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BOMET COUNTY ASSEMBLY

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS
ON THE BOMET COUNTY REVOLVING FUND POLICY 2018
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1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 185(4) of the Constitution of Kenya and Standing Orders, it is my pleasant duty to present to this County Assembly the report of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sports on the Bomet County Revolving Fund policy 2018.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the policy was laid on the Table of the County Assembly on 28th November 2018 and committed to the committee to conduct public participation and report back to the Assembly within the shortest period possible.

1.1 Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Youths and Sports, as currently constituted, comprises of the following members: -

1. Hon. Joseph Kellong - Chairperson
2. Hon. Vincent Mutai - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Joseah Chepkwony - Member
4. Hon. Zadock Kilel - Member
5. Hon. Andrew Maritim - Member
6. Hon. Robert Rono - Member
7. Hon. Marcella Chepkirui - Member

1.2 Committee's Mandate

Mr. Speaker,

The Sectoral Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Youths and Sports derives its mandate from provisions of Standing Order 193(5) and the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders 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 departments;
- b) To study the programmes and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of their implementation;
- c) To study and review all legislations referred to it;
- d) To study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- e) To investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as may be deemed necessary, and as may be referred to it by the County Assembly;
- 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 188(Committee on appointments);and
- g) To make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendations of proposed legislation.

2.0 Acknowledgment

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee wishes to thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk for the support accorded to it during the public participation and execution of the committee's mandate.

As the chairperson, I also take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee for their contribution.

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Committee did stakeholder participations on 6th December, 2018 and extensive committee meetings on the policy. The findings made during committee deliberations and stakeholder participation guided the Committee in making its final recommendation.

Mr. Speaker Sir,

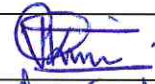
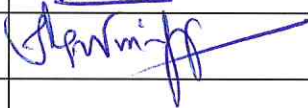
Finally, on behalf of the Committee, on behalf of the Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Youths and Sports, I have the honour and pleasure to present the committee's report on the Bomet County Revolving Fund, 2018.

SIGNED..........DATE.....10/12/2018.....

HON. JOSEPH KELLONG, CHAIRPERSON

3.0 Ownership of the Report

We, the members of Education, Vocational Training, Youths and Sports Committee, do append our signatures against our names to this report to affirm the correctness of the contents and support for the report;

No.	Name	Designation	Signature
1.	Hon. Joseph Kellong	Chair	
2.	Hon. Vincent Mutai	V/Chair	
3.	Hon. Joseah Chepkwony	Member	
4.	Hon. Robert Rono	Member	
5.	Hon. Zadock Kilel	Member	
6.	Hon. Marcella Chepkirui	Member	
7.	Hon. Andrew Maritim	Member	

Dated this 10thof December, 2018

4.0 THE BOMET COUNTY REVOLVING FUND POLICY, 2018

4.1. Background

The Committee on Education, Vocational Training, Youths and Sports is one of the Sectoral committees established under Standing Order No. 193(1) and deals with all county matters relating to Education and Training including approval of relevant policies.

The Bomet County Revolving Fund Policy was laid on the Table of the County Assembly on 28th November 2018 and subsequently committed to the committee to conduct public participation and report back to the Assembly within the shortest period possible.

4.1 Executive Summary of the Policy

The Bomet County Revolving Fund Policy, 2018 was prepared by the County Executive to provide for the establishment of a revolving fund aimed at financing education of students pursuing education and training in tertiary institutions and universities in Kenya. The policy seeks to establish a collaboration between the County Government and the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) in terms of advancing loans to students which should thereafter recovered by Government once students graduate from their institutions of learning.

4.2 Objects of the Policy

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The specific objectives of the Policy is to promote the-

- a. To increase equitable access to technical and higher education in Bomet County;

- b. To support highly qualified Bomet County students who may not afford higher education;
- c. To ensure sustainable revolving fund; and
- d. To provide loans to residents of Bomet County pursuing courses in technical institutes, public and private universities

4.3 Public Participation Forum

Mr. Speaker Sir,

Pursuant to Article 196(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the committee invited stakeholders, residents, and other interested public to a public participation to present their views and memoranda on the Bomet County Revolving Fund Policy that was scheduled to take place at the Twiggs Hotel on 6th December 2018.

The invitation was made through radio and newspaper adverts and through letter correspondence to specific stakeholders.

4.4 Views and recommendation of the public

Mr. Speaker Sir,

During a stakeholder's forum held in Bomet town on 6th December 2018, the delegates drawn from various educational institutions and other professions submitted the following views and recommendations:

1. That fundraising be included as one of the source of funds under sub heading donation grants and donors
2. That the CEC should submit a copy of audited report to student Council for scrutiny
3. That the term eligibility be introduced before word 'student in tertiary'. The term 'tertiary' should also be included in the definition of terms.

4. That the composition of County Education Loans Committee and Loans Oversight Committee should include representative from Student Council.
5. That the requirement that for one to qualify he or she should be a voter is too stringent.
6. That the policy should also accept other means of identification such as a letter of introduction from Provincial Administrators and Birth certificates.
7. That the Kshs. 5,000 penalty for defaulters of the loan is too high and should be reduced to Kshs.1, 000.
8. That the county should benchmark in other counties that have implemented the same policy and put measures to improve on the areas with challenges such as loan recovery.
9. The policy should have a window for appeal for beneficiaries who are dissatisfied with amounts they qualify for.
10. That the fund should include special kitty for People with Disability.
11. That the composition of County Education Loans Committee and Loans Oversight Committee should incorporate religious leaders
12. That the department of Education and Vocational Training should collaborate with HELB to ensure that all student from Bomet County access the HELB loans and the County revolving funds be top up on what HELB loan does not cater for like boarding fee and other expenses.
13. That the policy should be aligned with the financial dynamics of needy students in the county

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS

Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Committee on having deliberated on the policy makes the following recommendations;

1. Eligibility of beneficiaries

The beneficiaries should be students who can prove that they are residents of the county but not necessarily voters

2. County Education Loans Committee

i. Qualifications and appointments

All the Members of the County Educations Loans Committee should be holders of degrees and the appointment to the Committee should be done by the Governor

ii. Composition of the Committee

The members of the County Educations Loans Committee should include one person representing faith-based organizations and exclude chairperson of the loans oversight committee

iii. Term of the Members

The members other than the Executive Committee Members and the Chief Officers should be appointed for a term of three years and be eligible for one further term.

3. Loans Oversight Committee

- a) Loans oversight committee should be renamed as Interim County Education Loans Committee and should remain in office for an interim period of one year.
- b) The membership of the committee should have three Chief officers instead of the four
- c) The County Education Board Chairman should be one of the members of this committee

4. Interim County Education Loans Committee

The interim county education loans committee in the draft policy should be done away with.

5. Relevant legislation

A proper legislation should be enacted by the County Assembly within a period of one year to provide clear guidelines on the management of the fund and disbursement of loans.

6. Review of the policy

The policy should be reviewed every three years to ascertain its effectiveness and areas for improvement.

7. Approval of the policy.

That the County Assembly approves the proposed policy subject to the committee's recommendation.

