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**SUB-COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP THE
OUTSTANDING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS
OF THE FORMER MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

**Progress report on the
160 former Municipal Councils
Capital Works Projects
involving leisure and cultural facilities**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to report to Members the progress made on the planning of various capital works projects since the establishment of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

BACKGROUND

Priority Projects

2. With the dissolution of the two Provisional Municipal Councils (PMC's), LCSD assumed responsibility for 160 capital works projects involving leisure and cultural facilities. Of the 160 projects, 11 are priority projects (Appendix A) which received funding approval from the former PMC's. In the last legislative session, 8 projects were directly injected into the Public Works Programme (PWP) as Category A projects. We will seek to upgrade the remaining three projects, namely the Hammer Hill District Park, Stanley Complex and the Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground when outstanding issues related to these projects have been resolved. A detailed report on progress with these three projects is at Appendix B.

Remaining Projects

3. Of the remaining 149 projects, we have proposed to proceed first

with the 16 projects listed at Appendix C. In summary, progress with these 16 projects is as follows -

- (a) we have set aside funding for upgrading 6 projects to Category B, and we anticipate upgrading these projects to Category A within the next two years;
- (b) we will proceed with improvement works to the Lok Wah Playground as a minor works project; and
- (c) we plan to proceed with the Preliminary Project Feasibility Studies (PPFS) for the remaining 9 projects in the coming year.

4. As to the remaining projects, we will continue to review the position regularly in the light of the readiness of the projects and the demand for leisure and cultural facilities.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

5. We have adopted the following criteria in selecting projects for inclusion in the PWP -

- (a) whether there is a need to upgrade facilities for safety reasons;
- (b) the speed of population in-take in new residential developments;
- (c) the extent of local demand for the facilities, including usage rates and views of District Councils (DC's);
- (d) whether the sites for the facilities are ready for development;
- (e) the extent of readiness of the projects , in terms of finalized scope of development, conceptual layout, preliminary project feasibility study and the resolution of major technical issues; and
- (f) the extent to which financial resources are available.

CONSULTATION WITH DISTRICT COUNCILS

6. As noted above, in the process of assessing local demand for new

facilities, we will take into consideration the views of DC's.

7. The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS) will personally visit the DC's to promote the work of the department and to seek the advice of members on the provision of leisure and cultural services. DLCS has visited 12 DC's so far and plans to visit all of the Councils before the end of the year.

8. In addition, staff of the department's Planning Section attend meetings of the DC's and their functional committees regularly to listen to the views of the Council members, to consult them on the scope of individual developments, and to report on progress with capital projects under planning. Between January and November, staff of the Planning Section have attended over 60 meetings of DCs and their functional committees.

9. A detailed account of the issues discussed with the DC's is at Appendix D.

PRESENTATION

10. This paper is presented for Members' information.

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**List of 11 projects for direct injection into
the PWP as Category A projects**

Item	<u>Title</u>
1	369RO Redevelopment of Victoria Park - Improvement to Park Proper
2	234RS Water Sports Centre at Stanley Main Beach
3	367RO Jordan Valley Playground (Phase II) Stage 2
4	44RG Indoor Recreation Centre cum Library in area 100, Ma On Shan
5	48RE Renovation to External walls of Shatin Town Hall Complex and Tuen Mun Town Hall Complex
6	366RO Local Open Space in area 44, Tuen Mun
7	235RS Improvement Works to Lady Maclehole Holiday Village and Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre
8	45RG Tai Kok Tsui Complex (Phase II)
9	12NM Stanley Complex
10	370RO Hammer Hill Road District Park
11	368RO Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground

Note 1: First 8 projects approved by PWSC/FC for direct injection to the PWP as Category A projects.

Note 2: Projects listed at (9)-(11) will be upgraded to Category A when outstanding issues have been resolved.

Situation Report on 368RO - Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground
370RO - Hammer Hill Road District Park
12NM - Stanley Complex

368RO - Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground

This project will provide a recreation ground comprising two natural grass soccer pitches, two tennis courts, a cycling area, a tai-chi area and a children's play area.

2. Development of the project will involve permanent closure of a section of Kai Lai Road which falls within the boundary of the project site. We briefed Kwun Tong District Council in March. Majority of the DC members accepted the proposed road closure.

3. After further consultation with departments concerned, the Secretary for Transport gazetted the road closure notice on 15.9.2000 for general attention. Subject to no public objection being received in two months' time, i.e. by 14.11.2000, the Secretary for Transport will effect the road closure and the Director of Lands will be able to hand over the project site to us for development by the middle of next year.

4. We plan to seek PWSC and FC's approval to directly inject the project into Category A of the Public Works Programme in early 2001.

370RO - Hammer Hill Road District Park

5. The site of this project is located right in front of the Chi Lin Nunnery Monastic Complex. When we briefed Members in February on this project. Most Members were in support of a Chinese garden design compatible with the nunnery complex, so that the entire area could be developed into a landmark for tourism.

6. In the light of Chi Lin's experience and knowledge in Tang

style constructions, Members at the meeting in June also endorsed a proposal to enter into a package with Chi Lin for the delivery of the project within a budget of \$177 million (MOD price), which is the funding level earmarked for this project based on the cost estimate prepared by the Architectural Services Department for the original design approved by the former Provisional Urban Council.

7. We have since written to Chi Lin on the proposal. Chi Lin, in response, has indicated that they would need to consider carefully the financial implications and the liabilities involved, and agreed that the two parties should start discussion on the subject matter. At the subsequent meetings with Chi Lin, we have exchanged views broadly and reached consensus on a feasibility study by Chi Lin to work out a commonly acceptable project plan, prior to commitment to an agreement. Chi Lin has already started the feasibility study. We will brief Members further on receipt of the study report from Chi Lin.

12NM - STANLEY COMPLEX

8. In the last legislative session, Members were informed that the Administration would conduct a market viability study to assess the need for a new market in Stanley and to review the leisure and cultural facilities in the Stanley Complex project with a view to ensuring that the facilities provided therein will be to the best interests of the general public.

9. We understand that FEHD's latest proposal is not to proceed with a market in the project.

10. Our review on the leisure services facilities has indicated that there is a genuine need for an indoor games hall in Stanley where no similar facility is available. The nearest indoor games hall is in Aberdeen or Ap Lei Chau quite a distance away from Stanley. The Southern District Council and the local community all along have been requesting for a more conveniently located indoor sports centre for Stanley residents. In response to the earnest local demand, we propose to include in this project an air-conditioned leisure centre comprising a main sports arena, a children's playroom, a table tennis room and a dance room.

11. We have also reviewed the cultural facilities in Stanley and consider it necessary to strengthen our library provision in the area. Currently Stanley is served by mobile libraries which visit the place weekly. The usage rate is relatively low, probably due to limitations of the service. We propose to provide a small library in the Stanley Complex which will better cater for local requirements. Computers with internet access will be made available in the library for public use.

12. We are also examining the possibility of incorporating the community hall facilities originally planned for the Ma Hang area in this project to optimize site utilization. Two options are being considered :

- (a) to add a secondary games hall to the leisure centre with the provision of portable stage and movable partitions for community uses when required; and
- (b) to provide a multi-purpose hall with a stage and other associated facilities which can serve sports and community hall functions.

The adoption of either option will be subject to physical constraints having regard to the small size of the site and the stringent height restriction. The Architectural Services Department is examining the technical feasibilities and the cost implications of both options.

13. We would also provide a public toilet in the Complex for the convenience of tourists as well as the general public.

14. Upon finalizing the combination of the community hall facilities, we will proceed to consult the Southern District Council on this project.

**List of 16 Capital Works Projects
Recommended for Inclusion to PWP as Category C Projects**

Item	Project Title
1 +	A multi-purpose grass pitch on Sai Tso Wan former landfill
2 *	Additional Open Space to Tsuen Wan Town Hall
3 *	Indoor Recreation Centre Area 17 Tin Shui Wai
4 *	Improvement works to Lei Yue Mun Park
5 *	Kwai Chung Park - Further Development
6 *	Recreational facilities at Tseung Kwan O landfill
7	Improvement to Victoria Park - Swimming Pool Complex
8	New Tennis Centre cum Car Park at Moreton Terrace
9	Tung Chung Park Area 7, Tung Chung
10	Indoor Recreation Centre cum Library Area 17 Tung Chung
11	Temporary Recreational Development at Jordan Valley Landfill
12	District Open Space Area 3 and 8 Tsing Yi
13	Improvement to the Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre
14	Ma On Shan Sportsground (Phase II)
15	Golf Course in Shuen Wan Landfill Tai Po
16 #	Improvement Works to Lok Wah Playground
*	Project upgraded to Category B pending approval of a Preliminary Project Feasibility Study (PPFS) report.
+	Category B project with PPFS accepted.
#	Project to be pursued as a minor works project.

An account of capital works projects discussed at District Council meetings
NT Districts

District	Committee	Date	Subjects/Projects discussed	Views of DC	Department's Responses/Remarks
Yuen Long	DC - full Council meeting	2.2.2000 22.6.2000	Report on the progress of Ex-PMC projects under planning in Yuen Long	General enquiry on progress of projects.	Progress on projects was reported. Members noted.
	Town Planning and Development Committee of YLDC	20.9.2000	Proposed development of IRC at Area 101, Tin Shui Wai	General enquiry on progress.	Progress of planning reported. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.
Tuen Mun	Leisure and Culture Committee of TMDC	28.2.2000 28.8.2000 23.10.2000	Proposed development of recreation facilities at the former Gordon Hard South Military Camp Site	Enquiry on progress and scope of development and implementation programme.	Progress of planning was reported. Members were assured that DC would be consulted on the scope of facilities proposed. Implementation programme is not available at this stage. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.
	Leisure and Culture Committee of TMDC	17.4.2000	Proposed Local Open Space at Area 14 (Mouse Island) Tuen Mun	Enquiry on progress and implementation programme.	Progress reported. DC would be consulted on the proposed scope of facilities. Implementation programme was being reviewed.
	DC - full Council meeting	14.9.2000	Development of ex-refugee camp at Pillar Point	Proposed to develop the site as a tourist attraction with recreational facilities.	At present, there is no plan to develop the site. Views of DC were noted. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.

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North	DC – full Council meeting	8.6.2000	Proposed Regional Indoor Stadium at Area 11A in Fanling	DC members urged strongly early implementation of the project by including it into the PWP as soon as possible.	Project under planning with a number of technical issues to be resolved. HAB to review policy of provision of territory-wide stadium. Implementation of the project will be subject to the outcome of the review.
	DC – full Council meeting	10.8.2000	Proposed development of community hall, library, youth centre and market in Fanling South	General enquiry on the provision of community hall, library, youth centre and market in Fanling South	The department noted the concern of DC on the provision of community facilities in the district. DC Members noted that a new public library would be provided in the new Luen Wo Hui complex to be completed in mid 2002. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.
	DC – full Council meeting	12.10.2000*	General planning issues.	<p>The department should review the provision of leisure facilities and expedite the implementation of new projects to meet the growing population and increasing demand within the district.</p> <p>There is a shortage in the provision of large-scale sportsground and football pitch (grass pitch) in the district.</p>	<p>According to HKPSG, the provision of leisure facilities in North District is in general adequate. In addition, an IGH will be provided in the Luen Wo Hui Complex in Area 19 Fanling/Sheung Shui which is now under construction for completion in 2002.</p> <p>The department will review the local demand for football pitch (grass pitch), and will plan for the development subject to resource and land availability.</p>

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			<p>Implementation of projects under planning in North District</p> <p>Special Projects: Regional Indoor Stadium Area 11A Fanling/Sheung Shui</p> <p>Local Open Space in Areas 18 and 21 Fanling/Sheung Shui</p>	<p>The department should increase the provision of libraries to meet the demand of the growing population.</p> <p>General enquiry on progress of projects under planning</p> <p>Members expressed their strong view that the department should expedite the project.</p> <p>The department should expedite the implementation of the project to meet the needs of the growing population.</p>	<p>According to existing planning standards, one district library is planned for 150,000 persons. There are at present 3 libraries (1 district library and 2 small library) in North District serving 280,000 population. In addition, a new district library will be provided in the Luen Wo Shui complex in Area 19 which is now under construction for completion in 2002.</p> <p>Progress of projects was reported. Members noted.</p> <p>Project under planning with a number of technical issues to be resolved. HAB to review policy of provision of territory-wide stadium. Implementation of the project will be subject to the outcome of the review.</p> <p>Members' views are noted. DC would be consulted on the scope of development.</p>

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Tai Po	DC – full Council meeting	7.3.2000 2.5.2000 4.7.2000 5.9.2000*	New Tai Po Civic Centre and the Central Library	Members enquired about project progress. They said that the project had dragged on for some years and members strongly requested the government to include the project into the PWP. In this regard, DC had written to LegCo and the Cultural and Heritage Commission for assistance. DC members also met with representatives of SHA in June to reflect the need and urgency of the project. Members also appealed to DLCS for implementation of this project when he attended DC meeting on 5.9.2000. DC members contemplated to approach HK Jockey Club for funding support.	The project has not been shortlisted as one of the 16 priority projects recommended for inclusion in PWP. There is a need to review the policy of providing more civic centres in HK having regard to the high capital and maintenance costs and utilization rate of existing facilities. The impending territory-wide review does not cover Tai Po District alone. Tai Po DC will be consulted when the outcome is available.
	Culture and Leisure Committee of TPDC	19.1.2000 15.3.2000 9.5.2000 12.7.2000 12.9.2000	New Tai Po Civic Centre and the Central Library	Members enquired about the project progress and requested regular report in future meetings.	The project is not one of the 16 priority projects recommended for inclusion in PWP. Implementation of project will be subject to a review on the policy of providing more civic centre in HK to be conducted by HAB. DC will be closely informed of details of the review and outcome.

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	DC – full Council meeting	5.9.2000*	Progress on ex-PMC capital projects in Tai Po district	The department should expedite implementation of projects approved by the former Pro RC and report the progress to DC regularly.	The department would report progress to members at the Committee Meeting on 14.11.2000.
			Individuals projects : (a) Lung Mei Beach	There are no beach facilities in NT East. The department should provide an artificial beach in Lung Mei.	A feasibility study was being conducted by Arch SD. DC consultation will be arranged when outcome of the study is available. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.
			(b) Football Pitch and Changing Facilities Area 5 Tai Po	DC members expressed disappointment at the football pitch project which was approved by the former Pro RC but not implemented by the department.	The department is in the process of reviewing the scope of facilities and the possibility of converting the 11-a-side soccer pitch into two 7-a-side soccer pitches.
			(c) Golf Course in Shuen Wan Landfill Tai Po	The project has obtained sponsorship from the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The department should expedite its implementation.	Members' views are noted.

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Sai Kung	DC – full Council meeting	27.6.2000	Development of leisure and cultural facilities in Sai Kung district	Members raised concerns over (a) The development of Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Complex if FEHD decided to pull out the EH facilities in the project, and (b) The development of TKO landfill project and scope of the facilities provided.	(a) To date, the need and scope of facilitates of TKO Complex is still under review. (b) DC will be consulted on the scope of facilities and implementation programme.
	DC – full Council meeting	3.10.2000*	General planning issues	DC members expressed concerns over the implementation of the ex-PMC projects.	The department will plan and implement the 8 projects taken over from the former Pro RC according to stipulated procedures of the Public Works Programme.
				There is a shortage of sportsgrounds in the Tseung Kwan O district. The department should expedite the implementation of the project.	The project in Tseung Kwan O Area 45 comprises a sportsground, a town park and an IRC. The project is still in an early planning stage and no implementation programme is available at the moment.
			Individual projects : (a) Sportsground in Area 45 Tsueng Kwan O	There is a shortage of sportsground facility in the Tseung Kwan O district. The department should expedite the implementation of the project.	The project in Tseung Kwan O Area 45 comprises a sportsground, a town park and an IRC. The project is still in an early planning stage and no implementation programme is available at the moment.

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			(b) Tseung Kwan O Complex	DC members understood that government departments were reviewing the scope of facilities in the proposed complex, they expressed concerns that LCSD would give up part of the facilities during the review.	The project is still at preliminary planning stage and the joint user departments are reviewing the scope of facilities. The project is coordinated by GPA subject to its scrutiny on plot ratio. There is no implementation programme at this stage.
			(c) Civic Centre for Sai Kung District Area 66 Tseung Kwan O	A civic centre was planned for each district by the former Pro RC. The department should implement this policy and provide a civic centre for Sai Kung district.	Site formation and access road works are in progress. HAB is in the process of reviewing the provision of civic centres in HK. At present, there is no implementation programme for this project.
			General planning issues	There is a shortage of sportsgrounds in the Clear Water Bay area. The department should expedite the provision of a sportsground. The department should also consider the provision of facilities to meet the needs of villagers in the relatively remote areas when planning projects in future.	Members' views are noted. The department will consider providing leisure facilities for residents in the district when there are suitable 'open space' sites for development
Sha Tin	DC – full Council meeting	26.5.2000*	The proposed water sports development at Whitehead	Members proposed that the department should work closely with Territory Development Department (TDD) to develop recreational facilities to meet local demand.	TDD is conducting a study on the housing development in Whitehead. The department will work closely with TDD to provide recreational facilities as far as possible to meet local demand. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.

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			The two vacant sites near Kam Fung Court	The department should expedite the development of the two sites to provide recreation facilities to the residents.	The department intends to develop these two sites with passive recreation facilities under minor works projects schemes. The proposed SOA for the two sites have already been forwarded to Arch SD for rough cost estimates. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.
			External Wall of Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters in Shatin	The department should improve the appearance of the external wall of the headquarters building.	The department will liaise with Arch SD on the proposed improvement of the external wall during annual maintenance exercise. This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.
			General planning issues	The department should review and strengthen the monitoring of projects.	The department will relate the message to Arch SD during the various project progress/project liaison meetings.
	DC – full Council meeting	28.7.2000	Development of Ma On Shan Promenade project	Members urged the department to develop the water front promenade as soon as possible. Temporary improvement works should also be considered if the project would not be proceeded in the near future.	This project is still at an early planning stage. The scope of facilities is being reviewed. TDD has agreed to explore the possibility of providing temporary measures during the interim.

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Kwai Tsing	DC – full Council meeting	9.3.2000	Report on the latest position of District Open Space in Area 9, Tsing Yi	General enquiry on the usage of the reclaimed land at North Tsing Yi and request for report of progress.	Members were informed that part of the reclaimed land would be the project site for developing the District Open Space.
	DC – full Council meeting	18.5.2000	Report on the latest position of District Open Space in Areas 3 and 8, Tsing Yi	Members enquired about the implementation programme of the project.	Members were advised that this has been recommended as one of the 16 priority projects in PWP as Category C items and planning would be taken forward according to PWP procedures.
	DC – full Council meeting	13.7.2000	Report on the progress of ex-PMCs capital works projects under planning in Kwai Tsing	Members enquired on the latest position of the 7 capital works projects under planning in Kwai Tsing district.	Members were advised that two of these projects namely, Kwai Chung Park Further Development and District Open Space in Area 3 & 8, would be included into PWP as Category C items and would be taken forward according to PWP procedures. The Department would review the remaining 5 projects on regular basis having regard to factors like local demand and project readiness.
	Planning and Environmental Protection Committee of KwT DC	19.6.2000	Report on the progress of IRC in Area 9H, Kwai Chung and Kwai Chung Park - Further Development	Members enquired whether the IRC project has been shelved. They also enquired about the scope of facilities of Kwai Chung Park - Further Development.	Members were advised that the IRC project is at preliminary planning stage. Members' suggestions on the proposed facilities of Kwai Chung Park Further Development were noted.

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Tsuen Wan	Traffic and Transport Committee of TWDC	10.5.2000	Report on the progress of District Open Space and IRC in Area 25, Tsuen Wan	Members enquired about the scope of facilities under the project.	Members were informed of the proposed scope of facilities.
	TWDC - Working Group on Venue Matters	13.6.2000	Report on the progress of ex-PMCs capital works projects under planning in Tsuen Wan	Members enquired about the progress of ex-PMCs capital works projects under planning in Tsuen Wan.	Members were briefed on the latest position of these projects.
Islands	DC – full Council meeting	22.5.2000*	General planning issues	The department should provide recreational facilities to cater for the need of the growing population.	Of the 7 ex-PMC projects, two projects, namely, IRC cum library in Area 17 Tung Chung, and District Open Space in Area 7 Tung Chung, are among the 16 projects recommended by the department for inclusion into PWP as Category C items. However, no implementation programme can be given at the present stage. As regards the other 5 projects, they are still in an early planning stage and are not ready for inclusion in the PWP.

An account of capital works projects discussed at DC meetings
Urban Districts

District	Committee	Date	Subjects/Projects discussed	Views of DC	Department's Response/Remarks
Kwun Tong	KTDC - Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee	29.2.2000 25.4.2000 20.6.2000 5.9.2000 31.10.2000	Progress report on capital works projects under planning	Members requested early implementation of the former PUC projects as listed in the progress report.	Members were assured that the former PUC projects would be processed in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Public Works Programme
	KTDC - Traffic and Transport Committee	16.3.2000	Kowloon Bay Recreation Ground - proposed closure of a section of Kai Lai Road falling in the site boundary.	Majority of the members accepted the proposed road closure and urged for early implementation of the project.	We would report to LegCo Subcommittee and follow up with departments concerned on DC's advice.
	KTDC Environment and Health Committee	12.9.2000	Improvement to Lok Wah Playground	Members urged for early implementation of the project. To facilitate construction works, they would allow construction vehicles to use the estate road during the works period.	The project is under active planning. We would work with Arch SD to improve firstly the urgent parts of the Playground under minor works.
	DC – Full Council meeting	16.10.2000*	'Green promenade' in Kwun Tong District	There is a lack of 'green promenade' in Kwun Tong District.	Part of the site in the proposed green promenade, such as Kwun Tong Recreation Ground, Laguna Park, Sin Fat Road Tennis Courts, has already been developed into open space area. We would convey members' view to Planning Department and will continue to identify suitable locations for providing a green environment.

* DLCS's visit to DC

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			Lam Tin Service Reservoir	The department should consider to convert Lam Tin Service Reservoir into a central park.	Lam Tin Service Reservoir is under the management of Water Service Department. We will discuss with departments concerned regarding the provision of a park at the top of the service reservoir.
			General issue	There are no civic centres or large scale indoor performing venues in Kwun Tong. The department should reserve site for the building of a city hall.	HAB and LCSD are in the process of reviewing the overall policy of the provision of civic centres in the territory. The review will consider the utilization rate, public demand, community need, site and scope of facilities. During the review, views from DCs and their Cultural Committees will be sought.
			Recreational Development at Jordan Valley Landfill	The department should expedite the development of an ecological park at Jordan Valley Landfill	This is one of the priority landfill development projects. The Hong Kong Jockey Club has agreed to finance part of the project cost and the Environmental Protection Department has agreed to undertake the project and has completed a consultancy study on the development. We are considering to include this project in the Public Works Programme as a Category C item.

* DLCS's visit to DC

District	Committee	Date	Subjects/Projects discussed	Views of DC	Department's Response/Remarks
			Improvement to Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	The department should expedite the project to convert the pool into indoor heated pool.	The department is following up with Arch SD and is reviewing the suitability for including the project into the Public Works Programme taking into consideration better resource allocation.
			Lam Tin Park (Phase II) (i.e. Ma Yau Tong Central Landfill)	Members requested to expedite the development of the project to meet the need of residents in Lam Tin and Sau Mau Ping.	There are 4 landfill sites in Kwun Tong, namely, Sai Tso Wan, Jordan Valley, Ma Yau Tong West, Ma Yau Tong Central (Lam Tin Park Phase II). EPD has agreed to manage the development of two priority landfill sites in Sai Tso Wan and Jordan Valley, and has engaged a consultant to study the development programme of these two priority landfill sites. The consultancy study is in progress. After EPD has gained experience from managing the two priority landfill sites, the department will further discuss with EPD on the development of the remaining sites.
			Library facility in Lam Tin Family Leisure Centre	Members requested the provision of a district library in Lam Tin.	Housing department has reserved a site for the development of the Lam Tin Family Leisure Centre after 2002. We would follow up the project according to the procedures of the Public Works Programme, and would review the scope of facilities including library services to meet the need of the community.

* DLCS's visit to DC

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Sham Shui Po	SSPDC - Community Affairs, Leisure and Cultural Services Committee	25.5.2000 6.7.2000	Progress report on capital works projects under planning in SSP district	Members pressed for early implementation of the former PUC projects as listed in the progress report. They also proposed some improvements to the layout design of the proposed children's playground in Tai Hang Tung Estate.	Members were assured that the former PUC projects would be processed in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Public Works programme. We also agreed to revise the layout design of the children's playground taking into members' suggestions.
	SSPDC Environment and Food Committee	26.9.2000	Fuk Wing Street Complex - proposal to provide temporary park facilities on the project site.	In view of the shortage of open space facilities in the vicinity, a temporary park should be provided on the vacant site.	We explained that the site is designated for the Fuk Wing Street Complex project, the facilities of which is still under review by FEHD and LCSD. We noted that DLO/KW is now considering temporary use of the site for a fee paying car park.
	DC – Full Council meeting	5.10.2000*	General Issue	There is a lack of vitality in the leisure facilities. The department should make reference to examples in other countries and include different kinds of activities in one facility. It may also consider converting existing facilities into theme parks.	We would consider to provide versatile facilities according to the needs in a district. We would also seek views from DC members on the project scope.
			Lai Chi Kok Park - proposal to provide a cover for the amphitheatre	There is a lack of performing art venue in the district. Members proposed to add cover and seating to the amphitheatre in Lai Chi Kok Park.	A feasibility study will be conducted by Arch SD. We would report progress to DC members. (This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.)

* DLCS's visit to DC

District	Committee	Date	Subjects/Projects discussed	Views of DC	Department's Response/Remarks
			Improvement to existing facilities	Apart from providing new facilities, funds should be reserved for improvement of existing facilities	We would work closely with District Leisure managers in improving existing facilities. We also welcome suggestions by DC members regarding improvement works.
			Improvements to Cheung Sha Wan Playground	In planning the improvement works, the department should reserve sufficient area for the park to be used as a night market during Chinese New Year.	We would consider members' view. At present, the project is still at preliminary planning stage.
			Proposal to combine the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Garden and the Han Garden	There are few exhibits in the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum. The department should consider combining the tomb garden and the neighbouring Han Garden, and display more exhibits apart from those from the tomb.	The Han Garden is under the management of the Housing Department(HD). HD has recently proposed handing over the garden to LCSD. The department is currently reviewing the proposal. (This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.)
			Request for more performing art venues	There is a lack of performing art venue in SSP district. The department should expedite the implementation of a civic centre project in Fortune Street as proposed by PUC.	The Administration is reviewing the long-term policy for the provision of civic centres in the territory and will seek views from DCs and Culture Committees.
			Progress on projects approved by the ex-PUC	Members were concerned about the implementation of projects approved by the PUC.	These are ex-PUC projects at planning stage and without approved fundings. They will be processed according to the procedures set out in the Public Works Programmes.

* DLCS's visit to DC

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			Fuk Wing Street Complex - proposal to provide temporary park on the project site	Members requested to provide temporary development on the project site	The department is holding discussions with Lands Department and SSP District Office regarding the temporary use of the project site, and will report to DC shortly. (This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.)
Central and Western	C&WDC - Working Group on Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	30.3.2000 30.5.2000 3.8.2000	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	Members requested early implementation of the project, and proposed temporary development of the project site pending construction of the project.	We briefed Members of the progress of this project, explaining that as the project site is separated from the adjacent residential and commercial area by highways and flyover, it is necessary to improve the accessibility first. We are now liaising with TD and Plan D to explore ways and means for improvement. We would also consider providing temporary recreational facilities on the site under a minor works item.
	DC – Full Council meeting	19.7.2000*	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	Members pressed for early implementation of the project and made proposals to improve the accessibility of the project site. Members maintained the initial proposal to develop the park to commemorate Dr. Sun Yat Sen.	Members' view was noted. They were informed of our response above. The department noted the views of the DC members which will be taken into consideration in our further planning of this project.

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				Members reiterated the proposal to build an indoor pool in the park.	The department noted the views of the DC members which will be taken into consideration in our further planning of this project.
Southern	SDC - Capital Works Committee	6.3.2000 17.4.2000 12.6.2000 24.7.2000 30.10.2000	Progress on works projects in Southern District	Members made enquiries on implementation programme, project scope, proposed facilities and construction slippage, etc.	We provided detailed information to the DC.
	DC – Full Council meeting	29.6.2000	Stanley Complex	Members requested for the provision of IGH and library in this project.	We informed members that the proposed facilities in this project were being reviewed. We would consult the DC on the outcome of our review.
Eastern	DC – Full Council meeting	13.7.2000	Request for early implementation of the Aldrich Bay Complex	The project scope was approved by ex-PUC and should be implemented as originally planned	This is a joint project providing FEHD and LCSD facilities. We explained to DC that FEHD was planning to provide a new market in Aldrich Bay. LCSD would provide a new library in Lei King Wan. Since there is an IGH in Sai Wan Ho and a new leisure centre is coming up soon, there is no immediate need for an additional IGH.
	EDC – Works Development Committee	6.7.2000 5.10.2000	Aldrich Bay Complex - request for a district library.	Members were concerned about the provision of a district library in a joint-user project at Lei King Wan in lieu of the one originally proposed for the Aldrich Bay Complex.	Members noted that we are following up with Arch S.D. on the operational requirements of a district library

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	District Management Committee	2.5.2000 27.6.2000 22.8.2000 17.10.2000	1. Quarry Bay Park Phase II Stage II & III; 2. Proposed district library in Lei King Wan	Members requested early implementation of the project and considered that there is a need to provide a district library in Lei King Wan.	1. We explained that the project is at a very preliminary planning stage. Moreover, Plan D would conduct a land use review in the concerned area. We would k.i.v. the result of the review. 2. We reported on the planning progress of the district library.
	DC - Full Council meeting	13.7.2000))))	Members requested early implementation of the project	We informed that the proposed leisure and cultural facilities for this project are being reviewed. Initially we considered the provision for an IGH and a small library necessary. We would report further on this project.
	EDC - Community Building and Services Committee	24.7.2000) Siu Sai Wan Complex))))		

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Yau Tsim Mong	DC – Full Council meeting	1.2.2000	Tai Kok Tsui Complex - Proposal to relocate the swimming pool facilities.	Members noted the potential danger of placing the pool facilities on the high floors of the Complex under the original design, but were concerned that any change to the design would jeopardize early implementation of the project. A Working Group was set up to study the issue.	We are keen to implement the project and would work with the Working Group to study the relocation proposal. The finding of the Working Group would be reported to the LegCo's Sub-Committee.
	YTMDC - Working Group on Tai Kok Tsui Complex	3.3.2000 25.4.2000	To study the relocation proposal for the pool facilities in Tai Kok Tsui Complex.	After considering the pros and cons of alternative proposals, the Working Group opted to retain the pool in the Complex but requested the Department to work out administrative measures to ensure order and public safety.	We proposed effective measures to improve pool management which were accepted by the Working Group. We proceeded to upgrade the Complex project as Cat. A items in PWP in May 2000.
	DC – Full Council meeting	29.6.2000	Review on the provision of open space in Mong Kok - Cherry Street Park	Members of YTMDC urged to expedite the development programme of the open space sites at Yau Tsim Mong District, particularly, the Cherry Street Park.	We noted DC's concern and would review the development programme of Cherry Street Park.
	YTMDC - Working Group on Tai Kok Tsui Complex (Phase 2)	15.8.2000	Control of nuisance during the construction of the Tai Kok Tsui Complex	In view of the close proximity of the schools nearby, Members of the Working Group expressed concern over the noise level of the construction works. They suggested enhancing the noise mitigation measures.	We explained that the requirement for effective noise mitigation measures would be included in the tender document for the building contract.

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	DC – Full Council meeting	24.8.2000*	Provision of large-scale sportsgrounds	There is a shortage of large-scale sportsground in the district. The department should provide one sportsground in the West Kowloon Reclamation area.	According to the South West Kowloon OZP, sites have been reserved for development of IGH/IRC in West Kowloon Reclamation area within YTM district boundary but not sportsground. (This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.)
			Provision of additional swimming pool facilities in the district	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool is the only swimming pool facility in the district. The department should provide additional swimming pools in the district.	A training pool and a leisure pool will be provided inside the Tai Kok Tsui Complex the construction of which will begin in December 2000 for completion by mid 2004.
			Communication with DCs	The department should strengthen its communication with DCs, for example, by arranging meetings between DC members and senior officers of the department.	DC's comments were noted. Under current practice, officers in the Planning Section will attend DC meetings when issues discussed touch on planning matters, whereas representatives of operation branches concerned will attend meetings when issues discussed touch upon provision of facilities and venues in districts. Where issues discussed require policy/operational and planning inputs, representatives of operation branches concerned and planning officers of Planning Section will attend the meetings jointly.

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Wong Tai Sin	DC – Full Council meeting	30.5.2000*		The department should renovate and improve facilities, such as, the Morse Park Swimming Pool.	<p>We have an on-going programme to renovate and improve its existing facilities. For example, a series of improvements works have been carried out for the Morse Park Swimming Pool in the past years. Earlier this year, we have also installed hot water supply for some of the showers in the changing room. On the other hand, we have scheduled to replace the equipment in the toilets later this year to further improve the sanitary condition of the swimming pool. We will continue to look for areas for improvement in order to provide quality services to the public.</p> <p>(This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.)</p>
			Proposal to construct more water sports centres	There are only 4 water sports centres in the territory. Members proposed to construct a water sports centre in Ma On Shan area.	<p>In view of the current utilization rate of the water sports centres and the upcoming new facility at Stanley Main Beach, we will have to assess critically the need to provide another one in Ma On Shan as suggested by the WTS DC members in due course.</p> <p>(This is not one of the 160 ex-PMC projects.)</p>

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				Members requested for progress report on new projects with construction to commence soon.	For new projects in WTC District which are under construction or to be constructed shortly, the Planning Section will prepare a progress and pass it to WTS DC for information. DLM(WTS), the departmental representative on WTS DC will help explain the details, wherever necessary.
				The department should construct more sportsgrounds and facilities to promote sports.	There are at present 17 projects under construction and another 11 will start construction soon or are under active planning. Among them, Hammer Hill Road District Park is a major one under active planning in Wong Tai Sin District.

Note : No issues related to capital works and planning matters were raised at DLCS' visit to Wanchai and Kowloon City DCs.