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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 88th meeting
held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Tuesday, 12 July 2016, at 4:42 pm

Members present:

Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Hon Dennis KWOK
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon SIN Chung-kai, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu

Members absent:

Hon James TO Kun-sun
Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, GBS, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Public officers attending:

Ms Elizabeth TSE Man-yee, JP	Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Ms Esther LEUNG, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) ¹
Mr Alfred ZHI Jian-hong	Principal Executive Officer (General), Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)
Mr Nicholas YANG, JP	Secretary for Innovation and Technology
Mrs Millie NG KIANG Mei-nei	Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Technology
Ms Annie CHOI Suk-han, JP	Commissioner for Innovation and Technology
Mr Johann WONG Chung-yan, JP	Deputy Commissioner for Innovation and Technology
Mr Vic YAU Cheuk-hang	Deputy Secretary for Security (2)
Mr Alex CHAN Yuen-tak	Principal Assistant Secretary for Security (B)
Ms Carroline NG Sau-wai	Assistant Commissioner of Correctional Services (Human Resource)
Mr LEUNG Koon-kee, JP	Director of Architectural Services
Mr Frank WONG Tak-choi	Project Director (1), Architectural Services Department
Ms Ginger KIANG Kam-yin	District Planning Officer (Hong Kong), Planning Department
Mr Godfrey LEUNG King-kwok, JP	Acting Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Mr David WONG Fuk-loi, JP	Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) 2
Ms Ivy CHAN Ah-wing	Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) 4
Miss Cheryl CHOW Ho-kiu	Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) 2
Mr Raymond LEE Kai-wing, JP	Deputy Director of Planning (District)
Mr Patrick LI Pak-chuen, JP	Deputy Director of Home Affairs (1)
Mrs Alice YU NG Ka-chun	Project Director (3), Architectural Services Department
Mr LI Ho-kin	Senior Project Coordination Manager (1), Architectural Services Department
Mr Gilford LAW Sun-on, JP	District Officer (Kwun Tong)
Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun, GBS, JP	Chairman, Kwun Tong District Council
Mr Rick CHAN Tin-chu, JP	District Officer (Wan Chai)
Mr Stephen NG Kam-chun, BBS, MH, JP	Chairman, Wan Chai District Council
Mr Simon LIU Wai-shing	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr Bassanio SO Chek-leung, JP	District Officer (Tai Po)
Ms WONG Pik-kiu, MH, JP	Vice Chairman, Tai Po District Council
Mr LAM Luk-wing	Director, Tai Po Lam Tsuen Heung Educational Development Company Limited

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
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Staff in attendance:

Mr Derek LO	Chief Council Secretary (1)5
Mr Raymond SZETO	Council Secretary (1)6
Mr Frankie WOO	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Ms Michelle NIEN	Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

Item No. 4 – FCR(2016-17)67

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY FUND

HEAD 111 – INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

New Subhead – "Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Corporation"

HEAD 184 – TRANSFERS TO FUNDS

Subhead 992 – "Payment to the Innovation and Technology Fund"

The Finance Committee ("FC") resumed its deliberations on the agenda item FCR(2016-17)67.

Operation of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund

2. Mr Charles Peter MOK said that the Administration had launched in the past the Applied Research Fund ("ARF"), which was similar to the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund ("ITVF") in nature. He enquired about the differences in operation between the two funds and the relative advantages of ITVF. Secretary for Innovation and Technology said that the ARF was a venture capital ("VC") fund that provided capital directly to the market. The technological research projects that received investment were selected by the VC fund, and the Government did not have its say in the selection of investee companies. As for the proposed ITVF, the Administration's partner VC funds would be responsible for identifying potential investee companies and the Administration would have the right of first refusal of co-investment in respect of any proposed investment by the VC fund. With such arrangements, the Administration could avoid making investments in the businesses that were in conflict with government policies or existing legislation. Commissioner for Innovation and Technology added that ARF was managed by fund managers and the Government had to pay management fees no matter whether the projects were successful or not. On the contrary, under the proposed ITVF, dividends instead of management fees would be paid, which would encourage VC funds to assist start-ups more actively.

3. Dr Fernando CHEUNG expressed worries that it would be difficult for the Administration to monitor the operation of VC funds and ensure that their capital would be put into research and technological development. Dr CHEUNG and Ms Cyd HO asked how the Administration would monitor the operation of its partner VC funds and whether it would make public its investment results. Mr WONG Kwok-hing expressed support for the item and requested the Administration to properly carry out performance management of ITVF.

4. Secretary for Innovation and Technology said that the creation of the ITVF was aimed at providing incentives for VC funds to invest in local start-ups. Commissioner for Innovation and Technology added that when selecting partner VC funds, the Administration would evaluate their experience and investment track records. After the partner VC funds identified potential investee companies, the Administration would decide whether or not to agree with their selections and take part in them, thus forming a mechanism for multiple checks. Moreover, the Administration would disclose every year the projects in which it invested and the investment amounts. But details of investee projects would not be disclosed due to trade secrets. On the other hand, the Government had also invited the Corruption Prevention Department of the Independent Commission Against Corruption to advise on the mechanism of ITVF and the finalization of cooperation agreements in the future.

5. Mr WU Chi-wai said that as ITVF involved public money, the use of its capital needed to be relatively more transparent. He was worried that this would curtail VC funds' freedom in selecting investee companies. Commissioner for Innovation and Technology said that according to the operation mechanism of the fund, the overall matching investment ratio of Government fund to VC funds would be approximately 1:2. As the investment amounts contributed by VC funds would double those contributed by the Administration and VC funds had to be accountable to their investors, it was believed that VC funds would carefully identify suitable investment projects on the basis of commercial considerations.

Progress of scrutiny by the Committee

6. Mr WONG Kwok-hing said that a number of members had asked the same questions repeatedly in today's meeting with the intention of filibustering, in order to prevent the scrutiny of the funding proposals regarding the signature projects in today's meeting. The Administration's efforts to rearrange today's agenda items had proven futile. He was dissatisfied with the members from the pan-democratic camp for impeding progress of the meeting and the Administration for rearranging the agenda items. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung was dissatisfied with Mr WONG Kwok-hing's remarks and the Chairman for allowing a member to make a speech irrelevant to agenda items.

7. There being no further question from members, the Chairman put the item to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division and the division bell was rung for five minutes. The Chairman announced that 31 members voted in favour of and one member voted against the question. The votes of individual members were as follows –

For:

Mr CHAN Kam-lam	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Mr TAM Yiu-chung	Mr WONG Kwok-hing
Prof Joseph LEE Kok-long	Mr WONG Ting-kwong
Ms Cyd HO Sau-lan	Ms Starry LEE Wai-king
Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun	Mr WONG Kwok-kin
Mr IP Kwok-him	Ms Claudia MO
Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun	Mr NG Leung-sing
Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming	Mr WU Chi-wai
Mr Charles Peter MOK	Mr CHAN Han-pan
Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Miss Alice MAK Mei-kuen	Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	Mr SIN Chung-kai
Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan	Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Mr POON Siu-ping	Mr TANG Ka-piu
Dr CHIANG Lai-wan	Mr CHUNG Kwok-pan
Mr Alvin YEUNG Ngok-kiu	
(31 members)	

Against:

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung
(1 member)

8. The Chairman declared that the Committee approved the item.

(As directed by the Chairman in today's third meeting, FCR(2016-17)70, 68 and 74, namely, Items No. 6, No. 7, and No. 10 on the original agenda, would be scrutinized ahead of FCR(2016-17)69, namely, Item No. 5 on the original agenda.)

Item No. 6 – FCR(2016-17)70

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 20 JUNE 2016**

PWSC(2016-17)33

HEAD 703 – BUILDINGS

Quarters – Internal security

**63JA – Construction of staff quarters for Correctional Services
Department at Tin Wan, Aberdeen**

9. The Chairman said that this item sought FC's approval of the recommendation of the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") made at its meeting on 20 June 2016, which proposed to upgrade 63JA to Category A at an estimated cost of \$256.1 million in money-of-the-day prices for the construction of staff quarters for Correctional Services Department at Tin Wan, Aberdeen.

10. The Chairman declared his interest as a remunerated consultant to the Munich Reinsurance Company.

11. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen asked whether the staff quarters for the Correctional Services Department at Tin Wan was the smallest one among the government staff quarters built by the incumbent Administration. He also asked whether the Administration would set out rules, prescribing that if a site was too small or with a restricted building height, it would not be used for building government staff quarters. Moreover, he thanked the Administration for rearranging the agenda items for today's meeting earlier today but he opined that the Administration should have done it much earlier.

12. Deputy Secretary for Security (2) replied that among the eight government staff quarters construction projects announced in 2014, the staff quarters for the Correctional Services Department at Tin Wan had the smallest number of units. He added that the Administration would make full use of every available site to build more government staff quarters to shorten eligible civil servants' waiting time for quarters.

13. There being no questions from members on the item, the Chairman put FCR(2016-17)70 to vote. The Chairman considered that the item was supported by a majority of the members voting and declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 7 – FCR(2016-17)68

HEAD 152 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT : COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM BRANCH)

Subhead 700 – General non-recurrent

New Item – "Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme"

14. The Chairman said that this item sought FC's approval of a new commitment of \$200 million under Head 152 — Government Secretariat: Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (Commerce, Industry and Tourism Branch) for the setting up of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme. The Panel on Commerce and Industry had discussed this scheme at its meeting on 21 June 2016.

15. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Chairman of the Panel on Commerce and Industry, briefed members on the main points of the discussion. Mr WONG said that the Panel supported the scheme in principle. Members of the Panel welcomed the enhancements made by the Administration to the proposed Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme ("PASS") by drawing on the experience gained from the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme and collecting feedback from consultations with stakeholders. These enhancements included increasing the government funding cap so as to encourage more participating organizations (especially those with less experience and means). Some members opined that the information technology industry was vital to Hong Kong's overall economic development, especially when the Administration had proactively supported the financial technology ("fintech") sector, such as network and data security, in recent years. The Panel suggested that the Administration adjust the classification of eligible professional services sectors under PASS, so as to reflect more appropriately the importance of the information technology industry. In this regard, members noted that the Administration would properly adjust the classification of the eligible professional services sectors in the paper submitted to FC.

16. Mr Charles Peter MOK pointed out that to his disappointment, according to the discussion paper for this item, the professional services supported by the scheme did not clearly include such professional sectors as fintech and information security. Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development ("USCED") explained that these two sectors were included in information communications technology services and would be supported by the scheme.

17. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen, Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung and Dr Fernando CHEUNG asked whether the scheme would restrict these professional sectors to explore markets in the Mainland or in the countries along the routes of the "Belt and Road" only. They also enquired about the percentages of funding to be granted to professional sectors for exploring Mainland and overseas markets respectively. Mr WU Chi-wai also asked whether the Administration had assessed the way forward for professional sectors to explore new markets in the future. For example, whether the Administration could provide the information about the applications by the professional bodies concerned under the previous scheme.

18. USCED said that the professional sectors would play a leading role in the scheme. The Administration would not require the organizations that received funding support to promote their services in any specific market. The proportion of funding in respect of Mainland and overseas markets would depend on the details of the projects approved in the end. It was impossible to estimate at present. Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) 2 added that the website of the previous scheme contained information about funded projects, including the markets involved, which spread across various parts of the world. For example, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Center received funding support under the previous scheme for several projects to promote Hong Kong's arbitration and legal services in such places as Europe, South America and the United States. According to the information under the previous scheme, the funded projects that involved Mainland market accounted for about 10% of the total funded projects.

19. There being no questions from members on the item, the Chairman put FCR(2016-17)68 to vote. The Chairman considered that the item was supported by a majority of the members voting and declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 10 – FCR(2016-17)74

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 4 JULY 2016**

EC(2016-17)15

HEAD 118 – PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Subhead 000 – Operational expenses

20. The Chairman advised that this item sought FC's approval of the recommendation of the Establishment Subcommittee made at its meeting on 4 July 2016, which proposed to create a supernumerary Chief Town Planner in the Planning Department with effect from the date of approval by FC up to 31 March 2019, to strengthen the provision of secretariat and technical support to the Town Planning Board ("TPB") in handling statutory planning matters under the Town Planning Ordinance, including judicial reviews ("JRs") associated with TPB.

21. Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung said that there had been many JRs initiated by members of the public against TPB's decisions. He asked whether the Administration had kept a record of the percentage of such cases in which the ruling was in favour of the Administration. He also asked whether it would set a target for the success rate in such JR cases after the creation of this new post. Deputy Director of Planning (District) replied that as far as these JRs were concerned, the rulings in favour of TPB outnumbered those against it. The Administration always respected court rulings and the Planning Department did not set any target for such a success rate.

22. There being no questions from members on the item, the Chairman put FCR(2016-17)74 to vote. The Chairman considered that the item was supported by a majority of the members voting and declared that the Committee approved the item.

Item No. 5 – FCR(2016-17)69

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE
MADE ON 20 JUNE 2016**

PWSC(2016-17)4

HEAD 707 – NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT

Recreation, Culture and Amenities – Open spaces

**458RO – Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong District) – Construction
of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade**

Recreation, Culture and Amenities – Cultural facilities

**68RE – Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District) – Construction of
Moreton Terrace Activities Centre**

Recreation, Culture and Amenities – Open spaces

**459RO – Signature Project Scheme (Tai Po District) – Improving the
Tourist Facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square**

23. The Chairman said that this item sought FC's approval of the recommendation of PWSC made at its meeting held on 20 June 2016, which proposed to upgrade 458RO, 68RE and 459RO to Category A. These three Signature Project Schemes, which involved the construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade, the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre in Wai Chai, and the improvement of the tourist facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square in Tai Po, would be carried out at estimated costs of \$48.6 million, \$133.1 million and \$46.1 million in money-of-the-day prices respectively.

24. The Chairman declared his interest as a remunerated consultant to the Munich Reinsurance Company. He said that the Chairmen/Vice Chairman of the three District Councils ("DCs") concerned had attended the meetings of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Panels concerned many times. On behalf of FC, he thanked the three Chairmen/Vice Chairman for their attendance at this meeting.

Construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade

25. Ms Cyd HO enquired about the opening hours and annual electricity consumption for the proposed music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade. Ms Claudia MO pointed out that the annual recurrent expenditure for the music fountains was close to \$2 million. She enquired about the details of the recurrent expenditure of the project and whether there would be a waste of water.

26. District Officer (Kwun Tong) ("DO(KT)") said that it was expected that the music fountain show would be performed in two sessions every evening. The facilities at the wet play area or other interactive water feature facilities would be open 24 hours a day. Project Director (3), Architectural Services Department replied that the estimated electricity bill for the music fountains and related wet play facilities was around \$83 000 per year, and the annual additional recurrent expenditure was estimated at \$1.78 million, which included electricity tariffs, facility management and maintenance costs, water disinfection costs, etc. She pointed out that water used in the wet play area would be recycled to reduce water consumption. As members of the public would have the opportunity to take part in water-friendly activities, the water at the wet play area would have to be disinfected so that its quality would be on a par with that at public swimming pools. Deputy Director of Home Affairs (1) ("DDHA(1)") added that under the Signature Projects Scheme, DCs might partner with non-profit-making organizations ("NPOs") or government departments to deliver the signature projects. Should a DC partner with an NPO, the NPO would have to bear the recurrent expenditure of the project concerned. Should the management duties of a particular project fall within the scope of responsibilities of a particular government department, for example, as in the case of music fountains whose management duties fell within the scope of responsibilities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Government would bear the recurrent expenditure concerned.

27. Mr YIU Si-wing asked how the Administration would improve the ancillary transport facilities at Kwun Tong Promenade and whether it would designate an area for mobile stalls as a complement to the music fountains. DO(KT) replied that there were quite a number of parking spaces in the vicinity of the Kwun Tong Promenade. Moreover, there were some 400 parking spaces at Kwun Tong Harbour Plaza. The government department concerned would also increase the number of parking spaces for private cars and coaches under the overall harbourfront development plan. On the other hand, the promenade was conveniently located and had over 80 000 visitors per month. The government department concerned would also consider enhancing the

pedestrian links between MTR Station and the promenade and the signage along these links through various plans. It also planned to designate hawker pitch areas with unique characteristics along these links. The Kwun Tong Promenade was also one of the operating locations under the Food Truck Pilot Scheme.

28. Mr Alan LEONG said that Kwun Tong was an old district. It was more practical to use community resources to improve the environment of the district than to construct music fountains. He enquired how the DC had come up with the decision to construct the music fountains, and the reasons for discarding other proposed projects aimed at improving community facilities. The Chairman, Kwun Tong DC responded that during the selection of the signature projects, Kwun Tong DC had held thorough discussion at its meetings and taken into account various factors such as the costs of the projects. The two projects selected had been shortlisted step by step from a total of 16 project proposals received. The construction of music fountains and a wet play area at Kwun Tong Promenade was in response to the views collected in the district for the purpose of providing facilities for families to play water games and enjoy themselves. The wet play area had been enlarged in response to the views of the DC members. At present, Kwun Tong Promenade attracted more than 80 000 visitors per month and its location also allowed members of the public to go there on foot from MTR Ngau Tau Kok Station or the residential areas nearby.

Improving the tourist facilities at Lam Tsuen Wishing Square in Tai Po

29. Mr WU Chi-wai, Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr LEE Cheuk-yan all queried that it was unreasonable for the Government to use public funds to improve the facilities at Lam Tsuen while Tai Po DC had awarded the operation of the project to Tai Po Lam Tsuen Heung Educational Development Company Limited. These members pointed out that members of this company included incumbent Tai Po DC members and there might have been a conflict of interest in the vetting and approval process.

30. The Chairman reminded members that this project had been discussed in PWSC for a long time. The discussions had covered topics including the declaration of interests for DC members, the DCs' arrangements for the selection of partner organizations, the justifications for the construction of a permanent performance stage at the Wishing Square, etc. He asked officials to give brief answers to these questions and requested members not to dwell on these issues.

31. DDHA(1) responded that according to the mode of operation of the Signature Project Scheme, partner organizations engaged by the DCs to deliver the signature projects were required to cover the operational expenses with the revenues from the projects on a self-financing basis. The service agreements entered into with the partner organizations had also stipulated the duration of service and various performance indicators. The partner organizations were required to submit reports to the DCs regularly during the agreement period. Upon expiration of the agreements, the DCs would assess the service performance of the partner organizations concerned according to the performance indicators in order to consider whether the agreements should be renewed. The agreements also required the organizations to inject the revenues and resources generated from the projects into the projects. Moreover, the Standing Orders of Tai Po DC provided for a declaration of interest system. Apart from declaration of interest upon being elected, DC members were also required to declare their interests in the items to be discussed by the DC, in accordance with the relevant provisions and the Chairman would judge whether the members concerned should be allowed to take part in consideration of the items. District Officer (Tai Po) added that Tai Po DC had selected the partner organization of the project by open tender and the relevant assessment criteria had been set by Tai Po DC in advance.

Meeting arrangements

32. At 6:30 pm, the Chairman said that there were 15 members waiting for their turns to ask questions. He suggested that the Signature Project of Wai Chai District be put to vote first if the questions to be asked by these members were not related to this project. Since this suggestion was opposed by a number of members, the Chairman said that the three projects would be dealt with together as originally arranged. He would also consider extending the meeting time to allow members to ask as many questions as possible.

33. At 6:38 pm, the Chairman announced that the meeting would be extended by 15 minutes.

Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre in Wai Chai

34. Mr Kenneth LEUNG declared his interest as a Wan Chai resident. He was dissatisfied with Wan Chai DC for its failure to fully consult the residents of the district, including ethnic minorities, on the proposed Moreton Terrace Activities Centre project. He opined that the reprovisioning of a volleyball court with a high utilization rate into an activities centre was not something agreed upon by local residents. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung also said

that due to the site's limited area, the proposed activities centre was too small to offer value for money.

35. District Officer (Wan Chai) said that the Administration had carried out public consultation exercises on the project, such as public consultation sessions held at community halls as well as soliciting public views and suggestions through the website of Wan Chai DC. The proposed facilities at the activities centre included a multi-purpose hall and a multi-purpose room, which would be open to all organizations in the district, including organizations serving ethnic minorities. Moreover, to cater for the construction of the project, the volleyball court at Moreton Terrace would be relocated to the handball court at Victoria Park and the handball court there had already been converted into a multi-purpose court which could be used for playing handball or volleyball.

Views on the failure to put items to vote

36. Mr Charles Peter MOK enquired that in case the three funding proposals could not be put to vote at an FC meeting during this LegCo session, whether the Administration would revise the proposals first and then submit them to the FC for funding approval again in the future. DDHA(1) said that DCs played the leading roles in the signature projects. The Administration would relay the decisions and views of the LegCo to the DCs concerned for their consideration.

37. Mr Christopher CHEUNG expressed support for the funding proposal. He was dissatisfied with the members from the pan-democrat camp for incessantly raising questions in order to prevent voting on this item before the end of the current LegCo session in total disregard of public interest. Mr WONG Yuk-man said that he believed that FC would not have enough meeting time to vote on this item. He asked the DC representatives how they felt about it.

38. The Vice Chairman, Tai Po DC said that she was deeply saddened by her failure to visit a hospitalized relative who had just passed away because she had to wait in the LegCo Complex throughout the day for attending the FC meeting. The Chairman, Kwun Tong DC said that the majority of Kwun Tong residents had been looking forward to new recreational facilities in their district. He said that it was a pity that the item could not be put to vote at the FC meeting. Nevertheless, members of Kwun Tong DC would continue to serve members of the public proactively with the existing facilities. The Chairman expressed his sympathy and regret to the Vice Chairman of Tai Po DC.

39. At 6:55 pm, the Chairman declared that the meeting be adjourned and he thanked members for their contribution to the work of FC during this LegCo session. He also thanked LegCo Secretariat for their professional and unbiased services to FC.

40. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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