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**ISIOLO MUNICIPAL BOARD EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 11TH FEBRURY 2024 AT MUNICIPAL BAORD HOTEL IN ISIOLO AT 9:00AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT.**

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**MIN 1/1M/2/2024: PRELIMINARIES**

The chairman called the meeting to order at 9.30am and requested Sheikh Bonaya to lead a word of prayer.

**READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING**

The chairman invited the Manger/secretary to read the notice calling the meeting. The same was read to members and each member confirmed that they received the notice and the agenda as well.

**QUORUM AND APOLOGIES**

The meeting had 100% attendance hence the quorum was attained.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDAS**

The agenda was adopted as presented upon having been proposed by all members present.

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| **AGENDA** |
| 1. Preliminaries |
| 1. Reading and confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 24th April,2024 |
| 1. APA for KUSP 2 |
| 1. Existing Town Challenges-Recommendation |
| 1. Relocation of dumpsites and Waste management status in isiolo |

**MIN 2/IM/2/2024: CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS**

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending despite long postponement of planned date for the meeting, Secretary regrets to inform members

that last meeting was cancelled due to the lack of facilitation and this affects delivery of committee mandates hence drag operationalization of the municipal service. He highlighted need for the municipality’s operational Bank account be opened and separated to avoid inconveniences on the board programmes and meetings.

**MIN2/IM/2/2024: READING AND CONFIRMATIONS OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON 15THNOVEMBER,2023**

Statement of Minutes Confirmation

The minutes of the meeting were read and confirmed as a true reflection of the deliberations held. This confirmation was proposed by Mr. Mohamed Dahir and seconded by Mrs. Sakina Adan, with the following corrections noted:

Identification of Storm Water Affected Areas:

The identified storm water-affected areas should specifically be limited to Bula Pesa Area and the Odha Connection Road, particularly along the Isiolo Prison Farms and Isiolo Slaughterhouse.

Avoidance of Capturing Unconfirmed Resolutions:

It was emphasized that only resolutions discussed and agreed upon during the meeting should be recorded. Any unconfirmed resolutions or items not part of the meeting's agenda should be excluded from the minutes to maintain accuracy and relevance.

**MIN 3 /IM/2/2024: APA 1 FOR KUSP 2**

Manager presented the APA2 report on Isiolo municipality status and its operations on minimum condition and performance standards for participating counties in KUSP programme in Kenya. Manager highlighted minimum conditions 5 (this as full financial statements for isiolo county where UDG and UIG for the municipality was captured. Because the problem was statements not submitted and performance standard (PS) 8 not met (this is on Isiolo urban spatial plan). This two, was a challenge to us (Isiolo). The items mentioned will force Isiolo county be dropped in next disbursement for UDG and UIG in currently 2024/2025 for Isiolo municipality. Manager lamented need to push county treasury to retrieve data from national treasury and be forwarded to the authority for clearance. The chair stressed on the missing item and tasked manager to work hard to submit on time with appeal for waiver.

**MIN 4 /IM/2/2024: INTERGARATED URBAN CHALLENGES WITHIN ISIOLO MUNICIPALITY.**

Member’s identified, the following are key challenges in Isiolo which need urgent attention by the board to approve and pass by laws in managing the issues in town.

Isiolo Municipality is a transits county headquarter hosting major traders, visitors,

travelers from neighboring counties. The Municipality is strategically and centrally located in heart of Kenya. being the major trading center and planning to prepare itself to welcome major projects like vision 2030 projects. The following key challenges was listed by the Board and urgent attention needed to resolved.

**Major Urban Challenges in Isiolo Municipality**

The lengthily deliberated integrated Municipality challenges and identified key drivers of challenges that are discussed as stakeholders from municipality Administration, community stakeholders, and various development partners to resolve. The following are key challenges and potential resolutions were proposed:

**1. Lack of Enforcement Act and Legal Framework in Maintaining Law and Order**

**Challenge**:  
Isiolo Municipality lacks a comprehensive and enforceable legal framework to maintain law and order. This has led to frequent breaches in urban regulations, impacting the overall public safety and organization of the town.

**Resolution**:

* **Strengthen Local Governance**: Introduce and enforce a municipal law enforcement framework, including the establishment of a town marshal service to ensure adherence to urban regulations.
* **Capacity Building for Law Enforcement Officers**: Training local enforcement officers in conflict resolution and urban planning regulations to maintain order, especially in informal settlements.
* **Public Awareness Campaigns**: Engage citizens through workshops, media, and town hall meetings to improve awareness of urban regulations and their role in maintaining law and order.

**2. Perennial Hawkers Menace**

**Challenge**:  
Hawkers operating in the streets obstruct pedestrian walkways and roads, creating congestion and contributing to the town's informal economy. This phenomenon is a result of inadequate planning and enforcement of vending laws.

**Resolution**:

* **Designated Hawking Zones**: Create specific areas for hawkers, providing proper stalls or spaces that allow for commerce without obstructing pedestrian paths or traffic.
* **Hawker Registration and Regulation**: Formulate a hawker registration system, potentially through local associations, to manage their activities and ensure adherence to hygiene and safety standards.
* **Alternative Livelihoods**: Provide vocational training for hawkers to transition into other income-generating activities if needed.

**3. Unplanned Town Transport System**

**Challenge**:  
Isiolo faces a disorganized transport system, with vehicles and motorbikes causing frequent traffic congestion. The lack of a formalized and regulated system exacerbates the issue.

**Resolution**:

* **Integrated Transport Planning**: Develop a master transportation plan that includes designated routes for public transport, pedestrian walkways, and motorbike lanes.
* **Formalized Motorbike Transport**: Register motorbike operators under structured SACCOs (Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies), ensuring proper documentation, training, and regulation.
* **Traffic Management and Access Roads connection services**: Improve traffic management by introducing road access signs, controlled entry points, and optimizing traffic flow, especially at busy intersections.

**4. Unenforced Development Control**

**Challenge**:  
There is a lack of adequate control over land-use planning, leading to poorly regulated development projects, including illegal construction, poor zoning, and encroachment on public spaces.

**Resolution**:

* **Strict Building Codes and Inspections**: Enforce building codes and conduct regular inspections of ongoing construction to ensure compliance with the town's urban plan.
* **Zoning Laws Implementation**: Strengthen the enforcement of zoning regulations to maintain the planned use of areas, ensuring residential, commercial, and industrial zones are properly established.
* **Public Participation in Urban Planning**: Ensure that the public is actively involved in urban planning processes to encourage compliance and community ownership of urban projects.

**5. Inadequate Parking Space**

**Challenge**:  
Isiolo town suffers from a severe lack of parking space, which has led to competition between traders and buses for parking, creating chaos and traffic congestion.

**Resolution**:

* **Development of Public Parking Areas**: Identify and develop designated public parking areas that can accommodate vehicles, particularly around bus stations and key commercial centers.
* **Out of town Parking Structures**: Invest in out of parking structures in high-traffic areas to maximize space and reduce congestion.
* **Efficient Parking Management**: Introduce a paid parking system with clear regulations to control the duration of parking and increase turnover.

**6. Poor Waste Management and Open Dumping**

**Challenge**:  
Waste management remains a significant problem in Isiolo, with open dumping of waste on streets and drainage lines, leading to health hazards and environmental degradation.

**Resolution**:

* **Waste Segregation and Collection**: Introduce waste segregation at the source and regular, organized waste collection services to ensure proper disposal and recycling.
* **Waste Disposal Infrastructure**: Set up designated waste disposal points and transfer stations throughout the town to prevent illegal dumping in undesignated areas.
* **Public Education Campaigns**: Conduct awareness programs on proper waste disposal and encourage community involvement in maintaining cleanliness.

**7. Influx of Motorbike Menace**

**Challenge**:  
The proliferation of motorbikes in the town has created congestion, noise pollution, and traffic hazards, with insufficient regulation.

**Resolution**:

* **Formalize Motorbike Operations**: Register all motorbike operators through SACCOs and provide training on traffic safety and regulations.
* **Designated Motorcycle Zones**: Establish designated routes and parking areas for motorbikes to reduce congestion and enhance safety for both riders and pedestrians.
* **Strengthen Enforcement**: Enforce traffic laws on motorbikes, including helmet use, speed limits, and licensing requirements.

**8. Livestock Grazing in the Town**

**Challenge**:  
The grazing of livestock in urban areas and along main roads contributes to traffic congestion, safety risks, and environmental degradation.

**Resolution**:

* **Designated Grazing Areas**: Establish designated livestock grazing zones outside the town center to prevent them from blocking roads and creating hazards.
* **Regulated Livestock Movement**: Introduce regulations to control the movement of livestock within urban centers, including the establishment of designated livestock corridors.

**9. Drug and Substance Abuse in Backstreets**

**Challenge**:  
The backstreets of Isiolo town have become hotspots for drug and substance abuse, contributing to increased urban security risks and social problems.

**Resolution**:

* **Strengthen Law Enforcement**: Enhance patrols and security presence in affected areas to deter criminal activities related to drug abuse.
* **Community-Based Rehabilitation Programs**: Partner with local organizations to set up community-based rehabilitation and counseling programs for those affected by drug abuse.
* **Youth Engagement Initiatives**: Provide alternative recreational and economic opportunities for youth, such as sports programs, vocational training, and employment opportunities, to reduce drug abuse.

**10. Poor Use of Public Open Spaces**

**Challenge**:  
Public open spaces are underutilized or misused, often occupied by illegal structures or vendors, leading to the loss of recreational areas.

**Resolution**:

* **Revitalize Public Spaces**: Transform underutilized open spaces into parks, recreational areas, and community centers, ensuring that they are accessible and well-maintained.
* **Regulate Usage**: Enforce regulations that limit the use of open spaces for informal activities, ensuring that such spaces remain public and available for all.

1. **Extension of Room Space on Pavements Challenge**:  
   Some buildings in Isiolo have extended their rooms onto public pavements, hindering pedestrian movement and creating unsafe walking conditions.

**Resolution**:

* **Demolition and Rehabilitation**: Where necessary, demolish illegal extensions and restore the public walkways for pedestrian use.
* **Enforcement of Zoning Laws**: Enforce zoning regulations to prevent further encroachment on public spaces and pavements.

**Conclusion**

Addressing the urban challenges in Isiolo Municipality requires a multifaceted approach that involves local government, community stakeholders, private sector partnerships, and active citizen participation. Effective urban planning, regulation, and enforcement are key to resolving these issues and creating a more organized, efficient, and sustainable urban environment for Isiolo's residents

**Resolution of Urban Challenges**

Urban areas across the globe, particularly in developing countries like Kenya, face a range of challenges as they grow and develop. The following strategies outline possible resolutions to these urban challenges, focusing on sustainable development, governance, and improved quality of life for residents.

**1. Housing and Informal Settlements**

**Challenges**:

* Rapid urbanization leads to overcrowded informal settlements.
* Poor infrastructure, inadequate housing, and lack of basic amenities (water, sanitation, electricity) in informal settlements.

**Resolutions**:

* **Slum Upgrading Programs**: Implementing comprehensive slum upgrading programs, including improving infrastructure (roads, water, and sanitation), legalizing land tenure, and providing access to affordable housing.
* **Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)**: Encourage partnerships with the private sector to build affordable housing projects in urban areas, with government incentives for developers.
* **Social Housing Policies**: Develop policies that incentivize affordable housing development for low-income groups, including subsidies and favorable land-use regulations.

**2. Transportation and Traffic Congestion**

**Challenges**:

* Increasing traffic congestion and inefficient public transport systems.
* Poor road infrastructure, lack of pedestrian and cycling paths.

**Resolutions**:

* **Public Transport Expansion**: Invest in mass public transport systems, such as bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail, and non-motorized transport networks to reduce road congestion
* **Smart Traffic Management**: Implement intelligent traffic management systems (such as traffic signals and congestion monitoring) to improve traffic flow and reduce delays.
* **Non-Motorized Transport Infrastructure**: Develop pedestrian and cycling lanes to encourage walking and cycling, making cities more walkable and reducing vehicle dependence.

**3. Waste Management and Pollution**

**Challenges**:

* Poor waste management systems leading to littering, illegal dumping, and environmental pollution.
* Air, water, and soil pollution from industrial activities and household waste.

**Resolutions**:

* **Integrated Waste Management Systems**: Promote waste segregation at the source, increase recycling initiatives, and establish composting systems for organic waste.
* **Waste-to-Energy Projects**: Encourage the development of waste-to-energy plants to generate power from solid waste, reducing landfill use and producing renewable energy.
* **Public Awareness Campaigns**: Educate communities on waste disposal, recycling, and the environmental impact of improper waste management through community outreach programs and social media campaigns.

**4. Urban Governance and Service Delivery**

**Challenges**:

* Poor urban planning and inadequate service delivery due to inefficient governance structures.
* Corruption, lack of accountability, and limited citizen participation in urban development decisions.

**Resolutions**:

* **Decentralized Governance**: Strengthen local government structures and ensure that urban planning and service delivery decisions are made at the local level to better reflect community needs.
* **Digitalization and E-Government**: Implement digital platforms for urban services (such as payment of bills, waste management reporting, and licensing) to improve transparency, reduce corruption, and enhance efficiency.
* **Citizen Engagement**: Establish regular forums and consultative meetings where citizens can provide input into urban development plans and service delivery improvements.
* **Strengthening Urban Planning**: Develop comprehensive master plans that are based on sustainable development principles, addressing housing, transport, sanitation, and the environment.

**5. Employment and Economic Development**

**Challenges**:

* High levels of youth unemployment, especially in urban center.
* Informal economies without adequate protections or support.

**Resolutions**:

* **Skills Development and Vocational Training**: the county need to Invest in vocational training programs and technical education to equip youth with the skills needed for the modern labor market, especially in sectors like construction, technology, and green energy
* **Support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**: through the waste management enterprises development strategy we need to Provide financial support, training, and mentorship for small and medium-sized businesses, which are key drivers of urban employment.
* **Job Creation in Sustainable Sectors**: Promote job creation in sectors like renewable energy, waste management, and green infrastructure that provide employment while also improving environmental sustainability.

**6. Climate Change and Resilience**

**Challenges**:

* Urban areas are increasingly vulnerable to climate change, including flooding, heatwaves, and rising sea levels.
* Insufficient climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

**Resolutions**:

* **Green Infrastructure**: Implement green infrastructure solutions such as parks, green roofs, urban forests, and wetlands to help mitigate the impacts of climate change, such as reducing the urban heat island effect and managing Storm water.
* **Climate Adaptation Plans**: Develop and implement climate resilience plans that include flood control, disaster preparedness, and strategies to protect vulnerable communities from the impacts of climate change.

**7-The Plan to Relocate the Dumpsite from Development Growth Areas in Isiolo Municipality**

As urbanization progresses in Isiolo Municipality, the relocation of the existing dumpsite away from key development growth areas is essential to support sustainable growth and ensure the health and well-being of residents. A growing town like Isiolo needs efficient waste management systems that align with urban planning, environmental standards, and public health concerns. Relocating the dumpsite is an important step in addressing these concerns while promoting economic, social, and environmental resilience.

**Key Factors to Consider in the Relocation Plan**

**1. Environmental Concerns**

* **Current Impact**: The current dumpsite likely has significant environmental impacts, including soil and water contamination, air pollution from burning waste, and the destruction of local ecosystems.
* **Relocation Benefits**: Moving the dumpsite will reduce pollution and improve public health by eliminating the potential for waste runoff into nearby water sources and reducing exposure to hazardous waste in the community.
* **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**: Conduct a thorough EIA at potential relocation sites to ensure that the new site does not introduce new environmental risks, such as contamination of soil or water bodies.

**2. Urban Growth and Development**

* **Conflict with Urban Development**: The current dumpsite may be located in an area that is critical for expansion, particularly in residential, commercial, or industrial sectors.
* **Opportunity for Sustainable Growth**: Relocating the dumpsite will free up valuable land for new developments, such as affordable housing, commercial spaces, and public services that are essential for a growing urban population.
* **Zoning and Land Use Planning**: Incorporate the relocation plan into the broader municipal zoning strategy to ensure that the new dumpsite site does not interfere with future urban growth.

**3. Social and Public Health Implications**

* **Health Risks**: Proximity to dumpsites poses significant health risks, including the spread of diseases due to poor waste management practices, exposure to harmful pollutants, and unsafe living conditions.
* **Improved Quality of Life**: Relocating the dumpsite will improve living conditions for nearby residents by reducing foul smells, waste accumulation, and exposure to vermin, which can improve public health.
* **Community Engagement**: Involve the community in the decision-making process through consultations and public forums to ensure transparency and build public support for the relocation.

**4. Economic Considerations**

* **Cost of Relocation**: Relocating the dumpsite involves significant initial investment, including land acquisition, waste transportation infrastructure, and site preparation. It is crucial to assess the costs and funding sources.
* **Revenue Generation from Land**: The land currently used for the dumpsite could be sold or repurposed for commercial development, creating new revenue streams for the municipality.
* **Job Creation**: The relocation process and construction of a new waste management facility could create employment opportunities for local residents in construction, transportation, and waste management operations.

**5. Waste Management and Infrastructure Development**

* **Development of Modern Waste Management Facilities**: The relocation presents an opportunity to introduce more modern waste management systems, such as recycling plants, composting facilities, and waste-to-energy plants, aligning with global trends in waste management.
* **Transportation Infrastructure**: Efficient transportation systems will need to be developed to move waste from the town center to the new dumpsite, minimizing transportation costs and environmental impacts associated with waste collection.
* **Sustainable Waste Practices**: The new dumpsite could incorporate innovative waste management strategies such as waste segregation, composting, and recycling to minimize the environmental impact of landfills.

**6. Legal and Regulatory Framework**

* **Compliance with National and Local Regulations**: Ensure that the relocation of the dumpsite complies with the relevant environmental and zoning regulations set forth by the government and urban boards.
* **Land Ownership and Acquisition**: The legal process of acquiring new land for the dumpsite must be clear and transparent, avoiding land disputes or compensation issues with landowners.
* **Licensing and Permits**: Obtain the necessary environmental permits and licenses before commencing the relocation to ensure compliance with waste management regulations.

**7. Community and Stakeholder Engagement**

* **Consultations with Stakeholders**: The relocation plan should involve consultations with local residents, businesses, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders to ensure that the project reflects their needs and concerns.
* **Awareness and Education**: Launch an awareness campaign to educate residents about the importance of the relocation and how they can participate in waste reduction, recycling, and proper waste disposal.

**8. Monitoring and Evaluation**

* **Performance Monitoring**: After the relocation, it will be important to monitor the new dumpsite for compliance with environmental standards, ensuring that the facility operates sustainably and does not pose further risks to the community.
* **Continuous Improvement**: Develop a system for ongoing assessment and feedback from the community, and stakeholders to ensure the success of the waste management system and address any challenges that may arise.
* **Actions:** Relocating the dumpsite from key development growth areas in Isiolo Municipality presents an opportunity to align urban growth with sustainable waste management practices. The plan must carefully address environmental, social, economic, and logistical challenges to ensure that the relocation benefits all stakeholders involved. With proper planning, investment, and community engagement, the relocation can contribute to healthier living conditions, improved urban development, and enhanced environmental sustainability for Isiolo

**MIN 8/IM/7/2023: ADJOURNMNT**

Having no other business, the meeting ended at 12.30 pm with a prayer said by Mr. Osman Halake Dadacha.

Minutes taken and prepared by:

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