Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions (position as at 2 June 2017)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's
			response
 Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address 	6.2.2017	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) number of transactions for (i) private residential properties and (ii) first-hand private residential properties before and after the announcement of the demand-side management measure on 5 November 2016 (i.e. raising the ad valorem stamp duty rates chargeable on residential property transactions to a new flat rate of 15%); and (b) the Administration's proposed timing/date for discussing "short and medium-term measures to alleviate the housing difficulties of residents of sub-divided units" on the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion (LC Paper No. CB(1)500/16-17(02)) in the light of the suggestion of Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, the Panel Chairman, that it should be discussed as early as possible. 	The Administration's response to item (b) was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)715/16-17(01) on 22 March 2017. Response to item (a) awaited

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2. Head 711 project no. B868TH - Road improvement works at Ma On Shan, Sha Tin	6.2.2017	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) the respective latest details of the sites for the proposed public rental housing ("PRH") development at Hang Tai Road (i.e. Yan On Estate Phase 2) and the Home Ownership Scheme ("HOS") development at Ma On Shan Road in Sha Tin including the total area, the maximum domestic and non-domestic plot ratios, the planned population intake, the total retail floor area, etc., given that the scale of two developments would increase (as pointed out in the submission from Mr Michael YUNG Ming-chau, Shatin District Councilor (LC Paper No. CB(1)523/16-17(03)) and confirmed by the Administration); (b) the Administration's assessments on the environmental and traffic impacts arising from the proposed project B868TH, and the statistics/figures supporting the assessments; and 	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)958/16-17(01) on 16 May 2017.

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		 (c) with plans/drawings, the pedestrian facilities to be provided under the proposed project B868TH to facilitate people including wheelchair users to cross the road(s) and travel between the proposed bus stop(s) and the proposed PRH and HOS developments in a safe and barrier-free way. 	
 Measures to facilitate the mobility needs of elderly residents by the Hong Kong Housing Authority 	6.3.2017	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) written response to the issues raised by Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho in his letter dated 6 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)655/16-17(01)); 	Response awaited
		(b) given that the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") planned to increase the provision of recreational facilities for the elderly at 100 public rental housing ("PRH") estates with a higher proportion of elderly residents, (i) a list of these estates, (ii) whether any of these estates were those of the 22 aged PRH estates the redevelopment potential of which had been earlier on assessed by the Administration/HA and if yes, the details; and	

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		(c) a list of the existing old PRH estates for which improvement works (such as works to add/improve the estate facilities) had been carried out in the past few years, and details of the improvement works.	
4. Construction materials used for public rental housing		The Administration was requested to provide a list of the materials covered under the enhancement measures adopted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority regarding plumbing works, as set out in items (A)1 and 2 of Part I of the Annex to the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)617/16-17(07))).	Response awaited
5. Head 711 project no. B440RO – District open space adjoining public housing development at Anderson Road	11.4.2017	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) given that the construction of the proposed district open space which was expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2019 would have lagged behind the population intake of On Tat Estate/On Tai Estate, an explanation on why the Administration had not submitted the proposal to LegCo in good time in order to tie in with the population intake, and how the Administration would prevent recurrence of similar situation in future; 	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)958/16-17(01) on 16 May 2017.

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		(b) whether the Administration would consider providing cycle velodrome at the proposed district open space, if yes, the details; if no, the reason;	
		(c) the total area occupied by the proposed multi-purpose open area; and	
		 (d) with plans/drawings, the facilities provided in the local open space that had been/would be provided as part of the development of On Tat Estate/On Tai Estate. 	
6. Development of bazaars in public housing estates	9.5.2017	The Administration was requested to provide the following information:	Response awaited
		 (a) a list of public housing estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") which did not involve other owners; 	
		 (b) a copy of/information about the internal guidelines for the Housing Department ("HD")'s estate frontline staff for handling proposals of setting up bazaars in public housing estates ("bazaar proposals"); 	

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		(c) the principles adopted by HA/HD for considering/vetting bazaar proposals;	
		(d) whether District Councils ("DCs"), Area Committees ("ACs") and Estate Management Advisory Committees ("EMACs") considered/gave views on bazaar proposals according to the principles in (c); if yes, the details;	
		(e) whether and how, in assessing a bazaar proposal, HA/HD would take into account the following factors: (i) views of DCs, ACs, EMACs and The Link Real Estate Investment Trust ("Link REIT") on the proposal, including opposition, if any, raised by one or more of these four parties to the proposal; and (ii) nature of the proposed bazaar operation; whether HA/HD adopted a marking scheme for the assessment and/or accorded weightings to the aforesaid factors; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons;	
		 (f) measures/actions that would be taken by HA/HD to cater for a situation where a bazaar proposal was opposed by Link REIT as an owner of the proposed bazaar venue; 	
		(g) the mechanism for submission and approval of bazaar proposals to/by HA/HD; how HA/HD would	

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		select the proposals if there was more than one proponent submitting proposals for organizing a bazaar at the same location and time;	
		(h) the way forward to handle bazaar proposals in future; whether HA/HD would put in place common criteria applicable to all proponents/applicants for setting up bazaars in public housing estates; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons; whether HA/HD would establish platform to assist community groups in organizing bazaars in public housing estates; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons;	
		 (i) whether HA/HD would give special considerations or provide concessionary arrangements if the proponents of bazaar proposals / operators of bazaars were non-profit organizations and/or their proposed bazaar operation was non-profit-making in nature, if yes, the details; and 	
		(j) details of the views of the relevant DC, AC and EMAC on the proposal for setting up a holiday bazaar at the amphitheatre of Tin Yiu Estate in Tin Shui Wai; a copy of Link REIT's written consent to the aforesaid proposal (an explanation if the Administration could not provide a copy of the written consent).	

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 Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates 		The Administration was requested to provide information on whether it would take forward the suggestion that the Administration's/Hong Kong Housing Authority's policies should allow guide dog puppies undergoing training to be kept at public housing units by tenants, including tenants who were guide dog trainers, visually impaired tenants, etc., if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.	

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