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Panel on Home Affairs

Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 23 October 2006, at 10:45 am in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon CHOY So-yuk, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Member attending** : Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH
- Members absent** : Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Home Affairs Bureau

Mr Daniel SIN Pak-wing
Assistant Secretary (Home Affairs)(Recreation and Sport)

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Alan SIU Yu-bun
Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services
(Leisure Services)

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Deputy Director (Administration)

Mr Eddy YAU Kwok-yin, JP
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Ms Terry LEE Wing-mui
Acting Assistant Director (Libraries and Development)

Mrs Karen YUEN CHAU Oi-wah
Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1

Mr Peter KAN Tat-sing
Chief Executive Officer (Planning)2

Architectural Services Department

Mr Wilson LEE Hung-wai
Project Director 3

Mrs Celina KWOK WONG Si-ling
Chief Project Manager 302

Attendance by invitation : Tai Po District Council

Mr CHU King-yuen
Chairman, Recreation, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee

North District Council

Mr Paul YU Chi-shing
Vice-Chairman, Recreation and Culture Committee

Yuen Long District Council

Mr MAK Ip-sing
Chairman, Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee

Mr TSANG Hin-keung
Convenor, Working Group on Leisure and Recreational
Facilities for Rural Areas

Sha Tin District Council

Mr LAW Kwong-keung
Vice-Chairman, Culture, Sports and Community
Development Committee

Mr YIU Ka-chun
Member, Culture, Sports and Community Development
Committee

Kwun Tong District Council

Mr CHAN Kwok-wah
Chairman, Culture, Recreation and Sports Committee

Clerk in attendance : Miss Flora TAI
Chief Council Secretary (2)2

Staff in attendance : Miss Vivien POON
Council Secretary (2)3

Ms Anna CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (2)2

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I. Election of Chairman

Ms Emily LAU, Chairman of the Subcommittee in office, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee. Mr LI Kwok-ying was nominated by Miss CHOY So-yuk and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Ting-kwong. Mr LI accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Ms Emily LAU declared Mr LI Kwok-ying elected as the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the 2006-2007 session.

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II. Meeting with District Councils and the Administration

[Annexes 3.1 & 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01), LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2933/05-06(01), CB(2)3146/05-06(01) - (03), CB(2)107/06-07(01) & (02), CB(2)137/06-07(01) and CB(2)180/06-07(01)]

Meeting with representatives of District Councils

Tai Po District Council

2. Mr CHU King-yuen said that Tai Po District Council (DC) in general did not have a strong view about the implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects of the former Municipal Councils (ex-MCs). However, Tai Po DC considered that the Administration should give a definite answer as to how the "Tai Po New Civic Centre" project [item no. 38 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)] would be taken forward. Mr CHU considered that, if it was concluded not feasible to develop the project through the Private Sector Finance (PSF) approach, the Administration should use Government funding to expedite development of the centre.

3. Mr CHU also conveyed dissatisfaction of a member of Tai Po DC over the lack of progress for the "Local Open Space Area 6, Tai Po" project [item no. 31 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)].

North District Council

4. Mr YU Chi-shing urged the Administration to expedite implementation of the "Civic Centre for North District" project [item no. 16 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)] given the district's population growth and potential for development. He said that the Administration had not accorded priority to the project on the basis that utilisation rate of the North District Town Hall (NDTH) was low. However, the utilisation rates had not reflected actual needs for this facility. As the NDTH Auditorium had a seating capacity of only about 500, event organisers had opted for larger venues elsewhere to hold their events, such as the Sha Tin Town Hall. Mr YU suggested that the Administration should solicit views from venue users such as associations of school principals in assessing the needs of the district for a civic centre and town hall.

Yuen Long District Council

5. Mr MAK Ip-sing said that Yuen Long DC was dissatisfied that capital works projects to be commenced in 2006-2011 were concentrated in Tin Shui Wai. The only Yuen Long project outside Tin Shui Wai was "Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 3 Yuen Long". He pointed out that, as the transportation

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within the district was not very convenient, residents would mostly use the facilities in the vicinity. While Mr MAK had no objection to the provision of LCS projects in Tin Shui Wai, he considered that the Administration should distribute resources evenly across the district. Given the rapid population growth in the urban area of Yuen Long, priority should be accorded to the "Sports Complex and District Open Space Area 12 Yuen Long" project [item 52 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)].

6. Mr TSANG Hin-keung said that, even though the Administration had undertaken to follow up outstanding projects of ex-MCs, no concrete plan had been devised to take many of these projects forward. He was also disappointed that, despite the lack of recreational facilities in rural areas, no such project had been scheduled or planned to meet the needs there. He added that Yuen Long had six "heung" (鄉) but the provision of LCS facilities there should not be based on its population alone because the facilities would cater for the needs of the entire district. Mr TSANG said that Yuen Long DC urged the Administration to give priority to the "Swimming Pool Complex Kam Tin" and "Indoor Recreation Centre Kam Tin" projects [item nos. 48 and 49 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)]. He added that the Administration should also consider the provision of a swimming pool or sports facility in the vicinity of Kam Sheung Road Station of KCR West Rail.

Sha Tin District Council

7. Mr YIU Ka-chun said that Sha Tin DC was disappointed that the "Indoor Recreation Centre cum Library Area 14B, Sha Tin" project [item no. 19 of Annex 2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)107/06-07(01)], which was ranked as priority number one by DC, was scheduled to commence works as late as 2010. He expressed dissatisfaction that the outstanding LCS projects [item nos. 24 - 30 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)] had been planned by the former Regional Council for Sha Tin for years but the Administration was unable to come up with any plan to take forward these projects. Mr YIU queried why the Administration could not proceed with these projects concurrently with the "Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade" priority project in 2007-2010 [item no. 6 of Annex 1 to LC Paper No. CB(2)107/06-07(01)]. Mr YIU also pointed out that Tai Wai had undergone a rapid growth in recent years where recreational and library facilities were badly needed. He considered that the Administration should give regard to population growth and adopt a forward-looking approach in planning LCS facilities accordingly. In this connection, he urged the Administration to accord priority to the "Indoor Recreation Centre Area 24D, Sha Tin" project [item no. 24 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)].

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8. Mr LAW Kwong-keung echoed Mr YIU's view that it was unacceptable that the "Indoor Recreation Centre cum Library Area 14B, Sha Tin" project would not be completed until mid 2013. He stressed that the provision of LCS facilities in Sha Tin was far from adequate to meet the needs of the community. He pointed out that, as some LCS facilities in Ma On Shan would be used for staging the 2008 Olympic equestrian events, the situation would further deteriorate. He added that Sha Tin had a disproportionately high ratio in terms of population to public libraries. He urged the Administration to enhance the provision in this respect.

Kwun Tong District Council
[LC Paper No. CB(2)137/06-07(01)]

9. Mr CHAN Kwok-wah said that Kwun Tong DC strongly requested the Administration to expedite implementation of the "Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building" project [item no. 10 of Annex 2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)107/06-07(01)] which had experienced prolonged delay. Kwun TONG DC also requested that, as the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool was very old, the Administration should proceed with its redevelopment as soon as possible to ensure that the swimming pool would meet international standard. Mr CHAN considered that the Administration should not use a lack of interest from private developers as an excuse to delay the project. Kwun Tong DC hoped that the Administration would have the commitment to take the project forward. He added that it had been a strong desire of Kwun Tong DC for an early provision of a town hall.

The Administration's response

An overview of the provision of LCS projects

10. With the concurrence of the Chairman, Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) (DDLCS(LS)) made a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of the provision of LCS projects since the setting up of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). He also reported to the Subcommittee on the progress of the 25 priority projects and the implementation timetable for the 21 LCS projects which the Administration had undertaken to take forward as set out in its paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)107/06-07(01)].

11. Referring to the concern that sport facilities projects for the holding of the 2009 East Asian Games (EAG) might delay implementation progress of ex-MC LCS projects, DDLCS(LS) pointed out that the estimated project cost for the construction of the "Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground" and 13 improvement works projects to be commenced in 2006-2008 totalled to about \$1 billion which was less than 10% of the \$11 billion for implementing the 69 capital works projects to be commenced in 2006-2011. He explained that, in order to meet specifications

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required for international sporting events including EAG, facilities such as Hong Kong Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Stadium and Hong Kong Coliseum had to be upgraded. These capital works projects, however, definitely would not delay the implementation of other LCS projects.

[*Post-meeting note:* The PowerPoint presentation material provided by the Administration was tabled at the meeting and issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)180/06-07 on 24 October 2006.]

Response to concerns of DCs

12. At the Chairman's invitation, DDLCS(LS) made the following response to the concerns expressed by representatives of DCs -

(a) Tai Po DC

- (i) the Administration had encountered difficulties to proceed with its original plan of implementing the two pilot projects, i.e. Kwun Tong Leisure and Cultural Centre (formerly known as Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool) and the construction of an ice sports centre, a bowling centre and a town park in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O by using the PSF approach. The Administration would report to the Panel on Home Affairs at its meeting on 10 November 2006 on the proposed modification of the implementation mode of these two projects and a definite decision would then be made;
- (ii) the Administration had worked out the overall priority list for the implementation of LCS projects in Tai Po on the basis of the DC's views and would further discuss with Tai Po DC about the "Local Open Space Area 6, Tai Po" project;

(b) North DC

- (i) the provision of LCS facilities in the district should improve with the implementation of the two priority projects in Areas 28 and 28A Fanling/Sheung Shui and the other two projects in Areas 25, 47 and 48;
- (ii) the 60% utilisation rate of NDTH Auditorium indicated that it had the capacity to accommodate further needs. The development of the "Civic Centre for North District" project would be subject to the policy on the PSF approach to develop cultural facilities;

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(c) Yuen Long DC

- (i) the Administration remained fully committed to the development of LCS projects in the urban and rural areas of Yuen Long, apart from implementing LCS projects in Tin Shui Wai;
- (ii) LCSD had sought funding to implement projects in rural areas as minor works, such as the "Local Open Space Hung Shui Kiu Phase II" project [item no. 54 of Annex 3.2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1532/05-06(01)];
- (iii) as the sites previously designated for the "Swimming Pool Complex Kam Tin" and "Indoor Recreation Centre Kam Tin" projects were no longer available, the Administration would consult Yuen Long DC on the appropriate alternative sites for these projects;

(d) Sha Tin DC

- (i) when determining the implementation schedules of the projects "Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade" and "Indoor Recreation Centre cum Library Area 14B, Sha Tin", the Administration had fully considered the DC's views;
- (ii) the Administration would discuss with Sha Tin DC regarding the priority in planning and developing public library facilities in Tai Wai;
- (iii) given the utilisation rates of existing facilities in Sha Tin, the provision of indoor sports facilities there was considered adequate;

(e) Kwun Tong DC

- (i) there were practical difficulties to further expedite the "Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building" project as a lot of time would be required to address the need to maximise the plot ratio; and
- (ii) LCSD agreed with Kwun Tong DC that redevelopment of the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool should be expedited to meet the

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needs of the community. If it was concluded that the PSF approach was not viable, the Administration would include the project in the Public Works Programme.

Admin 13. The Chairman requested the Administration to consolidate a written response to the views of DCs after the meeting.

Members' discussion with the Administration

55 ex-MC LCS projects under further review

14. Miss CHOY So-yuk said that representatives of DCs attending the meeting had expressed diverse views on the results of the Administration's review of the 74 outstanding ex-MC LCS projects and some of them had put forward concrete requests. She asked whether the Administration could conduct another review or take on new projects proposed by DCs which were outside the scope of the 55 ex-MC LCS projects under further review. DDLCS(LS) responded that the Administration had the resources and flexibility to take on projects outside the scope of the 55 ex-MC LCS projects. However, the immediate task for the Administration was to take forward the 25 priority projects, followed by the 21 projects to be proceeded further with planning works. The Administration would conduct reviews of the remaining outstanding ex-MC projects with DCs to examine their priorities.

15. Ms Emily LAU was of the view that the Administration should keep DCs informed of its work in planning the provision of LCS facilities. She urged the Administration to liaise closely with DCs and expedite the implementation of outstanding projects to meet the needs of districts and boost employment opportunities in the construction industry. Ms LAU asked whether the 55 ex-MC LCS projects had been put on further review because of resources constraint.

16. DDLCS(LS) said that consultation with DCs had been conducted for LCS projects to be commenced in 2006-2011. He explained that, given the amount of investment in LCS projects in the coming few years, resources would not pose any problem to the implementation of outstanding ex-MC LCS projects. The 55 ex-MC LCS projects were put under further review for various reasons. For example, sites originally planned for some of the projects were not available. Some other projects no longer met the needs of the local community or needed to be withheld to tie in with infrastructural developments in the vicinity.

17. Mr Albert CHAN expressed dissatisfaction with the Administration's consultation process with DCs. He considered that there were inherent flaws in the consultation process because DCs were forced to prioritise outstanding LCS

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projects in their districts and choose some projects over the others. Accordingly, certain pressing needs of DCs were not met. Mr CHAN queried why outstanding projects especially those of small scale could not be proceeded with concurrently. He was of the view that each DC should be informed of the annual budget for LCS facilities in their district; and that small-scale projects should reviewed separately from large-scale projects in order to expedite their implementation. While commending the efforts of DDLCS(LS) in taking forward outstanding ex-MC LCS projects, Mr CHAN also expressed strong dissatisfaction that LCS D had focused on the provision of passive recreational facilities and overlooked the needs of local community for more active sport and recreational facilities which involved more recurrent expenditures.

18. DDLCS(LS) responded that, with the devolution of responsibility of district facilities management to DCs, a dedicated capital works block vote with an annual provision of \$300 million would be provided for DCs to initiate and implement minor works and carry out capital works improvement to district facilities. He said that the cost ceiling of each project initiated or endorsed by DCs would remain at \$15 million. The arrangement should help expedite the implementation of small projects in districts. He also stressed that LCS D had exercised an appropriate degree of flexibility in taking forward projects, such as implementing some LCS projects in rural areas as minor works. Regarding the provision of active sport and recreational facilities, DDLCS(LS) quoted the development of Area 107 in Tin Shui Wai as an example to illustrate that LCS D had strived to provide such facilities as far as possible. He pointed out that Area 107 was very large which needed to be developed in phases. Noting the demand for active sport and recreational facilities of the community, LCS D had planned to provide a 7-a-side soccer pitch and four basketball courts there.

19. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Subcommittee should review the provision of LCS facilities on a district-by-district basis. He requested that the Administration should provide a table setting out the original and current implementation schedules of outstanding ex-MC LCS projects.

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20. Mr Daniel LAM said that the provision of LCS facilities had been improved as a result of the Subcommittee's work in the last two sessions. He conveyed the view of Mr LAU Wong-fat that the Administration should respect the views of DCs as far as possible in taking forward the implementation of LCS projects and the focus of future consultation work in this respect should be put back on DCs.

Status of the 21 LCS projects to be proceeded further with planning works

21. Ms Emily LAU asked about the progress of the 21 LCS projects to be proceeded further with planning works. DDLCS(LS) informed the Subcommittee

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that the first three projects in Annex 2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)107/06-07(01) would be implemented as minor building works items and the next three projects were already earmarked funding. As for the remaining 15 projects, funding would be sought when they were ready.

22. In response to Ms Emily LAU's further enquiry, DDLCS(LS) clarified that the pilot PSF project in Tseung Kwan O was in Area 45, not Area 74. Ms LAU requested the Administration to include the pilot project in the list of LCS projects to be proceeded further with planning works.

Implementation schedules of 25 priority projects

23. Referring to the Administration's paper on the 69 LCSD capital works projects to start works in 2006-2011 [LC Paper No. CB(2)3146/05-06(01)], Mr Albert CHAN expressed dissatisfaction that, despite the acute shortage of LCS facilities in Tin Shui Wai, LCS projects there had been postponed to 2008 and beyond because of the need to implement other works projects for the holding of EAG. Mr CHAN requested that the Administration should include large projects in Tin Shui Wai in the 2007-2008 financial year and advance the works start date of the priority projects "Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2, Tung Chung, Lantau" and "Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre" [item nos. 41 and 45 of LC Paper No. CB(2)3146/05-06(01)] from 2008-2009 to 2007-2008.

24. DDLCS(LS) reiterated that capital works projects for the holding of EAG would not delay the implementation of other LCS projects. He added that there were projects in Tin Shui Wai such as the sports centre in Area 17 and local open space projects in Areas 25, 25A and 25B which would be completed in 2007. However, the Administration appreciated members' concerns and would strive to expedite the implementation of LCS projects as far as possible.

25. In response to Mr Patrick LAU and Ms Emily LAU, Chief Project Manager 302 of ArchSD and Chief Executive Officer (Planning)1 of LCSD reported on the status of priority projects as follows -

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funding Status</u>	<u>Implementation status</u>
1	"Open Space at Tai Kok Tsui Temporary Market"	Approved	Construction works already commenced in September 2006

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funding Status</u>	<u>Implementation status</u>
2	"District Open Space in Area 107, Tin Shui Wai"	Approved	Already upgraded to Category A of the Public Works Programme and works advanced to start in December 2006
3	"Improvement works to Victoria Park Tennis Centre"	Planning to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee (PWSC) in December 2006	Design under way
4	"District Open Space in Shek Yam Estate, Kwai Chung"		
5	"Local Open Space in Area 28, Fanling/Sheung Shui"		
6	"Ma On Shan Waterfront Promenade"		
7	"Local Open Space in Sham Tseng Area 50, Tsuen Wan"		
8	"District Open Space in Area 9, Tsing Yi"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in May 2007	Design under way
9	"Recreational Development at North Ap Lei Chau Reclamation"		
10	"Recreational facilities on Jordan Valley former Landfill"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in June 2007	Design under way
11	"Ngau Chi Wan Recreation Ground"		

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12	"Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park (Phase II)"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in November 2007	Design under way
13	"Siu Sai Wan Complex"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in December 2007	DC's agreement to the sketch design had just been sought on 20 October 2006
14	"Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2, Tung Chung, Lantau"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in December 2007	Design under way and works advanced to start in mid 2008
15	"District Open Space in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in January 2008	Selection of consultants in progress
16	"District Open Space at Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in November 2007	DC to be consulted on the sketch design in November 2006

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funding Status</u>	<u>Implementation status</u>
17	"Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in December 2007	Approval was recently given by the Town Planning Board
18	"Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 28A, Fanling/Sheung Shui" (start date advanced to late 2008)	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in the 2007-2008 legislative session	Selection of consultants in progress
20	"Swimming Pool Complex in Area 1 (San Wai Court), Tuen Mun"		
19	"Development of a bathing beach at Lung Mei, Tai Po"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in mid 2008	Environmental review, transport and drainage assessments required and under way
21	"Construction of an Annex Building for the Ko Shan Theatre"	Timeframe for funding application was yet to be determined	Project scope being reviewed
22	"Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O"	Planning to seek endorsement of PWSC in the 2007-2008 legislative session	Technical Feasibility Statement (TFS) approved
23	"Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 3 Yuen Long"		TFS in progress

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funding Status</u>	<u>Implementation status</u>
24	"Sports Centre in Area 33, Tai Po"	Planning to seek	TFS in progress
25	"Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley Tsuen Wan)"	endorsement of PWSC in the 2007-2008 legislative session	Project scope being reviewed

26. Chief Project Manager 302 pointed out that they would review the project programmes to see if they could be further advanced once DC consultations were completed and technical issues had been resolved.

27. Mr Patrick LAU considered that, compared to similar projects undertaken by the private sector, the lead time for priority projects such as "Siu Sai Wan Complex" [item no. 13 of Annex I to LC Paper No. CB(2)107/06-07(01)] was unacceptably long. In view of escalating construction costs, Mr LAU asked whether the foundations could be laid in parallel with pre-construction work.

28. Project Director 3 (PD3) of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) explained that, under the fast tracked programme, "Siu Sai Wan Complex" required 15 to 19 months for its design and preparation of tender documents. As the tender period was prescribed by the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Government Procurement, the tender process would take up to four months. PD3 added that separate contracts for foundation works and subsequent construction works would be considered on a project-by-project basis. Laying foundations in advance would not necessarily expedite the work progress as there might be risk that the works could not dovetail with each other and claims from contractors were sometimes encountered.

29. Mr Patrick LAU remained unconvinced that pre-construction work for "Siu Sai Wan Complex" had to take 19 months to complete given the fact that the design had been finalised. DDLCS(LS) agreed to provide a breakdown of the pre-construction processes and the timeframe required for the project for members' information.

30. Ms Emily LAU expressed dissatisfaction with the slow progress in seeking funding approval from the Legislative Council. She requested the Administration to expedite funding applications and where applicable, the recruitment of consultants. DDLCS(LS) responded that planning work had to be undertaken prior

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to funding application. For complex projects involving geotechnical investigation where marble cavity was envisaged, or large-scale projects involving plot ratio, planning work would take longer time.

31. Miss CHOY So-yuk suggested that, to expedite the whole process, the Administration should consider waiving the need for these projects to go through the various category stages of the Public Works Programme.

Use of sustainable building designs

32. Miss CHOY So-yuk asked whether the following devices/measures had been incorporated into the designs of LCS projects -

- (a) energy-efficient devices such as solar panels, solar-powered water heaters, motion-sensitive power switches, individual air-conditioning units; and
- (b) environmentally-sound designs such as green roofs, vertical greening, natural lighting and waste-recycling facilities.

33. PD3 responded that the Administration was committed to incorporating sustainable and environmentally-sound building designs/devices into LCS projects where feasible.

34. Miss CHOY considered that the Administration should not use glass walls in building designs as they were not energy-efficient. PD3 replied that glass walls were not a common feature in building designs for capital works projects as they were not environmentally-sound. He pointed out that the use of glass walls would depend on the design and construction needs of a particular project. According to PD3, a ratio derived from the measurements of the solar heat gain per square metre of the external wall area would be used to indicate whether glass walls were suitable for the particular design and construction conditions.

III. Any Other Business

35. Members agreed that the next meeting of the Subcommittee be held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, 5 December 2006 to continue discussion with the Administration.

[*Post-meeting note*: at the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the meeting scheduled for 5 December 2006 was re-scheduled to 19 December 2006 at 4:30 pm]

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36. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:40 pm.

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