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Panel on Housing

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 10 October 2013, at 12:00 noon
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH (Chairman)
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon WONG Yuk-man
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen

- Members absent** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Miranda HON
Chief Council Secretary (1)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mr Andy LAU
Assistant Secretary General 1
- Miss Lilian MOK
Senior Council Secretary (1)1
- Mr Ken WOO
Senior Council Secretary (1)5
- Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2
- Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr WONG Kwok-hing, Chairman in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Mr IP Kwok-him nominated Mr WONG Kwok-hing for the chairmanship. The nomination was seconded by Mr KWOK Wai-keung. Mr WONG Kwok-hing accepted the nomination.

3. Mr Frederick FUNG, Deputy Chairman of the Panel in office, took over the chair and invited further nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel.

4. There being no other nominations, Mr WONG Kwok-hing was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

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Election of Deputy Chairman

5. Mr WONG Kwok-hing then took over the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

6. Mr Frederick FUNG nominated Mr WU Chi-wai for the deputy chairmanship. The nomination was seconded by Mr Abraham SHEK. As Mr WU Chi-wai was absent at that juncture, the Chairman asked Mr FUNG whether he had secured Mr WU Chi-wai's acceptance of the nomination. Mr Frederick FUNG answered in the affirmative.

7. There being no other nominations, Mr WU Chi-wai was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2013-2014 session

8. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2013-2014 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

9. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the first Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following –

- (a) the meeting in February 2014 would be held on Monday, 10 February 2014, at 8:30 am; and
- (b) the meeting in June 2014 would be held on Tuesday, 3 June 2014, at 4:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2013-2014 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)41/13-14 on 11 October 2013.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)21/13-14(01) — List of outstanding items for discussion

Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
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10. The Chairman advised that the Administration had proposed to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on Monday,

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4 November 2013, at 2:30 pm –

- (a) Analysis of housing situation of Waiting List applicants as at end-June 2013; and
- (b) Head 711 Item PWP No. B742CL — Main engineering infrastructure in association with the proposed developments at Area 56 in Tung Chung.

11. Members agreed that the above items be discussed at the meeting on 4 November 2013.

12. Members further agreed to include the following additional items to the list of outstanding items for future discussion by the Panel –

- (a) Briefing on housing policies – Mr Albert CHAN requested the Administration to give a briefing on the latest developments on various housing policies, including the waiting time for allocation of public rental housing ("PRH"), Quota and Points System for non-elderly one-person applicants for PRH, transfer, overcrowding relief, etc.;
- (b) Review of the "Well-off Tenants Policies" – Mr Michael TIEN opined that the income and asset limits under the "Well-off Tenants Policies" should be reviewed to ensure that they were in step with current situation in the market and society, and to safeguard the rational allocation of public housing resources;
- (c) Provision of transitional housing – Mr Michael TIEN would like to discuss the suggestion that the Administration should consider constructing transitional housing in the urban area for public housing applicants and those in need;
- (d) Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7) – Dr Fernando CHEUNG requested that the subject of rent control be discussed as soon as possible in view of the surge in rental in recent years, and that the public should be invited to give views on the subject;
- (e) Policy on interim housing – Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung expressed concern about the adequacy of interim housing units subsequent to the demolition of the Long Bin Interim Housing Estate. He requested the Administration to update the Panel on its policy on the provision of temporary accommodation to those in need; and

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- (f) Improving the living environment of Po Tin Estate and related issues – the Chairman said that the Panel would follow up the progress of work undertaken by the Administration following the discussion on the subject at the Panel meeting on 3 June 2013.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy

13. The Chairman said that at the meeting of the Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy ("the Subcommittee") held on 27 September 2013, the Subcommittee agreed that it should continue to work in the current legislative session to deal with the unfinished business, including the public consultation exercise on the Long Term Housing Strategy and its outcome.

14. The Chairman asked and members agreed that the Subcommittee should continue its work in the current legislative session. The Chairman advised that the membership of the Subcommittee would be re-opened to Panel members, and the Subcommittee would decide on its own whether it was necessary to elect a new chairman and deputy chairman.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:15 pm.

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