Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 3 June 2010)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Outcome of the first rent review

July 2010

The Administration would like to inform members on the outcome of the first rent review under the new rent adjustment mechanism.

2. Review of the interim measures to tackle under-occupation in public rental housing estates

To be confirmed

The Administration would like to inform members on the review findings of the interim measures in tackling under-occupation in public rental housing estates as well as the way forward in dealing with most serious under-occupation cases.

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

To be confirmed

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 2011. The Administration would seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in December 2010 and Finance Committee in January 2011.

Proposed timing for discussion

4. Policy on interim housing

To be confirmed

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

5. Public housing for elderly persons

To be confirmed

A related submission from SOCO and a referral from Duty Roster Members have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1867/08-09(03) and CB(1) 709/09-10(01).

6. 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.

7. Public rental housing for single persons

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the long waiting time for single-person applicants.

Referral from Duty Roster Members regarding the allocation policy on and waiting time for public rental housing flats for non-elderly singletons have been circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 1820/09-10(01).

Proposed timing for discussion

8. Issues related to the agreement between the Estate Agents Authority and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents

To be confirmed

Referred to the Panel by the Subcommittee on Estate Agents (Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2009. The Administration has been requested to report to the Panel progress and operation of the scheme on mutual recognition of qualifications of estate agents on both sides.

The report of the Subcommittee is hyperlinked below for easy reference –

http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/hc/papers/hccb1-406-e.pd f

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