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Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene
Subcommittee on Hawker Policy

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday, 11 November 2014, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Chairman)
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC (Deputy Chairman)
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Claudia MO
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP

Members absent : Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP

Clerk in attendance : Ms Debbie YAU
Chief Council Secretary (4)5

Staff in attendance : Ms Shirley TAM
Senior Council Secretary (4)5

Miss Mandy NG
Council Secretary (4)5

Miss Shanice LOK
Legislative Assistant (4)5

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Members agreed that it was not necessary to re-elect the Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2014-2015 session. They noted that Mr Steven HO and Mr Alan LEONG remained the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee respectively.

II. Way Forward

Discussion

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

3. The Chairman recapped that the brainstorming session scheduled for 6 October 2014 was cancelled due to the assemblies in the vicinity of the Legislative Council Complex. Originally, the Administration agreed to prepare a paper on the views and suggestions raised at the brainstorming session, based on which the stakeholders and public would be invited to give views and attend a public hearing of the Subcommittee to be arranged afterwards. The Chairman said that the Administration also undertook to provide after the brainstorming session a written response on experiences to be drawn by Hong Kong from the hawker policies and measures implemented in Australia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand, including the difficulties that would likely be encountered.

4. The Deputy Chairman supported the holding of a brainstorming session. He recalled that at the working meeting on 9 July 2014, the Secretary for Food and Health ("SFH") was positive on exploring ways to understand the concrete proposals that would be raised by Subcommittee members in developing the hawker policy, and suggested conducting a brainstorming session for the purpose. The Deputy Chairman commended the Secretariat's effort in arranging the session, including the preparation of some thought-provoking questions and invitation of two academics who had agreed to join.

5. Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Ms Cyd HO and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen also supported rearranging the brainstorming session. They suggested that in addition to the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB"), other bureaux such as the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") and the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") and district councils should also be invited to join the brainstorming session. They opined that in considering the subject, FHB might focus on a narrow scope of managing and controlling hawkers and hawking activities without appreciating the needs of small enterprises and people's livelihood.

6. The Chairman explained that SFH and his colleagues as well as the Deputy Commissioner for Tourism had agreed to attend the brainstorming session. FHB had undertaken to coordinate the Administration's written responses to the concerns and suggestions raised by the Subcommittee in respect of the formulation of a hawker policy from the development perspective. Nevertheless, the Chairman said that he would discuss with SFH on the invitation of government officials from other bureaux and departments to the brainstorming session.

7. Mr Cyd HO considered that the brainstorming session should be held as an open meeting. The Chairman explained that the closed-door arrangement could enable members and the Administration to interact freely without having to follow the rules or procedures of speaking at open meetings. Ms HO was unconvinced and suggested that the brainstorming session could be held in open meeting and longer than two hours without setting the speaking time limit so that members could express their views thoroughly.

8. In reply to Mr WONG Kwok-hing, the Chairman advised that the Administration had provided a paper (LC Paper No. CB(4)994/13-14(01)) on the Mainland hawker policies and experiences. He said that subject to members' request, he would request the Administration to provide further information.

9. Members noted the submission from a deputation (撐·基層墟市聯盟) tabled at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The soft copy of the submission was subsequently issued to members by email vide LC Paper No. CB(4)150/14-15(01) on 12 November 2014.)

10. The Chairman concluded that members agreed to reschedule the brainstorming session. He requested members to advise the Clerk about

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their availabilities based on the timetable of possible meeting time slots tabled at the meeting. He would work with the Clerk and FHB to make the necessary arrangements as appropriate, taking into account members' requests and suggestions.

(Post-meeting note: FHB has agreed to arrange the brainstorming session to be held at the Central Government Complex. Having regard to members' availability at the time slots proposed by FHB, the brainstorming session will be held on 6 January 2015.)

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:55 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of
the Subcommittee on Hawker Policy
on Tuesday, 11 November 2014, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room 2B of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Agenda item I – Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman			
000249– 000337	Chairman	Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman	
Agenda item II – Way forward			
000338 – 000618	Chairman	The Chairman invited members' views on the way forward, including whether a brainstorming session should be rearranged.	
000619 – 000804	Chairman Deputy Chairman	The Deputy Chairman supported the holding of a brainstorming session.	
000805 – 001412	Mr WONG Kwok-hing Chairman	Mr WONG Kwok-hing supported rearranging the brainstorming session and expressed views on the way forward.	
001413 – 001834	Chairman Ms Cyd HO	Ms Cyd HO supported rearranging the brainstorming session and shared her views on the meeting arrangements.	
001835 – 002247	Chairman Mr CHAN Chi-chuen Ms Cyd HO	Mr CHAN Chi-chuen supported the arrangement of a brainstorming session and expressed his views on the arrangements.	
002248 – 002458	Chairman Mr WONG Kwok-hing Ms Cyd HO	The Chairman concluded that members agreed to reschedule the brainstorming session.	