#### **Panel on Housing**

#### List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 27 January 2006)

### Proposed timing for discussion

#### 1. Public consultation on policy on public housing rent

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

6 March 2006

# 2. Review of income and asset limits for Waiting List applicants

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

6 March 2006

# 3. Provision of District Open Space adjacent to public housing estates

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

Second quarter of 2006

#### 4. Policy on express allocation of PRH flats

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He would like the Administration to brief the Panel on the policy and existing arrangements on express allocation of PRH flats. The Administration has provided updated information on the Policy on Express Flat Allocation Scheme vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 249/05-06(01) on 9 November 2005.

To be decided

# 5. Allocation of PRH flats for the elderly to other PRH applicants

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. He called upon the Panel to discuss the general issue of allocating PRH flats for the elderly to other categories of PRH applicants.

To be decided

#### 6. New policy on one-person applicants for PRH

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He was concerned about the impact of the new policy on one-person PRH applicants and would like the Panel to follow up the issue.

To be decided

### Proposed timing for discussion

#### 7. Flat supply in the private sector

Raised by Mr LEE Wing-tat. He would like to be briefed on the latest progress in this regard.

To be decided

# 8. Review of public housing policy to take into account changes in demographics in Hong Kong

The ageing population and the continuous decline in birth rate have aroused public concern on the need for a review of the existing housing policies to take into account such demographic changes. To address the problem of ageing Administration population, members urged the significantly raise the asset limits for the elderly households and relax the PRH eligibility criteria for the elderly in general. The subject was also discussed at the meeting between LegCo Members and the Tsuen Wan District Council on 6 January 2005 and various proposals on how assistance to the elderly could be improved through adjusting the public housing policy were referred to the The referral and the Panel for necessary follow-up. relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 996/04-05 on 25 February 2005.

To be decided

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