

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

Progress Report

PURPOSE

This paper reports on the progress made on the Stanley Complex project, the capital works projects involving leisure and cultural services (LCS) under the Accelerated Programme (AP) to commence construction in 2002/03, and the District Councils consultation now underway.

PROGRESS TO DATE

3012NM – Stanley Complex

2. We informed Members on 7 March 2002 that the Southern District Council had given its support to the revised scope and that the revised design of the project would be reported back to the Town Planning Board (TPB) in March 2002.

3. The revised design was presented to the Metro Planning Committee (MPC) of the TPB on 15.3.2002. Members of the MPC were concerned about the design of the main entrance and side entrance of the complex which they considered not conspicuous enough. Arch SD would take on board Members' comments in the detailed design, subject to any overall design constraints and programme schedule. We intend to make a submission to PWSC to upgrade the project to Category A on 26 June 2002.

4. In response to the local residents' request to retain the existing Stanley Temporary Market (STM), the Administration submitted a planning application to the TPB on 9 February 2002 proposing to retain the facilities thereat. The MPC of TPB considered our application on 15 March 2002 and approved our application to retain the STM for a period of three years.

5. Meanwhile, we are exploring ways to see if parking spaces could be made available for use by market goers by making use of the circulation area outside the STM.

Projects under the AP for Implementation in 2002/03

6. We informed Members on 7 March 2002 vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 1175/01-02(05) that of the 15 LCS projects to commence construction works in 2002/03 under the AP, we planned to propose to the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) to upgrade seven projects to Category A of the Public Works Programme (PWP) in June 2002. The latest position is that the following five projects will be proposed to the PWSC for upgrading to Category A of the PWP on 5 June 2002 as scheduled –

- 301LS (PWP No. 3240RS) Ma On Shan Sports Ground, Phase 2
- 308LS (PWP No. 3371RO) Open Space in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun (Mouse Island)
- 076LS (PWP No. 3374RO) Open Space in Areas 18 and 21, Fanling
- 114LS (PWP No. 3375RO) District Open Space in Areas 3 and 8, Tsing Yi
- (PWP No. 8005QJ) Renovation for the Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village of YMCA

7. Of the other two projects originally scheduled for submission to PWSC in June, the project "312LS District Open Space between Hang Hong Street and Heng On Estate Area 92, Ma On Shan" will now be implemented as a minor works item as its project cost now falls under \$15 million; hence, funding submission to PWSC is no longer required. The previous estimate of

\$23 million for this project made provision for the slope stabilization works for a slope adjacent to the Hang Hong Street, which is now excluded from the project site boundary and will be maintained by the Highways Department. As for project "283LS District Open Space Area 7, Tung Chung, Lantau", it will now be submitted to PWSC for upgrading to Category A of PWP in the latter part of 2002 instead of June 2002 because the site could not be allocated to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) for development on time. The site is at present occupied by a cement handling plant and action is being taken by Government departments concerned to relocate the plant to another site. Subject to site availability, we aim to commence construction works for this project in February 2003.

8. We also informed Members on 7 March vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 1175/01-02(05) that the remaining eight projects with construction works to commence in 2002/03 under the AP would be submitted to the PWSC for upgrading to Category A in the latter part of 2002. With the revised PWSC submission schedule for the Tung Chung Project as mentioned in para 7 above, there would be a total of nine AP projects scheduled for submission to the PWSC for upgrading to Category A before the end of 2002.

Consultation with District Councils

9. We informed Members on 7 March 2002 that LCSD would conduct a District Councils (DC) consultation exercise from March to May. The consultation exercise, which is still in progress, aims to report to DCs on LCSD's five-year work plan outlined in the AP and to seek their views on the way forward for the remaining 75 outstanding projects of the former Provisional Municipal Councils.

10. So far, the DCs consulted are generally supportive of the AP although a few of them feel strongly that some of the projects which they consider to be of priority have not been included in the AP, such as the 'Indoor Stadium in North District', the 'Ecological Park in Tso Kung Tam, Tsuen Wan', and the 'Wah Fu Leisure Centre in Southern District'. We also seek to delete some unworthwhile projects and propose to revise the scope of certain local open space projects to be conducted as minor works. Most of the DCs are agreeable to this pragmatic approach.

11. Upon completion of the consultation exercise in May, we would consolidate DCs' views and decide on the way forward. Where appropriate, we would, having regard to DCs' views, select justified projects out of the 75 remaining projects for implementation in accordance with the established PWP procedures.

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