Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 10 July 2012)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Initiatives to Enhance the Service Delivery of the Housing Authority

Q3 2012

The Administration would like to brief members on some of the latest initiatives implemented by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) in enhancing its service delivery. The initiatives include making application forms more user-friendly, and adoption/certification to a number of ISO standards for development and construction of public housing estates as well as for estate management.

2. Progress Report on the Phasing Out Programme of Housing for Senior Citizens

Q3 2012

The vacancy rate of Housing for Senior Citizens (HSC) Type 1 design has been high since late 1990s in view of the increasing applicants' preference for self-contained public housing units. A phasing out programme to convert some vacant HSC Type 1 units into normal public housing flats has been implemented since 2006, and subsequently been extended to all HSC Type 1 units in March 2011. The Administration would review the programme in March 2012 and would like to brief members on its progress and effectiveness.

3. Energy Saving Initiatives in New Public Housing Developments

Q3 2012

The Administration would like to brief members on the HA's new energy saving design for building services equipment such as two-level lighting system, high efficient motor and use of renewable energy.

Proposed timing for discussion

4. 2012/13-2016/17 Public Housing Construction Programme

Q3 2012

The Administration would like to brief members on the details of the 2012/13-2016/17 Public Housing Construction Programme.

Members may refer to concerns regarding the development of public housing in Tai Po and Tung Chung as set out in the referrals arising from the meetings between Legislative Council Members and members of the Tai Po as well as Islands District Councils on 23 June and 12 May 2011 respectively (LC Paper No. CB(1) 245/11-12). There are also concerns on the supply and allocation of public rental housing flats in Northern New Territories as set out in the referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and "關注新界區編配公屋居民網" on 13 March 2012 (LC Paper No. CB(1) 1700/11-12).

5. Performance of Environmental Targets and Initiatives in 2010/11

To be confirmed

The Administration would like to brief members on HA's performance of the environmental targets and initiatives such as energy saving measures, waste reduction, greening, etc in 2010/11.

6. Policy on interim housing

To be confirmed

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

7. 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).

Proposed timing for discussion

8. 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.

9. 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 (TPS).

10. 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.

11. Review of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Tordinance (Cap. 7)

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the time frame for review of the Ordinance.

12. Re-launching of Tenants Purchase Scheme and revitalization of the Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the issues.

Referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and "租置綜援戶權益關注組,基層發展中心,關注綜援檢討聯盟" on 2 August 2011 regarding the buy-back arrangements under TPS, and the provision of rental assistance for TPS flat owners who have financial difficulties (LC Paper No. CB(1) 376/11-12).

Proposed timing for discussion

13. Provision of 1-person public housing flats/Quota and Points System for non-elderly one-person applicants for public rental housing

To be confirmed

Arising from the joint meeting with the Panel on Welfare Services. Members consider it necessary for HA to increase the supply of 1-person public housing flats. It should also review the Quota and Points System given the long waiting time for non-elderly one-person applicants.

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