

Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 23 October 2006)

Subject (Responsible Bureau/Office)	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Fee proposal under the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 (HPLB)	24.1.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to –</p> <p>(a) provide the details of the basis for determining the various fee items under the fee proposal;</p> <p>(b) reconsider extension of fee waiver to all applications relating to “public causes”, “public proposes” or “public interest” as a matter of policy;</p> <p>(c) investigate whether there was any definition for “public interest” in law;</p> <p>(d) provide the estimated costs incurred by the Government in processing various types of planning applications each year; and</p> <p>(e) consult Heung Yee Kuk on the fee proposal with particular regard to fee items applicable to small house applications.</p>	Administration's response awaited.

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2. Wan Chai Development Phase II Review – Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas: Outcome of Public Engagement at the Envisioning Stage (HPLB)	9.6.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to take follow-up actions as follows –</p> <p>(a) to provide documents to show that the Consultants had been instructed to review the Central-Wan Chai Bypass (CWB) for compliance with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance and the “overriding public need test” laid down by the Court of Final Appeal;</p> <p>(b) to provide copies of the consultancy agreements relating to CWB and the Wan Chai Development Phase II Review which had been awarded to Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited and to provide information on the agreed consultancy fees under the agreements; and</p> <p>(c) to provide the assumptions used in arriving at the forecast that the CWB would still have about 30% spare capacity by 2016.</p>	Administration's response awaited.

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3. Enhancement of continuity of the pedestrian links along the northern shore of the Hong Kong Island and the accessibility and environment of the harbourfront of the Hong Kong Island for public use (HPLB)	25.7.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to take follow-up actions as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to provide information relating to the status of the proposed footbridge at Aon China Building;(b) to provide information on the distance and the time needed to walk to the waterfront from the exits of the Mass Transit Railway stations from Sheung Wan to North Point;(c) to provide the expected completion dates of the proposed waterfront enhancement works and expedite the works for those requiring no reclamation;(d) to provide the expected completion dates of the proposed pedestrian links, such as footbridges and elevated walkways; and(e) to provide information on the feasibility of introducing measures to better utilize the space under the Island Eastern Corridor in North Point, such as constructing boardwalks.	Administration's response awaited.

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4. Greening master plans for Kowloon West and Hong Kong Island – development of greening master plans for Mong Kok/Yau Ma Tei and Sheung Wan/Wan Chai/Causeway Bay (ETWB)	25.7.2006	The Administration was requested to provide an overall timetable for implementing greening master plans in various areas, including those currently under planning and those under consideration, for example, built-up areas in the New Territories such as Yuen Long and Tsuen Wan.	Administration's response awaited.
5. Land administration issues arising from the case involving a site under short-term tenancy in Kwun Yam Shan, Sha Tin (HPLB)	20.9.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to take follow-up actions as follows –</p> <p>(a) to provide a breakdown of the 4 542 short term tenancies by type (i.e. Open Tender, Direct Grant, Regularization of unauthorized occupation of government land and Conversion from Government Land Licence/Permit);</p> <p>(b) regarding the 349 short term tenancies involving breaches, to provide information on the nature of breaches and how the cases were handled;</p> <p>(c) to provide information on how the 30-odd short term tenancies involving unauthorized change of use were handled;</p>	The written response (LC Paper No. CB(1)18/06-07(01)) provided by the Administration was issued to members on 11 October 2006.

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		<p>(d) to provide the number of tenants holding more than one short term tenancy and the respective numbers of short term tenancies held by those tenants;</p> <p>(e) to provide information on any other short term tenancies granted to Mr HEUNG Cheuk-kei;</p> <p>(f) to provide the number of short term tenancies with sites located in Country Parks, if any;</p> <p>(g) to provide a copy each of the ex-short term tenancies in respect of the site at Kwun Yam Shan granted to Mr HEUNG Cheuk-kei;</p> <p>(h) to provide the names and tenures of the incumbents of the District Lands Officer/Shatin post since 1983;</p> <p>(i) to provide documents relating to the detected breaches (e.g. correspondence) and the actions taken (e.g. written reports on inspections) in respect of the case in question;</p>	

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		<p>(j) upon examination of the case in question with the Department of Justice, to report on the Government's decision as to whether it would institute legal action to claim damages from Mr HEUNG Cheuk-kei and the reasons for the decision;</p> <p>(k) to confirm whether the Administration would refer the case in question to the Independent Commission Against Corruption; and</p> <p>(l) to consider the suggestion of revamping the entire land administration system, including the policies, procedures and enforcement in respect of various types of land grants, to ensure fairness, transparency and protection of public interest.</p>	
<p>6. Planning issues relating to the reprovisioning of the Star Ferry Pier in Central including the proposed preservation of the building structure and clock tower of the existing Star Ferry Pier (HPLB)</p>	<p>20.9.2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response to the motion passed at the meeting.</p>	<p>The written response (LC Paper No. CB(1)46/06-07(01)) provided by the Administration was issued to members on 12 October 2006.</p>