Public Works Subcommittee Meeting on 17 January 2011

List of issues requiring follow-up actions by the Administration before the relevant meting of the Finance Committee

Item PWSC(2010-11)28

193SC – Community hall at the housing site in Area 18, Tuen Mun

Further to discussion of this item at the PWSC meeting on 17 January 2011, the Administration has been requested to address members' concerns as follows:

Issue

(1) Addressing the concern of Hon IP Kwok-him, the Administration agreed to provide information on the breakdown amount for and the standard of the audio equipment to be installed in the new community hall in Tuen Mun and the type of performance to be supported by such equipment.

Response

To make the multi-purpose hall more versatile and amenable to small-scale performances, we have earmarked \$0.6 million for the audio system of the proposed community hall (details at **Appendix I**). The audio system would be suitable for various types of community involvement activities to be held by local community organisations, like dance classes, singing competitions, seminars and talks, as well as small-scale performances such as drama.

Issue

(2) Hon WONG Kwok-hing requested the Administration to consider optimizing the provision and usage of facilities in the proposed community hall, in particular the conference room.

Response

To optimize the use of the facilities in the proposed community hall, the multi-purpose hall would be provided with full-height sliding partitions and sound insulation so that it could be flexibly converted into three smaller venues to meet different needs. In addition, we will install partitions in the conference room so that it could be divided into two smaller rooms for different activities when needed.

<u>Issue</u>

(3) In response to the concern of Hon Albert CHAN, the Administration was requested to provide detailed information on the booking of facilities, such as the number of organizations applying for individual facilities for each time slot especially during evenings and holidays, in Tuen Mun community halls for the past year.

Response

In response to Hon Albert CHAN's concern about the adequacy of rooms in the proposed community hall, we enclose at **Appendix II** the average number of applications for use of the multi-purpose conference rooms of existing community centres/community halls in Tuen Mun District in 2010.

Appendix I

600,000

Audio Equipment List

De	scription	Estimated Total Cost (\$)		
1.	Digital sound control console	80,000		
2.	Amplifiers and speakers	240,000		
3.	Multi-media playing and recording systems	20,000		
4.	Wireless microphones system	160,000		
5.	Intercom system	20,000		
6.	Video projecting system	40,000		
7.	Accessories (cables, socket outlets, etc)	40,000		

Total:

Appendix II

Average Number of Applications for Use of the Multi-purpose Conference Rooms of Community Centres (CCs) / Community Halls (CHs) in Tuen Mun District in 2010

CC/CH	Average number of applications per morning, afternoon or evening Note 1								
Period	Shan King CH	Tuen Mun Town Centre CH	Kin Sang CH	Leung King CC	Butterfly Bay CC	On Ting/ Yau Oi CC	Tai Hing CH	Tseng Choi Street CH	
Overall average Note 2	1.3	14.1	0.0	0.3	2.0	10.3	1.4	0.2	
Evenings on Mondays to Saturdays	1.0	15.6	0.0	0.0	1.9	18.5	0.6	0.5	
Sundays and holidays	0.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.2	

Note 1: The figures include only the number of applications under the scheduled quarterly exercise for advance booking, whereby the use of the conference room is allocated to applicants through balloting. All remaining time slots with no applicant seeking advance booking will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis if there are organisations applying for use subsequently. For instance, despite the very small number of advance applications, the multi-purpose conference rooms in Kin Sang CH and Leung King CC have an utilisation rate of about 20% and 50% respectively.

Note 2: The overall average refers to the average number of applications received for each Multi-purpose Conference Room per morning, afternoon or evening from Monday to Sunday, including any public holidays.