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Enhancing the role of District Councils

At the LegCo Members' meeting with Wan Chai District Council (WCDC) members held on 14 December 2000, WCDC members requested LegCo Members to follow up with the Administration the issue of enhancing the role of District Councils. WCDC members considered that, following the dissolution of the two municipal councils, District Councils should play a more important role in policy formulation and district administration. The following suggestions were made by WCDC members -

- (a) The Administration should consult District Councils before formulation of major policies such as the health care reform, as well as planning and development proposals affecting the cultural heritage and the provision of community and transport facilities in the districts;
- (b) The Administration should allocate funds to District Councils for organising cultural and recreational activities in the districts, instead of centralising all such resources at the Leisure and Cultural Services Department; and
- (c) The Administration should devolve more power to the District Councils in district administration.

2. LegCo Members who attended the meeting with WCDC members suggested that the issue be referred to the Panel on Constitutional Affairs for discussion.

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