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Panel on Development

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 15 October 2015, at 9:00 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS (Chairman)
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP (Deputy
Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Members absent : Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Clerk in attendance : Ms Sharon CHUNG
Chief Council Secretary (1)2

Staff in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Mr Fred PANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2

Mr Raymond CHOW
Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Ms Maggie LAU
Council Secretary (1)2

Ms Alice CHEUNG
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)1

Ms Christina SHIU
Legislative Assistant (1)2

Ms Christy YAU
Legislative Assistant (1)7

Ms Haley CHEUNG
Legislative Assistant (1)9

Miss Joey LAW
Clerical Assistant (1)2

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Mr Tony TSE, the Chairman in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship for 2015-2016 legislative session.

2. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok nominated Mr Tony TSE and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Mr TSE accepted the nomination. Mr Albert HO, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Panel present at the meeting, took over the chair and called for other nominations. Dr Kenneth CHAN nominated Mr Alan LEONG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert CHAN. Mr LEONG accepted the nomination.

3. As there was no other nomination, Mr Albert HO announced a vote by secret ballot. After members had cast their votes, Mr HO invited Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok, who had nominated Mr Tony TSE, and Dr Kenneth CHAN, who had nominated Mr Alan LEONG, to oversee the counting of votes. Of the members present for the voting, 16 voted for Mr Tony TSE and seven voted for Mr Alan LEONG. Mr HO declared that Mr Tony TSE was elected Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 legislative session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr Tony TSE took over the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2015-2016 legislative session. Mr CHAN Hak-kan nominated Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and the nomination was seconded by Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok. Mr LEUNG Che-cheung accepted the nomination. Dr Kenneth CHAN nominated Mr Alan LEONG and the nomination was seconded by Mr Albert HO. Mr Alan LEONG accepted the nomination. There was no other nomination.

5. The Chairman announced a vote by secret ballot. After members had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Mr CHAN Hak-kan, who had nominated Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, and Dr Kenneth CHAN, who had nominated Mr Alan LEONG, to oversee the counting of votes. Of the members present for the voting, 15 voted for Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and eight voted for Mr Alan LEONG. The Chairman declared that Mr LEUNG Che-cheung was elected Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2015-2016 legislative session

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2015-2016 legislative session

6. The Chairman referred members to the proposed schedule of regular meetings prepared by the Clerk and tabled at the meeting. Members agreed that monthly regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The Chairman suggested that --

- (a) since he would be out of town on 27 October 2015, he would, after discussing with the Deputy Chairman, inform members whether the meeting on that day would be rescheduled; and
- (b) as 22 December 2015 was the Chinese Winter Solstice Festival, the Clerk would issue a circular to invite members to indicate their preference for the time for the meeting to be held on that day.

Members raised no objection to the Chairman's suggestions.

(Post-meeting note: Members were informed on 16 October 2015 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)28/15-16 that on the advice of the Chairman, the next regular meeting of the Panel would be held on 10 November 2015, from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. In addition, members had been consulted on their preferences for the time for the regular meeting on 22 December 2015 vide a circular (LC Paper No. CB(1)22/15-16). Taking into account members' views, the Chairman directed that the meeting would be held at 9:00 am on 22 December 2015. Members were informed accordingly vide LC Paper No. CB(1)47/15-16 on 26 October 2015.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

- (Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)6/15-16 -- List of outstanding items for discussion
- Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(1)6/15-16 -- List of follow-up actions)

Items for discussion at the next regular meeting

7. Members agreed that the following items proposed by the Administration be discussed at the next regular meeting --

- (a) Planning and Engineering Study for Tuen Mun Areas 40 and 46 and the Adjoining Areas -- Stage 1 Community Engagement; and
- (b) Review of the Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme.

Suggestions on discussion items for future meetings

Matters related to fresh water supply

8. Dr Helena WONG suggested that in view of the widespread concern over excess lead found in drinking water, the Administration, including the Water Supplies Department, and the Advisory Committee on Water Resources and Quality of Water Supplies should be invited to discuss with the Panel a review of the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) and introduction of legislation for safety of drinking water. She further suggested that the Panel should consider conducting a duty visit to Germany to study issues related to safety of drinking water. Dr KWOK Ka-ki opined that the Panel should invite deputations, including academics, to give views on ensuring the safety of drinking water.

9. The Chairman advised that, at a previous meeting, when discussing a proposal to conduct an overseas duty visit to study development of seawater desalination, members had suggested that the visit might also cover other issues related to water resources.

10. Dr Helena WONG further suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the control over the quality of Dongjiang water at source and the measures to deal with excessive lead content in drinking water.

11. Miss Alice MAK referred to item 9 ("fresh water supply at remote villages") on the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion" (Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(1)6/15-16). Considering that some remote areas such as villages on Po Toi Island and in Hung Shui Kiu were not yet supplied with fresh water, she urged that the Administration should discuss the item with the Panel as soon as possible.

Harbourfront planning and development

12. Mr Albert HO cited the Avenue of Stars in Tsim Sha Tsui as an example and suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the approaches and guidelines (including the Efficiency Unit's guide to public private partnership ("PPP")) adopted by the Administration in developing

and managing harbourfront areas, as well as the public consultation and procurement/tendering processes under these approaches. The Chairman said that he would consider whether the matters raised by Mr Albert HO should fall within the purview of the Panel on Home Affairs.

13. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should follow up with the Administration its harbourfront enhancement initiatives. Dr Kenneth CHAN proposed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the principles and approaches for planning and developing the waterfront areas in the western part of the Hong Kong Island and those outside Victoria Harbour. Mr Albert CHAN opined that the Harbourfront Commission should be invited to discuss with the Panel the matters raised by Dr CHAN. He added that the Administration should brief the Panel on the arrangements for the management of harbourfront sites which, similar to that of the Avenue of Stars, involved the participation of private developers.

Optimizing the use of land resources

14. Mr Michael TIEN pointed out that a land site near Yoho Midtown in Yuen Long which was originally planned for the provision of leisure and recreational facilities had been temporarily used as a wholesale fish market for many years. He said that there was demand for the provision of more community facilities in the district, and suggested that the Panel should follow up with the Administration on the long-term use of the site. The Chairman said that the Panel might consider following up the issue raised by Mr TIEN from the perspective of optimizing the use of land resources.

15. Dr Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on its plans to relocate the existing wholesale markets, including the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market and the Yau Ma Tei Fruit Market, so as to release these urban land sites for better uses.

16. At 9:27 am, the Chairman suggested that the meeting be extended until the completion of the discussion on the remaining items on the agenda. Members raised no objection to the suggestion.

Other topics

17. Mr Albert CHAN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the current trend of tender prices for the projects under the

Capital Works Programme and the projected capital works expenditures for the current and the next financial years.

18. Dr Kenneth CHAN proposed that in view of recent public concern about tree management and preservation, the Administration should discuss with the Panel issues related to tree management on private properties, tree risk assessment as well as the timetable for enacting tree legislation. Dr KWOK Ka-ki opined that deputations should be invited to give views on matters related to tree management.

19. Mr Michael TIEN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the way forward of the planning of the proposed cycle track sections at Sham Tseng, taking into consideration that the proposal had met objections from the public.

20. Mr TIEN said that the carrying capacity of the West Rail would be insufficient to meet the anticipated passenger demand arising from the development of Hung Shui Kiu in future, and the Administration had yet to work out effective plans to resolve the problem. He suggested that a joint meeting with the Panel on Transport should be held for members to discuss the matter with the relevant bureaux, including the Transport and Housing Bureau. The Chairman said that he would discuss the suggestion with the Chairman of the Panel on Transport

21. Dr Helena WONG proposed that the Administration should discuss with the Panel: (a) a review of the Urban Renewal Strategy and the functions/work of the Urban Renewal Authority; and (b) a review of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines.

22. The Deputy Chairman said that the Administration had yet to effectively prevent flooding in the rural areas, and suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the flood prevention measures in the rural areas, including how to deal with the problems involving private land ownership.

23. The Deputy Chairman further proposed that the Administration should conduct a review on its existing policies on compensation and rehousing for people affected by resumption of land, and should discuss the matter with the Panel.

24. Dr KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the enforcement actions that had been taken against unauthorized

building works in New Territories Exempted Houses and the way forward for dealing with these unauthorized works.

25. The Chairman took note of members' suggestions and views.

IV. Any other business

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

26. The Chairman informed members that the Joint Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the West Kowloon Cultural District Project ("the Joint Subcommittee"), which had been set up under the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs in the 2012-2013 legislative session, would continue to operate in the 2015-2016 legislative session. The membership of the Joint Subcommittee would be re-opened to members of the two Panels. Existing members of the Joint Subcommittee who had not given written notice to withdraw their membership would remain as members of the Joint Subcommittee, and it would be for the Joint Subcommittee to decide at its first meeting in this session whether re-election of its Chairman and Deputy Chairman was necessary. Members raised no objection to the proposed arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: Members of the Panel on Development and the Panel on Home Affairs were invited to join the Joint Subcommittee vide LC Paper No. CB(2)63/15-16, issued on 19 October 2015.)

27. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9:35 am.