

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 29 November 2006)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Report on the outcome of comprehensive structural investigation on Choi Hung Estate and Model Housing Estate

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration briefed members on the Housing Authority's comprehensive structural investigation programme for aged housing estates in May 2006. It has recently completed structural investigations on Choi Hung Estate and Model Housing Estate, and has proposed to brief the Panel on the findings and necessary improvement works.

January 2007

2. Progress of Total Maintenance Scheme

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration briefed members on the Housing Authority's initiative to implement the Scheme in November 2005. The Scheme was launched in January 2006. The Administration intends to brief members on progress of the Scheme after one year of implementation.

February 2007
(tentative)

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

Proposed by the Administration. The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration intends to brief members on the outcomes of the 2007-2008 review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2007 onwards.

March 2007
(tentative)

4. Creation of the post of Assistant Director (Independent Checking Unit)

Proposed by the Administration. The Panel first discussed the subject of "Directorate restructuring of the Housing Department and creation of a supernumerary Assistant Director of Housing post for the Independent Checking Unit in the Housing Department" on 7 May 2001. The

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Panel discussed the proposal to retain the supernumerary Assistant Director post for an additional three years on 7 July 2003.

The supernumerary Assistant Director post will expire in July 2007. In view of operational need, the Administration would like to turn this post into a permanent one.

5. Local Open Space adjoining Tseung Kwan O Area 73B public housing development

March 2007
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for it to obtain funds from the Finance Committee for a proposed Local Open Space project to tie in with public housing development at Tseung Kwan O Area 73B. The project is scheduled to commence in March 2009.

6. Land supply for public housing development and problems encountered in proposed public housing development

2nd Quarter 2007
(tentative)

Proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 12 October 2006. He expressed concern about the opposition raised by certain District Councils to Housing Authority's proposed housing development programmes in their respective districts, which may have implications on the disposal of HA sites and pace of flat allocation under the Waiting List.

The Administration has also proposed to brief members on the issues arising from securing sites for public housing development to meet long-term demands.

7. Demolition of buildings at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area

2nd Quarter 2007
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for it to obtain funds from the Finance Committee for demolition and ground decontamination works at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area, which is scheduled to commence in July 2007.

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8. Demolition of buildings at Cheung Sha Wan police married quarters and adjacent areas

2nd Quarter 2007
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for the Administration to obtain funds from the Finance Committee for demolition works at Cheung Sha Wan police married quarters and adjacent areas, which is scheduled to commence in September 2007.

9. Report on the outcome of comprehensive structural investigations on Wo Lok Estate and Ma Tau Wai Estate

2nd Quarter 2007
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to brief members on the outcomes of the structural investigations on Wo Lok and Ma Tau Wai Estates, which is now in progress and will be completed in December 2006 and March 2007 respectively.

10. New policy on one-person applicants for PRH

To be decided

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He was concerned about the impact of the new policy on one-person PRH applicants and would like the Panel to follow up the issue. The Duty Roster Members (DRM) met with representatives of the Society for Community Organization in May 2006 on the latter's concern about the quota and points system for Waiting List non-elderly one-person applicants implemented in 2005. Noting that the Administration had undertaken to review the scheme after one year of implementation, DRM referred the matter for the Panel's follow-up on the policy issues concerned.

The Administration will provide an interim report on the implementation of the quota and points system for non-elderly one-person applicants by the second quarter of 2007.

11. Review of public housing allocation policy to strengthen family-based support network

To be decided

The ageing population and the continuous decline in birth rate have aroused public concern on the need for a review of the existing housing policies to take into account such demographic changes. To address the problem of ageing

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population, members urged the Administration to significantly raise the asset limits for the elderly households and relax the PRH eligibility criteria for the elderly in general. The subject was also discussed at the meeting between LegCo Members and the Tsuen Wan District Council on 6 January 2005 and various proposals on how assistance to the elderly could be improved through adjusting the public housing policy were referred to the Panel for necessary follow-up. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)996/04-05 on 25 February 2005.

The Chief Executive included in the 2006-2007 Policy Address a new initiative of establishing a family-based support network. In this regard, the Panel would like to be briefed on the Administration's plan to strengthen existing measures to encourage public housing tenants and applicants to live with their parents, so that the public housing programme could help foster a harmonious community with caring family values.

12. Allocation of Public Rental Housing (PRH) flats for the elderly to other PRH applicants

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. He called upon the Panel to discuss the general issue of allocating PRH flats for the elderly to other categories of PRH applicants.

The Administration will provide an information paper to brief members on the related matters

13. Demarcation and management of common areas in public housing estates sold under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS)

The issue was raised at the meeting between LegCo Members and the Kwai Tsing District Council (KTDC) on 8 December 2005. Concerns about the principles and guidelines on the demarcation of common areas under TPS, and the obligations between the Housing Authority (HA) and The Link Management Ltd. as reflected in the sale agreement on the divestment of HA's retail facilities were referred to the Panel for appropriate follow-up on the policy issues concerned. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to members vide LC

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Paper No. CB(1)1189/05-06 on 28 March 2006.

14. Provision and management of facilities in public housing estates

Relevant cases were raised at the meeting between LegCo Members and KTDC on 8 December 2005. KTDC members' views on the programme to replace hollow main doors of public housing units and the need to install lift towers and footbridges in public housing estates built on slopes were referred to the Panel for appropriate follow-up on the policy issues concerned. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1189/05-06 on 28 March 2006.

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