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Panel on Housing

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 14 October 2008, at 9:00 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH (Chairman)
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon CHAN Hak-kan
Hon WONG Sing-chi
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
- Members attending** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1
- Staff in attendance** : Ms Pauline NG
Secretary General

Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Sarah YUEN
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Mr Simon CHEUNG
Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)4

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I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr Fred LI, the member who had the highest precedence among those who joined the Panel, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

2. Mr Fred LI invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr WONG Kwok-hing was nominated by Mr Abraham SHEK and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Kwok-kin. Mr WONG Kwok-hing accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr WONG Kwok-hing was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr WONG Kwok-hing took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Frederick FUNG was nominated by Mr Fred LI and the nomination was seconded by Mr KAM Nai-wai. Mr Frederick FUNG accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Frederick FUNG was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session.

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II Schedule of meetings for the 2008-2009 session

5. The proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2008-2009 session was tabled at the meeting.

6. Members agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Monday of each month at 2:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2008-2009 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 25/08-09 on 14 October 2008.)

III Items for discussion at the next meeting

7. Members agreed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting of the Panel to be held on Monday, 3 November 2008, at 2:30 pm -

- (a) Road improvement works in association with the proposed re-alignment of Ngau Tau Kok Street and Fifth Street and construction of nearby footbridge link; and
- (b) Environment-friendly designs of and green measures implemented in public housing estates.

8. Referring to the "List of issues suggested to be considered" tabled at the meeting, Members agreed to include the following additional items to the list for future discussion by the Panel -

- (a) Policy on Interim Housing – there was concern about the provision of interim housing for tenants of public rental housing (PRH) estates pending demolition, such as Kwai Shing Estate. Relevant concern groups would be invited to attend discussion on the subject;
- (b) Public housing for elderly persons;
- (c) Sales descriptions for uncompleted private residential flats – there was concern about the lack of definitions for saleable area, usable areas etc;
- (d) Re-launching of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) – the Government was urged to consider re-launching HOS and TPS to help low-income families to achieve home ownership amid the economic downturn as a result of the financial tsunami;

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- (e) Construction programme of public housing – the Government was urged to make available more land for constructing PRH with a view to reducing the average waiting time to below three years. The Housing Authority should also advise the compatibility of its internal building guidelines with that adopted by the Buildings Department;
- (f) Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources – there was concern about excluding well-off tenants from relief measures introduced by the Administration, including the one-month rent-free period;
- (g) Building designs of public housing estates – there was concern that the designs of some old PRH estates, particularly those on hillside, were not user friendly to elderly persons. Consideration should be given to providing barrier-free access in these estates; and
- (h) Outsourcing of management of public housing estates – there was concern about the impact of outsourcing the work of management staff, which was currently undertaken by civil servants, to private management agencies, particularly on the enforcement of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates.

9. The Chairman reminded members that a special meeting would be held on Friday, 24 October 2008, at 8:30 am, to receive a briefing from the Secretary for Transport and Housing on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2008-2009.

IV Any other business

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:15 am.