#### **Panel on Housing**

#### Consolidated list of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 31 October 2008)

### Proposed timing for discussion

## 1. Review of Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates

December 2008

The Administration would inform Members of the progress of implementation of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates and the enhancement proposals.

# 2. Findings of the Comprehensive Structural Investigation on Ping Shek Estate and way forward

December 2008

Ping Shek Estate is the last estate of the first batch of ten estates put under the Comprehensive Structural Investigation Programme. The investigation has been recently completed. The Administration would brief Members on the outcome and recommendation of the structural investigation.

# 3. Management of retail and car parking facilities in public housing estates after the divestment by the Housing Authority

December 2008/ January 2009

# 4. Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme and way forward

January 2009

The Administration would inform Members of the progress of the programme.

#### 5. Building designs of public housing estates

January 2009

Members are concerned that the designs of some old public housing estates, particularly those on hillside, are not user friendly to elderly persons. Consideration should be given to providing barrier free access in these estates.

### Proposed timing for discussion

#### 6. 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.

#### 7. 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.

# 8. 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.

#### 9. Implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

To be confirmed

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.

### Proposed timing for discussion

#### 10. Policy on Interim Housing

To be confirmed

Relevant concern groups will be invited to attend discussion on the subject.

#### 11. Public housing for elderly persons

To be confirmed

#### 12. Sales descriptions for uncompleted private residential flats

To be confirmed

Members are particularly concerned about the definitions of saleable area, usable areas etc.

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

To be confirmed

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.

# 14. 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.

#### 15. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates

To be confirmed

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.

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