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Legislative Council
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(Attn: Ms Doris CHAN)

Dear Ms. CHAN

LegCo Panel on Welfare Services
Meeting on 27 July 1998

Having carefully considered a suggestion made by Members of the Panel on Welfare Services regarding the setting up of a steering committee for the Integrated Neighbourhood Projects (INP) service (as recorded in paragraph 22 of the minutes of the captioned meeting), we would like to offer our views as set out below.

The scope of the INP service and the eligibility criteria of the target service areas have been endorsed by the Executive Council in July this year. The Administration would, based on the recommendations of the Review Group on Pilot NLCDPs in Old Urban Areas which included members of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS), determine the priority for the provision of this service.

We have already invited comments from HKCSS on the delineation of service boundaries for the implementation of INPs. Moreover, a task group comprising members from SWD and HKCSS as well as NGOs will be formed to work out the Funding and Service Agreement and the relevant performance indicators.

As we have already taken into account the views of the welfare sector in preparing for the implementation of the INP service and such preparation work is proceeding smoothly, we consider it unnecessary to set up a steering committee for the service. We would continue to work closely with HKCSS to finalise the implementation details and to ensure its effective delivery.

Your sincerely,

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