

Panel on Housing**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 30 December 2008)****Proposed timing for
discussion****1. Progress Report on the Housing Advisory and Service Team in Tin Shui Wai**

February 2009

The Administration would like to report to Members of the work progress of the Housing Advisory and Service Team (HAST) in Tin Shui Wai since its operation in mid April 2008, including the conducting of 2,600 orientation briefings to new tenants, advisory and counselling service for 1,700 households, 800 family visits and referrals of 50 households for assistance by relevant organizations. To gauge the initial views of Members on the scope of duties and functions of the Team to facilitate the review of its effectiveness and way forward by the Housing Authority towards end of 2009.

2. Green Roof in the Fu Shan Estate Market

February 2009

The Administration would like to report to members one of the first green initiatives introduced to an existing estate.

3. Re-launching of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS)

February 2009

In anticipation of the economic downturn as a result of the financial tsunami, consideration should be given to re-launching HOS and TPS to help low-income families to achieve home ownership.

4. Construction programme of public housing

First quarter, 2009

Members hold the view that more land should be made available for constructing public housing with a view to reducing the average waiting time to below three years. The Housing Authority is also requested to advise the compatibility of its internal building guidelines with that adopted by the Buildings Department.

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5. Review of the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits

March 2009

The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration would brief Members on the outcome of the 2008-09 review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2009.

6. Thematic greening for the urban area in and adjoining Choi Wan Road, Jordan Valley and Lower Ngau Tau Kok

June 2009

The project is to support the public housing development at Choi Wan Road/Jordan Valley and the redevelopment of existing Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate. It serves to bring noticeable improvements to the urban areas through enhancement of greening to slopes, streetscape and pedestrian linkages. The project is scheduled to commence in April 2010. The Administration would seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in November 2009 and Finance Committee in December 2009.

7. Implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

Second quarter, 2009

The Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007, including the establishment of a new income-based rent adjustment mechanism for public rental housing, was passed by the Legislative Council in June 2007. The Administration is requested to brief members on the implementation of the mechanism.

8. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates

Second quarter, 2009

Members are concerned about the impact of outsourcing the work of management staff, which is currently undertaken by civil servants, to private management agencies, particularly on the enforcement of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates.

	Proposed timing for discussion
9. Policy on Interim Housing	To be confirmed
Relevant concern groups will be invited to attend discussion on the subject.	
10. Public housing for elderly persons	To be confirmed
11. Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources	To be confirmed
Members consider that it may not be fair to exclude well-off tenants from relief measures introduced by the Administration, including the one-month rent-free period.	
12. Review of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7)	To be confirmed
To follow up on the referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and the "全港租客大聯盟" on 21 November 2008 regarding the request for review of the Ordinance (LC Paper No. CB(1) 314/08-09(01))	