

Panel on Housing**List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 5 December 2014)****Proposed timing for
discussion**

- 1. Long Term Housing Strategy** January 2015

The Administration would like to brief members on the Government's Long Term Housing Strategy.

- 2. Interim Scheme to Extend the Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market to White Form Buyers** January 2015

The Administration would like to report on the latest position of the Interim Scheme to Extend the Home Ownership Scheme Secondary Market to White Form Buyers.

- 3. Quota and Points System** January 2015

The Administration would like to brief members on the refinements to the Quota and Points System and the checking of the eligibility of applicants under the System.

- 4. Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address** February 2015

- 5. Head 711 project no. B757CL - Roads and drains in Area 16 and Area 58D, Sha Tin** February 2015

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in April 2015 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in May 2015 for upgrading the roads and drains to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Sha Tin Area 16 and Area 58D.

- 6. Review on the Special Stamp Duty and Buyer's Stamp Duty** March 2015

The Administration would like to brief members on the review of the Special Stamp Duty and Buyer's Stamp Duty.

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7. Review of Public Rental Housing Income and Asset Limits 2015/16 March 2015

The Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") reviews the public rental housing income and asset limits every year in accordance with the established mechanism to keep abreast with the prevailing socio-economic circumstances. Following established practice, the Administration will report the findings to the Panel and then reflect members' comments on the findings to the Subsidised Housing Committee of HA.

8. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estate April 2015

The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress and effectiveness of the Marking Scheme, as well as the impact of outsourcing of management of public housing estates on the enforcement of the Marking Scheme.

9. The Work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority April 2015

The Administration would like to update members on the implementation of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance and the work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority.

10. Progress Report on Addition of Lifts to Existing Public Rental Housing Estates May 2015

The Administration would like to brief Members on the progress of the Lift Addition Programme for adding lifts and footbridges in the Hong Kong Housing Authority's existing public rental housing estates.

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11. Creation of a permanent Chief Architect (D1) post		May 2015
<p>The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support for the creation of the post to cope with the increasing workload arising from the new public housing production target as pledged by the Chief Executive in the 2014 Policy Address.</p>		
12. Head 711 project no. B177TB - Footbridge Link at Sau Ming Road, Kwun Tong		June 2015
<p>The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in November 2015 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in December 2015 for upgrading the footbridge works to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Sau Ming Road.</p>		
13. Head 711 project - Public Transport Interchange at Pak Wan Street, Sham Shui Po		June 2015
<p>The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in December 2015 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in January 2016 for upgrading the Public Transport Interchange to Category A to tie in with the public housing re-development at Pak Tin Estate.</p>		
14. Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2014/15		July 2015
<p>The Administration would like to update members on the performance of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in respect of its environmental targets and initiatives in 2014-2015.</p>		
15. Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme		July 2015
<p>The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme.</p>		

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discussion**

- 16. Policies and measures on overcrowding relief in public rental housing estates** To be confirmed

Members requested the Administration to review the policies, standards and measures on overcrowding relief in public rental housing estates and to report to the Panel.

- 17. Review of the Well-off Tenants Policies** 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 considered 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.

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, members expressed the view 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.

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

At the work plan meeting on 25 October 2012, members requested the Administration to consider formulating a policy on redeveloping old public rental housing estates.

In her letter dated 3 April 2014, Miss Alice MAK requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress made in studying the redevelopment potential of Kwai Shing West Estate and related matters, such as the redevelopment proposal and rehousing arrangements (LC Paper No. CB(1)1206/13-14(01) issued on 4 April 2014).

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- 19. Role and positioning of the Hong Kong Housing Society in the Government's housing policy** To be confirmed

Further to the discussion at the Panel meeting on 4 March 2013 and the subsequent correspondence exchange between Mr WONG Kwok-hing and the Administration on issues relating to the Shau Kei Wan Mixed Scheme Project developed by the Hong Kong Housing Society ("HKHS"), the Administration was requested to review the role and positioning of HKHS in the Government's housing policy (the letter from Mr WONG Kwok-hing dated 7 March 2013 and the reply from the Administration dated 5 April 2013 were circulated under LC Paper Nos. CB(1)680/12-13(01) and CB(1)818/12-13(01) respectively).

Also, pursuant to the discussion at the Panel meeting on 5 May 2014, members wished to follow up the mechanism for adjusting domestic rents by HKHS, and urged HKHS to provide needy tenants with rental assistance.

- 20. Provision of transitional housing** To be confirmed

Raised by members at the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013. Members 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.

- 21. Progress report on the phasing out programme of Housing for Senior Citizens and public housing for the elderly** *At the work plan meeting held on 27 November 2014, the Administration was requested to provide a paper on the latest development of this item.*
- The vacancy rate of Housing for Senior Citizens Type 1 ("HS1") 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 HS1 units into normal public housing flats has been implemented since 2006, and subsequently been extended to all HS1 units in March 2011. The Administration has reported the progress of the programme to the Hong Kong Housing Authority in March 2012 and a review was conducted in February 2013.

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A related submission on public housing for the elderly from the Society for Community Organization and a referral from Duty Roster Members were circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1867/08-09(03) and CB(1)709/09-10(01) respectively.

22. Revised development option for the Comprehensive Development Area Site in Diamond Hill

Item proposed to be deleted

Referral arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wong Tai Sin District Council members on 5 December 2013 (circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)823/13-14(01) to members of the Subcommittee on the Long Term Housing Strategy). Members noted that residents in proximity to the Comprehensive Development Area ("CDA") were opposed to the provision of 12 public housing blocks under the revised development option for fear of raising the density of the district and causing pressure on the environment, transport and community facilities. Members also noted the request of the local community for reserving land in the CDA for the development of private housing and the cultural industry.

At the work plan meeting held on 27 November 2014, the Administration agreed to provide the Panel for its reference the paper which set out the relevant proposal provided earlier and accepted by the Wong Tai Sin District Council. The relevant paper was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)319/14-15 on 3 December 2014.

23. Management and maintenance of public facilities provided in Home Ownership Scheme courts and public housing estates

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 3 November 2014, members expressed concern about the use of public facilities provided in Home Ownership Scheme courts, Tenants Purchase Scheme estates, public rental housing estates, as well as those premises managed by The Link by non-residents of the courts/estates concerned and the resultant management and maintenance issues. They requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the measures to deal with such issues.

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discussion**

24. Provision of subsidized residential care home places in public housing units

Item proposed
to be deleted

In his letter dated 20 November 2014, Dr Fernando CHEUNG requested the discussion of the provision of subsidized residential care home places for the elderly and persons with disabilities in public housing units with a view to improving the situation of long waiting time for such places (LC Paper No. CB(1)263/14-15(01) issued on 21 November 2014).

At the work plan meeting held on 27 November 2014, the Administration agreed to provide a written response to Dr CHEUNG's letter. The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)329/14-15 on 5 December 2014.

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