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# SUB-COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW UP THE OUTSTANDING CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS OF THE FORMER MUNICIPAL COUNCILS

## Consultation with District Councils on Capital Works Projects involving leisure and cultural facilities

### **Progress Report**

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper provides an interim report to Members on the progress on consultation with District Councils (DC's) on capital works projects involving leisure and cultural facilities.

#### BACKGROUND

2. At the last Sub-Committee meeting on 7 December 2000, we undertook to consult the 18 DC's on the relative priority of capital works projects involving leisure and cultural facilities in individual districts.

#### PROGRESS TO DATE

3. We began the consultation exercise on 19 January, and anticipate concluding this exercise by the end of March. To date, we have consulted the 10 DC's for Shatin, Tsuen Wan, Islands, North, Sai Kung, Yuen Long, Central and Western, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City and Eastern, on a total of 99 capital works projects in these districts.

- 4. Of the 99 projects in question, we have identified 16 projects to which we consider the DC's might accord priority, based on the following criteria -
  - (a) whether there is a need to upgrade facilities for safety reasons;
  - (b) the rate of population growth in the district;
  - (c) the extent of local demand for the facilities, as indicated by usage rates;
  - (d) whether the sites ear-marked for the projects are ready for development;
  - (e) the extent of readiness of the projects, in terms of finalized scope of development, conceptual layout, preliminary project feasibility study and the resolution of major technical issues; and
  - (f) the extent to which financial resources are available.

#### DC'S VIEWS

5. Upon conclusion of the consultation exercise, we will submit a detailed report to Members in April.

#### **PRESENTATION**

6. This paper is presented for Members' information.

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