

LEGCO PANEL ON WELARE SERVICES

Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence

Supplementary Information Requested by Members at the Meeting held on 5 May 2005

INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence held on 5 May 2005, Members requested the Administration to provide supplementary information on the District Open Space in Area 107 Tin Shui Wai and to critically review the implementation timetable of all outstanding leisure and cultural services projects endorsed by the former Municipal Councils. This note sets out the supplementary information requested.

DETAILS

(A) District Open Space in Area 107 Tin Shui Wai

2. The District Open Space (DOS) in Area 107 Tin Shui Wai is amongst the 25 municipal services projects identified for priority implementation as announced in the Chief Executive's Policy Address in January 2005. The Administration aims to seek funding support for the project under 2005 Resource Allocation Exercise as far as possible. Construction was tentatively scheduled to commence in early 2008 for completion by mid 2010. However, after a recent review of the implementation programme, it is possible to advance the commencement to late 2007 for completion by mid 2009.

3. The rough indication of cost of the project including the 7-a-side soccer pitch and four basketball courts was about \$126.8 million. This cost estimate is subject to revision upon Architectural Services Department completes a Technical Feasibility Statement for the project. Yuen Long District Council will be consulted on the detailed design before the project is submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council for funding approval.

4. Members were informed at the last meeting that the 7-a-side soccer pitch and four basketball courts have been taken out from the Area 107 project site and be implemented by minor works. Construction of the 7-a-side soccer pitch will commence by August 2005 for completion in mid-2006. The Administration is also seeking funding under the minor building works programme for early implementation of four basketball courts in Area 107. The construction would be completed within 18 months after approval of funding.

(B) Timetable for outstanding leisure and cultural services projects endorsed by the former Municipal Council

5. A Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils was formed under the Panel on Home Affairs. At their first meeting on 9 May 2005, the Subcommittee requested the Administration, among other things, to review the implementation programme of the 25 priority projects. The Subcommittee also agreed to seek views from the 18 District Councils on the implementation programme of the remaining LCS ex-Municipal Council Projects.

6. The Administration is vigorously pursuing the planning works for the 25 priority projects with a view to speeding up their implementation programme. After listening to the views of the District Councils, we will report to the Sub-committee on the way forward for the remaining ex-Municipal Council projects.

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