

Panel on Housing**List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 29 April 2015)****Proposed timing for
discussion****1. Head 711 project no. B177TB - Footbridge Link at Sau Ming Road, Kwun Tong**

June 2015

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in end 2015 for upgrading the footbridge works to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Sau Ming Road.

2. Head 711 project no. B083TI - Public Transport Interchange at Pak Wan Street, Sham Shui Po

June 2015

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in end 2015 for upgrading the Public Transport Interchange to Category A to tie in with the public housing re-development at Pak Tin Estate.

3. Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2014/15

July 2015

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.

4. Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme

July 2015

The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme.

5. Policies on tackling under-occupation in public rental housing estates and overcrowding relief measures

To be confirmed

Members requested the Administration to review the policies, standards, measures of under-occupation in public rental housing estates, and the enforcement of which may lead to overcrowding in cases of changes in family circumstances, and to report to the Panel.

Proposed timing for discussion

6. 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.

7. 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).

8. 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.

Proposed timing for discussion

9. Progress report on the phasing out programme of Housing for Senior Citizens and public housing for the elderly

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.

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.

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.

10. 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.

11. Rehousing arrangements arising from enforcement actions to eradicate subdivided units in industrial buildings

To be confirmed

Raised by members at the Panel meeting on 14 April 2015. Members would like to discuss the Administration's rehousing arrangements for the tenants of subdivided units ("SDUs") affected by enforcement actions to eradicate SDUs in industrial buildings.