Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 10 November 2010)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Bid for hosting the 2023 Asian Games

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members agreed that issues relating to the bid to host the 2023 Asian Games should be further discussed at the meeting on 12 November 2010, followed by a public hearing to solicit views of the District Councils ("DCs"), National Sports Associations, and athletes on the potential bid for hosting the Games on 29 November 2010 after the conclusion of the 16th Asian Games in Guangzhou.

12 & 29 November 2010

2. Implementation of the recommendations of the 2006 District Council ("DC") Review and other DC-related issues under the purview of the Home Affairs Department

At the meeting on 9 July 2010, the Administration briefed the members on the implementation of measures to enhance the monitoring and advisory role of DCs in district affairs, and the review on DC members' remuneration package. The Administration undertook to revert to the Panel upon the conclusion of the review by the end of 2010.

November 2010

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members noted that the Administration would update the Panel on the progress of the review on DC members' remuneration package at the meeting on 12 November 2010. Hon Emily LAU further suggested that relevant officials from the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau should also attend the meeting to advise members on the powers and responsibilities of DCs, which should be studied in conjunction with the review on DC members' remuneration package.

At the informal meeting between the Chairman/Deputy Chairman and SHA on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed to brief members on the manpower support for district administration, such as the support to DC Secretariats, at the meeting on 12 November 2010.

3. Proposed creation of one permanent Chief Systems Manager (D1) post in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

The Administration proposes to create one permanent Chief Systems Manager post in January 2011 to replace a non-civil service Chief Information Technology Manager position to provide continued support at the directorate level for the development and implementation of information technology plans in the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

12 November 2010

The staffing proposal will be submitted to the Establishment Sub-committee for endorsement at its meeting on 8 December 2010.

4. Regulation of property management companies ("PMCs")

At the meeting on 9 July 2010, members expressed dissatisfaction at the Administration's slow progress in taking forward the legislative proposal for the regulation of the PMCs. Upon members' request, the Administration undertook to revert to the Panel as soon as possible.

December 2010

5. Manpower support for District Offices to promote building management

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon WONG Kwok-hing considered that the Home Affairs Department should strengthen the establishment of Liaison Officers, particularly in view of the implementation of Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Windows Inspection Scheme.

December 2010

6. Relocation and expansion of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum ("HKMM")

The Administration plans to consult the Panel before putting forward the proposed project of relocation and expansion of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum to the Public Works Subcommittee. Subject to obtaining necessary statutory/regulatory approvals by HKMM, the project is tentatively planned for commencement some time in 2011.

December 2010

7. Outcome of the public consultation on the bid for hosting the 2023 Asian Games

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to revert to the Panel on the outcome of the public consultation on the bid for hosting the 2023 Asian Games in December 2010.

December 2010

8. Monitoring of private recreational leases

At the meeting on 9 July 2010, members agreed that the compliance of the conditions of government leases by private clubs should be discussed, as suggested by Hon Tanya CHAN.

January 2011

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Tanya CHAN suggested that the issue should be discussed no later than the end of 2010, as many of the government leases for private clubs would expire in 2011 or 2012.

9. Implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils

The Panel received a referral from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Sha Tin District Council members on 10 June 2010 regarding the slow progress in the implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils in Sha Tin. With the concurrence of the Chairman, issues relating to the implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils are included in this list for future discussion.

January 2011

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed to brief the Panel on the subject in January 2011.

10. Territory-wide survey on Intangible Cultural Heritage ("ICH") in Hong Kong

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on the progress of Phase 1 of the territory-wide survey on ICH in February 2011.

February 2011

11. Measures to enhance the support to and prospects of elite athletes

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on measures to enhance the support for elite athletes in February 2011.

February 2011

12. Monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members agreed that issues relating to the monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses should be discussed, as suggested by Hon Paul TSE. At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Paul TSE urged that the issue should be discussed as soon as possible for the early formulation of preventive measures. At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed that the subject be discussed in March 2011.

March 2011

13. Meeting with members to the Arts Development Council ("HKADC")

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Cyd HO considered that HKADC should review the election procedures for members returned by the arts constituencies, with a view to ensuring their fairness and transparency.

March 2011

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed that HKADC members should be invited to attend the Panel meeting to exchange views with members on the work of the HKADC and other related issues.

14. Promotion of arts and culture education

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed to brief members on its initiatives to promotion arts and culture education.

March 2011

15. Construction of a District Open Space, Sports Centre and Library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O

The Administration has advised that the Sai Kung DC was consulted on the conceptual design of the project in September 2008. On the completion of the detailed design, the Administration will seek the funding approval of the

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Finance Committee in mid-2011.

16. Matter relating to the Village Representative ("VR") Elections

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration advised that the next VR election would be held from early to mid January 2011, and upon the conclusion of the elections, it would revert to the Panel with the key features of the arrangements and outcome of the elections.

April 2011

17. Regulation of internet cafes

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members passed a motion to urge the Government to study the regulation of internet cafes by way of a licensing regime and draw up a timetable for conducting the study. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel on the subject after consultation with various stakeholders and the public.

April 2011

18. Implementation of District Minor Works projects

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on issues related to the implementation of District Minor Works projects, such as the manpower requirement and the provision for the maintenance of these projects.

May 2011

19. Vibrant people, harmonious community activities

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on the implementation of the "Vibrant people, harmonious community activities" in the 18 districts.

May 2011

20. Strengthening the arts and cultural software of Hong Kong

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, members urged the Administration to review the level of subvention for performing arts groups. The Administration advised that a consultancy study had been commissioned to review the funding mechanism for performing arts to ensure the prudent

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use of public funds in a sustainable manner, to study the feasibility of introducing an "entry and exit" mechanism and providing a progression ladder for the performing arts sector for its flexible development, and to recommend what performing arts forms should fall within the subvention mechanism. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel when the study was completed in 2011.

21. Effective enforcement of maintenance orders

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members noted the Administration's plan to consult the legal professional on the proposed legislative amendments to facilitate maintenance payees' collection of maintenance payment in the 4th quarter of 2010. Members agreed that public hearing should be conducted to listen to the views of deputations when the legislative proposals were presented to LegCo.

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22. Development of public library services

At the special meeting with the Public Libraries Advisory Committee ("PLAC") on 14 June 2010, members welcomed the suggestion for the Panel and PLAC to meet again in the future to further exchange views on issue relating to the development of library services.

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23. Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that initiatives under the purview of the Home Affairs Bureau in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation should be discussed.

To be confirmed

24. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community development services, in particular those services provided by the Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

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