

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 25 May 2009)

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

1. Progress of work of the Urban Renewal Authority

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.

June 2009

2. Proposals to lower the application threshold under the Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance

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.

June 2009

3. Building (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations

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

June 2009

4. 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.

3rd Quarter 2009

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

**5. Planning and Engineering Study on North East
New Territories New Development Areas (Stage 2
Public Engagement)**

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

3rd Quarter 2009

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

The Administration intends to brief members on the proposed Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Study 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 third quarter of 2009.

4th Quarter 2009

**7. 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.

2009/2010

8. Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy

The subject was discussed at the meetings on 20 January 2009 and 15 April 2009.

To be decided
(The Administration
will report to the Panel
on a regular basis)

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

9. Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's second stage work in support of reconstruction in the Sichuan earthquake stricken areas

The subject was discussed at the special meeting on 3 February 2009.

To be decided
(The Administration will report to the Panel on a half-yearly basis)

10. 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.

11. 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. 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.

To be decided
(review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and not factored into its current work plan)

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.

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

12. 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.

13. 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 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.

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discussion/Remarks**

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.

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the rural development strategy again. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(01)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.

14. 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.

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about village removal compensation relating to removal of isolated village houses due to public works. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(02)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.