

For Information

LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Allocation Method of Vacant Fixed Hawker Pitches

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the Administration's allocation arrangements for vacant fixed hawker pitches.

Background

2. At its meeting on 12 January 2010, the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene ("the Panel") discussed the suggestion that priority be given to existing registered assistants of hawkers in the selection of vacant fixed hawker pitches and listened to the views of hawker associations. Representatives of the hawker associations and Members attending the meeting generally considered that existing registered assistants with experience in the hawking trade should have priority in selecting the vacant pitches on the street or in the district they are working before other registered assistants in the territory are allowed to make the selection by balloting. Any vacant pitches left could be open to applications from interested members of the public. The Panel passed a motion urging the Administration to allocate vacant fixed hawker pitches in accordance with the above arrangements.

Proposed Allocation Arrangements

3. Having considered the views of the Panel, the Administration is prepared to give priority to existing registered assistants with experience in the hawking trade to apply for 70% of the vacant fixed hawker pitches. Registered

assistants who have registered with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for five years or above (as at 31 January 2010) are eligible for application. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds 70% of the vacant fixed hawker pitches, the selection priority of pitches will be decided by a computer ballot. As for the remaining 30% of the vacant pitches, applications will be invited in an open manner from existing registered assistants who have not been allocated any fixed pitches in the first round as well as other members of the public. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements applicable to other licensed hawkers and pay the relevant fees. Succession and transfer of new hawker licences will not be allowed.

4. The FEHD will announce in due course details of the allocation arrangements to the hawker associations and through public channels.

Advice Sought

5. Members are invited to note the allocation arrangements for vacant fixed hawker pitches set out in this paper.

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