

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 17 November 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

1. Energizing Kowloon East

Energizing Kowloon East and transforming it into an alternative core business district of Hong Kong is a new initiative under the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2011-2012. The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the initiative.

December 2011

Hon Paul TSE proposed at the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011 that the discussion should include how the plan would work with the development of tourism and leisure facilities at Kai Tak.

2. Measures to Expand Land Resources

Six initiatives to expand land resources to cater for housing development was covered in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2011-2012. Hon Cyd HO suggested at the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011 that the Administration should brief the Panel on the strategy, plans and concrete measures to take forward the initiatives. The Administration intends to update the Panel in December on the various housing land supply initiatives.

December 2011

The Administration will also consult members on the proposed creation of one supernumerary post of Chief Town Planner (D1) in Planning Department for a period of five years from 13 April 2012 to 12 April 2017 to head a new Housing and Office Land Supply Section to implement measures to increase the supply of housing and office land in Hong Kong. The proposal will be submitted to the

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Establishment Subcommittee in January 2012 and the Finance Committee in April 2012.

3. PWP Item No. 7268RS -- Cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun

The Administration intends to seek funding support for upgrading part of the above project to Category A for carrying out the detailed design and site investigation of the advance works and stage 1 works. The submission of the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is scheduled for January and April 2012 respectively.

December 2011

4. Environmentally friendly linkage system for the Kai Tak Development

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the findings of the feasibility study on the above system.

1st Quarter of 2012

5. Proposed amendments to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations, including the provision of female sanitary facilities. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

1st Quarter of 2012

6. Seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong

The Administration intends to introduce to members the recommendations of the Buildings Department's consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong and the proposed way

First half of 2012

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forward. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

7. North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study

The subject was proposed by Hon LEE Wing-tat. He expressed concern about the proposed comprehensive development and nature conservation enhancement area in the Kwu Tung North New Development Area Preliminary Outline Development Plan.

Mid-2012

The Panel discussed the subject of "Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Areas (NENT NDAs) (Stage One Public Engagement)" at the meeting on 25 November 2008. The Administration briefed the Panel on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans in the Stage Two Public Engagement at the meeting on 24 November 2009.

The Administration provided an update on the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study in its supplementary note on the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop -- Investigation -- Stage One Public Engagement (LC Paper No. CB(1)735/10-11(04)) in December 2010.

8. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 29 November 2005, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board. The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)700/05-06 on 13 January 2006.

To be decided
(Note)

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At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Hon Tanya CHAN, Hon Cyd HO and Hon Abraham SHEK expressed views that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and thus has not been factored into its current work plan.

9. Small house policy and rural planning strategy

The subject was proposed by Hon CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 11 October 2007. A letter from the Chief Secretary for Administration in reply to the Public Accounts Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)130/07-08(01)) providing information about the progress of the Small House Policy review was circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

To be decided
(Note)

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the arrangements regarding Small House applications by descendents of indigenous villagers after village removal. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(02)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.

At the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011, Hon CHAN Kam-lam urged that the Administration should update the Panel on the subject. Hon Albert CHAN proposed that the discussion should also cover the Government's rural planning strategy.

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Note: The Administration has advised that more time is required for its internal deliberation on the subject and thus it would not be ready to discuss the subject in the near future.

10. Heritage conservation – preservation of historic buildings under private ownership

On 24 October 2011, the Antiquities Authority announced her intention to declare Ho Tung Gardens a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance.

To be decided
(*Note*)

A land exchange proposal offered by the Government in May 2011 for preserving Ho Tung Gardens, a historic building with Grade One status, was not accepted by the owner.

At the meeting of the Panel on 25 October 2011, Hon Cyd HO suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the issues relating to preservation of historic buildings under private ownership, including the criteria for setting development restrictions for the sites (if any) offered to owners in exchange.

Note: The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of a number of heritage conservation initiatives in February 2012.