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Panel on Welfare Services

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 13 October 2011, at 11:30 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Chairman)
Hon WONG Sing-chi (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Members absent : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Member attending : Hon CHAN Hak-kan

Clerk in attendance : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Miss Odelia LEUNG
Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Candice LAM
Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Karen LAI
Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Miss Tifa LEUNG
Clerical Assistant (2) 4

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2011-2012 session

[Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)1/11-12]

Election of Chairman

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che, Chairman of the Panel in office, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che was nominated by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan and the nomination was seconded by Mr WONG Sing-chi. Mr CHEUNG accepted the nomination.

2. As Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che was nominated and accepted the nomination for the chairmanship of the Panel, Mr WONG Sing-chi, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, took over the chair of the meeting.

3. As there was no other nomination, Mr WONG Sing-chi declared Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session. Mr WONG Sing-chi was nominated by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan and the nomination was seconded by Ms LI Fung-ying. Mr WONG accepted the nomination.

5. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared

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Mr WONG Sing-chi elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2011-2012 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2011-2012 session

6. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month at 10:45 am. As 9 April 2012 was a public holiday, members agreed that the meeting in April 2012 would be rescheduled to 12 April 2012 at 2:30 pm. A schedule of regular meetings for the 2011-2012 session would be issued to members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)28/11-12 on 13 October 2011).

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)1/11-12]

Regular meeting on 14 November 2011

7. Members agreed to discuss the following two items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 14 November 2011 -

- (a) Short term food assistance; and
- (b) Annual adjustment of payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme.

8. The Chairman invited members' views on any other items for discussion.

9. Referring to Dr PAN Pey-chyou's letter tabled at the meeting, Mr IP Wai-ming, on behalf of Dr PAN who was unable to attend the meeting, requested the Panel to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Health Services to discuss issues relating to the needs of persons with dementia and their families. The Chairman advised that at its meeting held earlier on the same day, the Panel on Health Services had agreed to Dr PAN's request. Should members raise no objection to the proposal, a joint meeting of the Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services

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would be scheduled tentatively for December 2011. Members agreed. The Chairman added that members would be notified of the meeting date in due course.

10. The Chairman reminded members that the Panel would hold a special meeting on 21 October 2011 at 5:30 pm to receive briefings from the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2011-2012.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Retirement Protection

Subcommittee on Improving Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with Disabilities

11. The Chairman invited members' views on whether the Subcommittee on Retirement Protection and the Subcommittee on Improving Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with Disabilities, which had been formed under the Panel, should continue to work in the 2011-2012 session. Mr WONG Sing-chi said that as the work of both Subcommittees had not yet been completed, they should continue to work in the 2011-2012 session. Members agreed.

12. The Chairman added that the membership of the two Subcommittees would be re-opened to Panel members and it would be for each Subcommittee to decide whether re-election of its Chairman was necessary at its first meeting in the 2011-2012 session.

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:40 am.