Panel on Constitutional Affairs

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Proposed select committee to review the roles and functions of the District Councils

Members are invited to discuss the proposal that a select committee should be appointed by the Council to review and make recommendations on the roles and functions of the District Councils.

Subject to the Panel's agreement to the proposal including the wording of the motion (attached in **Appendix**) and in line with usual practice, members may wish to seek the support of the House Committee for the proposal. The Panel can make a report to the House Committee when the next legislative session commences.

Notice of the motion on the proposed select committee has to be given not less than 12 clear days before the day on which the motion is to be considered by the Council.

In accordance with Rule 78(2) of the Rules of Procedure, the President shall decide the size of every select committee and shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members thereof, taking into account the recommendations of the House Committee.

If the proposed motion is passed by the Council, the House Committee will need to first discuss the proposed size of the select committee and the nomination procedure of Members for appointment by the President. Nomination of Members for appointment by the President to the select committee will then take place at another House Committee meeting.

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建議的議案措辭

"本會委任一個專責委員會,就區議會的角色和職能進行檢討及提出建議;而該委員會在執行其職務時獲授權根據《立法會(權力及特權)條例》(第 382 章)第 9(2)條行使該條例第 9(1)條所賦予的權力。"

Proposed wording of motion

"That this Council appoints a select committee to review and make recommendations on the roles and functions of the District Councils; and that in the performance of its duties the committee be authorized under section 9(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of that Ordinance."