

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

List of proposed items for discussion
(As at 24 January 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion at
Subcommittee
meeting**

1. Roles of various departments under the existing policy on bazaars as well as the provision of land for relevant use

- The definition of bazaar and the differences between bazaar, market and hawker area
- Existing policies in relation to bazaars, and the roles of relevant government bureaux and departments in implementing the policies (including the Food and Health Bureau, Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Home Affairs Bureau (Home Affairs Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department), Labour and Welfare Bureau, Development Bureau (Lands Department, Highways Department), Transport and Housing Bureau (Housing Department))
- The application criteria of different departments and their procedures for handling applications
- The situation of idle sites/public spaces across the districts, and how suitable idle sites/public spaces may be used to cater for the establishment and development of bazaars

February 2017

2. Current situation and experience of bazaar application

- List of applications submitted to the 18 District Councils ("DCs") in relation to the establishment of bazaars over the past three years and their details (including whether heating activities using "naked flame" were involved in the applications), results of the applications (including reasons for applications being rejected), issues of concern raised by DCs, latest development of the approved cases, and the situation of applications still under consideration

March 2017

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- Modus operandi and experience of existing bazaars and successfully held ones
- Review of current procedures for bazaar application and effectiveness of bottom-up, district-led policies

3. Review of licence application procedures for bazaar operation and the Government's support to operators

- Application procedures relevant to bazaar operation and licence applications involved in different forms of bazaars (including licence applications involving heating activities using "naked flame")
- Existing licensing regimes for hawkers and food production or processing
- The Government's support to bazaars operators (including finance, departmental workforce, research and so on)

April 2017

4. Bazaar policies and experience of other cities

- To invite the Research Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat to conduct research on selected cities (including Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok, London and so on); its scope includes the policy frameworks on bazaars/hawker trade in various places, their application and vetting procedures, and the initiatives to promote the development of bazaars/hawker trade, and so on
- To invite the Administration to respond to the above research and discuss with the Subcommittee

May 2017

5. Relationship between bazaars and poverty alleviation, community economy and community building

- Explore the roles of bazaars in promoting poverty alleviation, fostering community economy and community building and the interplay between them

June 2017

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Subcommittee
meeting**

6. Relationship among bazaars, public markets and similar facilities in private property

- Explore how the Administration, public organizations, local organizations and non-government organizations may coordinate with each other to ensure the implementation of the policy on bazaars

July 2017

7. Listen to new-term Government's views on the policy on bazaars

To be confirmed

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