

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 19 January 2009)

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

1. Progress of various measures in enhancing lift safety

The Administration intends to brief members on the situation and progress of various measures in enhancing the regulatory control on lift safety.

February 2009
(joint meeting with the Panel on Housing)

2. Revitalization of historic buildings through Partnership Scheme -- Batch I & Batch II

The Administration intends to seek funding support for the renovation cost of buildings for the successful applicants under Batch I of the Partnership Scheme and submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009.

February 2009

The Administration intends to brief members on the launching of Batch II of the Partnership Scheme.

3. Planning and Engineering Study for the Lok Ma Chau Loop

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed planning, environmental and engineering study for the Lok Ma Chau Loop and seek members' support for subsequent funding submissions. It intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in early April and late April 2009 respectively.

February 2009

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discussion/Remarks**

4. Building (Minor Works) Regulation

The Administration intends to introduce to members the details of the Building (Minor Works) Regulation for the minor works control system.

February 2009

5. Creation of 3 time-limited Directorate posts in Works Branch of Development Bureau

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed creation of 3 time-limited Directorate posts in Works Branch of Development Bureau to strengthen Works Branch's capability to resolve cross-bureaux and cross-departmental issues relating to major infrastructure, to conduct high level public engagement, and to address strategic issues which might impede progress in the major infrastructure projects. The Administration intends to submit the proposals to the Establishment Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in April 2009 and May 2009 respectively.

March 2009

6. PWP item no. 7711CL "Kai Tak development -- advance infrastructure works for developments at the southern part of the former runway"

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for stage 1 infrastructure works to cater for commissioning of the first cruise berth and runway park, and submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009.

March 2009

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discussion/Remarks**

7. PWP item no. 7465CL "Kai Tak development -- Kai Tak approach channel and Kwun Tong typhoon shelter improvement works"

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for the design of the Kai Tak approach channel and Kwun Tong typhoon shelter improvement works and the 600m opening in the former runway, and submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009.

March 2009

8. PWP item no. 7469CL "Kai Tak development -- infrastructure at north apron area of the former Kai Tak Airport"

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for stage 1 infrastructure works at the north apron to serve public housing and Kai Tak Government Offices, and submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009.

March 2009

9. PWP item no. 7702CL "Kai Tak development -- remaining infrastructure works for developments at the former runway"

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for the design of the remaining infrastructure works at the former runway and south apron area, and submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009.

March 2009

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discussion/Remarks**

10. PWP items no. 5035CG -- Greening Master Plan for Kowloon West -- studies and works, 5036CG -- Greening Master Plan for Hong Kong Island -- studies and works; and 5040CG -- Greening Master Plan for Kowloon East -- studies and works

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for the implementation of greening works associated with Greening Master Plans for the remaining urban areas including Sham Shui Po and Kowloon City in Kowloon West; Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin in Kowloon East; and Western, Eastern and Southern Districts on Hong Kong Island and submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in April 2009 and May 2009 respectively.

March 2009

11. Proposal to facilitate private redevelopment

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed way forward for lowering the compulsory land sale applicable threshold for specified classes of lots under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance.

1st Quarter 2009

12. Proposed amendments to Building (Construction) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Construction) Regulations concerning loading of buildings.

2nd Quarter 2009

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discussion/Remarks**

**13. Planning and Engineering Study on Hung Shui Kiu
New Development Area**

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed NDA Study for Hung Shui Kiu and seek their support for subsequent funding submissions. It intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in the second quarter of 2009.

2nd Quarter 2009

**14. PWP item no. 7259RS "Cycle Tracks Connecting
North West New Territories with North East New
Territories"**

The Administration intends to brief members on the funding proposal for construction of the New Territories cycle track network section between Tuen Mun and Ma On Shan and associated supporting facilities, and submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2009 and June 2009 respectively.

April 2009

**15. PWP item no. 9043WS -- "Uprating of Wan Chai
Salt Water Supply System"**

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed works comprising:

June 2009

- (a) uprating of the existing Wan Chai Salt Water Supply System;
- (b) construction of a pumping station at Bowen Drive;
- (c) provision of two salt water service reservoirs;
and
- (d) laying of 8 km associated salt water mains in Wan Chai and Central District.

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

The Administration intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in June 2009 and July 2009 respectively.

16. Proposed amendments to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations, including the provision of female sanitary facilities.

2nd Quarter 2009

17. Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Area (Stage 2 Public Engagement)

The Administration intends to brief members and seek their views on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans for the NDAs.

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18. Study on Land Use Planning for the Closed Area (Stage 2 Public Engagement)

The Administration intends to seek members' views on the Draft Development Plan for the Closed Area.

2nd Quarter 2009

19. PWP item no. 7677CL "Wan Chai Development Phase II -- engineering works"

The Administration intends to brief members on the financial proposal for carrying out engineering works to provide land for constructing the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link, enhancing the harbour-front of that area, improving the existing road network and constructing new connection roads, and reprovisioning the affected existing facilities, and

2nd Quarter 2009

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submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in June 2009 and July 2009 respectively.

20. Work of the Urban Renewal Authority

The subject was proposed by Mr Abraham SHEK at the meeting on 14 October 2008.

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The Administration intends to brief members on the progress of the work of the Urban Renewal Authority and the plan for the next financial year.

21. Proposed revitalization of Haw Par Mansion

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed way forward.

3rd Quarter 2009

22. Measures to expedite the vetting of planning applications and building submissions

At the meeting on 13 October 2005, Mr Abraham SHEK proposed that members should be briefed on the work of the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee in relation to matters within the Panel's purview.

To be decided (members are requested to advise on the specific areas of concern)

At the meeting on 14 October 2008, Prof Patrick LAU expressed concern about measures to expedite the vetting of planning applications and building submissions.

23. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 29 November 2005, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board.

To be decided (review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority and not

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The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)700/05-06 on 13 January 2006.

factored into the current work plan of the Development Bureau)

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Miss Tanya CHAN, Ms Cyd HO and Mr Abraham SHEK considered that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

24. Transformation of industrial buildings

The Administration intends to brief members on the latest situation and difficulties regarding the transformation of industrial buildings, and to consult members on the way forward.

To be decided

At the meeting on 14 October 2008, Mr CHAN Kam-lam suggested that the item should be discussed as soon as practicable.

The Administration proposes to consult members at the early stage of policy formulation, and would like to seek members' advice on how the Administration should proceed with the subject.

25. Rural development strategy

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 31 October 2006, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the rural development strategy. The relevant documents and extract from the minutes of the meeting were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)576/06-07 on 22 December 2006.

To be decided

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 November 2007, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the planning for rural areas and review of land uses in the New Territories (Agricultural Land, Green Belt and Recreational Land). The relevant

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documents were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)346/07-08 on 28 November 2007. The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)561/07-08 on 9 January 2008.

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Mr CHEUNG Hok-ming suggested that the item should be discussed as soon as practicable. He said that Heung Yee Kuk's concern was about implementation of rural works projects requiring an approving authority beyond the District Council level. Heung Yee Kuk also considered that obsolete land use zonings in rural areas should be reviewed.

At the same meeting, Mr Albert CHAN expressed concern about how to regulate planning in rural areas and suggested that Outline Zoning Plans should be formulated for rural areas.

26. Small House Policy

The subject was proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 11 October 2007. A letter from the Chief Secretary for Administration in reply to the Public Accounts Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)130/07-08(01)) providing information about the progress of the Small House Policy review was circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

To be decided

The Administration proposes to consult members at the early stage of policy formulation, and would like to seek members' advice on how the Administration should proceed with the subject.