

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 29 November 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. District and local open spaces adjoining Choi Wan Road public housing development

Proposed by the Administration. To support the Choi Wan Road public housing development, the construction of the open spaces is scheduled to commence in August 2008 for completion in January 2010. The scope of the project includes the provision of two district open spaces and one local open space, which will provide landscaped areas, walking trails, children play areas, fitness exercise areas and ancillary facilities.

January 2008

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support for submitting the above funding proposal to the Finance Committee.

2. Report on the findings of the Comprehensive Structural Investigation on Tung Tau Estate Block 22 and Fuk Loi Estate and way forward

Proposed by the Administration. The Comprehensive Structural Investigation on Tung Tau Estate Block 22 and Fuk Loi Estate commenced in April 2007 has been completed. The Administration will brief Members on the findings and recommendations of the investigation.

January 2008

3. Way forward for the Comprehensive Structural Investigation Programme

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration will brief Members on the progress of and way forward for the programme.

January 2008

4. 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

February 2008
(tentative)

Proposed timing for discussion

arising from fire safety regulations, structural investigation of buildings, and management of land leases and flat sale.

5. Progress of and way forward for the Total Maintenance Scheme

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration will brief Members on the progress of and way forward for the programme.

February 2008
(tentative)

6. 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
(tentative)

7. Proposal to resume the Home Ownership Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. He is keen to follow up members' call at the meeting on 4 June 2007 for resumption of the above two housing schemes to maintain the mobility of public rental housing tenants and enable re-allocation of PRH flats so vacated to other needy families.

To be decided

8. Report on the findings of the Comprehensive 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)

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

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

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 Housing Authority sites and pace of flat allocation under the Waiting List.

To be decided

The Administration has also proposed to discuss with Members the supply of land for public housing development, return of public housing sites to the Government and the relevant issues.

10. 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)

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

Proposed by the Chairman.

To be decided

12. 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

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

13. 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 the utilization of Housing for Senior Citizens and measures to reduce the vacancy rate.

To be decided

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