

Panel on Housing

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 28 January 2010)**

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

1. Review of the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits March 2010

The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration would brief members on the outcome of the 2010/11 review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2010.

2. Measures to Increase the Greening Ratio of New Public Rental Housing Estates and the Provision of Recreational Facilities in Existing Estates March 2010

The Administration would like to report to members on various measures to increase the greening ratio of all new public rental housing estates to at least 20%, and the provision of recreational facilities in existing estates to cope with the changing population structure.

3. New Initiatives for Barrier Free Access in New Housing Estates March 2010

The Administration would like to report to members on the new measures to cope with the requirements of the latest Barrier Free Access Code.

4. Setting up of Tenants Purchase Scheme Advisory Team April 2010

The Administration would like to brief members on the setting up of the Tenants Purchase Scheme Advisory Team to provide educational service on good practices of maintenance and management for owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) estates for a period of two years with effect from 15 June 2009, and progress of implementation.

5. Outcome of the first rent review June / July 2010

The Administration would like to inform members on the outcome of the first rent review under the new rent adjustment mechanism.

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- 6. Thematic greening for the urban area in and adjoining Choi Wan Road, Jordan Valley and Lower Ngau Tau Kok** To be confirmed

The project is to support the public housing development at Choi Wan Road/Jordan Valley and the redevelopment of existing Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate. It serves to bring noticeable improvements to the urban areas through enhancement of greening to slopes, streetscape and pedestrian linkages. The project is scheduled to commence in December 2010. The Administration would seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in November 2010 and Finance Committee in December 2010.

- 7. Policy on interim housing** To be confirmed

Relevant concern groups will be invited to attend discussion on the subject.

- 8. Public housing for elderly persons** To be confirmed

A related submission from SOCO and a referral from Duty Roster Members have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1867/08-09(03) and CB(1) 709/09-10(01).

- 9. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates** To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the impact of outsourcing the work of management staff, which is 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.

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10. Re-launching of Home Ownership Scheme, Tenants Purchase Scheme and Home Starter Loan Scheme

To be confirmed

In view of the surging property prices, members consider it necessary for the Government to seriously consider re-launching the Home Ownership Scheme, TPS and Home Starter Loan Scheme to assist those low-income families to achieve home ownership.

A motion on “Increasing the supply of medium and small-sized residential flat” was carried at the Council meeting on 4 November 2009 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 970/09-10(01)).

11. Public rental housing for single persons

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the long waiting time for single-person applicants.

12. Asset enhancement initiatives (AEI) by The Link Real Estate Investment Trust

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the need for AEI as this will undoubtedly lead to rent increase, which will eventually pass on to consumers who are mainly tenants of public housing estates.

13. Issues related to the agreement between the Estate Agents Authority and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents

To be confirmed

Referred to the Panel by the Subcommittee on Estate Agents (Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2009. The Administration has been requested to report to the Panel progress and operation of the scheme on mutual recognition of qualifications of estate agents on both sides.

The report of the Subcommittee is hyperlinked below for easy reference –

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/hc/papers/hccb1-406-e.pdf>