

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 18 February 2016)

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Remarks**

1. Programme and Cost Management Office

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for the proposed creation of a supernumerary directorate post for establishing a dedicated Programme and Cost Management Office in the Development Bureau (Works Branch) to address the issue of high construction costs.

15 March 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for April and May 2016 respectively.

2. PWP Item No. 3775CL -- Demolition of existing structures in Sites A and B1 of the Sung Wong Toi Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Workshop

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading the above project to Category A. Funding approval of the Finance Committee for the project is required for carrying out works to demolish building structures in two existing Sites (Site A with an area of 2 800 m² and Site B1 with an area of 12 300 m²). Site A is to be handed over to the Housing Department for construction of 600 public housing units and Site B1 is to be disposed for government/institution/community uses and commercial/cultural/leisure uses. The demolition works are scheduled to commence by November 2016 under one demolition contract.

15 March 2016

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The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for April and May 2016 respectively.

3. PWP Item No. 9350WF -- Improvement of water supply to Sheung Shui and Fanling

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading the project to Category A for constructing a new service reservoir at Table Hill and associated mainlaying.

15 March 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for April and May 2016 respectively.

4. PWP Item No. 7765CL – Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading part of the project to Category A for implementing the site formation and infrastructure works for development of Anderson Road Quarry Site, and phase one of the pedestrian connectivity facilities.

15 March 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for April and May 2016 respectively.

5. PWP Item No. 7332CL -- West Kowloon Reclamation – main works (remainder)

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading the above project to Category

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A for the construction of three covered 4-span footbridges at the junctions of Sham Mong Road/Hing Wah Street West, Sham Mong Road/Tonkin Street West and Sham Mong Road/Yen Chow Street West.

6. PWP Item No. 7417RO-1A -- Improvement works at Tai O, phase 2, stage 1

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading the above project to Category A for the construction of a public transport terminus, public car parks and an entrance plaza at the western end of Tai O Road.

April 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for June and July 2016 respectively.

7. Implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorized Signboards

At the request of the Panel Chairman, the Administration provided a written response (LC Paper No. CB(1)1014/14-15(01)) (circulated on 19 June 2015) to the concerns raised by the Chairman of the Wan Chai District Council in a letter to the Panel Chairman dated 13 May 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)865/14-15(01)) (Chinese version only) on the control of unauthorized signboards. In July 2015, the Administration further provided an information paper on "Implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorized Signboards" (LC Paper No. CB(1)1120/14-15(01)) (circulated on 17 July 2015) to the Panel.

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The Panel agreed at the meeting on 22 July 2015 that the subject matter be included in the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion".

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the progress of the implementation of the Validation Scheme.

8. PWP Item No. 9053WS -- Uprating of Chai Wan salt water supply system

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading the above project to Category A for uprating the existing Chai Wan salt water supply system to cope with the projected growth in population and the potential new developments of the area.

April 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for May and June 2016 respectively.

9. PWP Item No. 5290RS -- Expansion of mountain bike trail networks in Mui Wo and Chi Ma Wan, South Lantau

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading the above project to Category A for expansion of the mountain bike trail networks including associated facilities at Mui Wo and Chi Ma Wan, South Lantau.

May 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for June and July 2016 respectively.

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10. PWP Item No. 3185GK – Re-provisioning of Transport Department's Vehicle Examination Centres at Tsing Yi

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support to upgrade the above project to Category A to reprovide the Transport Department's Vehicle Examination Centres at Tsing Yi.

May 2016

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for June and July 2016 respectively.

11. Work of the Urban Renewal Authority

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration a review of the Urban Renewal Strategy, the functions of the Urban Renewal Authority and its work.

June 2016

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on progress of the work of the Urban Renewal Authority and the plan for the next financial year.

12. Progress report on heritage conservation initiatives

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the progress made on various heritage conservation initiatives, and invite the Panel's views on its future work.

June 2016

13. Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the latest progress of updating the territorial

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development strategy under the "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030".

14. Proposed "Construction Industry Security of Payment Legislation"

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the legislative framework of the proposed "Construction Industry Security of Payment Legislation" and results of the public consultation.

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15. PWP Item No. 9196WC-1 -- Implementation of Water Intelligent Network -- stage 1

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for upgrading part of the above project to Category A for construction of parts of the proposed district metering areas ("DMAs")/pressure management areas ("PMAs") with installation of the necessary network monitoring and sensing equipment and system, and for investigation and detailed design of the remaining parts of the proposed DMAs/PMAs for establishment of the Water Intelligent Network to enable the water supply network to be continuously monitored and managed in the most effective way.

To be decided

16. PWP Item No. 3133KA-1 -- Pre-construction consultancy services for construction of Drainage Services Department building at Cheung Sha Wan Sewage Pumping Station

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for a funding proposal on the above project. According to the Administration, the proposed Drainage Services Department ("DSD") building will be used to reprovision the DSD offices currently accommodated in the Revenue Tower (one of the

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three government offices buildings at the Wan Chai waterfront) and government/private offices buildings in other districts. The Administration advises that the proposed scope of the consultancy comprises (a) design work for the proposed DSD building; (b) site investigations and minor studies to facilitate the design work; and (c) preparation of tender documents and assessment of tenders for the construction of the proposed building.

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for May and June 2016 respectively.

17. PWP Item No. 7213CL -- Engineering works for Ha Mei San Tsuen Village Expansion Area; and PWP Item No. 7394CL -- Sha Tin New Town -- Stage 2 -- servicing and extension of Pai Tau Village in Area 6A

The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for carrying out engineering works in the above two village expansion areas.

To be decided

18. Tender prices for capital works projects

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Albert CHAN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the current trend of tender prices for the projects under the Capital Works Programme and the projected capital works expenditures for the current and the next financial years.

To be decided

19. Safety of drinking water

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that in view of the

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widespread concern over excess lead found in drinking water, the Administration including the Water Supplies Department, and the Advisory Committee on Water Resources and Quality of Water Supplies should be invited to discuss with the Panel a review of the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) and introduction of legislation for safety of drinking water. Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki opined that the Panel should invite deputations including academics to express views on the subject.

20. Quality of Dongjiang water

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the control over the quality of Dongjiang water at source and the measures to deal with excessive lead content in drinking water.

To be decided

On 11 December 2015, upon reported discovery of perfluorinated chemicals in five reservoirs, Dr Hon Helena WONG wrote to the Panel Chairman requesting an early discussion on the subject. Dr WONG's letter was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)305/15-16(01).

21. Harbourfront planning and development

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should follow up with the Administration its harbourfront enhancement initiatives. Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN said that the Administration should brief the Panel on the principles and approaches for planning and developing the waterfront areas in the western part of the Hong Kong Island and those outside Victoria Harbour. Hon Albert CHAN suggested that the Harbourfront

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Commission should be invited to discuss with the Panel the matters raised by Dr Kenneth CHAN.

At the same meeting, Hon Albert CHAN opined that the Administration should brief the Panel on the arrangements for the management of harbourfront sites (similar to that of the Avenue of Stars at Tsim Sha Tsui) which involved the participation of private developers.

22. Flooding problems in the rural areas

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the measures to prevent flooding in the rural areas, including how to deal with the problems involving private land ownership.

To be decided

23. Review of the policies on compensation and rehousing for people affected by land resumption

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung opined that the Administration should conduct a review on its existing policies on compensation and rehousing for those affected by resumption of land, and should discuss the matter with the Panel.

To be decided

24. Unauthorized building works in New Territories Exempted Houses

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the enforcement actions that had been taken against unauthorized building works in New Territories Exempted Houses and the way forward for dealing with these unauthorized works.

To be decided

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25. Developing the New Territories North

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the initial findings of the Preliminary Feasibility Study on Developing the New Territories North.

To be decided

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 22 May 2014, North District Council members suggested that the Administration should further open up the Sha Tau Kok Frontier Closed Area (including Sha Tau Kok public pier and Sha Tau Kok Town). They considered that apart from bringing economic and other benefits to the community, the suggestion would release land to alleviate the shortage of housing land in Hong Kong.

Legislative Council Members attending the meeting agreed that apart from referring the issue to the Panel on Security and the Panel on Economic Development for follow-up, the issue should also be referred to the Panel on Development for consideration. The referral memorandum has been circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)747/14-15(01).

Panel members agreed at the meeting on 28 April 2015 that the subject matter be included in the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion", and wished to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the issue.

26. Fresh water supply at remote villages

This issue was raised by Hon Alice MAK and Hon TANG Ka-piu in December 2013. Miss MAK and Mr TANG expressed their concerns on the lack of fresh water supply at remote villages in their two joint letters to the Panel Chairman (LC Papers Nos. CB(1)605/13-14(01) and 879/13-14(01)). The

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Administration's written response has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)732/13-14(01).

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Alice MAK urged that the Administration should discuss the subject with the Panel as soon as possible.

27. Problems arising from sub-divisions of flat units and measures to tackle the problems

At the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Yau Tsim Mong District Council members on 29 January 2015, the problems arising from sub-divisions of flat units (commonly known as "sub-divided units") and measures to tackle the problems were discussed. Yau Tsim Mong District Council members considered it important for the Administration to step up regulation of "sub-divided units" and suggested that, to enable the Buildings Department and other law enforcement authorities to take effective enforcement actions against irregularities, the Administration should draw up clear definitions in the relevant legislations (such as the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344)) to differentiate "sub-divided units" from "cubicle apartments" and other accommodations.

To be decided

Legislative Council Members attending the meeting agreed that the issues should be referred to the Panel on Development for consideration and follow-up. The referral memorandum has been circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)704/14-15(01).

Panel members agreed at the meeting on 28 April 2015 that the subject matter be included in the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion",

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and wished to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the issues.

28. Cycle track sections at Sham Tseng

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Michael TIEN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the way forward of the planning of the proposed cycle track sections at Sham Tseng.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration has advised that different options of the cycle track alignment and associated details are being reviewed to address the concerns of residents of Sham Tseng. A meeting with the residents will be arranged upon completion of the review. As such, the timing for discussion for this item is yet to be decided.

29. Review of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Administration should discuss with the Panel a review of the above guidelines.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration has advised that the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG") are a comprehensive and amalgamated set of standards and guidelines covering a wide and diverse range of land uses and facilities, as well as planning and land use related topics to guide reservation of sites for such purposes, cutting across various policy areas and involving vastly different considerations spanning over the purview of many bureaux and departments ("B/Ds"). According to the existing mechanism, topical reviews of specific standards and guidelines in the HKPSG are conducted by individual B/Ds as and when

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necessary, taking into account the concerned B/Ds' latest relevant policies and development requirements. Opportunities would also be taken upon such topical reviews to assess the need to review relevant or related standards and guidelines, as well as the planning practices for their implementation. The Administration does not consider it necessary or practicable to conduct a review of the whole HKPSG. If revision of existing standards and guidelines or formulation of new standards and guidelines is considered necessary, it could be taken forward at the request of relevant B/Ds in accordance with the established mechanism. If Panel members have any question about specific areas of the planning standards and guidelines, the Development Bureau and the Planning Department stand ready to coordinate with the relevant B/Ds to provide specific responses as appropriate.

30. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting of the Panel on 14 October 2008, Hon Cyd HO and Hon Abraham SHEK suggested that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

To be decided
(Note)

Panel members also requested that the Administration should provide information about the details of the basis for determining the various fee items under the Town Planning Ordinance, the estimated costs incurred by the Administration in processing various types of planning applications each year, reconsider extending the fee waiver to all applications relating to "public causes", "public purposes" or "public interest" as a matter of policy, and consult Heung Yee Kuk on the fee items applicable to Small House applications.

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On 24 November 2014, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman suggesting that matters related to amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance, functions of the Town Planning Board, the town planning procedure, etc. be discussed by the Panel as soon as possible. The letter and the Administration's responses were circulated to members vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)299/14-15(01), CB(1)556/14-15(01) and CB(1)764/14-15(01).

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and it has not been factored into its current work plan.

31. Small House Policy and rural planning strategy

At the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011, Hon CHAN Kam-lam urged that the Administration should discuss the issues relating to the Small House Policy with the Panel. Hon Albert CHAN proposed that the discussion should also cover the Administration's rural planning strategy.

To be decided
(Note)

In the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 61 tabled in the Council on 12 February 2014, PAC urged the Administration to expedite the review of the Small House Policy and recommended that the issue be followed up by the Panel.

Note: The Administration has advised that it was unable to set a definite timetable for completing the review of the Policy due to the complexity of the issues involved.

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32. Definition under the Block Government Lease and deprivation of the right of use of agricultural land in the New Territories

The above subject was referred to the Panel for follow-up by LegCo Members attending the meeting with Heung Yee Kuk members on 12 January 2012. Heung Yee Kuk members considered that the definition of "agricultural land" under the Town Planning Ordinance had unreasonably restricted the use of agricultural land in the New Territories. The Panel agreed at the meeting on 28 February 2012 that the subject be discussed with the Administration.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration has advised that there are on-going dialogues between the Development Bureau/concerned departments and Heung Yee Kuk on this subject. The Administration will keep in view the development and consider reporting the progress to the Panel at an appropriate juncture.

33. Review of the policy in drawing up Village Environs and Village-type Development Areas to resolve the difficulty of small house applications

The above subject was referred to the Panel for follow-up by LegCo Members attending the meeting with Heung Yee Kuk members on 12 January 2012. Heung Yee Kuk members held the view that the policy in drawing up Village Environs and Village-type Development Areas should be reviewed so as to increase land for village-type development.

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The Panel agreed at the meeting on 28 February 2012 that the above subject be discussed with the Administration.

Note: The Administration has advised that it has no plans to review the current practice of drawing up

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Village Environs which was discussed and clarified between the Government and the Heung Yee Kuk in 1978. When drawing up Village-type Development zones in statutory town plans, the Planning Department will continue to consider the various factors with a view to striking a suitable balance in the provision of land for small house development as well as for other needs of the society.

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