

**Finance Committee
Meetings on 10 January 2014
Procedure for dealing with agenda item FCR(2013-14)48
Recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee on
public works programme and capital subvention projects**

Purpose

This note sets out the procedure for dealing with FCR(2013-14)48 which will be discussed at the meeting to be held on 10 January 2014.

Background

2. FCR(2013-14)48 seeks members' approval for Capital Works Reserve Fund ("CWRP") block allocation provisions for 2014-15 under PWSC(2013-14)27.
3. Some members have requested that the following items under the respective CWRP block allocations be taken out for separate voting at the meeting:
 - (a) Head 701 Subhead 1100CA: Northeast New Territories Landfill Extension;
 - (b) Head 705 Subhead 5101DX: Southeast New Territories landfill extension — consultancy study for design and construction;
 - (c) Head 705 Subhead 5101DX: West New Territories landfill — study of road access (upgrading of Nim Wan Road and Deep Bay Road) — feasibility study; and
 - (d) Head 705 Subhead 5101DX: Integrated waste management facilities phase 1 — consultancy study for design and construction.

Existing practice

4. Finance Committee has developed a practice for the past 30 years that the funding proposal for CWRP block allocations is considered and voted on as it stands.

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5. Paragraph 27 of the Finance Committee Procedure provides that "Under section 8 of the Public Finance Ordinance, proposals to change the approved Estimates of Expenditure must come from the Financial Secretary, and members cannot amend the Financial Secretary's proposals". However, paragraph 27 does not apply to funding proposals for block allocations under CWRP.

Chairman's decision on how to deal with the requests from members

6. As two members have requested that some projects be taken out from the CWRP block allocations for separate voting and this will constitute a change to FC's long-established practice for dealing with funding proposal for CWRP block allocations, the Chairman has decided that he will, at the time when the Committee begins to deliberate on the item FCR(2013-14)48, first invite members to consider the question as to whether they would agree to the proposed change to the existing practice adopted by FC.

7. He would invite members to speak once on the question for not more than three minutes and allow the Administration to state its position before he puts the question to vote.

8. After voting on the above question, FC will then proceed to deliberate on FCR(2013-14)48 in accordance with the Finance Committee Procedure. The responsible public officers for the items stipulated in paragraph 3 have been invited to the meeting to answer members' questions.

9. When members have no further questions on FCR(2013-14)48 —

- (a) if members have agreed to change the existing practice, the Chairman will put the concerned projects in paragraph 3 to vote one by one, followed by the remaining parts of the proposal under

FCR(2013-14)48;

- (b) if they have decided not to change the existing practice, the Chairman will put the original proposal under FCR(2013-14)48 to vote.

Advice Sought

- 10. Members are invited to note the above procedure as set out in the paper.

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