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**Panel on Welfare Services**

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for the meeting on 12 April 2012**

**Cyber Youth Outreaching Project**

**Purpose**

This paper gives a brief account of past discussions of the Panel on Welfare Services ("the Panel") on the launch of the pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Project.

**Background**

2. In the Policy Address 2010-2011, the Chief Executive announced that the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") would subsidise non-governmental organisations ("NGOs") to implement a pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Project with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. Under the project, social workers would reach out to youths in need, particularly those identified as at-risk or hidden, through the internet for timely intervention and provision of support services.

**Deliberations of the Panel**

3. At the meeting on 20 October 2010 when the Panel received the Administration's briefing on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2010-2011, members were advised that the pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Project would be implemented for three years from 2011 to 2014.

4. Members welcomed the launch of the pilot Cyber Youth Outreaching Project under which social workers would reach out to youths in need. Members were concerned about the resources and training for social

workers to identify the target youths through the internet for timely intervention and provision of support services, having regard to the uniqueness of the service under the project. Some members took the view that the Administration should consider providing such outreaching services to youths in need under regular services.

5. The Administration advised that in view of the changing lifestyle and service needs of young people, SWD would subsidise three NGOs to implement the pilot project with funding support from the Lotteries Fund. The pilot project would be implemented for three years from 2011 to 2014. SWD would also commission a consultant to conduct an evaluation study to examine the effectiveness of the pilot project and the feasibility of interfacing the new service mode with the existing youth services and make recommendations on the way forward. A total amount of \$17 million had been earmarked from the Lotteries Fund for the pilot project and evaluation study. The Administration assured members that it would monitor the implementation of the pilot project and seek additional fund if necessary.

6. The Administration will brief the Panel on the measures to support at-risk youths at the meeting on 12 April 2012.

### **Relevant papers**

7. A list of the relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in the **Appendix**.

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## Appendix

### Relevant papers on Cyber Youth Outreaching Project

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Paper</b>
Panel on Welfare Services	20 October 2010 (Item I)	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Minutes</a>

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