we don't know what is going on, nothing is being implemented, the absorption of money is that the expenses of money, so the departments are not absorbing money.

I do not know what they are doing, and Honorable speaker I think honorable chairperson has given the directory to the Chairs of all committees to make sure to know what is happening in the

department that they are not doing good in absorption, the other issue is the issue of revenue, we saw that the other time we heard the governor saying the revenue had been stolen, therefore I do not know what happened because he had put the angels there to collect the revenue and what we are observing here they have not reach the targets we have as the county government of Samburu, so the county has to increase the revenue now they have the new automation system, and we are expecting to see some improvement on revenue allocation Hon. Speaker, thank you Mr. Speaker I support the report as it is but we have very important and a great concern, that with your leadership you can as well write a letter to call the department of treasury to come and explain why we have some arising of the ceiling and some are infusing of the ceiling within the department. So thank you Mr. Speaker and with your guidance next time, we have to give you the budget so we can also know when are we receiving the county fiscal paper and when are we receiving the estimate, thank you honorable Speaker.

**MCA Elbarta Ward**, (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): Thank you honorable Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the honorable members who are part of this committee that is budget committee, I sincerely also thank our honorable chair (Hon. Lenamparasio Kaunda) for a well done job. I know it is not that easy considering that honorable speaker, we also received this county fiscal paper not in time from executive, and we all understand that paper is very important stage in budgeting section as it does not only provides recommendation when finalizing and budgeting but also sets expenditure ceiling for various spending entities which must be adhered to on, and that is the soul and importance responsibility of the county strategic paper.

So whatever recommendation that this house is going to adopt in terms of departmental ceiling is what will actually inform the budget appropriation or process I believe it has already commenced when this county strategic paper has not yet adopted but I guess we will seek indulges from Hon. Chair because we have budget estimate with us, I don't know what inform that and yet we have not adopted this as a house.

Hon. Speaker that is not good to do so, because for example, I don't know what inform the budget calling that the department of health was giving because for the last financial year, the department ceiling had 1.6B but according to this county physical strategy that we received from

executive paper we were expecting that the budget CFSP ceiling will rise to 1.8B giving the importance of that department and demands but to our surprise the ceiling was reduced from 1.6B to 1.4B which Hon. Speaker would be difficult for the department of health to operate and in the concern there was a rise of statement to actually tell the production of the ceiling.

I know we received some sort of explanation but we needed a formal kind of communication, considering 1.4B that we were given as a department honorable speaker, I think that is not enough because just to give a breakdown of the last allocation, the salary almost consumed 1.3B so in that we will be left with less than a 100m and we have not bought drugs and we have not given CHP savings, and our drugs usually cost 160m and CHP 48m and we have not talk about ambulance repair and maintenance and fuels.

Hon. Speaker you know department of health is very unique because when emergency occurs the fuel is supposed to be used because it is constitutently right of our Kenyans that they should be given emergency care without demanding therefore we need some cash that will be able to facilitate ambulances I terms of repair, fuel and they have not factored equipment and furniture for new facilities I know majority of members who are here have leave facilities in place not forgetting our county referral hospital we have new patients department in place, we have not talked of considering promotion of health workers and recruitment of health workers that is specialist, Hon. Speaker I think Samburu is among the few counties that workers are not on strike.

**MCA Elbarta Ward,** (Hon. Leitoro Jeremiah): This is due to the fact that in the last budgetary allocation we have been setting apart an allocation for promotion of the health workers. That is the reason as to why the hospitals are still running despite the country-wide strikes by doctors, clinical officers and nurses. That tells how important it is to process this. There were no allocations for patients' food rations, no allocations for referrals. This is when patients are referred to other hospitals, nurses are paid per diems.

Mr. Speaker that is the reason why during our public participation we interacted with the department of health especially the CEC and the two C.Os. the Kshs.1.4M that was allocated is not enough. It can only cater for a recurrent part of the budgetary allocation or expenditure. You can imagine a department with zero allocation development.

I want to thank my colleagues for having considered an incensement in budgetary allocation for the department of health from the ceiling that has been set by the department by the finance department for the financial year 2024 – 2025 to the original allocation of Kshs.1.6M we want to retain whatever the allocation that we were given the last financial year.

We had a lot of hopes that this coming financial year we would be added some more money to around Kshs.1.8B but now we are only requesting the Kshs.1.6B that we were allocated is not enough and we all hoped that once this proposal is adopted it is our hope that the executive is going to implement as recommended. Otherwise if the Kshs.1.4B ceiling is going to be adopted I want to assure my colleagues here, the honorable members and the County in general we should be ready to because the majority of the hospital will be closed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Loosuk Ward,** (Hon. Lenamparasio Phelix): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just rise to stand with what Hon. Leitoro and I will be very brief. Last week we called CEC and inform him that he should come and explain to us what mandated the reduction of the ceiling, especially the water and health departments. Yesterday at 10:00am we had the director budgets here with us.

He gave us some explanations. I think the biggest mistake we have made as a house is, since we came here some of us are very unfamiliar each time we wanted to interact with the department of finance on budgetary issues as they used to send the director called Njenga to us. The County Government Act provides that if the committee wants to engage the department the only person that they should engage with is the CEC and the C.O. Yesterday I had just ordered the gentleman that tomorrow will be the last day he comes here unless he comes to agree with somebody on any issues to do with budget. I will be doing a letter to the CEC that no other person will be appearing in this house to come and deliberate with the committee on any issue.

On the last supplementary budget that we did here as a committee we had almost around three to four recommendations. It was very unfortunate that even none of them was taken care of just because the person we were dealing with was a junior staff, a director. You can see how dangerous that is. That a committee sits wastes its time deliberates and comes up with some recommendations that nobody cares to implement because we have been dealing with junior staff.

Honorable Chair, with your guidance, I do not think from here henceforth that gentleman will be appearing on the committee during budgeting. I will do a written letter to the CEC on that. Subsequently because I want to talk again on budget estimate law provision that is on 30<sup>th</sup> April the budget estimates should be tabled at the County Assembly.

Similarly, I will have to communicate to the CEC lastly, the budget estimates should be at the house as from 30<sup>th</sup> April, we need the budget estimates here so that we can go through and make recommendations. We have had some bad precedents here that the CEC provides the budget here as a published document where we cannot do any amendments as the County Assembly. From today henceforth the budget should come to this house as a draft so that we make amendments and then forward to the CEC for publishing.

They are used to publishing it, and bringing it to the house. So that is one of the recommendations that we are giving to the CEC. I just want my fellow honorable members to understand that. I want to thank the department, the office of the Clerk and the finance department for the facilitation when we went to do this report, especially the public participation.

However, it was so unfortunate that after public participation we had no facilitation to do report writing. We were just here doing the reports which is not the way it is supposed to be done. We are supposed to be facilitated to go and do report writing so I hope with your guidance and permission as the CEO of this Assembly these members and other committees should be fully facilitated by this house to do their oversight. Hon. Speaker, right now we are committed as members that we will do the oversight as the law requires. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MCA Poro Ward, (Hon. Leerte Patrick):** Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Pia mi nashukuru kamati ya bajeti. Nashukuru Mheshimiwa Caunda kama mwenyekiti wa kamati kwa kazi waliofanya. Natarajia kwamba yale marekebisho yamefanywa yatazingatiwa. Nimesimama kuuliza, naomba Mheshimiwa Leitoro kuhusu bajeti ya afya. Mwezi moja uliopita tulikuwa na wajehuri kadhaa. Ambuensi ilichukua mda mrefu kuja ikabidi tuchange pesa za kukodesha magari ya kuwapeleka hospitali.

Bajeti ilipokuwa Kshs.1.6B ambulensi haikuwa na mafuta itakuwaje bajeti ikishushwa hadi Kshs.1.4B? Vile kamati imeadhinisha kuongezwa kwa bajeti kwa hiyo idara, ni ya maana kwa

kila mmoja wetu. Hatusemi kuwa idara zingine si za maana lakini ni kama kumpa mtu mshahara na kuipunguza. Hata kwa sheria haiwi hivyo.

Kwa hivyo ni vizuri kama wizara ya afya walipewa Kshs.1.6B. Kama alivyosema mwenyekiti, na ningependa kisisitiza kuwa kuna vitu amabavyo idara zimekuwa zikiandika na hazijafanywa. Bado zinaandikwa na ziongezwe kwa mfano viti vya choo sitini, ua na mengineo bado naona zinaandikwa. Kama ni kwa Wodi ya Poro waandike Poro sio kusema tu sitini. Ni kama nafasi ya ubadhirifu imeonekana. Naomba mwenyekiti ahakikishe kuwa kinachoandikwa kiambatane na wadi husika ili mmwakilishi wa wodi hizo aweze kufuatilia kimakini. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

**MCA Wamba West Ward**, (Hon. Lemartile Francis): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I also take this chance to appreciate the good work done by the committee under the leadership of Hon. Lenamparasio Caunda. This is incredible job. We appreciate it and continue with the same spirit.

I think this is the second Fiscal Strategy Paper that has come to this house. Others had here we were just ambushed by the committee, because they never took us through as members of this house. This time round the committee had ample time to take us through for us to understand where an improvement was and we are really grateful for the good job done by the committee.

If I see one item like our own source of revenue of our County, we appreciate because it has increased. They managed to get 60% of the budget which is a good job but it seems they are putting the budget too low. If you see one department getting improvement to 345% something must be fishy there. Something must be hidden there. There is no way you can improve to 345% in six months. What about in one year? There is another huge percentage you have put under your target. So, Mr. Speaker they need to put more effort into our source of revenue so that our County will get the development.

Secondly, if you go to our sources of revenue, there are subsidies from the national government and grants from other development partners. In the second half the target of the grants was Kshs.856M but in the six months they only received Kshs.300,000 which is extremely below and most of our departments were denied the revenue from the national government because of these donations or other conditional grants which we are not sure we will get.

That is something we should not rely on, most especially the department of water. Last year the allocation was reduced because of FLLoCA. We have not received a coin to date. We are closing the financial year. We are doing another financial year and they will be allocated FLLoCA. Mr. Speaker I think the formula we are using to share this amount should be specific. We should share the national treasury share on this percentage but not on grants.

Let the grants come but the sharing of the national government allocation should be based on the amount allocated. As other honorable members have said, if I go through the document actual expenditure on recurrent budget the least paid department is 27.8 the highest paid is 68. If you go to the other side of development 0%, 2%, 5% that shows exactly this is a money-eating County. We are not doing anything for the common mwananchi. Where you want to eat that is the priority.

If you look at the increased amount by the national government we received our revenue 43% but on development we give 5%. That is clearly shocking information and something should be done. We should be serious on these people as an oversight house because they are not for the people of Samburu County. They are for themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): I now put the question that debates and approves the report of the committee on budget and appropriations on the consideration of the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2024 – 2025.

*(The question was put and the motion passed)*

## **ADJOURNEMENT**

**The Speaker,** (Hon. Lenamarle Stephen): Honorable members, the time being 3:52 pm and there being no other business this house now adjourns until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 2:30 pm.