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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 the proposed work plan of the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee") in the 2013-2014 legislative session.

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2. The proposed work plan of the Joint Subcommittee in the remaining months of the 2013-2014 legislative session (i.e. until 30 September 2014)^{Note 1} is set out below for members' consideration -

	Subject	Proposed timing for discussion
1.	Update on the development of Xiqu Centre Members have expressed concern about the progress of the development of Xiqu Centre, including its future mode of governance and the cost-saving measures introduced by the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority ("WKCDA")	March 2014

^{Note 1} At its meeting on 15 November 2013, the House Committee ("HC") considered the proposal of the Joint Subcommittee to continue its work in the 2013-2014 session after expiry of the 12-month period of its work on 28 January 2014, as set out in Annex VIII to LC Paper No. CB(2)262/13-14. Pursuant to the decision of HC, permission has been given to the Joint Subcommittee to continue to operate for three more months in the first instance (i.e. until 28 April 2014), after which the Joint Subcommittee would be put on the waiting list for re-activation of work. If no new subcommittee on policy issues is set up in the interim and additional resources are available to the Secretariat with effect from 1 April 2014, the Joint Subcommittee should be able to re-activate its work immediately after expiry of the three-month period until end of September 2014.

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	<p>to reduce the project budget.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the progress of the building project as well as the artistic positioning and mode of governance of Xiqu Centre.</p>	
2.	<p>Artistic characteristic and partnership framework of performing arts venues in the West Kowloon Cultural District ("WKCD")</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 29 November 2013, some members pointed out that the Administration and WKCDA should respond to the concern of local arts groups/artists about whether they could access the future performing arts venues in WKCD and how such venues would be managed. These members also expressed concern about the coordination, delineation of responsibility and resource allocation among the Government, its collaborators (e.g. The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts) and WKCDA in the development and management of performing arts venues in Hong Kong. They suggested that the Joint Subcommittee should discuss relevant issues at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA intend to brief members on the future operation of performing arts venues in WKCD. In addition, the discussion will cover the coordination among the Government, its collaborators and WKCDA in the development and management of performing arts venues in the territory.</p>	March 2014
3.	<p>Implementation of the integrated basement</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 3 July 2013, members noted the Administration's plan to undertake and fully fund the capital works</p>	May 2014

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	<p>of the integrated basement as general enabling works to facilitate the development of the whole WKCD project. Members considered that the Administration should consult the Joint Subcommittee on the financial proposal for the implementation of the integrated basement before submitting the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to consult the Joint Subcommittee on the funding application for design, site investigation and advance works for the integrated basement.</p>	
4.	<p>Update on the financial situation of and arrangements for the WKCD project</p> <p>Members have raised concern about the possible cost overrun of the WKCD project and have stressed the need for the Administration and WKCDA to exercise rigorous cost control in developing various facilities in WKCD without compromising the overall functions and quality of the facilities. Members consider it necessary to continue to monitor the financial situation of and arrangements for the WKCD project.</p>	May 2014
5.	<p>Roles and functions of the Consultation Panel of WKCDA</p> <p>At the meetings of the Joint Subcommittee on 10 June and 29 November 2013, the Deputy Chairman expressed the view that the Consultation Panel of WKCDA ("CP") should serve as an open platform for consulting regularly and building consensus among stakeholders and the general public on major matters relating to the work of WKCDA. He considered it necessary for the Administration and WKCDA to strengthen the work of CP to ensure that it would discharge the roles and functions expected of it more effectively.</p>	June 2014

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	<p>At the informal meeting between the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and representatives of the Administration and WKCDA on 13 December 2013 to discuss the work plan of the Joint Subcommittee, the Deputy Chairman suggested that the new Chairman of CP be invited to a future meeting of the Joint Subcommittee to discuss issues relating to the roles and functions of CP.</p>	
6.	<p>Development of cultural software</p> <p>Members in general are of the view that the Administration and WKCDA should seek to enhance arts education in schools and strengthen the training of arts-related personnel in order to build audience and nurture talents for WKCD as well as local arts development. Some members have suggested that representatives of the Home Affairs Bureau and the Education Bureau be invited to attend the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee when relevant issues are discussed.</p> <p>At the informal closed meeting between the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and representatives of the Administration and WKCDA on 13 December 2013, the Chairman suggested that deputations be invited to give views at the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee when the subject was discussed.</p>	June 2014
7.	<p>Update on the development of M+</p> <p>Members have expressed concern about the progress of the development of M+, which include, among others, its detailed design and facilities as well as the acquisition policy and procedures. The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the progress of the building project as well as the mode of governance and other developments of M+.</p>	July 2014

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8.	<p>Integration and connectivity of WKCD with its neighbouring districts</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 10 July 2013, members expressed various concerns about the pedestrian and vehicular accessibility to WKCD and its connectivity with neighbouring districts. The Administration and WKCDA were urged to jointly formulate and report to the Joint Subcommittee in due course a more detailed and comprehensive connectivity plan as well as a public transport scheme to enhance the accessibility to and within WKCD.</p> <p>The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the latest position regarding the connectivity plan and public transport scheme for WKCD, including consultation with stakeholders as well as provision of environmentally friendly transport system and possible marine transport services.</p>	July 2014
9.	<p>Update on the Park development – design, use and management</p> <p>At the meeting of the Joint Subcommittee on 3 July 2013, members were advised that following a critical review, WKCDA planned to turn the fully landscaped Park envisaged in the "City Park" Conceptual Plan into quality open space with a simple design, to facilitate early delivery of the Park in a cost-effective manner. Members expressed concern about the adoption of the proposed alternative approach to develop the Park and requested WKCDA to provide the detailed plan to the Joint Subcommittee for discussion. Noting that the first part of the Park was targeted for completion in 2015, members also urged WKCDA to expeditiously draw up bylaws for the management of the Park in accordance with section 37(1) of the West Kowloon Cultural</p>	July 2014

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	District Authority Ordinance (Cap. 601). The Administration and WKCDA plan to brief members on the scheme design of the Park as well as the use and management of the Park in preparation of the bylaws.	

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 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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