

Republic of Kenya

County Government of Uasin Gishu



Municipality of Eldoret

Highlights of Board Deliberations in 2023/24 Financial Year

The full board received and deliberated on matters presented from the various committees of the board. The following matters were discussed and resolutions passed:

1. **The Audit Committee** presented their position on the need for an **Independent internal audit function** as guided by the Office of the Auditor General who raised a query on the matter in accordance with section 155 (1) of Public Finance Management. The Board noted that the executive is well seized of the matter and should expedite the creation of the internal audit function for the municipality to improve accountability.
1. **Finance & HR Committee** presented its deliberation on the **Financial Report for the year 2022/2023** which was prepared and presented in accordance with Section 180 of Public Finance Management Act and submitted to office of Auditor General on 22nd September. The Office of the Auditor General was also conducting annual financial of the finances of the municipality. The Board directed that all past audit queries and recommendations should be should be implemented.
2. **The Finance & HR Committee** also presented the matter of **Financial Independence of Eldoret Municipality** which had arisen as an audit query in the financial year 2021/2022. Some of the factors that were observed that have contributed to lack of the required autonomy include budget independency, inadequate staffing, expenditure control by county treasury and lack of independent operations bank account.
3. The need for **additional funding of 64 stadium** was also discussed. Construction of 64 stadium is ongoing and it is expected to be completed by March 2024. However, the outstanding funding

requirement is still high. The board ratified the proposal to seek more funding allocation to the project for it to be completed on time.

4. The Board was also presented with the need for full **Compliance with KUSP II** minimum conditions and performance standards. The county government is required to ensure that all the conditions for KUSP II are met as failure to meet all the conditions mean ineligibility for the funding. An independent consultancy will conduct the assessment. The board should ensure that the County Government meet all the conditions without missing any.
5. The **Committee on Environment** presented for discussion a matter on **Solid waste management**. Municipality of Eldoret continues to manage solid waste within the CBD, the peri-urban centres and the entire county. However, waste management at the estates continues to be executed by the private waste collectors approved by the board. This has provided employment to the youth and women groups that are engaged in private waste collection. The board was informed that after an open tender, the municipality had contracted 27 companies to operate in 27 zones within the municipality to collect waste and charge households agreeable rates which should not be more than KShs 200 per household per month. The list of companies was presented for approval which approval was granted. That the board take note and make any further or future recommendation
6. The committee also presented for discussion the need for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in preparation to construct a modern market and public transport terminus through Engineering, procurement, construction and financing framework. This will be implemented through Public Private Partnership. Some entities had expressed interest in implementing the project. Also as the municipality gears up to receiving city status, lighting of the town has been identified as an integral part of creating safety, security, improvement of the economic activity and the general livability of the town. There is a recommendation to extend street lighting to Kiplombe, Kuinet, Chepkanga, Maili Tisa (with extensions to Cheramei and Moi Barracks), Eldoret International Airport, Simat, Kipkorgot, Koilel Farm and Cheplakei. Environmental Management and Coordination Act provides that before projects are implemented, they are subjected to Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and a NEMA license is obtained.
7. **Planning and Operations Committee** presented a number of items for board deliberation. **Additional enforcement officers** to support the functions of the municipality was discussed.

There is need for the municipality to be given more enforcement officers since the few who are available are overwhelmed by the workload within the municipality. Other matters included the requirement for **vehicles for operational use** which the board concurred. The other matter was the **Conferment of city status** and the preparedness there on. The need for the Municipality to plan ahead on the activities that are scheduled to take place preceding the conferment date were discussed. The need for the **establishment of a museum** was also discussed. It was noted that as the municipality is about to receive its city status charter, there is need for the board to consider establishment of a museum in the city as this is one of the conditions needed for city status. The matter of an urban **Enforcement Notice** issued on February 24th 2023 was discussed. The Municipality served an enforcement notice to the property owners within municipality to comply with a number of issues. The notice lapsed after six months i.e on August 24th 2023. The board ratified commencement of the enforcement of the said notice with the support of the county government.