

Panel on Housing

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 12 April 2013)**

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for discussion |
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| <p>1. Review of enhanced partnering arrangements among the Estate Management Advisory Committees ("EMACs") and non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") to promote neighbourliness in public rental housing estates</p> <p>The Administration will brief Members on the initiative to continue with the current partnering arrangements among EMACs and NGOs to organize community activities.</p> | 6 May 2013 |
| <p>2. Technical studies for potential public housing sites in the planning process</p> <p>The Administration would like to brief members on the technical studies which would be conducted at the feasibility stage for identifying potential public housing sites, as an essential part of the planning process.</p> | 6 May 2013 |
| <p>3. Provision of one-person public housing flats/Quota and Points System for non-elderly one-person applicants for public rental housing</p> <p>Arising from the discussion at the joint meeting with the Panel on Welfare Services on 13 April 2012, members consider it necessary for the Housing Authority to increase the supply of one-person public housing flats. The Housing Authority should also review the Quota and Points System given the long waiting time for non-elderly one-person applicants.</p> | <p>The Administration has proposed to delete this item as a similar item will be discussed at the meeting of the Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy on 30 April 2013.</p> |
| <p>4. Overcrowding relief in public rental housing</p> <p>Arising from the discussion at the Panel meeting on 16 October 2012, members request for an update on the policy on overcrowding relief in public rental housing to ensure equity in allocation standards. At the Panel meeting on 5 November 2012, members requested that this subject be discussed in the 2012-2013 session.</p> | <p>2012-2013
To be confirmed</p> |

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5. Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7)

2012-2013

To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the time frame for review of the Ordinance with particular reference to the removal of security of tenure.

At the Panel meeting on 5 November 2012, members requested that the subject of rental control be discussed in the 2012-2013 session.

6. Policy on interim housing

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the provision of interim housing for tenants of the interim housing Block 12 at Kwai Shing East pending demolition of the block. Members request that this subject be discussed in the 2012-2013 session.

7. 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. Members request that this subject be discussed in the 2012-2013 session.

8. Update of the Tenants Purchase Scheme

To be confirmed

Members request the Administration to consider re-launching the Tenants Purchase Scheme with a view to assisting those well-off public rental housing tenants who cannot afford properties in the private sector to achieve home ownership. Members request that this subject be discussed in the 2012-2013 session.

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 the Tenants Purchase Scheme, and the provision of rental assistance for Tenants Purchase Scheme flat owners who have financial difficulties (LC Paper No. CB(1)376/11-12).

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- 9. Initiatives to enhance the service delivery of the Housing Authority** To be confirmed

The Administration would like to brief members on some of the latest initiatives implemented by the Housing Authority to enhance 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.

- 10. Progress report on the phasing out programme of Housing for Senior Citizens and public housing for the elderly** To be confirmed

The vacancy rate of Housing for Senior Citizens 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 Housing for Senior Citizens Type 1 units into normal public housing flats has been implemented since 2006, and subsequently been extended to all Housing for Senior Citizens Type 1 units in March 2011. The Administration has reviewed the programme in March 2012 and would like to brief members on its progress and effectiveness.

A related submission on public housing for the elderly from the 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) respectively.

- 11. Update on the Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources** To be confirmed

Arising from the discussion at the Panel meeting on 1 November 2010 on "Stepped-up checking of household income and assets of public rental housing tenants", members consider that the Administration should review the policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources lest this might force grown-up children to move out from their parents' public rental housing units.

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- 12. Measures to ensure the steady development of the property market by increasing the housing supply** To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken/to be taken by the Administration to ensure the steady development of the property market by increasing the housing supply.

- 13. Policy on the redevelopment of old public rental housing estates** To be confirmed

Arising from the discussion at the work plan meeting on 25 October 2012, members request the Administration to consider formulating a policy on redeveloping old public rental housing estates.

- 14. Revitalization of the Home Ownership Scheme secondary market** To be confirmed

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