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Redevelopment of disciplined services quarters in Fu Tei, Tuen Mun

Purpose

This paper provides background information on the redevelopment of disciplined services quarters ("DSQs") in Fu Tei, Tuen Mun and consultation with the relevant District Council.

Background

Provision of disciplined services quarters

2. According to the Administration, it is the Government's policy to provide quarters for eligible civil servants as a type of housing benefits or for operational need. DSQs are provided, subject to the availability of resources, for married officers of the rank and file, local married officers in the rank of inspectors and superintendents of the Hong Kong Police Force and comparable ranks in the Correctional Services Department ("CSD"), the Custom and Excise Department ("C&ED"), the Fire Services Department

("FSD"), the Government Flying Service, the Immigration Department ("ImmD") and the Independent Commission Against Corruption. The policy objective on the provision of DSQs is to maintain morale in these disciplined services departments.

Redevelopment project of disciplined services quarters in Fu Tei, Tuen Mun

3. The site area of Fu Tei DSQs, where Fire Services Married Quarters were located, is about 3 390 m². The Administration is planning to construct a 21-storey building to provide 140 units of DSQs for allocation to married officers of the rank and file of four disciplined services departments, including CSD, FSD, ImmD and C&ED.

Consultation with the District Council

4. On 19 January 2012, the Administration consulted the Tuen Mun District Council on its proposed redevelopment of the former Fire Services Married Quarters in Fu Tei, Tuen Mun into DSQs.

5. According to the Administration, as at 1 December 2011, there were 8 060 departmental quarters provided for officers of the rank and file of the four disciplined services departments referred to in paragraph 3 above. As there were 11 547 eligible officers in these four disciplined services departments, departmental quarters were insufficient. The waiting time for successful allocation of departmental quarters was about four to five years.

6. With the increase in the manpower of disciplined services departments since 2008, the Administration anticipated that the rate of inadequacy in DSQs would reach 46.2% in 2016. The Administration remarked that shortage in the supply of departmental quarters would have adverse impact on the morale and stability of disciplined services departments.

7. Members of the Tuen Mun District Council expressed their views on the proposal, including the provision of greening facilities and parking spaces

for Fu Tei DSQs and its compatibility with the design of nearby buildings to avoid wall effect, etc. The Administration indicated that environmental impact assessment had been made on the redevelopment project in order to minimize the nuisance that might be caused to the nearby environment. It was estimated that the project would cost around \$380 million.

8. The Administration planned to seek funding approval of the project by the Finance Committee ("FC") within the current legislative session after consulting the Panel on Security. Subject to the funding approval by FC, the project would commence in the second half of 2012 for completion in the third quarter of 2014.

9. Members may wish to access the District Council Homepage (<http://www.districtcouncils.gov.hk>) for details of the discussion by the Tuen Mun District Council.

Latest development

10. The Administration will consult the Panel on Security on its proposal to redevelop the disciplined services quarters in Fu Tei, Tuen Mun on 3 April 2012.

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