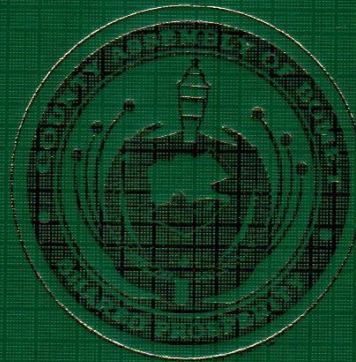




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1. PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban planning, and pursuant to Standing Order 201 (5) (f), I am pleased to report on the findings of the committee on the vetting of the nominees for the appointment of Chairperson and Members of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.

This is one of the sectoral committees established under the Standing Orders 201(5) (f) and the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders which provides that the Sectoral Committees, of which the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning falls, shall *inter alia*, vet and report on all appointments where the constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve.

1.1 Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning as currently constituted comprises of the following Honourable Members:-

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| 1. Hon. Dennis Busienei | -Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Joseah Samoei | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Ann Chepkemoi | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Victor Rop | - Member |
| 5. Hon. Benard Langat | - Member |
| 6. Hon. Charles Langat | - Member |
| 7. Hon. Emily Cheruiyot | - Member |

1.2 Committee's Mandate

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Sectoral Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning derives its mandate from provisions of Standing Order 201(5) (f) which defines functions of the Committee as being:

- a) To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned ministries and departments;
- b) To study the programme and policy objectives of ministries and departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;
- c) To study and review all legislation referred to it;
- d) To study, assess and analyze the relative success of the ministries and departments measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- e) To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned ministries and departments as may be deemed necessary, and as may be referred to it by the House or a minister;
- f) To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 187 (Committee on appointments); and
- g) To make reports and recommendations to the House as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

Mr. Speaker,

The County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee is provided for in Section 34, 35 and 36 of the Affordable Housing Act as follows

Section 34: Establishment of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee

1. The Affordable Housing Act mandates the establishment of a County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee in every county.
2. The County Committee shall comprise:
 - (a) A non-executive chairperson nominated by the County Governor.
 - (b) The County Executive Committee member responsible for housing matters or their designated representative.
 - (c) Three additional members nominated by the county governor, including:
 - (i) A representative of a registered association of traders operating in the county.
 - (ii) A representative of a registered residential association in the county.
 - (iii) A resident of the county representing the public interest.
 - (d) The chief officer in charge of housing, serving as an ex-officio member and secretary to the County Committee.
3. Nominees for positions (a) and (d) must undergo vetting and approval by the county assembly.
4. The County Governor, in selecting nominees for positions (a) and (d), shall:
 - (a) Ensure gender diversity with not more than two-thirds of the members being of the same gender.
 - (b) Ensure representation of ethnic minorities within the county.
 - (c) Consider inclusion of marginalized groups, such as youth and persons with disabilities.
5. Appointments to the Committee shall be made within thirty days of the commencement of this Act.

Section 35: Qualifications for Appointment

1. Criteria for the Chairperson's appointment:

- (a) Possession of a degree from a recognized university in Kenya.
- (b) Minimum five years' experience in housing, built environment, banking, or finance matters.
- (c) Residency in the county for no less than five years.
- (d) Compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution.

2. Criteria for members' appointment:

- (a) Compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution.
- (b) Absence of convictions for criminal offenses punishable by imprisonment for up to six months.
- (c) No history of bankruptcy, composition, or arrangement with creditors.
- (d) No disqualification from appointment under any other written law.

Section 36: Tenure of Office

1. The Chairperson and Committee members shall serve a three-year term, eligible for reappointment for an additional three-year term.

2. Grounds for removal from office include:

- (a) Unjustified absence from three consecutive Committee meetings.
- (b) Declaration of bankruptcy or entering into arrangements with creditors.
- (c) Conviction for offenses involving economic crimes or corruption.
- (d) Incapacity to fulfill office duties due to mental or physical infirmity.
- (e) Violation of Chapter Six of the Constitution.
- (f) Failure to disclose personal interests in matters under Committee consideration, as mandated by this Act.

1.3 Acknowledgements

Mr. Speaker,

The Committee registers its appreciation to the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk and the committee secretariat for the logistical support extended during the vetting process.

As the chairperson, I also take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their patience, sacrifice, endurance and Commitment to serve the public under tight schedules which enabled us to complete the task within the stipulated period. Finally, the committee thanks the nominees for their cooperation during the vetting process.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

Upon receiving the list of nominees for the appointment of Chairperson and Members of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee on April 18, 2024, the Committee resolved to convene a meeting on 23rd April, 2024, to discuss the procedure for the vetting exercise.

The Committee adhered to Constitutional and legal requirements, establishing proper procedures for vetting. Public notifications inviting the submission of memoranda were placed in mainstream print media, in accordance with the law.

The Committee in the meeting of Tuesday 30th April, 2024 resolved to invite the nominees for the appointment of Chairperson and Members of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee, on Thursday 2nd May 2024 for approval hearings at the County Assembly's Boardroom.

The nominees were required to bring the originals of their national identity card, academic and professional certificates, as well as other relevant documents and testimonials. Additionally, they were asked to avail certificates of compliance from:

1. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;
2. The Kenya Revenue Authority;
3. The Higher Education Loans Board;
4. The Criminal Investigation Department; and
5. Any of the Credit Reference Bureaus.

The nominees were directed to obtain the vetting questionnaire from the office of the Clerk, County Assembly of Bomet, beginning Thursday, April 25th, 2024. They were then

required to complete, sign, and return it by Thursday, May 2nd, 2024. It is noteworthy that all nominees complied with these instructions.

Additionally, the committee, in accordance with Article 196 of the Constitution and Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No 5 of 2017, issued a public invitation for attendance at the approval hearings. Members of the public were encouraged to submit written memoranda under oath contesting the suitability of any nominee for the positions they were nominated to serve.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Committee made several findings on the nominees during the vetting exercise, which guided its final recommendation. The recommendation was based on the information provided by the nominees during the vetting exercise. These recommendations were agreed upon by the majority of Committee Members during the adoption of the Report on Monday 6th May, 2024.

Mr. Speaker,

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, and pursuant to Section 8(1) of the Schedule to the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011, Section 34 of the Affordable Housing Act and Standing Order no. 201(5) (f), it is my pleasant duty to table the Report of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning on the nomination of the following individuals;

1. Mr. David Korir
2. Mr. Anthony Kipngeno Bett
3. Mrs. Grace Rop
4. Mrs. Sally Chepngeno Kirui

for the appointment of Chairperson and Members of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee, for debate, further consideration and subsequent adoption by the House.

SIGNED.......... DATE.....6th May 2024.....

HON. DENIS BUSIENEI

CHAIRPERSON

1.4 Ownership of the Report

We, the members of the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning do append our signatures against our names in this report to affirm the correctness of the contents and support for the report.

No.	Name	Position	Signature
1.	Hon. Denis Busienei	Chairperson	
2.	Hon. Joseah Samoei	Vice Chairperson	
3.	Hon. Ann Chepkemai	Member	
4.	Hon. Victor Rop	Member	
5.	Hon. Benard Langat	Member	
6.	Hon. Charles Langat	Member	
7.	Hon. Emily Cheruiyot	Member	

Dated this 6th day of May 2024

2. BACKGROUND

The Affordable Housing Act of Kenya, enacted to address the pressing need for accessible housing across the nation, establishes a crucial framework for the establishment and operation of County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committees. The committee, integral to the Act's implementation, serve as localized entities tasked with overseeing and facilitating affordable housing initiatives within each county.

Section 34 of the Act delineates the organizational structure of these committees, emphasizing inclusivity and representation. Each committee comprises a diverse array of members, including a non-executive chairperson appointed by the county governor, the County Executive Committee member responsible for housing matters or their representative, and three additional members nominated by the county governor. These additional members are drawn from distinct sectors, ensuring a multifaceted perspective on housing issues within the county. Furthermore, the chief officer in charge of housing serves as both an ex-officio member and the committee's secretary, providing administrative continuity and expertise.

To guarantee the integrity and effectiveness of the committee, stringent vetting procedures are outlined in Section 34. Nominees for key positions, such as the chairperson and the other nominees by the Governor, undergo thorough scrutiny and approval by the county assembly. Moreover, the county governor is directed to prioritize gender diversity, ethnic minority representation, and the inclusion of marginalized groups in the committee's composition, thereby fostering broad-based engagement and equitable decision-making.

Prompt establishment of these committees is paramount to the timely execution of the Act's objectives. Section 34 stipulates that appointments to the committee must be finalized within thirty days of the Act's commencement, ensuring expeditious action and the rapid mobilization of resources toward affordable housing initiatives.

Section 35 further solidifies the competency and integrity of committee members by establishing rigorous qualification criteria. The chairperson and members are required to possess a degree from a recognized Kenyan university, along with extensive experience in housing, built environment, banking, or finance. Similarly, members must adhere to stringent standards, including compliance with Chapter Six of the Constitution and a clean legal record free from criminal convictions or financial insolvency.

Section 36 delineates the tenure of office for committee members, outlining grounds for removal and ensuring accountability throughout their term. This includes provisions for term limits, conditions for reappointment, and criteria for removal, such as repeated absences, ethical violations, or incapacity to fulfill duties.

2.1 Issues for consideration in conducting the Approval hearing

In conducting the Approval hearing, the Committee was guided by **Article 73 (2) (a) (b) (c) and (e) of the Constitution**, and the provisions of **Section 7 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011**.

2.2 Notification

On 23rd April 2024, the Speaker communicated that through a letter dated 11th April, 2024 and pursuant to section 34 of the Affordable Housing Act, H.E Prof. Hillary Barchok notified the County Assembly of the nomination of four persons under various categories to serve as Chairperson and Members of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee,

S/No.	NOMINEE	ID NO.	TIME
1.	Mr. David Korir	3846829	Governor's Nominee (Chairperson)
2.	Mr. Anthony Kipngeno Bett	21682228	Traders Association
3.	Mrs. Grace Rop	10988908	Residential Association
4.	Mrs. Sally Chepwagen Kirui	0950744	County Residents

The curriculum vitae and certificates of the nominees were also thereafter forwarded to the Committee on Lands, Housing and Urban Planning to conduct approval hearings.

2.3 Notification to the nominees

On 23rd April, 2024 the Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Section 6(3) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No. 33 of 2011), notified the nominees of

the time and place for holding the approval hearing through an advert in the newspaper. Annexed hereto is a copy of the newspaper advert.

2.4 Notification to the public

Further pursuant to **Section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No.33 of 2011**, which provides that “any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated”.

In the same advert of the of the 23rd April 2024, the Committee, placed notifications informing the general public of the intention of the Assembly to conduct an approval hearing, as provided for by **Article 118 (1) (a)(b) and (2) of the Constitution** and **Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011**, which allow public participation in Committee proceedings. The notification further gave provision for the submission of memoranda to the office of the Clerk of the Suitability, on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee, by Wednesday, 1st May, 2024, at 5.00pm.

2.5 Committee meetings

The Committee held a total of four meetings and during a meeting held on 2nd May, 2024 at the County Assembly’s Board Room, the committee conducted vetting exercise.

2.6 Submission of memoranda

On May 2nd, 2024, the Clerk of the Assembly received a written memorandum contesting the appointment of Mr. David Korir, sworn by Dr. David Soo. Dr. Soo outlined reasons for contesting Mr. Korir's suitability, primarily focusing on his previous role as Chairman of the Bomet Municipal Board. Dr. Soo alleged that Mr. Korir is "unfit to be appointed chairperson of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee" due to his actions and omissions during his tenure, which allegedly resulted in misappropriation, pilferage, and embezzlement of funds granted by the World Bank under the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP).

In the memorandum, Dr. Soo provided a background to KUSP, outlining its significance and objectives. He then proceeded to detail, at length, various allegations supporting his contention against Mr. Korir's nomination. These included alleged instances of financial

mismanagement, ethical breaches, and regulatory violations purportedly committed by Mr. Korir during his time as Chairman of the Bomet Municipal Board.

Subsequently, the Committee extended an invitation to Dr. Soo to provide clarification and present his memorandum before the committee, with Mr. David Korir present. This action was taken to ensure Mr. Korir's fair administrative rights were upheld, allowing him the opportunity to respond to the allegations.

2.7 The Vetting Process

The committee allocated each candidate a maximum of one hour for vetting. In conducting the vetting exercise, the Committee was guided by, among other documents, the Constitution, the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011 and the county Assembly Standing Orders.

The Committee examined the nominee using the guidelines provided for in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act No. 33 of 2011. The Committee also followed the following criteria in vetting the nominees: -

- a) Academic qualifications
- b) Employment record and work experience
- c) Professional association
- d) Public office, political activities and affiliations
- e) Potential conflict of interest
- f) Suitability to the position
- g) Integrity

The Nominees were also evaluated on the following areas;

- a) Technical knowledge particularly in respect to the mandate of the Board of municipality and Town management Committee.
- b) General appreciation of the Constitution and the current urban management and planning Laws.

- c) Personal Presentation by the candidate.
- d) General knowledge on public affairs.
- e) An appreciation of general knowledge and current affairs.

2.8 VETTING OF THE NOMINEES FOR CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY RURAL AND URBAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

2.8.1 VETTING OF MRS. SALLY CHEPWOGEN KIRUI

Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui appeared before the Committee on Thursday 2nd May, 2024 and apprised the Committee as follows;

Background information

Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui, with ID No. **0950744**, was born in Kericho in 1948. She has been nominated for the position of Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee to represent County Residents.

Work experience

Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui has an extensive background in the civil service, with a career spanning over 40 years with various roles in nursing and Public Health. She has served as a Nurse, Midwife, and Public Health Nurse in different stations, including Kisumu, Nakuru, Eldoret, Mombasa, and most recently, Nairobi. In Nairobi, she held the position of Nurse in Charge at the International Travelers Vaccination Centre in City Hall, where she dedicated 22 years of service.

Mrs. Kirui has also been actively involved in professional and community leadership roles. She served as the Chairperson of the Nurses Association, Nairobi Chapter and as a Shop Steward of the Kenya Local Government Workers Union. Additionally, she has served as the Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee of NACICO Sacco.

Currently, Mrs. Kirui is focusing her efforts in empowering women's groups throughout Bomet County, addressing a range of social, economic, and political issues.

Honours and Awards

Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui has been recognized for her outstanding contributions in various fields. In 2023, she received a certificate from Equitas of Canada for advancing equality through Human Rights Education policy dialogue, alongside a certificate from the Anti FGB Bomet County Board. Her community involvement was acknowledged in 2020 with a certificate from the Ministry of Education Equity Bank Elimu Scholarship, endorsed by the Community Scholarship Advisory Committee. In 2015, Mrs. Kirui was honored by the National Task Force on Community Policing for her role in women's crime protection. Notably, in 2011, she was nominated to attend the Cardiff citizen programme by the British High Commission Wales and also completed training on Women Human Rights and UN SCR 1325, facilitated by the Coalition of Peace in Africa, earning her certificates in both instances.

Education background

Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui has a Certificate in Maternal Health and Family Planning from Kenya Medical Training Center (KNH) (1994), a Certificate in Kenya Expanded Programme on Immunization from Kenya Medical Training Center (KNH) (1984), a Diploma in Public Health (Nursing) from Kenya Medical Training Center (Kisumu) (1971), a Diploma in Midwifery from Kenya Medical Training Center (Mombasa) (1969-1970), and a Diploma in General Nursing from Kenya Medical Training Center (Nakuru) (1965-1968).

Observations

The committee noted Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui's experience in policy formulation, particularly in community policing, highlighted by her training in community policy in Cardiff, Wales (UK). Additionally, she has an extensive background in civil service, having served as a public nurse for quite some time. The committee recognized that the experience gained by the nominee from actively participating in professional and community policing, as well as leadership roles, will be invaluable in formulating proposals and policies aimed at developing, planning, and enhancing the living standards of all county residents.

Furthermore, it was noted that she strongly supports the affordable housing program, emphasizing its role in improving living standards of residents and providing easy access to social amenities such as schools, healthcare facilities, and clean water. She also highlighted the contribution of the Affordable Housing Programme in creating job

opportunities for youths and generating revenue for the County Government. Additionally, she demonstrated her skills in citizen engagement and sensitization regarding the significance of the affordable housing program through public participation.

The committee also observed that her knowledge of the Affordable Housing Act, which sought to implement Section 43(1) of the constitution on the right to accessible and adequate housing, alongside her supervisory skills, will contribute enormously to the planning and implementation of the program. Her adeptness in handling intricate policy matters and interacting with a variety of stakeholders will be crucial in advocating for the interests of county residents and making substantial contributions to the committee's objectives.

On Leadership and Integrity as per Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the committee noted that the nominee satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six having obtained clearances from the KRA, HELB, CRB, DCI and submitted a copy of a sworn self-declaration form from EACC as required under the Leadership and Integrity Act.

The committee found Mrs. Sally Chepwogen Kirui suitable for appointment as the member of the Bomet County Rural, Urban and Affordable Housing Committee to represent County Residents.

2.8.2 VETTING OF MRS. GRACE ROP

Mrs. Grace Rop appeared before the Committee on Thursday 2nd May 2024 and informed the Committee as follows;

Background information

Mrs. Grace Rop, with ID No. **10988908**, was born in Bomet Central in 1970. She has been nominated for the position of Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee to represent the Residential Association.

Work experience

Mrs. Grace Rop has a diverse background in Public Service, showcasing a strong commitment to her roles and responsibilities. She has worked in various capacities, including as a Tutorial Fellow at Bomet University College, where she implemented the college curriculum for the School of Business in 2019-2020.

Prior to that, Mrs. Rop served as the Acting Deputy Director of Gender, Children, and Social Protection at the Bomet County Government from 2016-2017. In this role, she was instrumental in policy formulation, interpretation, advisory guidance, and planning all departmental programs at the county level.

Before her role as the Acting Deputy Director, Mrs. Rop held the position of Bomet Town Administrator in 2015-2016. During her tenure, she oversaw the affairs of the town, demonstrating her ability to manage and coordinate municipal activities effectively.

Additionally, Mrs. Rop has experience as an Assistant Director in Lands, Housing, and Urban Development at the Bomet County Government. In this capacity, she provided support to the director and other managerial staff, showcasing her collaborative and team-oriented approach to work.

Education Background

Mrs. Grace Rop's academic qualifications are extensive and impressive. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Business Administration at Kabarak University, demonstrating her commitment to advanced learning. Her Master of Arts in Christian Studies from Wesley Biblical Seminary, completed from 2017 to 2021, reflects her interdisciplinary approach to education.

Mrs. Rop also holds a Master of Business Administration with a Strategic Management Option from Catholic University of Eastern Africa, attained from 2014 to 2017, showcasing her expertise in business strategy. Her Bachelor of Business Management with a specialization in Entrepreneurship, earned at the University of Kabianga from 2010 to 2014, underlines her foundational knowledge in business practices.

Moreover, Mrs. Rop's academic journey includes a Diploma in Business Management from The Kenya Institute of Management (2006-2007) and an Advanced Certificate in Business Management from The Kenya Institute of Management (2005-2005), illustrating her continuous pursuit of professional development.

Observations

The committee noted that Mrs. Grace Rop has a wealth of experience in various roles, demonstrating a strong background in both academic and practical settings. From her tenure as a Tutorial Fellow at Bomet University College, where she implemented the college curriculum for the School of Business, to her leadership as the Acting Deputy Director of Gender, Children, and Social Protection at the Bomet County Government, she has consistently shown a dedication to policy formulation, interpretation, and advisory guidance.

It was observed that her experience as the Bomet Town Administrator further underscores her ability to oversee complex operations and manage diverse responsibilities. As an Assistant Director in Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, she provided invaluable support to senior staff, showcasing her capacity to work collaboratively and effectively within a team. Mrs. Rop's extensive experience and dedication to public service make her a valuable asset to the Affordable Housing Committee.

Furthermore, it was noted that she aptly demonstrated her skills in conflict resolution through negotiation and engaging with either party to ensure mutual understanding. It was also noted that she possesses strong academic credentials, including a Master's Degree in Strategic Management. This, combined with her skills and experience, will be instrumental in aiding the committee in implementing the Affordable Housing Programme.

Additionally, Mrs. Rop's experience is vital in representing residential associations, ensuring that their perspectives and needs are effectively communicated and addressed within the Affordable Housing Committee's mandate. Her ability to navigate complex policy issues and engage with diverse stakeholders will be instrumental in advocating for the interests of residential associations and contributing significantly to the committee's objectives.

On Leadership and Integrity as per Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the committee noted that the nominee satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six having obtained clearances from the KRA, HELB, CRB, DCI and submitted a copy of a sworn self-declaration form from EACC as required under the Leadership and Integrity Act.

The committee found Mrs. Grace Rop suitable for appointment as the member of the Bomet County Rural, Urban and Affordable Housing Committee to represent the Residential Associations.

2.8.3 VETTING OF MR. ANTHONY KIPNGENO BETT

Mr. Anthony Kipngeno Bett appeared before the Committee on Thursday 2nd May, 2024 and imparted the following information to the Committee;

Background information

Mr. Anthony Kipngeno Bett, with ID No. **21682228**, was born in Itembe location, Nyangores Ward, Bomet County in 1979. He has been nominated for the position of Member of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee to represent the Traders Association.

Education Background

Mr. Bett attended St. Michael Primary School and later Kyogong Secondary School. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints, he was unable to complete his high school education. However, this setback did not hinder his leadership ambitions. He later joined the Tenwek Community Development Program, where he received training and certification in Safe Water Systems for Community Resource Persons and Home-Based Care.

Work Experience

Mr. Bett served as the chairperson for St. Michael Primary School, where his leadership skills were instrumental in improving the school's infrastructure.

Observation

The committee acknowledged Mr. Bett's proficiency and experience in Home-Based Care and Safe Water System for the Community Resource Persons, underscoring his ability to oversee the implementation of the Affordable Housing Programme. His expertise will be crucial in ensuring the establishment of proper sanitation measures to safeguard the residents' safety.

It was also noted that his leadership as the chairperson demonstrated a commitment to improving the infrastructure of St. Michael Primary School. This commitment reflects his dedication to ensuring the effective implementation of affordable housing initiatives and enhancing the standards of the entire community.

Additionally, it is noted that his experience indicates a strong commitment to community service and a proactive approach to addressing local issues. This proactive stance is crucial in advocating for the traders' needs and ensuring that their voices are heard in the committee's decision-making processes.

On Leadership and Integrity as per Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the committee noted that the nominee satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six having obtained clearances from the KRA, HELB, CRB, DCI and submitted a copy of a sworn self-declaration form from EACC as required under the Leadership and Integrity Act.

The committee found Mr. Anthony Kipngeno Bett **suitable** for the appointment as the member of the Bomet County Rural, Urban and Affordable Housing Committee to represent the Traders Association.

2.8.4 VETTING OF MR. DAVID KIPKEMOI KORIR

Mr. David Kipkemoi Korir appeared before the Committee on Thursday 2nd April, 2024 and apprised the Committee as follows;

Background information

Mr. David Kipkemoi Korir of ID No **3846829** was born in Kapkatet (Bureti) in 196. The Nominee was nominated for the position of Chairperson, County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee. He has been presented as the Governor's appointee.

Work experience

Mr. Korir served as an Architectural Assistant in the Ministry of Public Works and Housing for twelve (12) years before resigning from the public service to pursue business opportunities. He is currently the Managing Director of Sot Pharmacy in Bomet town.

Education background

Mr. Korir holds a Master of Arts Degree in Project Planning and Management (2018), a Bachelor's Degree in Project Planning and Management (2016) and a Diploma in Business Management (2014) from the University of Nairobi. Mr. Korir is a Building and Construction Technician having trained at the Jomo Kenyatta College of Agriculture and Technology (1988). He sat for his Kenya Advanced Certificate of Education in Nyahururu High school in 1983 and his Kenya Certificate of Education in Litein secondary School in 1981.

Observation

The committee noted that Mr. David Kipkemai Korir has a wealth of experience having worked for over ten (10) years in the public service as an Architectural Assistant in the Ministry of Public Works and Housing. It was noted that his experience is handy with the formulation of policies geared towards development and planning of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing.

Contestation against his nomination.

The nomination of Mr. David Kipkemai Korir faces contestation, primarily from Dr. David Soo, who raised concerns regarding Mr. David Kipkemai Korir's suitability to the position of Chairperson of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing. Dr. Soo alleged various instances of misconduct during Mr. Korir's previous role as Chairman of the Bomet Municipal Board. These allegations include accusations of financial mismanagement, ethical breaches, and the misappropriation of funds intended for the Kenya Urban Support Programme (KUSP), funded by the World Bank.

In response to the allegations raised by Dr. Soo, Mr. Korir vehemently refutes all accusations in their entirety, deeming them malicious and intended to tarnish his reputation. He categorically denies any wrongdoing and finds the allegations defamatory in nature. Mr. Korir asserts that he was not the Accounting Officer during his tenure and emphasizes that no concrete evidence has been presented to substantiate the claims against him. Additionally, he denies any involvement in doctoring meeting minutes. Mr. Korir requested the Committee not to rely upon the contested allegations, urging a fair and unbiased assessment of his suitability for the position.

3 COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

3.1 MR. DAVID KORIR, MR. ANTHONY KIPNGENO BETT, MRS. GRACE ROP, MRS. SALLY CHEPWAGEN KIRUI

After meticulous consideration of the nominees' curriculum vitae and their verbal presentations during the vetting process, the Committee has formulated the subsequent observations:

1. **Academic and Professional Background:** Each nominee possesses the essential academic and professional qualifications required to effectively execute the responsibilities of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee.
2. **Understanding of Roles:** While the majority of nominees exhibited a reasonably sound comprehension of the committee's functions, it was identified that a comprehensive induction program would be advantageous in acquainting them with the broader landscape governing land use and urban planning within the County.
3. **Passion for Service:** The nominees demonstrated admirable zeal for serving the County, with an expectation that such enthusiasm will be met with collaboration from the County Governments and other pertinent National Stakeholders engaged in Affordable Housing endeavors.
4. **Chairperson Nominee Evaluation:** Apprehensions were expressed regarding the leadership competencies of the Chairperson nominee, particularly pertaining to independence, collegiality, and decisiveness. Consequently, the Committee has resolved to decline the nomination of Mr. David Kipkemoi Korir for the position of the Chairperson. The Committee abstained from delving into allegations of financial misconduct or malfeasance associated with a disbanded Municipal Board in 2020, as this matter falls beyond its purview. Such concerns are more aptly addressed by competent authorities such as the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

Based on these findings, the Committee deems the following nominees **suitable** for appointment to the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee and approves their appointment as members:

- Mr. Anthony Kipngeno Bett
- Mrs. Grace Rop
- Mrs. Sally Chepwagen Kirui

The Committee **does not** find Mr. David Kipkemoi Korir suitable for appointment as the Chairperson of the County Rural and Urban Affordable Housing Committee and therefore **Rejects** his nomination.