Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 29 November 2010)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Review of the interim measures to tackle under-occupation in public rental housing (PRH) estates

January 2011

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

2. 2010-2015 Public Housing Construction Programme

January 2011

The Administration would like to brief members on the details of the 2010-15 Public Housing Construction Programme.

3. Progress report on the addition of lifts and escalators in Housing Authority's existing PRH estates

O1 2011

The Administration would like to brief members on progress of the programme for addition of lifts, escalators and footbridges in the Housing Authority's existing PRH estates.

4. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in PRH estates

Q1 2011

The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress and effectiveness of the Marking Scheme.

5. Performance of environmental targets and initiatives in 2010

Q1 2011

The Administration would like to brief members on the performance of the environmental targets and initiatives such as energy saving measures, waste recovery etc. for PRH estates in 2010.

6. Water supply to housing development at Anderson Road

Q2 2011

(PWP No. B126WC under Head 711)

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in June 2011 and Finance Committee in July 2011 for upgrading the remaining water works to Category A to serve the public housing development at Anderson Road.

7. Enhanced partnering arrangements among Estate Management Advisory Committees and non-government organizations to promote neighborliness in PRH estates

Q2 2011

The Administration would report on the progress of the enhanced partnering arrangements among Estate Management Advisory Committees and non-government organizations to promote neighborliness in PRH estates.

8. Setting up of the Tenants Purchase Scheme Advisory Team (TPSAT)

Q2 2011

The Administration would report on the effectiveness of TPSAT after completion of the review, which is expected to be completed in mid-2011.

9. 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.

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

A related submission from Society for Community Organization 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).

12. 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.

13. Public rental housing for single persons

To be confirmed

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

Referrals from Duty Roster Members and meeting between Legislative Council Members and Kwai Tsing District Council members regarding the application, waiting time and allocation of public rental housing flats for non-elderly singletons have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1820/09-10(01), CB(1) 2263/09-10(01), CB(1) 549/10-11(01) and CB(1) 2968/09-10(01) respectively.

14. 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.pdf

Information paper on "Scheme on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications of Estate Agents between Mainland and Hong Kong" provided by the Administration has been circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 271/10-11(01).

15. Review of the Income and Total Net Asset Limits

To be confirmed

Members consider that the Limits should be relaxed to enable more people to be eligible for public rental housing.

16. Review of the Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources

To be confirmed

Members consider that the Administration should review the Policy following the shelving of the Tenants Purchase Scheme.

17. Restoration of PRH units to original form by tenants upon moving out

To be confirmed

Members consider that restoration should not be required if prospective tenants are willing to take up the PRH units as they are.

18. Regulating the sale of first-hand private residential flats

To be confirmed

The Administration to provide update on the regulation of sale of first-hand flats, particularly the work of the steering committee.

19. Measures to tackle property bubble

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken/to be taken by the Administration to tackle property bubble.

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