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Panel on Development

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012, at 11:00 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP

Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP

Member absent : Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Clerk in attendance : Ms Sharon CHUNG
Chief Council Secretary (1)6

Staff in attendance : Mr Andy LAU
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Anthony CHU
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Mr Fred PANG
Council Secretary (1)6

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Ms Haley CHEUNG
Clerical Assistant (1)6

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr James TO, the member who had the highest precedence in the Council among those who had joined the Panel, presided at the election of Chairman of the Panel. Mr TO invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Dr Priscilla LEUNG nominated Dr LAU Wong-fat and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Han-pan. Dr LAU Wong-fat accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Dr LAU Wong-fat was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 legislative session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. Dr LAU Wong-fat took over the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

4. Mr CHAN Kin-por nominated Mr Tony TSE and the nomination was seconded by Mr IP Kwok-him. Mr Tony TSE accepted the nomination. There being no other nomination, Mr Tony TSE was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2012-2013 legislative session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2012-2013 session

5. The Chairman referred members to the proposed schedule of regular meetings prepared by the Clerk tabled at the meeting. Mr CHAN Han-pan and Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that some of the meeting dates might clash with those of the meetings of the Tsuen Wan District Council which they had to attend and requested that some alternative dates be provided as far as practicable. After deliberation and in view of the limited timeslots available, members agreed that the monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for October and December 2012, and July 2013. The meetings for these three months would be held on 30 October at 2:30 pm, 17 December at 8:30 am and 15 July at 8:30 am respectively.

(Post-meeting note: The schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2012-2013 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)35/12-13 on 17 October 2012.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

Regular meeting on 30 October 2012

6. Members noted the "List of issues suggested to be considered" and the "List of follow-up actions" prepared by the Clerk tabled at the meeting. Members agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 30 October 2012, at 2:30 pm --

- (a) PWP Item No. 13GB -- Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and associated works; and
- (b) North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study.

7. On item (b) above, given the huge controversies sparked off during the Stage 3 public engagement exercise of the North East New Territories New Development Areas ("NENT NDAs") Planning and Engineering Study, Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Ms Emily LAU suggested that a public hearing be held to receive public views on the subject. The Chairman took note of members' views and advised that the Panel could decide whether to hold a public hearing after receiving the Administration's update at the meeting on 30 October 2012.

8. The Chairman said that he had received a letter from Dr Kenneth CHAN proposing that the Panel should review with the Administration the existing tree management system in the light of the recent branch falling incident in Tai Po.

(Post-meeting note: As instructed by the Chairman, the item on tree management would be discussed at the regular meeting on 30 October 2012.)

Joint meeting of Panel on Housing and Panel on Development

9. The Chairman advised that the Administration intended to brief the Panel on Development and the Panel on Housing at a joint meeting on the details of the package of short and medium term housing and land supply measures announced by the Chief Executive in August 2012. Subject to members' views, a joint panel meeting would be scheduled for Monday, 5 November 2012, from 2:30 pm to 4 pm.

10. Mr WU Chi-wai and Dr Fernando CHEUNG opined that sufficient time should be provided for members of the two Panels to discuss the Administration's measures on housing and land supply. Dr CHEUNG also expressed concern on the Administration's past practice of briefing the media on important policy decisions before briefing LegCo Members. He asked the Chairman to relay his request to the Administration that it should provide discussion papers for the proposed joint meeting well in advance in accordance with established practice. Mr Abraham SHEK considered that the Panel on Housing and the Panel on Development could first hold separate meetings to deliberate the subject. A joint Panel meeting might be held afterwards if members considered it necessary.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairmen of the Panel on Housing and the Panel on Development, the joint Panel meeting originally scheduled for 5 November 2012 has been rescheduled to 9 November 2012, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, to allow more time for discussion.)

Items for future meetings

11. Mr CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on its plan for the further development of Tung Chung New Town in the light of the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in the next few years. He added that the development of Tung Chung New Town over the past ten years was sluggish.

12. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the planning of Kowloon West in the light of the implementation of cross-boundary transport projects there. She was concerned about the inadequate provision of ancillary facilities in the old developed areas and suggested that the Administration should be invited to brief members on its plan for helping the traditional businesses at old districts, such as "Tai Pai Dongs" and street stalls at Yaumatei, to tie in with the latest development in the area.

13. Miss CHAN Yuen-han proposed that the Administration should update the Panel on the progress of the Kai Tak Development project, in particular, any changes to the latest planning scheme which included the provision of a multi-purpose stadium complex and other sports venues.

14. Noting that the information requested by the Panel in December 2011 on the demand and supply of office space in Hong Kong was still outstanding, Mr WU Chi-wai suggested that the Administration should provide the relevant information as soon as possible and update the Panel on the progress of the project "Energizing Kowloon East".

15. In view of the controversies over the NENT NDAs project, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung held the view that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the consultation approach for and the progress of the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area project as soon as possible.

16. Mr Michael TIEN opined that the Administration should explore developing a new core business district ("CBD") in New Territories West, in addition to the existing CBD in Hong Kong Island and the proposed alternative CBD in Kowloon East. He suggested that this could be a subject for the Panel's discussion.

17. Dr Priscilla LEUNG proposed that the Panel should continue to follow up with the Administration regularly on the progress of implementation of its harbourfront enhancement initiatives, in particular, the construction of continuous waterfront promenades along both sides of Victoria Harbour.

18. Mr CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel its initiatives to enhance the management and maintenance of buildings, which should include setting up a dedicated committee to oversee its work in this regard.

19. Referring to public concerns about the construction works of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link affecting the structural safety of the buildings along the alignment of the Link, Ms Claudia MO said that a discussion should be held with the Administration, the MTR Corporation Limited and concerned residents.

20. Pointing out that the proposed Northern Link had been on the drawing board for a long time and property development along the new railway could increase housing supply, Mr Michael TIEN suggested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration the land-related issues associated with the implementation of the project. The Chairman and Mr James TO opined that as the planning and implementation of new railway projects, including the resumption of land for such projects, fell under the purview of the Panel on Transport, it would be more appropriate

for the Panel on Transport to follow up the issues related to the proposed Northern Link.

21. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on its position on potential sites for reclamation outside Victoria Harbour as soon as possible.

22. Dr Kenneth CHAN held the view that the Administration should discuss with the Panel its policy and work on heritage conservation, as well as the progress of the establishment of a statutory heritage trust. Referring to item 7 of the "List of issues suggested to be considered", Dr CHAN suggested that the incorporation of 54 sites in the New Territories into country parks should be discussed as soon as possible.

IV. Any other business

Application for late membership

23. The Chairman advised that he had received a letter from Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung applying for late membership. The letter was tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that Mr LEUNG's application be accepted in accordance with Rule 23(c) of the House Rules.

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

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