Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (Position as at 12 October 2015)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Performance of the environmental targets and initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2014-2015

November 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.

2. Public Housing Construction Programme 2015-2016 to 2019-2020

November 2015

The Administration would like to brief Members on the Hong Kong Housing Authority's Public Housing Construction Programme for the period from 2015-2016 to 2019-2020

3. Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme

To be confirmed

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

4. 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.

5. 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.

Proposed timing for discussion

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.

6. Policy on the redevelopment of old public rental housing T 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, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen 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).

7. 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.

At the Panel meeting on 6 July 2015, issues relating to provision of transitional housing were brought up when the Administration briefed members on "Enforcement actions against subdivided units in industrial buildings and the rehousing arrangements; and the suggestion on provision of transitional housing".

Proposed timing for discussion

Progress report on the phasing out programme of Housing The Administration was 8. for Senior Citizens and public housing for the elderly

The vacancy rate of Housing for Senior Citizens Type 1 ("HS1") appropriate on further design has been high since late 1990s in view of the increasing applicants' preference for self-contained public housing units. 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.

requested to update the Panel again when progress of the implementation of the programme.

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 Administration's written response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1242/14-15(01) on 16 September 2015.

9. 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. requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the measures to deal with such issues.

10. Provision of lift connecting Lok Yiu House and Wah Yiu House of Lai Yiu Estate

To be confirmed

Referral arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Kwai Tsing District Council members on 11 June 2015 regarding the provision of lift connecting Lok Yiu House and Wah Yiu House of Lai Yiu Estate (LC Paper No. CB(1)1112/14-15(01) issued on 16 July 2015).

Proposed timing for discussion

11. Weak water pressure for supplying water to public housing flats

To be confirmed

In his letter dated 11 September 2015, Hon KWOK Wai-keung requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the cause for weak water pressure for supplying water to public housing flats, and the improvement measures conducted/to be conducted (LC Paper No. CB(1)1237/14-15(01) issued on 14 September 2015).

12. Planned closure of Tin Yiu Market by Link

To be confirmed

In his letter dated 8 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung requested the Administration to explain to the Panel on matters relating to the planned closure of Tin Yiu Market by Link, including a further reduction in market retail facilities and the change to land use and land lease conditions that might be involved (LC Paper No. CB(1)1301/14-15(01) issued on 9 October 2015).

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