Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (Position as at 6 April 2016)

Proposed timing for discussion

1 The work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority

May 2016

The Administration would like to update members on the implementation of the Residential Properties (First hand Sales) Ordinance (Cap. 621) and the work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority.

2 The demolition of Shek Lei Interim Housing

May 2016

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung requested the Administration to consult the Panel prior to taking forward its plan to demolish the Shek Lei Interim Housing.

Increase the number of commercial units and set up holiday bazaars in public rental housing estates

May 2016

In her letter dated 1 March 2016, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen suggested that the Administration be invited to a Panel meeting to discuss the suggestion of increasing the number of commercial units and setting up holiday bazaars in public rental housing estates managed by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (LC Paper No. CB(1)629/15-16(01) issued on 3 March 2016).

4 Excessive charges imposed on operators of welfare facilities operating in retail facility in public rental housing estate

May 2016

In her letter dated 16 March 2016, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen suggested that the Administration be invited to a Panel meeting to discuss the recent cases concerning operators of welfare and educational facilities at a retail facility being imposed excessive charges by the owner who purchased the retail facility concerned from the Link Asset Management Limited ("the Link"), and the retail facility was originally divested to the Link by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (LC Paper No. CB(1)703/15-16(01) issued on 18 March 2016).

5 Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme

June 2016

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

In their joint letter dated 21 December 2015, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen and Hon KWOK Wai-keung requested the Administration to brief the Panel on its work on ensuring the safety of windows in public rental housing units (LC Paper No. CB(1)346/15-16(01) issued on 22 December 2015). Administration's written response to the joint letter was circulated members vide LC Paper No. to CB(1)730/15-16(01) on 30 March 2016. The Administration also advised that the relevant matter would be included in its briefing to the Panel on the progress of TMS.

6 Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estate

June 2016

The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress and effectiveness of the Marking Scheme.

7 Performance of the environmental targets and initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2015-16

July 2016

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 2015-16.

8 Rent review of public rental housing

Mid-2016

In accordance with the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283), the Hong Kong Housing Authority conducts a review of the rent of public rental housing every two years. The next review will be conducted in 2016. Following established practice, the Administration will inform members of the result of the review.

9 Measures to cater for the needs of elderly tenants by the Hong Kong Housing Authority

To be confirmed

The Administration would like to brief members on various measures by the Hong Kong Housing Authority to cater for the needs of elderly tenants.

At the work plan meeting on 28 October 2015, members requested the Administration to give a combined introduction on the ways in which the above measures could facilitate the indoor and outdoor activities of the elderly who were infirm or with disabilities. Members also wished to be briefed on the latest progress on handling the Housing for Senior Citizens Type 1 design.

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

To be confirmed

At the work plan meeting on 27 November 2014, members requested the Administration to review the policies, standards and 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.

11 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.

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, 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).

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).

14 Design of new public rental housing flats

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee requested to be briefed on the Administration's latest position in respect of the concern on the general reduction in the size of new and redeveloped public rental housing flats.

15 Briefing on various housing schemes

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip requested to be briefed on the latest development of and application figures for various housing schemes, including express flat allocation, overcrowding relief, transfer, etc.

16 Sale of public rental housing

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung requested to receive a briefing on the Government's policy direction as well as the management issues encountered in implementing the existing public rental housing flat sale schemes.

17 Update on the implementation of the Quota and Points System

To be confirmed

In his letter dated 18 December 2015, Hon WONG Kwok-hing suggested the Panel to follow up on the implementation of the Quota and Points System following the refinements introduced in February 2015, including the impact of the refinements on applicants who had been registered before the refinements were introduced, and the relevant relief measures to be put in place (LC Paper No. CB(1)345/15-16(01) issued on 21 December 2015).

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