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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, 21 May 2007, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room B 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 Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Daniel LAM Wai-keung, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS
- Member attending** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
- Members absent** : Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Home Affairs Bureau

Miss Polly KWOK Wai-ling
Principal Assistant Secretary (Home Affairs) (Culture)2

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

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong
Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)

Mr Eddy YAU Kwok-yin, JP
Assistant Director (Leisure Services)3

Miss Terry LEE Wing-mui
Acting Assistant Director (Libraries & 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

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

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

Miss Kiwi NG
Legislative Assistant (2)2 (Acting)

Action

- I. Meeting with the Administration**
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1866/06-07(01), CB(2)1878/06-07(01) and CB(2)1902/06-07(01)-(02)]

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings at **Annex**).

Action
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2. The Administration was requested to provide the following information -
- (a) a table comparing the anticipated start and completion dates of the outstanding leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects of the ex-Municipal Councils (MCs) at the time of their abolition, at the initial appointment of the Subcommittee in May 2005 and the latest position;
 - (b) the annual estimated allocation of resources for implementing the outstanding LCS projects of ex-MCs for the next few years;
 - (c) a list of the "55 LCS projects of ex-MCs under further review" with the current land use of the various sites reserved for implementing these projects; and
 - (d) a breakdown of the usage rates of existing cultural and performance facilities in the North District by timeslot, information on the future demands for these facilities in the district from sectors such as schools and other patrons, and considerations for not taking forward the "Civic Centre for North District" project.

II. Any other business

Date of the next meeting

Clerk

3. Members agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the Administration to work out the appropriate date for the next meeting to be held in around three months' time.
4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:35 am.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and
Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils
on Monday, 21 May 2007, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000927	Chairman Admin	Briefing by the Administration on the paper titled "Progress of Leisure and Cultural Services Projects" [LC Paper No. CB(2)1866/06-07(01)]. For the three leisure and cultural services (LCS) projects in Kwun Tong and Tseung Kwan O, funding had been earmarked and their works schedules would be subject to review upon finalisation of their scopes and technical feasibility studies (TFS).	
000928 - 001026	Mr Daniel LAM	Mr Daniel LAM's expression of appreciation at the implementation progress of LCS projects achieved, and his request for the Administration to make further progress, particularly in relation to projects in the rural areas.	
001027 - 001527	Ms Emily LAU Admin Chairman	<p>Ms Emily LAU and the Chairman's enquiries about the progress of LCS projects as discussed at the Legislative Council (LegCo) Members' meetings with members of the North District Council (NDC) on 10 May 2007 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/06-07(01)] and with members of the Kwun Tong District Council on 1 February 2007 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1878/06-07(01)].</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - based on the recommendations of a consultancy study in 2002, the projected demand for cultural and performance (CAP) facilities in the North District (ND) was expected to be moderately high in 2013 and beyond; - usage rates for 2006-2007 for existing CAP facilities in ND indicated a utilisation rate of only about 60%; - in planning CAP facilities in ND, the availability of resources for their construction and recurrent operating expenses had to be taken into account; 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the "Civic Centre for North District" project and the three projects in Kwun Tong under the category, "55 LCS projects of ex-Municipal Councils (MCs) under further review" would be subject to regular review by the Administration in consultation with DCs; and - the planning and implementation of these projects (subject to feasibility studies) would be taken forward once the 25 priority projects and the "21 projects to proceed further with planning works" had been implemented. 	
001528 - 002000	Ms Emily LAU Admin	Ms Emily Lau's reiteration of her support for NDC's request for the commencement of the "Civic Centre for North District" project, on the basis of statistics provided by NDC [LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/06-07(02)], and the reasons given by LegCo Members attending the meeting with members of NDC on 10 May 2007 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/06-07(01)].	
002001 - 002857	Mr Albert CHAN Chairman Admin Mr Daniel LAM	<p>Mr Albert CHAN's request for the Administration to provide the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a table comparing the anticipated start and completion dates of the outstanding LCS projects of the ex-MCs at the time of their abolition, at the initial appointment of the Subcommittee in May 2005 and the latest position; and - the annual estimated allocation of resources for implementing the outstanding LCS projects of ex-MCs for the next few years. <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - during 1995-2000, an average of 13 ex-MC projects (costing \$1.6 billion) were implemented by ex-MCs each year; - during 2007-2011, an average of 15 LCS projects (costing \$3 billion) per year would be implemented; - 14 new LCS projects had been implemented in the last three years and 30 more would commence works shortly; and - starting from next year, minor works would be implemented at the discretion of DCs. 	<p>Admin to provide a comparison table of the anticipated start and completion dates of the outstanding LCS projects and the annual estimated allocation of resources (para.2(a)-(b) of the minutes)</p>

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		<p>Discussion on the Terms of Reference of the Subcommittee -</p> <p>View of the Chairman that the Subcommittee should review the progress of the priority projects and ex-MC projects, as well as the overall position of the implementation of LCS projects to cope with the changing needs of the community.</p> <p>View of Mr Albert CHAN that the Subcommittee should not discuss projects beyond its current remit, e.g. minor projects within the jurisdiction of DCs.</p> <p>View of Mr Daniel LAM that the remit of the Subcommittee should not overlap with that of local rural works committees.</p>	
002858 - 003549	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming Admin	Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming's view that the provision of CAP facilities in ND, Tai Po and Sai Kung were unsatisfactory; and his request for the Administration to provide a list of the "55 LCS projects of ex-MCs under further review" with the current land use of the various sites reserved for implementing these 55 projects.	Admin to provide a list of the "55 LCS projects of ex-MCs under further review" with their land use (para. 2(c) of the minutes)
003550 - 004325	Ms Emily LAU Admin	<p>Ms Emily LAU's queries about the Administration's decision of not taking forward the "Tai Po New Civic Centre" project and the estimated project costs for priority project items no. 9 and 11 [Annex 1 to LC Paper No. CB(2)1866/06-07(01)].</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the following projects under the category of "55 LCS projects of ex-MCs under further review" had been accorded top priority by the respective DCs - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Open Space Development in West Kowloon Reclamation at Road D10" project in the Yau Tsim Mong District; • "Civic Centre for North District" project; • "Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 4, Sai Kung" project; and 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Hung Lau Park" project in the Tuen Mun District; - the above projects had not been scheduled for implementation because other factors (e.g. usage of existing LCS facilities, technical feasibility and complexity) had been taken into account; - for priority project item no. 9, the cost estimate had been increased following TFS and changes in the development plan to incorporate elements of tourism development; and - for priority project item no.11, the presence of marble cavity at the project site had complicated the foundation works and escalated the project estimate. 	
004326 - 004702	Ms Emily LAU Admin	<p>Ms Emily LAU's view that LegCo should not be held responsible for delaying the implementation of LCS projects of ex-MCs, and enquiry as to whether the preliminary proposal of increasing the financial ceiling of Category D projects for submission to the Public Works Subcommittee/Finance Committee from \$15 million to \$30 million (which would be considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee on 1 June 2007) would expedite the implementation of these projects.</p> <p>The Administration's explanation that representatives of the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau would brief the Finance Committee at that meeting on the rationale for increasing the financial ceiling of Category D projects.</p>	
004703 - 005004	Chairman Admin Ms Emily LAU	<p>The Chairman's enquiry about the weighting assigned to the views of DCs as compared to policy considerations, in the implementation of LCS projects of ex-MCs.</p> <p>The Administration's response that the priorities set by DCs would be considered along with policy considerations, existing usage of similar LCS facilities in the districts and distribution of resources among the 18 districts, etc.</p>	

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		<p>The Chairman's request for the Administration to provide a breakdown of the usage rates of existing CAP facilities in ND by timeslot and considerations for not taking forward the "Civic Centre for North District" project.</p> <p>Ms Emily LAU's suggestion that the Administration should review and provide information on the future demands for CAP facilities in ND from sectors such as schools and other patrons.</p>	<p>The Admin to provide usage rates of existing CAP facilities in the North District, information on the district's future demands, and considerations for not taking forward the "Civic Centre for North District" project (para.2(d) of the minutes)</p>
005005 - 005023	Chairman	Date of next meeting	<p>The Clerk to liaise with the Admin on the date for the next meeting (para.3 of the minutes)</p>

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