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**Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects
of the former municipal councils**

Minutes of Meeting
held on Thursday, 7 March 2002 at 8:30 am
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members Present : Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP (Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon CHAN Yuen-han
Hon WONG Yung-kan
Hon IP Kwok-him, JP
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Hon WONG Sing-chi

Members Absent : Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Public Officers Attending : Agenda item III

Mr David LAU
Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment and Food (A) 2

Mrs Marion LAI
Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene
(Administration and Development)

Mr HUNG Chi-pai
Assistant Director (Operations) 1
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mrs Angel CHOI
Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr WONG Shiu-kwan
Project Director 3
Architectural Services Department

Agenda items IV and V

Ms Eva TO
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs
(Recreation and Sport)

Mr Michael LEUNG
Senior Executive Officer (Recreation and Sport)2
Home Affairs Bureau

Ms Pamela CHAN
Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 1
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Daniel MAK
Chief Executive Officer (Planning) 2
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr WONG Shiu-kwan
Project Director 3
Architectural Services Department

Clerk in Attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)5

Staff in Attendance : Miss Betty MA
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)1

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The Chairman informed members that as the Briefing by the Financial Secretary and the Secretary for the Treasury on 2002-03 Budget was scheduled to start at 10:00 am, the Subcommittee meeting would end before 10:00 am.

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I. Paper(s) issued since the last meeting

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 962/01-02(01), CB(2) 1102/01-02(01), CB(2) 1086/01-02 and CB(2) 1175/01-02(01)]

2. Members noted that the following papers had been issued to members since the last Subcommittee meeting on 10 January 2002 -

(a) letter dated 11 January 2002 from the SKH Tung Chung Integrated Service - Tung Chung Residents Concern Group and the Administration's response; and

(b) letter dated 31 January 2002 from the Central and Western District Council and the reply from the Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat.

II. Background paper prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

[LC Paper No. CB(2) 1252/01-02(01)]

3. Members noted the background paper prepared by the LegCo Secretariat on the position of the 169 outstanding capital works projects of the ex-PMCs.

III Projects involving food and environmental hygiene facilities

(a) The 19 projects for retro-fitting of air-conditioning to existing markets and/or cooked food centres

_____ [LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1175/01-02(02) and CB(2) 1175/01-02(03)]

4. Deputy Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Administration and Development) (DD(A&D)) said that the Administration had completed consultation with 10 relevant District Councils (DCs) on the 19 retro-fitting projects. Of the DCs consulted, eight DCs had expressed support for the retro-fitting projects. One DC (Kowloon City DC) had requested for more information before they could comment further and the other DC had no comment at present. DD(A&D) further said that additional information would be provided to Kowloon City DC for consideration at its meeting on 21 March 2002. While some DCs had remarked that the projects should be carried out expeditiously, some other DCs had expressed concern that it would be difficult to obtain 85% consent from the stall lessees concerned. Some DCs had requested for more information on the works. DD(A&D) informed members that three Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) had been consulted so far and their feedback was positive. The stall lessees of individual markets and/or cooked food centres would soon be invited to indicate in the "letter of intent" whether they would pay the recurrent charges when the air-conditioning system was in place.

5. Mr Fred LI said that to his knowledge, the affected stall lessees were mainly concerned about the recurrent costs of air-conditioning and the operational

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arrangements when the works were in progress. They were worried that even if the markets were to be partially closed, the business would be adversely affected when the works were in progress. Mr LI asked whether the Administration had provided such information to the stall lessees and whether it had any plans of providing assistance to the affected stall lessees, e.g. waiving the rental of affected stalls during the works period. He said that without such assistance, stall lessees might object to the retro-fitting projects in view of the likely disruption and loss of business caused by the retro-fitting works. He also sought clarification whether the stall lessees would be required to bear the maintenance cost in addition to recurrent charges for air-conditioning.

6. DD(A&D) made the following response -

- (a) the recurrent cost of the air-conditioning included both the electricity charges and the maintenance costs of the air-conditioning system;
- (b) based on the experience of some existing air-conditioned markets, the additional electricity charges for air-conditioning would be between several hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars, depending on the size of the stalls, etc. All relevant information such as the works arrangements and the impact on stall lessees would be provided to facilitate them to make a decision; and
- (c) FEHD was discussing with Finance Bureau the rental arrangement for stalls affected by the works.

7. DD(A&D) said that the Administration would balance the interests of both the residents and the market stall lessees concerned when making the works arrangements. She further said that it was ultimately a commercial decision for the stall lessees concerned to accept the proposals or not.

8. Mr IP Kwok-him referred to Annex B of the Administration's paper and asked whether individual DCs had given specific views on any aspect of the retro-fitting projects, and which DCs did not support the projects.

9. DD(A&D) said that the consultation with DCs was only carried out recently and the relevant record of meetings was not yet available. DD(A&D) said that a total of 15 DCs had been consulted so far. There were no retro-fitting projects in Shatin, Tai Po and Island districts. The views of the DCs were given in the Administration's paper. She said that Wong Tai Sin DC had indicated that it would urge LegCo to exert pressure on Administration to expedite the implementation of the project in the district.

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10. Mr IP Kwok-him asked whether the Administration would consider further advancing the implementation timetable for the retro-fitting projects. DD(A&D) responded that in order to expedite the progress of the projects, the Administration was consulting the relevant DCs and MMCCs simultaneously. She said that funding had

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been earmarked for these projects and the schematic design work had been completed. Upon obtaining the consent of 85% of the stall lessees concerned, retro-fitting works for individual markets/cooked food centres could commence. She stressed that the Administration had tried its best to expedite implementation of the projects, and the earliest possible start date would be early next year.

11. Mr IP further asked whether DCs had proposed other retro-fitting projects during consultation; and if so, whether the Administration would accede to the new requests. DD(A&D) said that the Administration had agreed that improvement works should be carried out to the existing markets. However, having regard to the limited resources available, the Administration would first carry out retro-fitting works to the 19 markets and/or cooked food centres as approved by the former Provisional Municipal Councils (PMCs). A timetable for carrying out general improvement works to the remaining markets would be drawn up at a later stage. The Chairman advised that the plan for remaining markets should more appropriately be followed up by the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene.

12. Mr WONG Yung-kai expressed concern whether the retro-fitting projects would be proceeded with if eventually less than 85% of the stall lessees consented to the project. DD(A&D) said that the Administration had just sent out the questionnaires to gauge the views of the stall lessees on their willingness to pay the additional electricity charges but the results were not yet known. She expected that the preliminary consultation could be completed by April 2002 if the "letters of intent" could be returned on time. The Administration would remind the lessees concerned to complete the "letters of intent" so that the retro-fitting projects could be carried out as soon as possible. DD(A&D) agreed to revert to the Subcommittee on the response of the stall lessees.

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(b) Outstanding projects involving food and environmental hygiene facilities other than the air-conditioning retro-fitting
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1175/01-02(07) and CB(2) 1252/01-02(02)]

13. DD(A&D) said that the relevant DCs were recently consulted on the latest position of the 20 capital works projects (excluding air-conditioning retro-fitting projects) involving food and environmental hygiene facilities. She informed members that the Administration recommended that the following four projects should be proceeded with -

- (a) market and public toilet in Aldrich Bay Reclamation Area;
- (b) temporary off-street refuse collection point cum public toilet at Ma Tau Kok Road;
- (c) Kwai Chung Ambulance depot with Fire Services Department Offices and refuse collection point at Hing Shing Road, Area 10B, Kwai Chung; and

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- (d) redevelopment of existing public toilet at Ngong Ping, Lantau.

Regarding the remaining 16 projects, DD(A&D) said that the Administration considered that there was no real need for nine projects and the need for seven projects was under review. She further said that DCs generally supported the Administration's proposal. Although there were dissenting views from DCs on a few projects, the Administration would maintain dialogue with DCs regarding the way forward of these projects.

- Admin 14. At the request of the Chairman, DS(EF) agreed to provide a list showing the latest position of each of the above 20 capital works projects.

IV Stanley Complex, Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground and Hammer Hill Road District Park

[LC Paper No. CB(2) 1175/01-02(04)]

Stanley Complex

15. Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (PAS(HA)) briefed members on the latest position of the Stanley Complex. PAS(HA) said that the Southern DC had been consulted and given support to the revised project scope which would include a sports centre, a small library, an integrated hall, a sub-office of the Southern DC and a public toilet. She further said that after reporting back to the Town Planning Board (TPB) in March 2002 on the revised design of the project, the Administration would submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) to upgrade the project to Category A in mid-2002, after the working drawings and tender documents were completed.

16. The Chairman drew members' attention to a letter from Dr YEUNG Sum tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note : Dr YEUNG Sum's letter tabled at the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 1297/01-02 dated 8 March 2002.)

17. Referring to Dr YEUNG Sum's letter, Mr Fred LI said that residents of Ma Hang Estate had reiterated their demand for market facilities. In view of the strong demand for a public market by local residents, Mr LI urged that the Administration should reconsider providing market facilities in the Stanley Complex. Mr LI said that he would consider voting against the project when the funding proposal was submitted to PWSC, if the Administration did not take heed of the demand for market facilities in Stanley.

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18. DD(A&D) said that FEHD was aware of the request for market facilities made by the residents of Ma Hang Estate, and had been working with the relevant government departments to retain the existing temporary market at the seafront.

19. Mr IP Kwok-him said that while there would be difficulties to include a new market in the proposed Stanley Complex at this last moment, the Administration should consider the request of the local residents. Mr IP suggested that one way was to upgrade the facilities in the temporary market and retain it on a permanent basis. Moreover, beautification work could be carried out for the temporary market to make it a tourist attraction. Mr IP further said that he would support the funding proposal for the Stanley Complex only if the Administration undertook to retain the existing temporary market permanently.

20. DD(A&D) reiterated that the Stanley Temporary Market would be retained and improvement works would be carried out to enhance its business environment. As regards the proposal to retain the market permanently, DD(A&D) pointed out that the land use of the site had been designated as open space, and revision of the land use would be subject to the approval of TPB. She further said that the Administration was now working on an application to TPB to revise the land use of the site to provide a permanent market there.

21. Mr IP Kwok-him suggested that as the Administration would report back to TPB on the revised design of the project, it should, as part of the package, seek the approval of TPB to retain the temporary market in Stanley on a permanent basis. He hoped that the Administration would not subsequently advise that there was no need for market facilities in the district after Members had given approval to the construction of the Stanley Complex. Mr IP further suggested that improvement works should be carried out and car park facilities should be provided for the temporary market to improve its patronage.

22. DD(A&D) said that as far as she knew, Planning Department was reporting to TPB on the revised design of the Stanley Complex as well as the proposal to retain the temporary market in Stanley. As regards the provision of public parking spaces in the vicinity of the temporary market, DD(A&D) advised that FEHD was discussing with the Transport Department and Fire Services Department the possibility of relaxing the vehicular control requirement in the area.

Admin 23. Mr IP Kwok-him requested that the Administration should revert to the Subcommittee on the provision of market facilities in Stanley, particularly the progress of upgrading the facilities and the provision of public parking facilities in the temporary market.

Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground

24. PAS(HA) said that the Administration was working on the revised drawings and tender documents to incorporate the additional spectator stands in the recreation

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ground. A proposal would be made to PWSC on 3 April 2002 to upgrade the project to Category A.

Hammer Hill Road District Park

25. PAS(HA) said that the Administration was discussing with Chi Lin Nunnery the revised design proposal and the cost estimates. According to Chi Lin's proposed design, the estimated cost would be \$243.49 million, which was 20% above the original budget of \$177 million. The Administration was discussing with Chi Lin the financial arrangement for meeting the cost difference. PAS(HA) informed members that Chi Lin had been invited to brief Wong Tai Sin DC on the proposed layout design of the Park in January 2002, and the DC expressed support for the proposal. She hoped that a preliminary agreement with Chi Lin could be reached in April 2002. The Administration would report to the Subcommittee on the progress.

26. Mr Fred LI expressed strong dissatisfaction that while Wong Tai Sin DC was briefed on the revised design of the Park, the Subcommittee was not even consulted on the revised design. Moreover, the Subcommittee had previously made clear that the cost for the Park should not exceed \$177 million. Mr LI said that he would consider voting against the project when it was submitted to PWSC.

27. PAS(HA) explained that Chi Lin was invited by Wong Tai Sin DC to brief them on the proposed layout design of the Park. As regards the project costs and the entrusted arrangements, PAS(HA) advised that the Administration was still discussing with Chi Lin. She said that the Administration had planned to provide an overall plan to the Subcommittee after reaching an agreement with Chi Lin, before the proposal was put to PWSC. PAS(HA) said that the Administration had undertaken to cap the project cost at \$177 million.

28. Responding to the Chairman, PAS(HA) said that the Administration aimed to make a submission to PWSC to upgrade the project to Category A of the Public Works Programme (PWP) in late 2002.

V Projects involving leisure and cultural facilities

- (a) The 64 projects included in the Accelerated Programme for Capital Works Projects involving Leisure and Cultural Facilities
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2) 1175/01-02(05) and CB(2) 1175/01-02(06)]

29. PAS(HA) said that of the 64 capital works projects included in the Accelerated Programme, 15 were scheduled to commence construction work in 2002-03. In order that construction works of the 15 projects could commence on schedule, the Administration would propose to PWSC to upgrade these 15 projects to Category A of PWP in batches in June, October and December 2002. She advised that the relevant DCs had been consulted and they expressed support for the projects. She hoped that members would support the relevant funding proposals when they were put to PWSC.

30. The Chairman said that members had repeatedly requested the Administration to expedite the implementation of these projects. He asked whether the implementation timetable could be further advanced.

31. PAS(HA) said that the Administration had critically examined the implementation timetable of the projects included in the Accelerated Programme and had already compressed the planning lead time for projects as far as practicable. She could not see much room for further advancing the works start date. She explained that subject to the Subcommittee's support for the proposal to upgrade seven projects to PWP Category A in June 2002, the Administration would need to consult the relevant DCs once again on the detailed design of the projects. Hence, the proposed date for submission to PWSC in June 2002 would be the earliest possible date.

32. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that the Chief Executive announced in his 2001 Policy Address that some 32 000 posts would be created, and most of them were related to the public works projects. However, according to the latest statistics, only some 2 000 posts had been created so far. She strongly urged that the Administration should make serious efforts to speed up the preparation work so that the construction work could start earlier and more employment opportunities could be created.

33. PAS(HA) responded that the Administration had tried its very best to compress the implementation timetable for the capital works projects. Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1/Leisure and Cultural Services Department (CEO(P)1/LCSD) supplemented that since the last meeting of the Subcommittee, the Administration had identified the following five projects for which the start dates could be further advanced -

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- (a) Improvement to the Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre
- As the Civil Engineering Department had agreed to take up the project, the commencement date of the project would be advanced from March 2004 to June 2003.
- (b) Provision of an Ecological Park and other Recreational Facilities on Jordan Valley former Landfill
- The start date of the project could be advanced from March 2004 to December 2003, as Environmental Protection Department (EPD), which was the works agent for the project, had advanced the preparatory work.
- (c) Tin Shui Wai District Library
- The commencement date of the project would be advanced from August 2005 to November 2004. The revised schedule would be very tight as this was a joint user building project and LCSD had to identify other user departments.
- (d) Territory-wide Renovation for Libraries
- The works involving a few libraries were quite minor and therefore could be advanced for phased implementation. The commencement date for the programme could therefore be advanced from March 2004 to September 2003.
- (e) Tung Wan Beach Building, Cheung Chau
- The assistance of Islands DC was being sought to resolve the transportation problem for building materials. It was expected that the project could start works in 2003 instead of March 2004.

Admin The Chairman requested that the Administration should provide the above information in writing.

34. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that she was disappointed with the manner that the Administration had dealt with the ex-PMC projects. She had the impression that the Administration would only make a real effort to advance the start dates for a few capital works projects, after members had made repeated requests for bringing forward the projects. She stressed that the Administration should seriously consider ways to shorten the process of the pre-construction preparatory work, so that works could commence as early as possible.

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35. Project Director 3/Architectural Services Department (PD3/ArchSD) said that his department would make its best efforts to expedite the pre-construction preparatory work once the technical aspects of the projects, such as site readiness and funding approval obtained by joint users, were resolved.

36. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that members had raised concerns at previous meetings whether insufficient funding was the problem for the Administration not being able to take forward the projects at an earlier date. She pointed out that the Administration had advised at previous meetings that funds had already been secured for the projects. She sought clarification why funding had not yet been secured by the joint users.

37. PD3/ArchSD explained that to optimise site utilisation for the building projects, it was necessary to identify joint users for the proposed buildings. While funding approval had been given to LCSD for its proposed facilities, other joint users might not have secured the necessary funding approval in some projects. CEO(P)1/LCSD added that there were 15 building projects included in the list of ex-PMC projects. When these projects were taken over by Government, they were at preliminary planning stage and joint users had not yet been identified. While LCSD had secured resources for the leisure and cultural services facilities in respect of these projects, other joint users would need to bid resources in accordance with the established procedures.

38. Referring to the 15 projects under the Accelerated Programme scheduled for commencement in 2002-03, Mr LAU Ping-cheung said that the total estimated project costs of the seven projects that the Administration planned to upgrade to Category A in June 2002 amounted to \$355 million, while that for the remaining eight projects was \$340 million. Mr LAU expressed concern that there was a significant decrease in the capital works expenditure for provision of municipal services, as compared to an annual expenditure of some \$20 billion in the ex-PMC days. He shared the views of other members that the lead time for pre-construction preparatory work should be reduced, and the process for identifying joint users should be shortened by imposing a deadline for government departments to indicate whether they wished to take up the premises.

39. CEO(P)1/LCSD said that a working group had been set up to follow up those projects which required joint users. She added that the potential joint users would need to compete for resources within the respective bureaux.

40. Mr Fred LI said that of the projects proposed to commence construction works in 2002-03 under the Accelerated Programme, some of the projects scheduled to commence in 2002-03 were to provide open space. These projects were straightforward in nature and there was no need to identify joint users. For example, the proposed improvements to Lok Wah Playground could start any time. He could not understand why the Administration had still not made a proposal to PWSC to start these projects.

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41. PD3/ArchSD said that the Lok Wah Playground project was not complicated. However, the major obstacle was the need to provide an alternative entrance access to the Playground. To minimise disruption caused to the nearby residents, his department was discussing with the residents possible options for providing an alternative access to the Playground.

42. Mr Fred LI further said that according to the Administration's proposed timetable, seven projects would be proposed for PWSC's consideration on 5 June 2002. As there would probably be some other funding proposals for that PWSC meeting, he was concerned that there would be insufficient time for members to ask questions at that meeting and some items might have to be deferred to another meeting. He suggested that the Administration should submit these projects to PWSC by batches.

43. Mr LAU Ping-cheung expressed a similar concern. Mr LAU said that the Administration should avoid putting too many proposals at one PWSC meetings towards the end of a session. He suggested that the Administration should have better planning for the PWSC agenda to avoid delays of the projects concerned.

44. PAS(HA) said that the Administration was aware of the problem raised by members and had therefore proposed to submit the seven projects to PWSC on 5 June 2002, which was the earliest meeting scheduled for June 2002. Nevertheless, the Administration would further examine whether it could advance some items to an earlier meeting of PWSC.

45. Miss CHAN Yuen-han said that Members would be prepared to hold additional PWSC meetings to examine these projects, if necessary. She strongly urged that the Administration should expedite the pre-construction preparatory work for the 64 projects under the Accelerated Programme.

46. The Chairman requested the Administration to take a proactive approach to bring forward the projects, instead of proposing to advance only a few projects after members' repeated requests. The Administration noted members' comments.

(b) Outstanding projects involving leisure and cultural facilities
[LC Paper No. CB(2) 1175/01-02(08)]

47. PAS(HA) said that as requested by members at the last meeting in January 2002, the Administration had provided information on the estimated cost and tentative implementation dates of projects previously planned by the two former PMCs (Annexes B and C of the Administration's paper). However, PAS(HA) pointed out that it would not be appropriate to compare their tentative commencement and completion dates with the revised tentative commencement/completion dates after these projects had been taken over by the Government. She said that the tentative implementation dates set for individual projects by the two former PMCs primarily

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served only as a reference to facilitate project planning. Moreover, the two PMCs conducted annual reviews of their capital works projects and made adjustments to the dates after the reviews, based on considerations such as site readiness, technical feasibility, demand of the facilities and funding availability.

48. Referring to the 1998-99 programme, PAS(HA) advised that although the two former PMCs planned for a total of some 30 projects each year from 2000-01 to 2004-05, the average actual number of projects implemented each year in the preceding five years before the dissolution of the two former PMCs was about 13. Under the Accelerated Programme recently proposed by the Administration, an average of some 10 projects would be implemented each year. PAS(HA) said that the average number of projects to be implemented, the progress of implementation and the funding provision for these projects were maintained at a level comparable to those in the ex-PMC era.

49. Mr Fred LI said that he was particularly concerned about the implementation timetable for the remaining 75 outstanding projects that were not included in the Accelerated Programme. He further said that some of these projects had in fact been scheduled for commencement in 1999-2000 by the ex-PMCs. Since these were not even included in the Accelerated Programme, he asked whether it would mean that these projects would not be implemented in the coming five years. In this connection, Mr LI requested the Administration to provide an explanation on the delay. He also asked whether the Administration considered that there was no real need for the projects because similar facilities had been provided in the vicinity.

50. Mr Fred LI added that to his knowledge, the Jockey Club had agreed to sponsor about 80% of the project cost for provision of recreational facilities on former landfill sites. He queried why the Administration did not take forward the temporary recreation development at Ma Yau Tong West Landfill and Lam Tin Park (Phase II) (i.e. Ma Yau Tong Central Landfill). CEO(P)1/LCSD clarified that the two projects were not included in the Jockey Club sponsorship scheme. Mr Fred LI asked why EPD could not be requested to start work earlier, even if the two projects were not sponsored by Jockey Club. At the request of Mr LI, CEO(P)1/LCSD agreed to provide further information on the outstanding projects on former landfill sites after the meeting.

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51. On the reasons for not recommending tentative commencement dates for the 75 projects not included in the Accelerated Programme, PAS(HA) said that the implementation of these projects depended on the outcome of territory consultancy studies, the pace of population intake in the area, and whether the site was available for development. PAS(HA) advised that the construction works of these 75 projects would start only after the 64 projects under the Accelerated Programme had been completed. The Administration would continue to take forward individual projects as soon as possible.

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52. In response to Mr Fred LI, CEO(P)1/LCSD said that LCSD would consult the relevant DCs from 14 March to 16 May 2002 on the proposed implementation timetables for the 64 projects under the Accelerated Programme, and for the remaining 75 projects. She further said that as a result of an internal review of the position of the 75 projects, the Administration considered that there was no real need for some of these projects and that about 10 projects could be carried out as minor works projects. Nevertheless, the Administration would only make a decision after consulting the DCs.

53. Mr WONG Yung-kan said that he hoped that the Administration could reach agreement with the DCs on the need for recreational and cultural facilities in the districts. He stressed that the Administration should respond positively to DCs' views. Mr WONG Yung-kan also asked about the reasons for not including the Ha Hang Village Playground Area 31 project in Tai Po in the Accelerated Programme, as Tai Po DC had requested early implementation of the project.

54. CEO(P)2/LCSD advised that the Ha Hang Village Playground Area 31 project in Tai Po was one of the ten projects that LCSD intended to take forward as minor works projects.

55. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide progress reports to the Subcommittee on the 75 remaining outstanding projects. Mr WONG Yung-kan also requested the Administration to provide members with the views of the respective DCs during the consultation from March to May 2002.

56. The Chairman suggested that the discussion on the progress of the remaining 75 outstanding capital projects be continued at the next meeting. Members agreed.

VI Any other business

57. Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 2 May 2002 at 8:30 am.

58. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:58 am.