Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 29 December 2003)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Review of the Consent Scheme

February 2004

The subject was discussed at a joint meeting of the Panel with the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on 18 June 2003 in the context of the system for pre-sale of uncompleted residential properties in the wake of the Villa Pinada and The Aegean incidents. At the meeting, the Administration undertook to take into account members' views and the relevant system implemented in Guangzhou in its review of the operation of the Consent Scheme, and to provide progress reports on the review for the Panel's consideration. The Administration intends to brief the Panels on the outcome of the review.

2. Sales descriptions of uncompleted residential properties

Arising from a referral from Duty Roster Members (DRMs) on problematic uncompleted residential properties in Mainland China (LC Paper No. CB(1) 529/98-99), members wish to be consulted on the regulations governing the sales descriptions of overseas uncompleted residential properties.

The Administration proposes to brief members on review of sales description of local uncompleted residential properties.

3. Review of income and asset limits for Waiting List applicants

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

Early 2004

4. Report on implementation of Team Clean initiatives

Early 2004

Proposed timing for discussion

in public housing estates

The Administration proposes to brief members on the evaluation of the effectiveness of estate cleaning measures, drainage works and the marking scheme.

Second quarter 2004

5. Combating cooked food hawking in public housing estates

The subject was proposed by the Administration. Members requested the Administration to provide a paper for information. The paper was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)673/03-04.

To be confirmed

6. Public housing rent level review

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

7. Review of domestic rent policy

On the advice of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the subject was scheduled for discussion upon the completion of the domestic rent review.

To be confirmed

In the Judicial Review in respect of the Housing Authority (HA)'s decisions to defer the review of public rental housing (PRH) rents in 2001 and 2002, the Court of First Instance ruled in favour of the two applicants for the Judicial Review. Pursuant to this outcome, a special meeting was called to discuss the issue of median rent-to-income ratio for PRH flats. During the meeting, the issue of rent review was raised. A motion urging the Administration to review the rent of PRH units following the High Court's making of an order in respect of the Judgement was passed.

8. General Rent Allowance Scheme

Proposed timing for discussion

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

9. Development of infrastructure to tie in with housing projects

To monitor the progress of the infrastructural development to tie in with housing projects. Members may wish to consider the issue in conjunction with the Panel on Transport.

To be confirmed

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