

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 29 January 2008)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Strengthening Directorate Support in the Housing Department

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration will seek Members' support for submitting funding proposals to the Finance Committee for strengthening Directorate support to meet the operational requirements arising from fire safety regulations and management of land leases and flat sale.

March 2008

2. Review of the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits for 2008-2009

Proposed by the Administration. The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration will brief the Panel on the review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2008.

March 2008

3. Review of the Total Maintenance Scheme

Proposed by the Administration. The Total Maintenance Scheme commenced in early 2006. The Administration will brief Members on the outcome of the review of the programme.

March 2008

4. The sale arrangements for uncompleted first-hand residential units and the supply and price trends of private residential property

Proposed by the Chairman. In response to recent media reports on malpractices in this regard, Mr James TO has urged the Panel to follow up on the progress in improving the disclosure of saleable area in sales descriptions for residential properties. The relevant letter from Mr TO has been circulated to members for information vide LC Paper No. CB(1)643/07-08(01) on 22 January 2008.

March 2008
(tentative)

5. Report on the findings of the Comprehensive

Proposed timing for discussion

Structural Investigation on Wah Fu Estate and way forward

Proposed by the Administration. The Comprehensive Structural Investigation of Wah Fu Estate commenced in August 2007 and will be completed in April 2008. The Administration will brief Members on the findings and recommendations of the investigation.

April/May 2008
(tentative)

6. The implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. The Legislative Council passed the Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007 in June 2007 establishing a new income-based rent adjustment mechanism for public rental housing. Mr WONG would like to discuss the implementation of the mechanism.

Mid 2008
(tentative)

7. The management of retail and car parking facilities in public housing estates after the divestment by the Housing Authority

Proposed by the Chairman.

To be decided

8. The utilization of the Housing for Senior Citizens and improvement measures

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. The Housing Authority has ceased the construction of Housing for Senior Citizens since November 2000. Mr WONG would like to discuss issues relating to the utilization of Housing for Senior Citizens, measures to reduce the vacancy rate, and the removal arrangements for sitting tenants of these flats.

To be decided

9. Land supply for public housing development

Last discussed at the Panel meeting held on 7 January 2008. Members agreed to follow up in due course on the progress of the Administration's efforts made to ensure sufficient supply of land for public housing development.

To be decided

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

**10. Proposal to resume the Home Ownership Scheme and
the Tenants Purchase Scheme**

Last discussed at the Panel meeting held on 7 January 2008. Members agreed to follow up in due course on the developments in the three considerations relevant as to whether the Home Ownership Scheme should be relaunched, namely, the market situation, the turnover of public rental housing flats and community consensus.

June/July 2008
(tentative)

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