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Panel on Housing

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 15 October 2015, at 5:00 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** : Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman)
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Members absent** : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WONG Yuk-man

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Clerk in attendance : Mr Derek LO
Chief Council Secretary (1)5

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Ken WOO
Senior Council Secretary (1)5

Mr Raymond SZETO
Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Michelle NIEN
Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Miss Alice MAK, Chairman in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr CHAN Hak-kan nominated Mr Christopher CHUNG for the chairmanship. The nomination was seconded by Mr TAM Yiu-chung. Mr Christopher CHUNG accepted the nomination.

3. Prof Joseph LEE nominated Mr Frederick FUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr James TO. Mr Frederick FUNG accepted the nomination. There was no other nomination.

4. The Chairman then announced a vote by secret ballot. After all the members present had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Prof Joseph LEE, who had nominated the two candidates, to oversee the counting of votes.

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5. The Chairman announced that Mr Christopher CHUNG had received 12 votes and Mr Frederick FUNG seven votes. The Chairman declared Mr Christopher CHUNG elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

6. Mr Christopher CHUNG then took over the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

7. Mr WONG Kwok-hing nominated Miss Alice MAK for the deputy chairmanship. The nomination was seconded by Mr KWOK Wai-keung. Miss Alice MAK accepted the nomination.

8. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung nominated Mr Frederick FUNG and the nomination was seconded by Mr James TO. Mr Frederick FUNG accepted the nomination. There was no other nomination.

9. The Chairman then announced a vote by secret ballot. After all the members present had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr WONG Kwok-hing and Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, who had nominated the two candidates, to oversee the counting of votes.

10. The Chairman announced that Miss Alice MAK had received 13 votes and Mr Frederick FUNG six votes. The Chairman declared Miss Alice MAK elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 session

11. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2015-2016 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

12. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following –

- (a) the meeting in April 2016 would be held on Tuesday, 12 April 2016, at 4:30 pm; and
- (b) the meeting in May 2016 would be held on Tuesday, 10 May 2016, at 4:30 pm.

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(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2015-2016 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)25/15-16 on 16 October 2015.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)8/15-16 —List of outstanding items for discussion

Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)8/15-16 —List of follow-up actions)

13. The Chairman advised that the Administration had proposed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, 2 November 2015, at 2:30 pm –

(a) Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2014-15; and

(b) Public Housing Construction Programme 2015-16 to 2019-20.

14. Members agreed that the above items be discussed at the meeting on 2 November 2015.

15. Members further agreed to include the following additional items in the list of outstanding items for future discussion by the Panel –

(a) Incidents of excess lead in drinking water in public housing estates – Mr Frederick FUNG and Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung opined that the Administration should advise the Panel the impact on the progress of public housing production arising from the lead in drinking water incidents as soon as possible, and provide the Panel a full report on the incidents when it was available;

(Post-meeting note: At the suggestion of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, this item would be discussed at the Panel meeting on 2 November 2015. Discussion on the item "Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2014-15" would be deferred to a future meeting.)

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- (b) Average waiting time for public rental housing – Mr TAM Yiu-chung would like to receive an update on the average waiting time of public rental housing ("PRH") applicants when the item "Public Housing Construction Programme 2015-16 to 2019-20" was discussed at the Panel meeting on 2 November 2015;

(Post-meeting note: The Administration informed the Secretariat on 20 October 2015 that the requested information would be provided under the item "Public Housing Construction Programme 2015-16 to 2019-20".)

- (c) Design of new public rental housing flats – Mr Frederick FUNG wished to be briefed on the Administration's latest position in respect of the concern on the general reduction in the size of new and redeveloped PRH flats;
- (d) Update on the Drainage Ambassador Scheme – Mr LEE Cheuk-yan requested the Administration to update the Panel on implementation of the Drainage Ambassador Scheme ("the Scheme"). He also expressed concern on the number of public housing estates where communal drainage pipes were shared with adjacent units and where replacement of galvanized iron drainage pipes by copper pipes was suspended following implementation of the Scheme in 2003;
- (e) Briefing on various housing schemes – Mr Albert CHAN requested to be briefed on the latest development of and application figures for various housing schemes, including express flat allocation, overcrowding relief, transfer etc;
- (f) Demolition of Shek Lei Interim Housing – Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung considered that the Administration should consult the Panel prior to taking forward its plan to demolish the Shek Lei Interim Housing; and
- (g) Sale of public rental housing flats – Mr LEUNG Che-cheung would like to discuss the Government's policy direction as well as the management issues encountered in implementing the existing PRH flat sale schemes.

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IV. Any other business

16. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:20 pm.

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