

Panel on Planning, Lands & Works

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Updated version as at 10 October 2005)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Buildings Department – Conversion of Two Assistant Director Posts from Single-discipline to Bi-discipline

The subject was proposed by the Administration. The Administration aims to submit to the Establishment Subcommittee in December 2005 the proposal to convert two Assistant Director posts of the existing Building Division of the Buildings Department from Building Surveyor grade to Building Surveyor and Structural Engineer grades.

October 2005

2. Concept Plan for Lantau

The Panel was briefed on the Plan at its meeting on 26 October 2004. The Panel may wish to be updated on the outcome of the relevant public consultation exercise. It may also consider the need to invite deputations to express views on the Plan.

November 2005

3. Greening Master Plan for Central

The subject was proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to report on the outcome of the study for development of the Greening Master Plan (GMP) for Central and provide supplementary information on other GMP studies including responses to members' comments raised when the subject of "Implementation of Greening Master Plans" was discussed at the meeting of the Panel on 13 July 2005.

November 2005

4. Fee proposals under the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004

When the item on implementation of the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 was discussed, members were informed that the Administration intended to submit the proposed Fee Schedule on fees payable for planning

To be decided

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applications under the Ordinance to the Panel for consideration before incorporation into the Fees Regulation.

5. Buildings (Amendment) Bill 2005 – Minor Works Control Regime

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

6. Feasibility study for remaining development in Tung Chung (7TC1CL)

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

7. Delivering the Sha Tin Water Treatment Works using Public-Private-Partnership (PPP)

The subject was proposed by the Administration. The Administrations plans to update members on the outcome of the public and staff consultation and the proposed way forward.

To be decided

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 18 May 2004. Members may wish to examine the application of PPP in Hong Kong in the context of the treatment works.

8. Central Reclamation Phase III

Proposed by Hon CHOY So-yuk. The Panel discussed the subject at joint meetings with the Environmental Affairs (EA) Panel on 13 October, 31 October, 27 November and 8 December 2003 respectively in the 2003-04 session. Members may decide whether a joint meeting with EA Panel should be held to follow up the issue.

To be decided

At the meeting on 23 November 2004, Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit opined that the Administration should be requested to provide planning details of the land to be reclaimed, such as the supporting

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road network, building height, percentage of land planned for commercial use etc. Deputations should also be invited to express views when the Panel discuss the subject.

9. Issues concerning handling of applications for rezoning land from “Other Specified Uses” to residential or commercial uses

Proposed by Hon Alan LEONG. Mr LEONG raised an oral question at the Council meeting on 3 November 2004 regarding the alteration of the planned land use of a lot at Ap Lei Chau waterfront from the existing “Other Specified Uses” annotated “Liquified Petroleum Gas And Oil Products Transit Depot” to “Residential (Group A)”. Members would like to discuss the policy and criteria for handling such cases.

To be decided

10. Minor works projects not proceeded due to the absence of owners’ consent

The above issue raised by North District Council (NDC) members at the meeting with LegCo Members on 26 May 2005 has been referred to both the Home Affairs (HA) Panel and the Panel. At the meeting, NDC members raised concerns about minor works projects not proceeded due to the absence of owners’ consent in North District. Members may wish to consider the wider policy issue at a joint meeting with the HA Panel.

To be decided

11. Issues raised by Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) at meetings with LegCo Members and referred to the Panel for follow-up actions

The following issues raised by HYK have been referred to the Panel -

Processing of small house applications and review on small house policy

To be decided

At the meeting on 10 June 2003, the issue relating to the progress in processing small house applications was

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raised by HYK. The information papers provided by the Administration were circulated to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2482/02-03(01) and CB(1)853/03-04 on 22 September 2003 and 26 January 2004 respectively. As advised by the Administration, the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands had indicated that he aimed to pursue the matter on the review on small house policy and related issues within his tenure of office, i.e., by mid 2007.

At the meeting on 2 March 2004, the issue was brought up again. HYK Councillors also raised concern about how the construction of village expansion areas approved under the Village Expansion Area Scheme would be affected by the review on small house policy. HYK's views and the Administration's response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1895/03-04 on 21 May 2004.

Issues relating to the use of the Frontier Closed Area

To be decided

At the meeting with LegCo Members on 2 March 2004, HYK Councillors raised concern about the present restrictions on the use of the Frontier Closed Area (FCA). They considered that the Administration should relax the various restrictions imposed on FCA to open up these areas for development. The issue was referred to the Panel on Security and this Panel for follow-up. HYK's views and the Administration's response were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1932/03-04 on 27 May 2004.