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Panel on Development

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 13 October 2011, at 11:10 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** : Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yeet, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Member attending** : Hon CHAN Hak-kan
- Members absent** : Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Clerk in attendance : Ms Connie SZETO
Chief Council Secretary (1)4

Staff in attendance : Mrs Constance LI
Assistant Secretary General 1

Ms Sharon CHUNG
Senior Council Secretary (1)4

Mr Simon CHEUNG
Senior Council Secretary (1)9

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant (1)4

Ms Silvia YAU
Clerical Assistant (1)4

Action

I Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Prof Patrick LAU, Chairman of the Panel in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Ir Dr Raymond HO nominated Prof Patrick LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mrs Sophie LEUNG and some other members. Prof LAU accepted the nomination.

3. Mr LAU Wong-fat, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, took over the chair and invited further nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

4. There being no other nomination, Mr LAU declared that Prof Patrick LAU was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2011-2012 legislative session. Prof LAU then took over the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

5. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

6. Mrs Sophie LEUNG nominated Mr LAU Wong-fat and the nomination was seconded by Ir Dr Raymond HO and some other members. Mr LAU accepted the nomination.

7. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared that Mr LAU Wong-fat was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2011-2012 legislative session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2011-2012 session

8. Members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm except for December 2011 and January 2012. The meeting for December 2011 would be held on 19 December at 9:00 am, while the meeting for January 2012 would be held on 16 January at 9:00 am.

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

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| (Appendix V to | -- List of outstanding items for |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)8/11-12 | discussion |
| Appendix VI to | -- List of follow-up actions) |
| LC Paper No. CB(1)8/11-12 | |

Policy Briefing on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2011-2012

9. The Chairman advised that a meeting would be held on Friday, 14 October 2010, at 11:45 am to receive a briefing from the Secretary for Development ("SDEV") on the policy initiatives under her portfolio in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2011-2012 ("the 2011-2012 Policy Address").

Regular meeting on 25 October 2011

10. The Chairman informed members that the Administration had proposed the following items for discussion at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 25 October 2011 at 2:30 pm --

- (a) Subsidiary Legislation for Implementation of Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme; and
- (b) Supply of Dongjiang Water.

Members agreed that the above items be discussed at the meeting on 25 October 2011.

11. Ms Cyd HO proposed that for item (b) above, in addition to the supply of Dongjiang water, the Panel should discuss with the Administration issues related to the management of water resources including, seawater desalination, the Administration's response to the Ombudsman's report on its direct investigation into the Water Supplies Department's water metre reading and billing system released in September 2011, and enhancement measures to prevent water leakage and burst mains incidents. The Chairman said he would discuss Ms HO's proposal with the Administration.

(Post-meeting note: The item on "Management of Water Resources", covering the supply of Dongjiang water and other issues, has been included in the agenda of the meeting on 25 October 2011.)

Discussion items for future Panel meetings

12. Referring to the various initiatives under the 2011-2012 Policy Address to increase land supply for housing development, Ms Cyd HO opined that the Panel should discuss with the Administration the strategy, plans and concrete measures to take forward those initiatives.

13. Referring to item 11 of the List of Outstanding Items for Discussion, Mr CHAN Kam-lam said that there had been little progress on "Small House Policy" since October 2007. He suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the subject. Mr Albert CHAN added that the Panel should also discuss issues relating to the Government's rural planning strategy. The Chairman said that he had discussed the matter with the

Administration previously and would urge the Administration to report the progress as soon as possible.

14. Ms Tanya CHAN suggested that the Panel should have a joint meeting with the Panel on Environmental Affairs to discuss issues relating to conservation of land with high ecological importance. The Chairman said that he would discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Panel on Environmental Affairs.

15. Mr Paul TSE suggested that the Panel should discuss the development of Kowloon East, which was among the new initiatives for development in old districts under the 2011-2012 Policy Address. He opined that the discussion should cover how the plan could work with the development of tourism and leisure facilities at Kai Tak.

16. The Chairman said that under the initiative to enhance building safety, the Administration had planned to table legislative proposals for more stringent control over building safety, which would include empowering the Buildings Authority ("BA") to apply to the court for a warrant to enter a flat for inspection. In view of controversies over BA's power to enter premises, he opined that the Administration should brief the Panel on the item.

17. The Chairman said that he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with SDEV shortly to discuss the annual work plan of the Panel, and would discuss the members' suggestions with SDEV.

Discussion items for the Subcommittee on Building Safety and Related Issues

18. Mr LEE Wing-tat proposed that the Panel should discuss issues relating to maintenance of aged buildings following the recent release of BD's investigation report on the collapse of a canopy at the industrial building at 3 Kin Kwan Street, Tuen Mun. The Chairman advised that the report would be circulated to members. Members could follow up on the subject at meetings of the Subcommittee on Building Safety and Related Issues.

19. Ms Starry LEE expressed concern about the current ineffective regime in handling water seepage problems in residential units. She suggested that the issue, including the work of the Joint Office (set up by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Buildings

Department to deal with complaints of seepage in buildings) be discussed at meetings of the Subcommittee on Building Safety and Related Issues.

IV. Any other business

20. The Chairman invited members' views on whether the Subcommittee on Building Safety and Related Issues, and the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project (which was set up under the Panel and the Panel on Home Affairs) should continue with their work in the 2011-2012 legislative session. Members agreed that the work of the two Subcommittees should continue in the 2011-2012 session. They further agreed that members would be invited to re-signify membership for the two subcommittees, and the two subcommittees should decide whether there would be re-election on their chairmen and deputy chairmen.

21. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:28 am.

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