

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 22 January 2018)

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(Please also refer to items of Public Works Programme on pages 14 to 16)

1. Landscape and tree management work in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon CHAN Han-pan suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the regulations and guidelines on tree management and preservation, as well as the division of work on relevant matters among responsible departments/sections. 27 February 2018

On 27 October and 2 November 2017, Hon Tanya CHAN and Hon KWOK Wai-keung respectively wrote to the Chairman suggesting that matters relating to tree management in Hong Kong be discussed by the Panel as soon as possible (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)210/17-18(03) and (04)).

The Administration will brief members on the regulations and guidelines on landscape and tree management and preservation, as well as the division of work on relevant matters among responsible departments/sections.

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2. Proposed creation of permanent posts of Chief Landscape Architect in the Civil Engineering and Development Department and Highways Department

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of creation of permanent posts of Chief Landscape Architect (D1) in the Civil Engineering and Development Department and Highways Department to strengthen the provision of professional landscape architectural services.

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The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for May and June 2018 respectively.

3. Planning and Engineering Study for Housing Sites in Yuen Long South — Recommended Outline Development Plan

The Administration will brief members on the Recommended Outline Development Plan and other key recommendations of the planning and engineering study on the Yuen Long South Development.

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4. Work of the Urban Renewal Authority

The Administration will brief members on the progress of the work of the Urban Renewal Authority in 2017-2018 and the plan for the next financial year and the progress of the implementation of the Urban Renewal Strategy.

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5. Revitalisation of industrial buildings

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon KWONG Chun-yu requested to follow up his

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suggestion raised at the Panel meeting on 23 May 2017 that the Panel should discuss the use of industrial building units for arts and cultural purposes.

The Administration will brief members on the recommendations upon completion of the review into possible measures on the revitalisation of industrial buildings.

(Note: At the House Committee meeting on 6 October 2017, Members agreed to set up a subcommittee on issues relating to the policy on industrial buildings. The subcommittee had been put on the waiting list pending activation.)

6. Public Engagement by the Task Force on Land Supply

The Task Force on Land Supply ("the Task Force") was established in September 2017 to take a macro review of the land supply measures. The Administration will brief members on the public engagement exercise to be conducted by the Task Force in the first half of 2018.

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7. Proposed Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill

An information paper prepared by the Administration on "public consultation on proposed security of payment legislation for the construction industry" (LC Paper No. CB(1)1033/15-16(01)) was circulated to members on 14 June 2016.

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The Administration plans to consult Panel members on the legislative framework of the proposed Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill.

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8. Planning, Engineering and Architectural Study for Topside Development at the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities Island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge — Stage 2 Community Engagement

The Administration will consult Panel members on the draft Recommended Outline Development Plan formulated under the above study.

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9. Technical amendments to subsidiary legislations made under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123)

The Administration will brief members on proposals to (a) amend the Building (Minor Works) Regulations to include more works items under the prevailing Minor Works Control System to facilitate the industry; and (b) introduce new provisions to the Building (Construction) Regulations and convert the existing prescriptive provisions into performance-based ones to accommodate innovative building technologies and facilitate the industry.

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10. Raising the construction operations levy threshold under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587) ("CICO") and the Construction Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 583) ("CWRO") from \$1 million to \$3 million; Cessation of provisional registration under CWRO

The Administration will brief members on the following legislative proposals:

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(a) to increase the levy threshold of CICO and CWRO from \$1 million to \$3 million; and

(b) to terminate a transitional arrangement of CWRO which allows workers to apply for

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registration as skilled worker (provisional) or semi-skilled worker (provisional) based on their working experience before 29 December 2005.

The Administration plans to submit the relevant legislative proposal to the Legislative Council in 2018.

11. Pier Improvement Programme

The Administration will brief members on the Pier Improvement Programme, which was announced by Chief Executive in the 2017 Policy Address. The Programme aims to improve a number of remote public piers to facilitate public access to outing destinations and natural heritage. The first phase of the Programme will cover about 10 public piers in the New Territories and the Islands District.

To be decided

12. Harbourfront planning and development

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should follow up with the Administration its harbourfront enhancement initiatives. Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN said that the Administration should brief the Panel on the principles and approaches for planning and developing the waterfront areas in the western part of the Hong Kong Island and those outside Victoria Harbour. Hon Albert CHAN suggested that the Harbourfront Commission should be invited to discuss with the Panel the matters raised by Dr Kenneth CHAN.

To be decided

13. Fresh water supply in remote villages

This issue was raised by Hon Alice MAK and Hon TANG Ka-piu in December 2013. Ms MAK and Mr TANG expressed their concerns on the lack

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of fresh water supply in remote villages in their two joint letters to the Panel Chairman (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)605/13-14(01) and 879/13-14(01)). The Administration's written response has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)732/13-14(01).

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Alice MAK urged that the Administration should discuss the subject with the Panel as soon as possible.

At the Panel meetings on 18 October 2016 and 12 October 2017, Hon Alice MAK reiterated her request that the Administration should discuss the subject with the Panel as soon as possible.

In his letter to the Panel Chairman dated 28 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)50/16-17(01)), Hon Kenneth LAU suggested that matters related to the supply of fresh water, electricity and sewerage systems to remote villages be discussed by the Panel.

On 7 November 2016, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Chairman (LC Paper No. CB(1)87/16-17(01)) to make a similar suggestion.

On 18 April 2017, a paper from the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(1)827/16-17(01)) on treated water supply for remote villages was issued to members.

14. Flooding problems in the rural areas

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the measures to prevent flooding in the rural areas, including how to deal with the problems involving private land ownership.

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15. Review of the policies on compensation and rehousing for people affected by land resumption

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung opined that the Administration should conduct a review on its existing policies on compensation and rehousing for those affected by resumption of land, and should discuss the matter with the Panel.

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At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon LAU Kwok-fan said that the Administration should discuss the subject, including the policies on compensation and rehousing for those affected by resumption of industrial sites and open storage sites in the New Territories, with the Panel as soon as possible.

16. Unauthorized building works in New Territories Exempted Houses

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the enforcement actions that had been taken against unauthorized building works in New Territories Exempted Houses and the way forward for dealing with these unauthorized works. Dr KWOK reiterated this suggestion at the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, and urged the Administration to provide a concrete timetable for discussion with the Panel on relevant issues within the 2017-2018 session.

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17. Problems arising from sub-divisions of flat units and measures to tackle the problems

At the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Yau Tsim Mong District Council members on 29 January 2015, the problems arising from sub-divisions of flat units (commonly known as "sub-divided units") and measures to tackle the problems were discussed. Yau Tsim Mong District Council members considered it important for the Administration to step up regulation of "sub-divided units" and suggested that, to enable the Buildings Department and other law enforcement authorities to take effective enforcement actions against irregularities, the Administration should draw up clear definitions in the relevant legislations (such as the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) and the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344)) to differentiate "sub-divided units" from "cubicle apartments" and other accommodations.

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Legislative Council Members attending the meeting agreed that the issues should be referred to the Panel on Development for consideration and follow-up. The referral memorandum has been circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)704/14-15(01).

Panel members agreed at the meeting on 28 April 2015 that the subject matter be included in the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion", and wished to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the issues.

18. Review of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the

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Administration should discuss with the Panel a review of the above guidelines. On 3 March and 11 April 2016, Hon Alice MAK and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT wrote to the Chairman respectively urging for an early discussion on the subject (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)648/15-16(01) and CB(1)828/15-16(01)). Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT made the same suggestion on 7 November 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)87/16-17(01)).

At the Panel meetings on 18 October 2016 and 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Helena WONG, Hon LAU Kwok-fan and Hon CHAN Han-pan urged that the Administration should discuss the item with the Panel as soon as possible. In particular, the Administration should accord priorities to reviewing the planning standards in relation to child care services, kindergarten places, caring services for the elderly, public open space and parking spaces.

Note: The Administration has advised that the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines ("HKPSG") are a comprehensive and amalgamated set of standards and guidelines covering a wide and diverse range of land uses and facilities, as well as planning and land use related topics to guide reservation of sites for such purposes, cutting across various policy areas and involving vastly different considerations spanning over the purview of many bureaux and departments ("B/Ds"). According to the existing mechanism, topical reviews of specific standards and guidelines in the HKPSG are conducted by individual B/Ds as and when necessary, taking into account the concerned B/Ds' latest relevant policies and development requirements. Opportunities would also be taken upon such topical reviews to assess the need to review relevant or related standards and guidelines, as well as the planning practices for their

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implementation. The Administration does not consider it necessary or practicable to conduct a review of the whole HKPSG. If revision of existing standards and guidelines or formulation of new standards and guidelines is considered necessary, it could be taken forward at the request of relevant B/Ds in accordance with the established mechanism. According to the Administration, if Panel members have any question about specific areas of the planning standards and guidelines, the Development Bureau and the Planning Department stand ready to coordinate with the relevant B/Ds to provide specific responses as appropriate.

19. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting of the Panel on 14 October 2008, Hon Cyd HO and Hon Abraham SHEK suggested that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

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Panel members also requested that the Administration should provide information about the details of the basis for determining the various fee items under the Town Planning Ordinance, the estimated costs incurred by the Administration in processing various types of planning applications each year, reconsider extending the fee waiver to all applications relating to "public causes", "public purposes" or "public interest" as a matter of policy, and consult Heung Yee Kuk on the fee items applicable to Small House applications.

On 24 November 2014, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman suggesting that matters related to amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance,

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functions of the Town Planning Board, the town planning procedure, etc. be discussed by the Panel as soon as possible. The letter and the Administration's responses were circulated to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)299/14-15(01), CB(1)556/14-15(01) and CB(1)764/14-15(01).

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and it has not been factored into its current work plan.

20. Small House Policy and rural planning strategy

At the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011, Hon CHAN Kam-lam urged that the Administration should discuss the issues relating to the Small House Policy with the Panel. Hon Albert CHAN proposed that the discussion should also cover the Administration's rural planning strategy.

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In the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 61 tabled in the Council on 12 February 2014, PAC urged the Administration to expedite the review of the Small House Policy and recommended that the issue be followed up by the Panel.

On 18 October 2017, Hon Kenneth LAU wrote to the Chairman suggesting that matters relating to the formulation of a comprehensive rural policy be discussed by the Panel (LC Paper No. CB(1)210/17-18(02)).

Note: The Administration has advised that it was unable to set a definite timetable for completing the review of the Policy due to the complexity of the issues involved.

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21. Development of leisure and entertainment facilities at Sunny Bay

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Michael TIEN urged the Administration to report to the Panel on the outcome of its planning and engineering study on Sunny Bay reclamation, taking into account the suggestions made in his motion passed at the Panel meeting on 28 March 2017. His motion requested that the Administration should allow flexibilities for the development of different leisure and entertainment facilities such as multi-purpose venues for holding road events.

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22. Developing land resources

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Michael TIEN requested the Panel to conduct focused discussions on the following initiatives under the 2017 Policy Address: (a) increasing substantially the supply of units under the Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme; (b) exploring the reactivation of the revitalization scheme for industrial buildings to offer incentives to encourage redevelopment or wholesale conversion; and (c) formulating a policy framework on brownfield development.

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Note: The Administration has advised that for Part (a), it is under the purview of the Transport and Housing Bureau. The Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") launched the sale of the Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme ("GSH") pilot project King Tai Court in October 2016, and the project has been completed in mid-2017. HA has undertaken to conduct a review on GSH to consider the way forward. The review will be completed in the first quarter of 2018, and the Panel

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on Housing will be briefed on the outcome of the review at its meeting, tentatively in March 2018. A separate discussion at the Panel on Development is considered not necessary. For Part (b), it will be covered by Item 5 Revitalization of industrial buildings. For Part (c), brownfield sites are one of the land supply options being reviewed by the Task Force on Land Supply, and the formulation of a policy framework on brownfield development will be considered taking into account the public engagement exercise to be conducted by the Task Force in the first half of 2018, i.e. Item 6 above.

23. Short term tenancies

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon CHAN Chi-chuen requested to discuss the policy relating to the granting of short term tenancies, as well as measures to avoid abuses.

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Public Works Programme ("PWP")

1. PWP Item No. 7268RS — Cycle track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun — advance works

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Michael TIEN suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the way forward of the planning of the proposed cycle track sections at Sham Tseng.

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The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading part of the project to Category A for construction of the proposed cycle track between Tsing Tsuen Bridge and Bayview Garden in Tsuen Wan together with the associated supporting facilities.

The submission of the relevant funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for March and May 2018 respectively.

2. PWP Item No. 9201WC — Relocation of Diamond Hill Fresh Water and Salt Water Service Reservoirs to Caverns

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading part of the project to Category A for the consultants' fees and investigation for relocation of Diamond Hill fresh water and salt water service reservoirs to caverns.

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3. PWP Item No. 7702CL (Part) — Kai Tak Development — Stage 4 and Stage 5 infrastructure at the former runway and south apron, and progress report on Kai Tak Development

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading the item to Category A for

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construction of Stage 4 infrastructure at the former runway and Stage 5 infrastructure at the former south apron of Kai Tak Development; and to update members on the progress of Kai Tak Development.

4. PWP Item No. 4108CD — West Kowloon Drainage Improvement — inter-reservoirs transfer scheme

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading the project to Category A for carrying out the construction of the inter-reservoirs transfer scheme.

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5. PWP Item No. 4172CD-1 — Rehabilitation of Underground Stormwater Drains — Stage 1

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading part of the project to Category A for carrying out condition survey and rehabilitation works for some underground stormwater drains and the associated manholes over the territory.

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6. PWP Item No. 4399DS-1 — Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns — site preparation and access tunnel construction

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading part of the project to Category A for carrying out site preparation and access tunnel construction.

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7. PWP Item No. 7065TR — Final Public Consultation on the Detailed Feasibility Study for Environmentally Friendly Linkage System for Kowloon East

The Administration will brief members on the findings of the Detailed Feasibility Study for the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System ("EFLS"), and consult members on the recommended scheme and the way forward of EFLS.

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8. PWP Item No. 5767CL — Planning and Engineering Study on Reclamation at Lung Kwu Tan; and PWP Item No. 5768CL — Strategic Studies for Artificial Islands in the Central Waters

The Administration will brief members on the proposal of upgrading the above projects to Category A for carrying out:

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- (a) the planning and engineering study on reclamation at Lung Kwu Tan and its adjoining areas; and
- (b) the strategic studies for artificial islands in the central waters.

9. PWP Item No. 7213CL — Engineering works for Ha Mei San Tsuen Village Expansion Area; and PWP Item No. 7394CL — Sha Tin New Town — stage 2 — servicing and extension of Pai Tau Village in Area 6A

In his letter to the Panel Chairman dated 28 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(1)50/16-17(01)), Hon Kenneth LAU suggested that the above public works projects be discussed by the Panel.

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