

**For information
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**SUBCOMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP THE
OUTSTANDING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS
OF THE FORMER MUNICIPAL COUNCILS**

**Progress Report
Capital Works Projects involving LCS facilities**

PURPOSE

This paper reports on the progress of the outstanding capital works projects involving leisure and cultural services (LCS projects).

PROGRESS OF PROJECTS IN THE ACCELERATED PROGRAMME

2. Of the 15 projects in the Accelerated Programme (AP) scheduled for implementation in 2002-03, 12 projects have proceeded according to schedule to-date. These include eight projects under construction, two projects upgraded to Category A with construction to start shortly and two being implemented as minor works items. The current positions of the three remaining projects are outlined below-

- (a) Sheung Lok Street rest garden (site B), Kowloon City – the scale of the service building is under review. The project would probably be conducted as a minor works item owing to a reduction in project scope and construction cost;
- (b) District open space in Area 18, Tuen Mun – the commencement of the project has been slightly deferred by two months from March to May 2003 due to the need to address the unforeseen requirement to accommodate China Light and Power's cable trenching on site; and

- (c) Recreation ground in Area 33, Tai Po – planning work is in progress. The scope of development, however, is under review because another project providing similar active recreational facilities has just commenced construction in Tai Po Area 5. The Tai Po District Council has been informed of the possible delay and they had no strong views.

REVIEW OF LCS PROJECTS

3. We are in the course of critically reviewing the other LCS projects under planning, including five projects with funding earmarked in 2000 and 47 projects under the AP, totalling 52 projects. We are inclined to accord priority to projects falling within the categories below-

- (a) projects in new towns with serious shortage of such facilities, such as Tung Chung and Tseung Kwan O;
- (b) projects providing facilities which are in heavy demand, such as soccer pitches;
- (c) projects at an advanced planning stage such that tendering or detailed design is already in progress or about to commence;
- (d) projects with limited scope for private sector participation in the delivery and the management of the new facilities; and
- (e) projects with affordable recurrent resource implications.

4. We are also reviewing the proposed scope of some projects, and identifying ways to operate the facilities concerned in a more cost-effective manner. We would consult the respective District Councils where necessary.

THE WAY FORWARD

5. We plan to report the progress of the review to the LegCo Subcommittee within the next few months.

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