

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 17 February 2010)

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

1. Progress report on heritage conservation initiatives

The Administration intends to report to members on the latest progress made on a number of heritage conservation initiatives including the grading exercise of 1 444 historic buildings, the protection mechanism for privately-owned historic buildings, an update on the implementation of Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme, and its intention to seek funding support of the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for the renovation cost of the Old Lai Chi Kok Hospital (Jao Tsung-I Academy) project.

March 2010

2. Work progress of the Development Opportunities Office

The Administration intends to report on the progress of work of the Development Opportunities Office.

March 2010

The Panel discussed the relevant staffing proposal on 28 April 2009.

3. CWP item no. 8004QW "Revitalisation Scheme -- Conversion of Lui Seng Chun into Hong Kong Baptist University Chinese Medicine and Healthcare Centre"

The Administration intends to seek funding support for the renovation cost of the building for the successful applicant under the Revitalisation Scheme. It intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in the second quarter of 2010.

April 2010

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

**4. CWP item no. 8007QW "Revitalisation Scheme --
Conversion of Mei Ho House as City Hostel"**

The Administration intends to seek funding support for the renovation cost of the building for the successful applicant under the Revitalisation Scheme. It intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in the second quarter of 2010.

April 2010

**5. PWP Item 7417RO -- Improvement Works for Tai
O Facelift**

The Administration intends to brief members on the part-upgrading for the first contract comprising the construction works for the riverwall at Yat Chung, temple garden upgrading and information and directional signage. It intends to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for consideration in May 2010 and June 2010 respectively.

April 2010

The Administration briefed members on the plan for revitalisation of Tai O on 28 July 2009.

**6. 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. It intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in the second quarter of 2010.

May 2010

7. Seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong

The Administration intends to introduce to members the recommendations of the Buildings Department's consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings in

May 2010

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discussion/Remarks**

Hong Kong and the proposed way forward. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

8. Water resource management

The subject is proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. He considers that the Administration should step up publicity on the need to treasure water resource and formulate measures to conserve water to prepare for possible droughts in future.

May 2010

9. Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop -- Investigation

The Administration intends to seek members' views on the Preliminary Outline Development Plan in the Stage 1 Public Engagement.

May/June 2010

The Panel discussed the proposed planning and engineering study on development of Lok Ma Chau Loop on 24 February 2009.

10. 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 2010

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
(*Note*)

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Miss Tanya

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discussion/Remarks**

CHAN, Ms Cyd HO and Mr Abraham SHEK expressed views 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.

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and thus has not been factored into its current work plan.

12. 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
(Note)

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the arrangements regarding Small House applications by descendants of indigenous villagers after village removal. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(02)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.

Note: The Administration has advised that more time is required for its internal deliberation on the subject and thus it would not be ready to discuss the subject in the near future.

13. Greening Master Plans for the New Territories

The subject was proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing at the meeting on 15 October 2009.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration has advised that it has yet to secure the necessary resources for this area of work.

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discussion/Remarks**

14. Planning for the Central District

The subject was proposed by Mr IP Kwok-him at the meeting on 15 October 2009 with reference to the policy initiatives to conserve Central announced by the Chief Executive in his 2009 Policy Address.

To be decided

15. Land supply strategy and the Application List System

The subject was proposed by Mr Albert CHAN at the meeting on 15 October 2009.

To be decided
(*Note*)

Note: The Administration has advised that pursuant to the motion debate on "Increasing the supply of medium and small-sized residential flats" at the Council meeting on 4 November 2009, the Administration would brief the Panel on any new development in around March 2010.

16. North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study

The subject is proposed by Mr LEE Wing-tat. He expresses concern about the proposed comprehensive development and nature conservation enhancement area in the Kwu Tung North New Development Area Preliminary Outline Development Plan.

To be decided

The Panel discussed the subject of "Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Area (Stage One Public Engagement)" at the meeting on 25 November 2008. The Administration briefed the Panel on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans in the Stage Two Public Engagement at the meeting on 24 November 2009.