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Panel on Home Affairs and Panel on Development

Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project

Proposed Work Plan

Purpose

This paper seeks members' views on a proposed work plan of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee).

Proposed work plan

2. The proposed work plan of the Joint Subcommittee is set out in the table below -

	Subject	Proposed timing for discussion	Remarks
1.	Update on the planning and development of M+	April 2013	WKCDA announced on 10 December 2012 that six architectural
	The Administration and the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA") plan to brief members on the progress of the development of M+,		design teams were short-listed to submit proposals for the architectural design of M+.
	including the architectural design competition for M+, and provide an update on matters relating to the collection and acquisition policy of M+.		The Board of WKCDA established an Interim Acquisition Committee ("IAC") in June 2012 and announced the re- appointment of

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			members to IAC on 15 January 2013.
2.	The park development in the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD") The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the latest progress of the development of the park in WKCD which is scheduled to be commissioned in phases from 2014-2015.	April 2013	WKCDA has advised the Subcommittee on Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Public Pleasure Grounds) (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) (No.2) Order 2012 ("the Subcommittee") that WKCDA would prepare relevant bylaws in accordance with section 37(1) of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Ordinance (Cap. 601) in 2013 to cater for the opening of the future park. The Administration and WKCDA have undertaken to the Subcommittee that the Panel on Home Affairs ("the Panel") or relevant subcommittee would be consulted before the legislative process of the bylaws is initiated. WKCDA has also undertaken to consult the Panel or relevant subcommittee before making any changes to the temporary house rules adopted by WKCDA for managing the West Kowloon Waterfront

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			Promenade. On 8 November 2012, WKCDA announced that seven design teams were shortlisted to submit technical proposals for the development of the park in WKCD.
3.	Management and utilization of the WKCD site prior to commencement of the construction works for the WKCD project	April 2013	
	The item was proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN at the Joint Subcommittee meeting on 29 January 2013 ("the said meeting"). Dr CHAN was concerned about the current management and utilization of the WKCD site, including the criteria adopted by WKCDA in approving applications for use of the site and the related charging scheme, etc.		
	The Administration and WKCDA propose to discuss this item in April 2013.		
4.	Development of cultural software	end of May 2013	
	At the said meeting, members were concerned about the development of cultural software and support for local arts and cultural development,		

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	including audience development, nurturing of young artists, promotion of arts education in schools, training of arts professionals and promoting the development of cultural industries, etc. The Administration and WKCDA propose to discuss this item in end of May 2013.		
5.	Communicationandco-operation with the artscommunity	end of May 2013	
	At the said meeting, members expressed concern about WKCDA's communication and partnership with the arts community in the development of WKCD. Some members suggested that where the Joint Subcommittee considered appropriate, interested groups in the arts and cultural community should be invited to give views on the relevant issues.		
	The Administration and WKCDA propose to discuss this item in end of May 2013.		
6.	Financial situation of and arrangements for the WKCD project	early July 2013	
	At the said meeting, members expressed concern about the adequacy of the \$21.6 billion		

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upfront endowment for the entire WKCD project given the construction cost escalation in recent years. Members would like to be updated on the latest financial situation of the WKCD project (including the latest cost estimates of the various facilities to be built in WKCD), and the financial strategy and arrangements adopted by WKCDA for the implementation of the project. The Administration and			
WKCDA propose to brief members on the subject in early July 2013.			
7. Integration and connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring districts	early July 2013		
The item was proposed by the Chairman and Hon CHAN Yuen-han at the said meeting. They were concerned about the accessibility of WKCD and its connectivity with the neighbouring districts and the integration of the harbourfront planning with the WKCD development.			
The Administration and WKCDA propose to brief members on the subject in early July 2013.			

3. The number of meetings and the timing for discussion of each subject can be adjusted in the light of the progress of discussion. Where considered necessary, the Joint Subcommittee may invite interested parties to give views on specific subject(s).

Advice sought

4. Members are invited to endorse the proposed work plan.

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