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Enhancement of communication with the 18 District Councils

Purpose

This paper seeks members' advice on the proposal to further enhance the communication with the 18 District Councils ("DCs") on the basis of the outcome of the consultation with Members.

Background

2. At present, Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members hold on a roster basis meetings with members of the 18 DCs to discuss and exchange views on matters of mutual interest and concern. Issues on matters of policy raised at these meetings are referred to the relevant LegCo committees for more in-depth study while individual cases are taken up with the Administration. Each meeting is followed by a luncheon. Usually, each DC will have one meeting with LegCo Members in a legislative session.

3. At the Members' meeting with the Wan Chai DC in April 2010, Members proposed that the existing communication mechanism between the legislature and DCs be further enhanced, say, by having more contact with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the 18 DCs. This would facilitate exchange of views and better coordination on some cross-district or territory-wide issues raised by DCs.

Consultation with Members

4. On 5 November 2010, a consultation paper (LC Paper No. SD6/10-11) was issued to seek Members' views on the different options to

further enhance the existing communication mechanism between the legislature and the DCs. The outcome of the consultation is summarized below:

Options	Number of responding Members (%)
(a) Holding a luncheon with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the 18 DCs once a year	18 (36%)
(b) Holding a tea reception with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the 18 DCs once a year	8 (16%)
(c) Holding a luncheon or a tea reception with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the 18 DCs as and when necessary	16 (32%)
(d) Other options / comments	3 (6%)
(e) There was no need to further enhance communication with the DCs	5 (10%)
Total	50* (100%)
* <i>Note: Of the 49 Members who responded, one Member was in favour of both options (a) and (c).</i>	

5. A majority of the Members who responded (52%) are in support of options (a) and (b) i.e. having more contact with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the 18 DCs by holding a luncheon or tea reception on a yearly basis, and 32% preferred option (c) i.e. holding such events on a need basis.

Recommendation

6. As the most preferred option is option (a), and subject to the views of the DCs, it is recommended that a luncheon with DC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be held as a trial scheme in 2011.

7. The current cycle of Members' meetings-cum-luncheons with the 18 DCs are held from November 2010 to June 2011. It is proposed that the luncheon with the DC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be scheduled in

mid-March or mid-April 2011 with all Members invited to attend. It may become a permanent feature in the next cycle of DC meetings-cum-luncheons subject to review and the feedback received on the trial scheme.

Advice sought

8. Subject to Members' advice, the Secretariat will proceed to make arrangements for the proposed luncheon with the 18 DCs.

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