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**Subcommittee on District Councils Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013**

**Minutes of the first meeting
held on Wednesday, 20 November 2013, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
- Member absent** : Hon CHAN Han-pan
- Public Officers attending** : Mr Gordon LEUNG
Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Miss Emma WONG
Senior Government Counsel
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Joanne MAK
Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance : Mr Kelvin LEE
Assistant Legal Adviser 1

Miss Cindy HO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 3

Mrs Fanny TSANG
Legislative Assistant (2) 3

Action

I. Election of Chairman

Mr IP Kwok-him was elected Chairman of the Subcommittee. Members agreed that election of a deputy chairman was not necessary.

II. Meeting with the Administration

[CMAB C2/23, LC Paper Nos. CB(3)89/13-14, LS7/13-14, CB(2)306/13-14(01) and CB(2)307/13-14(01)]

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Follow-up actions required of the Administration

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3. The Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide -

- (a) names of the affected schools under the "two-District Council constituency area ("DCCA") proposal", and changes in the number of school places of Eastern and Wan Chai Districts before and after the transfer;
- (b) impact of the "two-DCCA proposal" on the provision of various public services (e.g. hospital, public transportation, fire/ambulance service, drainage service, leisure and cultural service, environmental hygiene service, and any changes in the coverage of the relevant district police stations) for the residents concerned, as well as impact on the manpower deployment of the departments concerned;
- (c) impact of the "two-DCCA proposal" on the collection and collation of statistical data concerning Eastern and Wan Chai Districts by the Census and Statistics Department;

- (d) views received during the public consultation by the Administration; and
- (e) response to the following views and concerns expressed by some members -
 - (i) the population size of respective districts should be taken into account in the allocation of resources to districts to ensure that the service needs of residents could be catered for; and
 - (ii) the Administration should address the shortage of leisure facilities faced by Eastern District, which would become more acute after the transfer of Victoria Park to Wan Chai District under the "two-DCCA proposal".

(Post-meeting note: The Administration provided supplementary information on 10 December 2013 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)459/13-14(02).)

Date of next meeting

- Clerk
4. Members agreed that the Subcommittee should receive views from deputations on the District Councils Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013 ("the Order"). The date of next meeting would be scheduled after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the second meeting was scheduled for 10 December 2013 at 2:30 pm. In line with the usual practice, a general notice on invitation of public views was posted on the Legislative Council website and the 18 District Councils had also been invited to give views on the Order.)

III. Any other business

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:50 am.

**Proceedings of the first meeting of the
Subcommittee on District Councils Ordinance
(Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013
on Wednesday, 20 November 2013, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room 2A of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time Marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
000101 - 000238	Ms Cyd HO Ms Starry LEE Mr MA Fung-kwok Mr IP Kwok-him	Election of Chairman	
000239 - 000738	Chairman Administration	Opening remarks Briefing by the Administration on the District Councils Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 3) Order 2013 ("the Order") [Legislative Council ("LegCo") Brief (CMAB C2/23)]. The Order proposed that the boundaries of Eastern and Wan Chai Districts be adjusted to reflect the transfer of the two existing District Council constituency areas ("DCCAs") (Tin Hau (C16) and Victoria Park (C18)) to Wan Chai District ("two-DCCA proposal"). The Order also proposed to amend Schedule 3 to the District Councils Ordinance to change the number of elected members of Eastern District Council ("DC") from 37 to 35, and that of Wan Chai DC from 11 to 13, as a result of the proposed transfer.	
000739 - 000924	Chairman Mr SIN Chung-kai Administration	Mr SIN Chung-kai's enquiry as to why the Administration did not seek to transfer more DCCAs to Wan Chai District as the number of elected seats of Eastern DC would still be nearly three times of that of Wan Chai DC after implementing the two-DCCA proposal. The Administration's explanation that - (a) the outcome of the consultation indicated support by Eastern and Wan Chai DCs and the public for the two-DCCA proposal; and (b) local residents were concerned about the integrity and identity of the community and the possible impact on the provision of public services should there be larger changes to the district boundary.	

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000925 - 001235	Chairman Mr Christopher CHUNG Administration	Mr Christopher CHUNG stressed the importance of maintaining local community identities and ties. He considered that the two-DCCA proposal would be able to rationalize the present arrangements in provision of public services.	
001236 - 001626	Chairman Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Administration	Mr LEUNG Che-cheung expressed support for the two-DCCA proposal although he considered that it would be more desirable if more DCCAs were transferred from the Eastern District to Wan Chai District.	
001627 - 002423	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Administration	<p>Ms Cyd HO sought clarification/information on -</p> <p>(a) impact of the two-DCCA proposal on the provision of various public services at the district level (e.g. school net, hospital, and any changes in the coverage of the relevant district police stations) for the residents concerned; and</p> <p>(b) impact of the two-DCCA proposal on the collection and collation of statistical data concerning Eastern and Wan Chai Districts by the Census and Statistics Department.</p> <p>The Administration's response that -</p> <p>(a) while the two-DCCA proposal did not affect the provision of public services generally, two public sector secondary schools and one public sector primary school would become located in the Wan Chai District instead of the Eastern District when the Order took effect from 1 January 2016. The Education Bureau would follow up with the relevant stakeholders in accordance with the established practice; and</p> <p>(b) the Census and Statistics Department would make suitable arrangements corresponding to the re-delineation of the district boundary.</p> <p>The Administration undertook to provide the requisite information after the meeting.</p>	<p>Admin (paragraph 3 of the minutes)</p>

002424 - 002954	Chairman Mr MA Fung-kwok Administration	<p>Mr MA Fung-kwok enquired about the Administration's considerations in deciding whether or not other proposals (e.g. Kai Tak Development Area) should also be implemented.</p> <p>The Administration advised that as a consensus could not be reached at the DC level on any of the proposals to change the existing arrangement for the Kai Tak Development Area, no such proposal would be taken forward.</p>	
002955 - 003701	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration	<p>Mr KWOK Wai-keung's enquiry on the criteria for re-alignment of District boundaries.</p> <p>Mr KWOK's views that the Administration should address the shortage of leisure facilities faced by Eastern District, which would become more acute after the transfer of Victoria Park to Wan Chai District under the two-DCCA proposal. He considered that the population size of respective districts should be taken into account in the allocation of resources to districts to ensure that the service needs of residents could be catered for.</p> <p>The Administration would relay members' concern about impact on provision of public facilities to relevant bureaux/ departments for consideration.</p>	Admin (paragraph 3 of the minutes)
003702 - 004411	Chairman Mr Alan LEONG Administration	<p>Mr Alan LEONG's enquiry about the factors to be considered in the delineation of DCCAs.</p> <p>The Administration advised on the factors that would be taken into consideration by the Electoral Affairs Commission ("EAC") in drawing up the recommendations on the boundaries of corresponding DCCAs. Public consultation would be conducted on the provisional recommendations of EAC.</p>	
004412 - 005034	Chairman Dr Kenneth CHAN Administration	<p>Dr Kenneth CHAN relayed the concern of a secondary school which would be affected under the "two-DCCA proposal" and asked how the above issue would be followed up by the Administration. He also sought information on the impact of the two-DCCA proposal on -</p> <p>(a) provision of public services to the two districts concerned; and</p>	

		<p>(b) collection and collation of statistical data concerning Eastern and Wan Chai Districts by the Census and Statistics Department to ensure consistency in studies and analysis.</p> <p>The Administration undertook to provide written response on the above issues. In response to Dr CHAN's enquiry, the Administration explained that during the public consultation, there were views proposing the transfer of more DCCAs to Wan Chai District and some other suggestions. The Administration undertook to provide details of these views for members' reference.</p>	<p>Admin (paragraph 3 of the minutes)</p>
005035 - 005438	<p>Chairman Mr Christopher CHUNG Administration</p>	<p>Mr Christopher CHUNG reiterated that local residents were concerned about the adverse impact on the district identity if more DCCAs were transferred from Eastern District to Wan Chai District, including the implication for school nets.</p>	
005439 - 010200	<p>Chairman Ms Emily LAU Administration</p>	<p>Ms Emily LAU considered that DCCAs should be merged to form larger constituencies to broaden the vision of DC members.</p> <p>In response to Ms LAU's enquiry, the Administration explained that different options had been raised during the public consultation, including the two-DCCA proposal. While some preferred maintaining the status quo and some proposed to transfer more DCCAs, the Administration noted that local residents had expressed concern about the implications of those proposals involving transfer of more DCCAs on school nets and community identity, etc.</p> <p>Ms LAU criticized that only limited options had been offered for public consultation. The Administration reiterated that it attached great importance to the support of DCs concerned in considering whether the relevant proposal should be pursued or not.</p>	
010201 - 010403	<p>Chairman Mr SIN Chung-kai Administration</p>	<p>Mr SIN reiterated that more DCCAs should be transferred to Wan Chai District as the existing proposal could not help enhance the operational efficiency of Eastern DC. His suggestion of bringing the number of elected seats of Wan Chai DC to about 18 or 19.</p>	

010404 - 010844	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Administration	Ms Cyd HO's request for information about the impact of the two-DCCA proposal on the provision of various public services for the residents concerned in the following aspects, including public transportation, fire/ambulance service, drainage service, leisure and cultural service, and environmental hygiene service, as well as impact on the manpower deployment of the departments concerned. She urged that population size of respective districts should be taken into account in the allocation of resources to districts. The Administration undertook to provide the requisite information after the meeting.	Admin (paragraph 3 of the minutes)
010845 - 011732	Chairman Mr KWOK Wai-keung Administration Mr SIN Chung-kai Ms Emily LAU	Mr KWOK's view that the public had been left with no other option but the two-DCCA proposal during the public consultation. Ms LAU's views that the Administration should include more options to gauge public views in future exercises.	
011733 - 011945	Chairman Ms Cyd HO Ms Emily LAU	Discussion on invitation of public views and date of next meeting. Closing remarks	