

Appendix IV

Progress of the Outsourcing Schemes

The progress on the various outsourcing schemes are set out below –

- *management of fee-paying car-parks* - 18 venues have been outsourced from 1 April 2002, and 11 additional ones will be outsourced later in 2002.
- *electrical and mechanical maintenance of facilities in North District and Yuen Long District* - will be outsourced by the end of 2002.
- *development of a new and improved ticketing service* - a Request for Information exercise has been conducted and detailed specifications are being drawn up for tender in late 2002. New system is expected to be in place in 2003.
- *Programme Partnership Schemes* – the pilot scheme for North District Town Hall has been launched in May 2002 whereas the scheme for Yuen Long Theatre will be launched in July 2002. The schemes will last for one year and their effectiveness will be reviewed.
- *Consultancy Study on the four Community Arts Centres (CACs)*– action is in hand/will be taken to -
 - prepare the tender specification for engaging a professional public relations company for marketing the CACs by April 2003;
 - explore and to launch a pilot service contract for all non-stage facilities management services for Ko Shan Theatre by April 2003;
 - consider programme partnership of two of the CACs in mid 2003 in the light of the effectiveness of the pilot programme partnership schemes at Yuen Long Theatre and North District Town Hall.