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Information Paper

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars  
Setting up of Bazaars in Public Rental Housing Estates  
under Housing Authority**

**Purpose**

This paper serves to respond to the questions raised by the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars (the Subcommittee) in his letter of 7 November 2017 to the Secretary for Transport and Housing. As indicated in the Chairman's letter, we had already submitted various documents<sup>1</sup> to the Subcommittee to set out Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)'s actions in complement with the Government's policy on bazaars, as well as the mechanism, considerations and principles in handling applications for organising activities in HA's public housing rental (PRH) estates. We will continue to handle proposals for organising bazaars in PRH estates in accordance with the relevant mechanism. Regarding the issues of organising bazaars in several estates, relevant information is provided below.

2. Regarding the application for organising bazaar in Ching Ho Estate, estate management staff assisted the applicant organisation to consult the residents and other stakeholders through the Estate Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) at its meeting on 10 October 2017. The EMAC had no in principle objection to the proposal. The proposal was also discussed at the

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<sup>1</sup> Including Paper No. CB(1)690/16-17(03) and Paper No. CB(1)690/16-17(05) submitted on 17 March 2017, Paper No. CB(1)842/16-17(03) submitted on 19 April 2017, Paper No. CB(1)973/16-17(01) submitted on 19 May 2017 and Paper No. CB(1)1118/16-17(01) submitted on 12 June 2017.

meeting of the District Minor Works and Environmental Improvement Committee (the Committee) under the North District Council on 20 November. Members and relevant government departments indicated no objection to the proposal in principle. As requested by members, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) had provided relevant supplementary information to the Committee, and is assisting the organisation in handling licensing matters. Depending on any further comment from the Committee, HA may issue the approval letter for the use of the venue.

3. For Yue Wan Estate, after the EMAC discussed the proposal at its meeting on 12 October 2017, it met with the applicant organisation on 8 November. In response to the views of the EMAC, the applicant organisation agreed to submit additional information for further discussion at the EMAC meeting on 7 December. The Home Affairs Department (HAD) and FEHD have also received the proposal concerned and will liaise with the applicant organisation on matters relating to the consultation with the District Council (DC) and application for licenses.

4. In the case of Hoi Lai Estate, estate management staff have all long been in close liaison with the applicant organisation and conducted a site visit with them on 17 November 2017 to understand the site conditions. Estate management staff are assisting the applicant organisation to consult the residents and other stakeholders through the EMAC at its meeting in mid-December. In addition, HAD and FEHD are also liaising with the applicant organisation on matters relating to the consultation with DC and application for licenses.

5. As for On Tat Estate, the estate management office received the application and proposal from the applicant organisation in September 2017, and subsequently a revised proposal in November after deliberation, proposing to hold a one-day trial bazaar at the Open Plaza in On Tat Estate in July next year. The estate management office is providing assistance to the applicant organisation and considering the feasibility of the proposal.

6. For Kwai Luen Estate, the applicant organisation submitted a preliminary proposal to the estate office in early October this year, and agreed to provide supplementary information after discussing with the estate management staff. Upon receiving further details of the proposal, estate management staff will assist the applicant organisation to consult the EMAC.

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