

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 27 November 2017

1. The Administration is requested to respond to the following suggestions from some Subcommittee members regarding organizing bazaars in public rental housing ("PRH") estates:
 - (a) the Housing Department ("HD") should work out and publish a list of common estate areas in PRH estates to facilitate applications for setting up bazaars in the estates;
 - (b) HD should develop a mechanism: (i) to inform bazaar organizers the reasons of refusing their applications, including the reasons given by the Estate Management Advisory Committees ("EMACs"), so that organizers can revise their proposals to address the views and concerns raised by the relevant parties; and (ii) to provide an appeal and complaint channel for bazaar organizers when their proposals are refused;
 - (c) HD should implement a pilot scheme to set up bazaars at PRH estates in each of the 18 districts;
 - (d) HD should designate an officer at its Headquarter responsible for coordinating bazaar-related issues in various PRH estates; and
 - (e) HD should develop guidelines to assist estate management offices and frontline staff in handling bazaar proposals. The proposed guidelines should provide explicitly that bazaar proposals can be submitted to the relevant District Councils ("DCs") and EMACs concurrently, and that bazaar organizers should be invited to the DC and EMAC meetings to explain the details of their proposals and address possible concerns from DCs and EMACs.

2. The Administration is requested to provide responses to:
- (a) some Subcommittee members' suggestion of allowing bazaar proposals to be circulated to DC members of the concerned areas or the relevant area committees instead of requiring the proposals to be discussed at a DC meeting, given that DCs are consultative bodies but not the approving authorities;
 - (b) the views raised by deputations at the meeting and in their submissions; and
 - (c) the two motions passed at the meeting.

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