

**Public Works Subcommittee  
Meeting on 24 November 2010  
List of issue requiring follow-up actions by the Administration**

**Item PWSCI(2010-11)13**

**Issue**

Hon TAM Yiu-chung requested the Administration to provide explanation on the delay in the implementation of the following projects and the estimated dates of their submissions to PWSC:

- (a) Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 4, Tsing Yi;
- (b) Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley, Tsuen Wan);
- (c) Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun; and
- (d) District Open Space in Area 27 (Sam Shing), Tuen Mun.

**Response**

In general, the planning and implementation of Public Works Programme projects are subject to a number of factors including consultation with the relevant District Councils and local communities, examination of technical and design aspects of the project and completion of other pre-construction procedures. The latest positions of the four projects mentioned above are set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

**(a) Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 4, Tsing Yi**

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) first consulted the Kwai Tsing District Council (KwTDC) on the preliminary proposed scope of the project in October 2006 and Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) conducted a study on the technical feasibility of the project on the basis of this preliminary scope in October 2007. In June 2008, the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC)

suggested that an indoor heated swimming pool should be provided under the project, considering that there were no such facilities in Kwai Tsing District. In response to the request, LCSD proceeded to revise the project scope and ArchSD conducted an assessment on technical feasibility.

LCSD and ArchSD consulted the DFMC on the revised conceptual design for the indoor recreation centre (which included a heated indoor swimming pool) on 21 December 2010. DFMC supported the preliminary conceptual design and urged for early implementation of the project. ArchSD will proceed to carrying out the detailed design work for the project.

### **(b) Ecological Park (Tso Kung Tam Valley, Tsuen Wan)**

LCSD first liaised with the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) on the preliminary proposed scope of the project in March 2006. Based on the outcome of such discussion, ArchSD completed a study on the technical feasibility of the project in February 2008. Between May 2008 and May 2009, the DFMC of the TWDC further examined the project scope and proposed to include / exclude the following facilities under the project:-

- (a) provision of a second loading/unloading area;
- (b) revising the project site boundary to include a section of Chiu Tam Path;
- (c) revising the project site boundary to include the Tsuen King Circuit Garden, and reprovisioning two out of the four existing tennis courts at the Tsuen King Circuit Playground within the future Ecological Park; and
- (d) revising the project site boundary to exclude areas under maintenance and management responsibilities of government departments other than LCSD.

Following up on the views and suggestions of the DFMC, LCSD and ArchSD further revised the project scope and examine the technical feasibility.

Preliminary planning and technical feasibility study reveals that the revised project scope will involve resumption of private lands and a gazetted road (i.e. Chiu Tam Path) as well as large-scale slope stabilisation works. LCSD is liaising with relevant departments to explore options for addressing the issues identified and to review the technical feasibility of the revised project scope. Subject to the outcome of the review, LCSD may need to further revise the project scope and consult the DFMC on the way forward.

**(c) Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun**

LCSD first consulted the then Leisure and Cultural Committee (LCC) of Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) on the preliminary proposed scope of the project in October 2006. LCC was supportive of the proposed scope. TMDC suggested providing a community hall under the project in February 2007. LCC was then consulted on TMDC's suggestion in August 2007 and indicated its support.

Since August 2007, LCSD has been exploring ways to improve the utilisation of the proposed project site of the indoor recreation centre with relevant departments. Apart from an indoor recreation centre and a community hall, it was agreed in October 2009 that consideration would be given to providing immigration and social welfare facilities, as well as a delivery office of the Hongkong Post under the project.

LCSD, ArchSD and relevant departments are now working on the design of the project, and will consult the DFMC of TMDC on the design of the project in due course.

**(d) District Open Space in Area 27 (Sam Shing), Tuen Mun**

In August 2007, LCSD consulted the then LCC of TMDC on the preliminary proposed scope of the project, to which the LCC was supportive. LCSD and ArchSD then proceeded to

conduct more detailed investigation for the project. In November 2008, TMDC proposed to develop a Fisherman's Wharf at Tuen Mun Area 27, which could affect the site boundary of the district open space project. LCSD consulted DFMC of TMDC in December 2008 on whether the preparation work for the district open space project should be continued in light of the suggestion regarding the Fisherman's Wharf. DFMC suggested that planning for the district open space project should continue. In January and July 2009, the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) consulted the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee of the TMDC on the preliminary proposal for providing cycle tracks between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun, including supporting facilities (e.g. cycle parking spaces) in Tuen Mun Area 27 (Sam Shing). As such, the site area of the proposed district open space (DOS) at Tuen Mun Area 27 had to be decreased to make way for the above proposed supporting facilities. The DFMC of the TMDC was consulted on the proposed decrease in project site area in August 2009 and was agreeable.

In August 2009, the DFMC suggested that a car park, a refreshment kiosk and a viewing platform be provided under the DOS project. LCSD consulted the DFMC on the corresponding changes to the preliminary proposed scope of the project in October 2009. Having regard to the site constraints, the DFMC agreed that a car park and a refreshment kiosk would not be provided under the project, but insisted on the provision of a viewing platform. LCSD and ArchSD will consult the DFMC on the preliminary design of the project in due course.