

ITEM FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

HEAD 707 – NEW TOWN AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT

Recreation, Culture and Amenities – Sports facilities

284RS – Signature Project Scheme (Kwai Tsing District) – Enhancement of Community Healthcare - Installation of Information Kiosks and Fitness Equipment

Members are invited to recommend to the Finance Committee the upgrading of **284RS** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$7.7 million in money-of-the-day prices.

PROBLEM

We need to provide community fitness equipment (FE) and information kiosks (IKs) in Kwai Tsing (K&T) as part of the K&T's Signature Project Scheme (SPS) Project.

PROPOSAL

2. The Director of Home Affairs, with the support of the Secretary for Home Affairs, proposes to upgrade **284RS** to Category A at an estimated cost of \$7.7 million¹ in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices for the procurement and installation of FE and IKs.

/PROJECT

¹ The existing Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocation subhead for SPS (viz. Subhead **7017CX**) covers costs to be incurred in planning and design of works-related components of SPS projects with each item costing up to \$30 million. Subhead **7017CX** does not cover construction works of SPS projects irrespective of the funding involved. There is therefore a need to seek funding from the Finance Committee vide the current submission.

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

3. The proposed scope of works under **284RS** includes the procurement and installation of 120 pieces of FE and 16 IKs and development of the corresponding software system. We have identified 29 suitable locations under the management of K&T District Office (K&TDO) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department² for installing the FE and IKs. A list of potential locations is at Enclosure 1. They are proposed having taken into account factors such as usage and functions of existing facilities, access and proximity with nearby residential areas, facility management³, and so on.

4. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC), we plan to commence the proposed works in November 2014 for completion in June 2016.

JUSTIFICATION

5. K&T District Council (K&TDC) proposes to use the funding from the SPS to undertake *Enhancement of Community Healthcare Service* as K&T's SPS Project. The Project will comprise –

- (a) community healthcare services, such as dental and ophthalmic care services for elderly in K&T;
- (b) procurement and installation of FE and IKs; and
- (c) publicity.

The current application concerns only the procurement and installation of FE and IKs. Subject to Public Works Subcommittee's (PWSC) endorsement of item (b) above, we shall seek FC's funding approval for the entire Scheme in the same FC sitting.

6. The IKs will adopt an interactive and user-friendly interface to provide information on healthy lifestyle to K&T residents with a view to encouraging them to stay healthy and preventing chronic diseases. The system will offer links to health-related websites of the Department of Health and other professional bodies. The IKs will also serve as means to disseminate information about community activities in K&T, such as sports and cultural facilities in the district. The proposed scope of works also includes the development of a central control system for information updating and maintenance purpose.

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² For instance, sports centres or community halls/centres for IKs and open space for FE.

³ For instance, for security reason and equipment protection, it is preferred to set up the IKs in indoor (or covered) areas with regular patrols.

7. FE such as stepping platforms, air walkers and horizontal ladders will be provided to facilitate and encourage residents to exercise more. The choice of specific FE will take into account factors such as the population profile and the needs of local residents. Illustrations of the proposed FE and IKs are at Enclosure 2.

8. K&TDC has authorized K&TDO to oversee the design, construction and installation of the FE and IKs. K&TDO will take up the management and maintenance of all FE and IKs installed. A dedicated Working Group (WG) comprising K&TDC members and K&TDO representatives will be formed to steer the monitoring of the SPS Project. K&TDC will review from time to time the need and feasibility of installing additional FE and IKs, in the light of feedback from residents and site availability.

9. With the agreement of K&TDC, the proposed allocation of the \$100 million earmarked for the SPS Project comprises –

- (a) \$80 million for community healthcare services;
- (b) \$7.7 million for procurement and installation of FE and IKs;
- (c) \$4 million for engaging non-civil service contract staff under K&TDO to oversee project implementation;
- (d) \$2.8 million for publicity; and
- (e) \$5.5 million as general reserve, which can be spent on either item (a) and/or item (b) as K&TDC sees fit after project launch.

We plan to seek FC's approval for \$94.5 million to enable K&TDC to launch the SPS Project. Subject to FC's approval, and upon the request of K&TDC after project launch, we may increase the project cost of item (a) and/or item (b) by \$5.5 million in accordance with established procedures for extension of healthcare services and/or installation of additional FE and IKs. Furthermore, K&TDC together with its SPS partners are endeavored to explore alternative funding sources, such as private donation, with a view to sustaining the SPS Project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. We estimate the capital cost of **284RS** to be \$7.7 million in MOD prices, broken down as follows –

	\$ million
(a) Fitness equipment	4.5
(i) procurement and installation	

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	\$ million	
(b) Information kiosks	2.3	
(i) procurement and installation of hardware	1.9	
(ii) development of central control system	0.4	
(c) Contingencies	0.3	
Sub-total	7.1	(in September 2013 prices)
(d) Provision for price adjustment	0.6	
Total	7.7	(in MOD prices)

11. Subject to approval, we will phase the expenditure as follows –

Year	\$ million (Sept 2013)	Price adjustment factor	\$ million (MOD)
2014 – 2015	3.9	1.05450	4.1
2015 – 2016	3.2	1.11777	3.6
	7.1		7.7

12. We have derived the MOD estimates on the basis of the Government's latest set of assumptions on the trend rate of change in the prices of public sector building and construction output for the period 2014 to 2016.

13. We estimate the annual recurrent expenditure arising from this project to be \$0.8 million.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

14. The proposed SPS Project, including the provision of FE and IKs, is unanimously supported by K&TDC and has received very favorable feedback throughout K&T. Stakeholders and district organisations, e.g. Rotary Club, Lions Club, etc., have been briefed on the SPS Project. An open forum was held in April 2013. The five Area Committees in K&T were consulted in May 2013. Furthermore, K&TDC has been inviting views or suggestions from the public through its website. Overall, the proposal of installing FE and IKs is widely supported.

15. We consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs with K&TDC on 10 January 2014 and the Panel supported the SPS Project. Members also supported the SPS Project to be submitted to the PWSC and FC for consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

16. This is not a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499). The project will not cause long-term environmental impact.

17. The proposed works will generate a negligible amount of construction and demolition materials. Nevertheless, we will require the contractors to consider measures to minimize the generation of such materials and to reuse/recycle as much as possible in the implementation of the project.

HERITAGE IMPLICATIONS

18. The proposed works will not affect any heritage site, i.e. all declared monuments, proposed monuments, graded historic sites/buildings, sites of archaeological interest and Government historic sites identified by the Antiquities and Monuments Office.

LAND ACQUISITION

19. The proposed works do not require any land acquisition.

/BACKGROUND

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

20. The Chief Executive announced in his 2013 Policy Address that a one-off provision of \$100 million would be earmarked for each district to initiate project(s) under the SPS. The project(s) shall be able to address local needs, or be able to highlight the characteristics of the district, and will have a visible and lasting impact in the community.

21. K&TDC proposes to use the funding to undertake *Enhancement of Community Healthcare Service* as K&T's SPS Project. The great majority (80%) of the funding will be spent on community healthcare services such as dental care and ophthalmic care services for the elderly in K&T. After a robust and fair selection process, K&TDC has decided to engage Yan Chai Hospital and K&T Safe Community and Healthy City Association as its partners for the delivery of the relevant services. While the project focuses on services, K&TDC would also like to use part of the funding for providing FE and IKs for the benefit of K&T residents and as part of the district's SPS Project. We will seek funding for the entire Scheme at the same FC sitting.

22. The proposed works will not involve any tree removal, planting proposal.

23. The proposed works will not create any new jobs.

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List of potential locations for the installation of FE and IKs

FE

1. Cheung Fat Estate Community Centre*
2. Cheung Wan Street Rest Garden
3. Chung Mei Road Sitting-out Area
4. Kau Wah Keng Village Playground
5. Kwai Chung Sports Ground*
6. Kwai Shing Playground
7. Lai King Community Hall*
8. Mei King Playground (near Tsing Hong Road)
9. Mei King Playground (near Mayfair Gardens)
10. Sheung Ko Tan Street Sitting-out Area
11. Shing Fong Street Rest Garden
12. Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre*
13. Tai Wo Hau Road Playground
14. Tsing Yi Northeast Park
15. Tsing Yi Park
16. Tsing Yi Promenade
17. Wing Fong Street Market Roof-top Children's Playground

* Both FE and IKs will be installed.

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IKs

1. Cheung Ching Estate Community Centre
2. Cheung Fat Estate Community Centre*
3. Cheung Fat Sports Centre
4. Cheung Hang Community Hall
5. Kwai Chung Sports Ground*
6. Kwai Fong Community Hall
7. Kwai Shing Community Hall
8. Kwai Tsing Public Enquiry Service Centre
9. Lai King Community Hall*
10. North Kwai Chung Tang Shiu Kin Sports Centre
11. Shek Lei Community Hall
12. Tai Wo Hau Estate Community Centre*
13. Tsing Yi Estate Community Hall
14. Tsing Yi Sports Centre
15. Tsing Yi Sports Ground
16. Wo Yi Hop Road Sports Ground

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Illustrations of the proposed IKs and FE

IKs



FE

(a) for elderly's use



(b) for adults' use

