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Public Works Subcommittee of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 28th meeting held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex on Wednesday, 30 May 2018, at 8:30 am

Members present:

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)

Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS

Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP

Hon HO Kai-ming

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon Tanya CHAN

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Hon LUK Chung-hung

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai

Hon AU Nok-hin

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Members absent:

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Public officers attending:

Mr Raistlin LAU Chun, JP Deputy Secretary for Financial Services

and the Treasury (Treasury)3

Miss Joey LAM Kam-ping, JP Deputy Secretary for Development

(Works)1

Ms Bernadette LINN, JP Permanent Secretary for Development

(Planning and Lands)

Mr Donald TONG Chi-keung, JP Permanent Secretary for the

Environment

Ms Margaret HSIA Mai-chi Principal Assistant Secretary for

Financial Services and the Treasury

(Treasury) (Works)

Mr Jack CHAN Jick-chi, JP Under Secretary for Home Affairs

Ms Eugenia CHUNG Nga-chi, JP Assistant Director of Home Affairs (2)

Mr Steve TSE Ling-chun, JP District Officer (Kwun Tong)

Home Affairs Department

Mr Rick CHAN Tin-chu, JP District Officer (Wan Chai)

Home Affairs Department

Mr Martin KWAN Wai-cheong Chief Engineer (Works)

Home Affairs Department

Mrs Alice CHING WOO Wai-ling Chief Project Manager 303

Architectural Services Department

Mr Chris LIU Chi-ho Chief Project Manager 302

Architectural Services Department

Ms LAI Mei-ling Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon)

Leisure and Cultural Services

Department

Ms Becky LEE Pui-ling Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East)

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Attendance by invitation:

Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun,

Chairman

GBS, JP

Kwun Tong District Council

Mr Stephen NG Kam-chun,

Chairman

BBS, MH, JP

Wan Chai District Council

Clerk in attendance:

Mr Derek LO Chief Council Secretary (1)5

Staff in attendance:

Mr Raymond CHOW Senior Council Secretary (1)6

Mr Raymond SZETO

Ms Christina SHIU

Ms Christy YAU

Ms Clara LO

Council Secretary (1)5

Legislative Assistant (1)2

Legislative Assistant (1)7

Legislative Assistant (1)8

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The Chairman advised that the meeting continued with the consideration of item PWSC(2018-19)15 carried over from the meeting on 28 May 2018. He reminded members that in accordance with Rule 83A of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") of the Legislative Council ("LegCo"), they should disclose the nature of any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to the funding proposals under discussion at the meeting before they spoke on the proposals. He also drew members' attention to Rule 84 of RoP on voting in case of direct pecuniary interest.

2. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> pointed out that the adoption of the approach of "resolving the simple issues before the difficult ones" by the Administration in sequencing items under application could expedite the progress of consideration of such items by the Finance Committee ("FC") and the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC").

Head 707 – New Towns and Urban Area Development

PWSC(2018-19)15 458RO Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong

District)—Construction of Music

Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade

68RE Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai

District)—Construction of Moreton

Terrace Activities Centre

<u>Implementation of the Signature Project Schemes</u>

3. Mr MA Fung-kwok, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung, Ms Starry LEE, Mr Wilson OR, Mr YIU Si-wing, Dr Junius HO and Mr LUK Chung-hung expressed support for the item. Mr MA, Mr LEUNG and Dr HO said that

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many members of the public had been attracted to Kwun Tong Promenade since the development commenced in 2010. The proposed music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would become a landmark of the district, bringing additional visitor flow. Dr HO pointed out that the Moreton Terrace Activities Centre ("MTAC") and the Hong Kong Central Library, sports ground and open spaces in the vicinity would deliver synergy benefits in facilitating public participation in activities. Mr MA, Mr OR and Dr HO further pointed out that as early as in 2013, the two projects under the Signature Project Schemes ("SPS") had been proposed and established by the relevant District Councils ("DCs"), and upon thorough consultation with the district, endorsed by the DCs and supported by the Panel on Home Affairs of These members criticized members of the non-establishment camp for failing to respect the decisions of the DCs and the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs as they employed the tactics of "filibustering" or raising questions incessantly to hinder the examination of the applications, preventing the prompt endorsement of the two SPS projects. Mr OR urged the Administration to take appropriate measures to ensure that the two projects would be completed as scheduled. Mr MA enquired about the Administration's measures to expedite the vetting and approval procedures for similar projects to be submitted to LegCo in future.

Under Secretary for Home Affairs ("USHA") responded that DCs 4. were responsible for advocating and spearheading SPS projects, including conducting district consultation and preparing implementation plans of the projects. The two proposed SPS projects were public works projects; the pre-construction works including planning and design must be completed before any funding applications could be submitted to LegCo. Administration noted that residents in the two districts earnestly looked forward to the completion of the two projects. As regards Kwun Tong District, there were currently a large number of people visiting Kwun Tong Promenade. Many of them went there for leisure and various activities. The music fountains would enhance the vibrant ambience at Kwun Tong As for the implementation progress of the SPS projects, among the 23 projects approved by FC, the services of two service-oriented projects (i.e. Kwai Tsing District's "Enhancement of Community Healthcare" and Tuen Mun District's "Promotion of Youth Development in Tuen Mun") had been fully commenced with desirable outcome. Among the 21 works-based projects, three of them (i.e. "Mei Foo Neighbourhood Activity Centre" in Sham Shui Po District, "Harbourfront Enhancement and Revitalization at the Western Wholesale Food Market" in Central and Western District and Wong Tai Sin District's "Expansion and Improvement of Wong Tai Sin Square") had been completed. The remaining projects were underway. was expected that most of the projects would be completed and commence service between 2018 and 2019. Currently, funding applications of four SPS projects were awaiting FC's approval. Apart from the two SPS projects under this item, the two service-oriented projects of Southern District had already been included in the agenda of the FC meeting to be held on 1 June this year.

- Ms Tanya CHAN, Mr HUI Chi-fung, Mr AU Nok-hin, Mr Gary FAN 5. and Mr Charles Peter MOK criticized the Administration, Kwun Tong DC and Wan Chai DC for submitting the funding applications for the SPS projects to LegCo without conducting full consultation with local stakeholders and forging consensus among different political parties and groups, which would merely aggravate the conflicts and would not be conducive to expediting the implementation of the projects. Mr HUI referred to a letter to PWSC from Miss Clarisse YEUNG, a member of Wan Chai DC (LC Paper No. PWSC227/17-18(01)), stating that many people Wan Chai District opposed the construction of MTAC. in Mr KWONG Chun-yu also pointed out that a number of users of the volleyball courts at the Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground had submitted a joint petition requesting the shelving of the MTAC project. Mr HUI, Mr KWONG and Mr MOK requested the Administration and the relevant DCs to seriously consider the various requests of local residents and conduct anew a district consultation exercise on the project.
- 6. Mr CHU Hoi-dick said that as the Administration supported the proposed music fountains project, Kwun Tong DC might consider lobbying the Administration to implement the project separately, so that other uncontroversial projects could be implemented with the saved budget. In response, <u>USHA</u> said that both the Government and the two DCs earnestly looked forward to the early approval of the funding for the projects, so that the construction works could be commenced as soon as possible.
- 7. Mr Stephen NG Kam-chun, Chairman of Wan Chai DC, responded that there was a prolonged shortage of community facilities in Wan Chai District. Local residents, non-profit-making organizations and performing groups earnestly looked forward to the early completion of MTAC which would provide various facilities, including performance venues and a rooftop community garden. Wan Chai DC had already consulted the stakeholders on the project. In the previous term, Wan Chai DC had endorsed the project unanimously. In the current term, all members of Wan Chai DC except Miss Clarisse YEUNG had expressed their support for the project. Regarding those who had signed the joint petition for shelving the MTAC project, it was understood that they were not aware of the reprovisioning arrangement for the volleyball courts when they made the request. Moreover, Mr NG opined that the content of Miss YEUNG's letter was superficial. For instance, she said in the letter that the project would involve

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public funding of \$140 million. However, in actuality, \$40 million would be from the donation of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust whereas the actual commitment of the Government would be \$100 million. Furthermore, she merely mentioned in the letter the replacement of the volleyball courts at the Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground but stopped short of stating that the Government had reprovisioned the two volleyball courts at Victoria Park and that Wan Chai DC was proactively identifying a suitable site for constructing a new volleyball court.

- 8. In response, <u>Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun</u>, <u>Chairman of Kwun Tong DC</u>, said that the proposed construction of music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade was a significant project of Kwun Tong DC and the realization of the "bottom-up" approach adopted in policy-making at district level. At that time, members of Kwun Tong DC gathered 10-odd project proposals from local residents and organizations. After a detailed scrutiny conducted by the DC's working group, the project was finally selected. In the previous term, members of Kwun Tong DC gave unanimous support for the project. Moreover, according to an opinion survey conducted by some members of the DC in August 2013, over 85% of the respondents supported the construction of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade. Evidently, the project had the mandate of the people. <u>Mr Wilson OR</u> said that as a member of Kwun Tong DC, he agreed with Mr CHAN's response.
- 9. Mr AU Nok-hin, Mr HUI Chi-fung, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr Gary FAN and Mr Charles Peter MOK pointed out that the opinion survey cited in the government paper and by Kwun Tong DC was conducted by the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong ("DAB"), where the questions were leading with suspected bias. Mr FAN, Mr WAN and Mr MOK said that the Kowloon East Community had also conducted an opinion survey on the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade and found that many members of the public did not support the project. These members urged the Administration and Kwun Tong DC to listen to views from various parties. Mr AU opined that Kwun Tong DC should conduct a separate opinion survey to ensure the fairness and impartiality of the findings.
- 10. <u>District Officer (Kwun Tong) ("DO(KT)")</u> responded that Kwun Tong DC had received many views in the course of taking the project forward, including the surveys conducted by DAB and the Kowloon Federation of Associations. <u>Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun, Chairman of Kwun Tong DC</u>, added that the results of the survey conducted by the Kowloon Federation of Associations under the title "Selection for My Favourite Construction Projects in Kwun Tong District for 2012-2015" indicated that the project on music fountains ranked the fifth, reflecting that the project was well received by local residents.

<u>Site identification, design and construction of Moreton Terrace Activities</u> Centre

- 11. Mr HUI Chi-fung, Mr Andrew WAN, Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Mr AU Nok-hin opined that instead of constructing MTAC, the Administration should retain the volleyball courts at the Moreton Terrace and construct a community hall at the "Government, Institution and Community" site near Caroline Hill Road to alleviate the shortage of open spaces and community facilities in Wan Chai District.
- 12. Mr HUI Chi-fung and Mr AU Nok-hin criticized that apart from the construction of MTAC, the Administration also planned to relocate the Harcourt Road Fresh Water Pumping Station to the existing Lockhart Road Playground site, further reducing the open spaces which were already in serious shortage in the district.
- 13. USHA responded that Wan Chai District was a highly developed area where sites available for the construction of community facilities were in great scarcity. With the construction of MTAC, community facilities which were in chronic shortage in the district could be provided expeditiously, and this was a desirable approach. To tie in with the construction of MTAC, the Administration had already reprovisioned two volleyball courts Victoria Park. Currently, facilities at the handball-cum-volleyball court at Victoria Park were better than those at the venue at the Moreton Terrace. For instance, the venue at Victoria Park was installed with spectator stands, the lighting facilities were better than those at the Moreton Terrace, and the site was closer to Tin Hau Station of MTR. Moreover, the Administration was identifying suitable sites in Wan Chai District for constructing new volleyball courts to meet the needs of Wan Chai District for such courts. Mr Stephen NG Kam-chun, Chairman of Wan Chai DC, added that Wan Chai DC had requested the Administration to develop a civic centre in the district at the lot of Caroline Hill Road. However, the project was still in the consultation stage, and it would take a long time before the project could On the contrary, the Moreton Terrace project was in a be completed. considerably mature stage. Subject to LegCo's approval, the project could be commenced as soon as possible to address the imminent needs of the district in this regard. Furthermore, the Administration had consulted Wan Chai DC on the proposal of relocating the Harcourt Road Fresh Water Pumping Station and proposed to adopt an integrated approach to minimize the impact on the open spaces at the site.
- 14. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and Dr CHENG Chung-tai were concerned that the stage and the hall of MTAC would be smaller than those of typical

community halls. <u>Mr CHAN</u> enquired whether there were any precedents for designing such a small hall.

- 15. <u>USHA</u> and <u>Chief Project Manager 302 of Architectural Services Department ("CPM302/ArchSD")</u> replied that the hall of MTAC could house around 250 spectators, whereas the stage of about 10 metres by six metres in area would be suitable for holding small-to-medium-scale performances and other activities. <u>The Chairman</u> added that the area of the proposed hall was comparable to that of the Cultural Activities Hall of Sha Tin Town Hall.
- 16. Noting that a basement would be built in MTAC, <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> worried that trees locating within the construction area might die due to the basement construction works.
- 17. <u>USHA</u> said that the five trees currently locating along the public pedestrian walkway next to the proposed MTAC would be retained. During the construction period, the Administration would take appropriate measures to ensure that the health conditions of the five trees would not be affected by the works.
- 18. At the request of Ms Tanya CHAN, the Administration would provide detailed information about the tree survey conducted on the five trees near the proposed MTAC (Note: Those five trees are not within the construction site), including the species, diameter at breast height and age of the trees, and whether the proposed basement works would harm the roots of those trees.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No. PWSC242/17-18(01)</u> on 8 June 2018.)

Design and operation of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade

19. Mr FAN Kwok-wai queried that since the objective of constructing the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade was to develop tourist attractions in Kwun Tong District, it was inconsistent with the original intent of SPS. He considered that due to the lack of tourism supporting facilities, it was unsuitable to develop tourist attractions at Kwun Tong Promenade. Mr WU Chi-wai pointed out that the number of music fountains in Hong Kong was decreasing gradually, and fountains in many housing estates had already ceased operation. These members queried whether the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would be well received by the public. Mr WU was also concerned that the proposed music fountains would replace the existing lawn where many people used for various activities.

- 20. <u>Mr Andrew WAN</u> queried that the design of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade was not user-friendly. He requested the Administration to expand the wet play area which allowed public access.
- 21. Mr CHU Hoi-dick suggested that instead of the construction of the music fountains, the three specialized crowd management vehicles (commonly known as "water cannon vehicles") newly-procured by the Hong Kong Police Force could be parked at Kwun Tong Promenade as a tourist attraction to offer entertainment.
- 22. USHA responded that the successive completion of many music fountains in other regions and theme parks, such as Dadaepo Sunset Fountain of Dream in Busan of South Korea and the music fountains at the Disneyland in California and Paris repectively, in recent years reflected that music fountains remained popular in the international community. The design of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade, the realization of the concept of "harmony between people and water", provided a considerably large area for visitors to interact directly with the water of the fountains. design of the music fountains had incorporated views from various parties. The Administration would consider accommodating different activities at the music fountains as far as practicable to take forward the concept of "harmony between people and water" further. It was expected that upon the completion of the music fountains, apart from youngsters who would hold activities there, families would be attracted to play with the water, which would be a good place for young couples in particular to spend time with their children. CPM303/ArchSD added that the music fountains, including a performance water fountain, an interactive wet play area and fountains with jumping jets, would allow visitors to have fun playing with water. Furthermore, the design of the music fountains would retain the lawn as far as possible, so that 30% of the music-fountain area would be covered by landscaped area.
- 23. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> pointed out that there were many poor people and elderly persons, as well as sub-division of flat units (commonly known as "sub-divided units") in Kwun Tong District, yet the construction of the music fountains could not render any assistance to local residents in meeting their basic and daily needs. Kwun Tong DC should follow the practice of Kwai Tsing District and Tuen Mun District by according priority to the provision of services for them through SPS in considering the arrangement.
- 24. <u>USHA</u> responded that apart from the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade, Kwun Tong DC also proposed another SPS project, namely "Construction of Lift Tower at Shung Yan Street in Kwun Tong", to facilitate elderly persons residing near Hong Ning Road Recreation Ground and other people in need to commute to and from Kwun Tong Town Centre. The

funding for the project had already been approved and the construction works were underway. Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun, Chairman of Kwun Tong DC, added that DC members of the pro-democracy camp in the district also supported the division of the SPS project estimates into two parts: one for the implementation of livelihood projects and the other for the construction of the music fountains. Moreover, Kwun Tong DC had been liaising closely with the Social Welfare Department to take forward welfare services catering for the needs of the district.

- 25. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN, Mr Alvin YEUNG, Mr Andrew WAN</u> and <u>Mr Charles Peter MOK</u> were concerned whether or not the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would consume a large amount of drinking water, causing water wastage and incurring exorbitant water charges.
- 26. <u>USHA</u> said that the Administration would adhere to the water conservation principle in managing the music fountains. <u>CPM303/ArchSD</u> added that the capacity of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would be about 270 cu m. Since the music fountain adopted a green design where the fountain water would be reused, it would not consume a large amount of drinking water. According to the preliminary estimate of the Administration, the pool water evaporation rate of the music fountains would be about 550 cu m per year while the actual evaporation rate would be subject to weather conditions. <u>The Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon)</u>, <u>Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("CLM(KLN)/LCSD")</u> said that the project would be put under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD"). LCSD, being a government department, was not required to pay water charges.
- 27. <u>Mr WU Chi-wai</u> and <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> enquired about the operating hours of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade.
- 28. <u>DO(KT)</u> replied that the performance sessions of the music fountains had been tentatively scheduled at 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm, whereas the dry fountain allowing public interaction would be open in summer. <u>Mr AU Nok-hin</u> queried that if the opening hours of the music fountains had not been confirmed, the estimate on the annual recurrent expenditure would not be accurate.

Street performances

29. <u>Mr Andrew WAN</u> opined that the Administration should examine developing the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade into a multi-purpose open space which allowed members of the public to conduct various activities or street performances during specified hours.

- 30. Mr Alvin YEUNG said that in recent years, many street performers had occupied parks and other public spaces for performances. The noise nuisance so caused had prompted Mong Kok DC to pass a resolution requesting the Administration to explore the abolition of the pedestrian precinct at Sai Yeung Choi Street in Mong Kok. He worried that similar problem would occur at the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade and enquired about the corresponding measures the Administration would adopt.
- 31. Mr YIU Si-wing enquired whether the Administration would consider developing the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade into a venue for street performances as a replacement of the pedestrian precinct at Sai Yeung Choi Street in Mong Kok, provided that this would not affect the daily life of local residents.
- 32. Mr LUK Chung-hung suggested that the Administration should explore banning the use of 220V AC loudspeakers by street performers within the precinct of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade with a view to reducing noise.
- 33. <u>USHA</u> said that the music fountains located inside Kwun Tong Promenade would be managed by LCSD according to the mode of management adopted for a general park venue. LCSD was experienced and had established procedures in addressing noise nuisance. Moreover, the Administration had all along been endeavouring in promoting the "Fly the Flyover 0123" project next to Kwun Tong Promenade and had made remarkable achievements. However, given the width constraint of Kwun Tong Promenade and the presence of many other users, the Administration had reservations on the proposal of developing the place into a venue for street performances. <u>CLM(KLN)/LCSD</u> added that currently LCSD did not prohibit the public from using loudspeakers at its venues. Since Mr LUK Chung-hung's proposal involved the amendment of the relevant legislation, the Administration had to consider the proposal cautiously.

Estimated expenditure on the project

34. Referring to the paper on the agenda item and the Administration's supplementary paper for the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs (LC Paper No. CB(2)1049/17-18(01)), Ms Tanya CHAN pointed out that the annual recurrent expenditure for the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade and MTAC were \$1.8 million and \$4.9 million respectively. Ms CHAN enquired about the use of the recurrent expenditure and requested the Administration to explain why the expenditure of the latter project far exceeded that of the former one.

- 35. <u>Mr Gary FAN</u> queried that the recurrent expenditure of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would far exceed the current estimate of \$1.8 million per annum.
- 36. DO(KT) said that the recurrent expenditure of the music fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade would include the repair and maintenance cost of the project (about \$1.1 million), the costs of hiring security staff (about \$0.3 million) and other expenses on manpower, electricity and chemicals for cleaning pool water, etc. DO(WC) said that the recurrent expenditure of the proposed MTAC would include remunerations for contract staff and the costs for cleaning and security services, electricity and horticultural maintenance services, as well as repair and maintenance. Furthermore, the provision of a community garden on the rooftop of the proposed MTAC would also involve additional expenses. As regards Ms Tanya CHAN's comparison of the two projects, USHA explained that the recurrent expenditures of the projects varied according to the nature of the projects and other factors. the two projects, since the management of MTAC required more resources in the repair and maintenance of the lobby and the lifts, security and cleaning, etc., the recurrent expenditure incurred would be higher. The current estimated recurrent expenditures of the two projects were reasonable estimations.
- 37. Mr WU Chi-wai said that the mechanics of the music fountains were simple and queried that the annual budget of \$1.1 million for the repair and maintenance of the music fountains was an overestimation.
- 38. At the request of Ms Tanya CHAN, the Administration would provide the annual recurrent expenditures of and their respective proportion to the construction costs of SPS projects of the 18 districts.

(*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was circulated to members vide <u>LC Paper No. PWSC242/17-18(01)</u> on 8 June 2018.)

- 39. <u>Dr CHENG Chung-tai</u> queried why the Administration had not made any adjustments for inflation to the estimated costs and operating costs of the two projects though it had been more than five years since the establishment of the projects in 2013.
- 40. In response, <u>CPM303/ArchSD</u> said that the Administration had fine-tuned the designs of the projects to ensure that the construction costs were comparable to those of the projects at the time of their establishment.

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The recurrent expenditures of the projects were mere estimations and the recent assessment did not indicate any significant change in the amounts.

41. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Subcommittee would continue to discuss this item at the next meeting. The meeting ended at 10:28 am.

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