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Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets

Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 6 March 2018, at 4:00 pm
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH (Chairman)
Hon HO Kai-ming (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, JP
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon SHIU Ka-fai
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Members absent : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon SHIU Ka-chun

Clerk in attendance : Ms Alice LEUNG
Chief Council Secretary (2) 6

Staff in attendance : Miss Connie AU
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

Mr Clement HAU
Council Secretary (2) 6

Miss Meisy KWOK
Legislative Assistant (2) 6

Miss LEE Wai-yan
Clerical Assistant (2) 6

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I. Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)

Election of Chairman

Ms Claudia MO, the member with the highest precedence among those who were present at the meeting, presided over the election of the Chairman of the Subcommittee. She invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. Mr Wilson OR was nominated by Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and the nomination was seconded by Mr KWOK Wai-keung. Mr Wilson OR accepted the nomination.

3. Ms Claudia MO invited other nominations for the chairmanship. Mr Andrew WAN was nominated by Dr KWOK Ka-ki and the nomination was seconded by Dr Helena WONG. Mr Andrew WAN accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, Ms MO announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot.

4. Ms Claudia MO announced that nine members voted for Mr Wilson OR and six members voted for Mr Andrew WAN respectively. Ms MO declared Mr Wilson OR elected as the Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr Wilson OR then took the chair.

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Election of Deputy Chairman

5. Members agreed to elect a Deputy Chairman. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Subcommittee. Mr HO Kai-ming was nominated by Mr CHAN Han-pan and the nomination was seconded by Ms Alice MAK. Mr HO Kai-ming accepted the nomination.

6. The Chairman invited other nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Mr Andrew WAN was nominated by Ms Claudia MO and the nomination was seconded by Dr Helena WONG. Mr Andrew WAN accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot.

7. The Chairman announced that 10 members voted for Mr HO Kai-ming and five members voted for Mr Andrew WAN respectively. The Chairman declared Mr HO Kai-ming elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.

II. Meeting arrangements and items for discussion

(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)973/17-18(01) and CB(2)997/17-18(01))

8. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

9. The Chairman informed members that Mr Andrew WAN had submitted a letter dated 6 March 2018, which was tabled at the meeting, proposing items for discussion by the Subcommittee.

(Post-meeting note: Mr Andrew WAN's letter dated 6 March 2018 was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)997/17-18(01) on 7 March 2018.)

10. At the invitation of the Chairman, members had given their views on items for discussion in future meetings. The Chairman advised that he and the Deputy Chairman and the Clerk would work out the meeting arrangements as appropriate.

11. The Chairman said that the Financial Secretary had announced in his 2018-2019 Budget Speech that \$2 billion would be earmarked for launching a 10-year Market Modernization Programme, which would entail a comprehensive review of existing markets and improvement

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works including early installation of air-conditioning system, major overhaul or redevelopment. At the suggestion of the Chairman, members agreed that the subject should be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting. Members noted that they would be informed of the date for holding the next meeting in due course.

(Post-meeting note: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the next meeting would be held on 10 April 2018 at 10:45 am. Notice of the meeting was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1038/17-18 on 14 March 2018.)

III. Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:25 pm.

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**Proceedings of the meeting of the
Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets
on Tuesday, 6 March 2018, at 4:00 pm
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda item I – Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)</i>			
000403-001152	Ms Claudia MO Dr CHIANG Lai-wan Mr KWOK Wai-keung Mr Wilson OR Dr KWOK Ka-ki Dr Helena WONG Mr Andrew WAN	Election of Chairman	
001153-001752	Chairman Mr Steven HO Mr CHAN Han-pan Ms Alice MAK Mr HO Kai-ming Ms Claudia MO Dr Helena WONG Mr Andrew WAN	Election of Deputy Chairman	
<i>Agenda item II – Meeting arrangements and items for discussion</i>			
001753-001859	Chairman	A letter from Mr Andrew WAN dated 6 March 2018 proposing items to be discussed by the Subcommittee was tabled at the meeting (LC Paper No. CB(2)997/17-18(01)). The Chairman invited members to suggest items for discussion in future meetings.	
001900-002125	Chairman Mr Steven HO	Mr Steven HO considered it not necessary for the Subcommittee to discuss the items according to the sequence in the work plan of the Subcommittee endorsed by the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene. In his view, items (a), (e) and (f) should be discussed first as these issues were of more direct relevance to people's livelihood. Mr HO also raised concern that an inordinate amount of time was often needed to take forward projects on retrofitting of air-conditioning facilities in public markets, and considered that the Architectural	

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		<p>Services Department should be invited to explain the difficulties encountered in such projects, if any, when the relevant issue was discussed at the Subcommittee.</p> <p>Echoing the view of Mr HO, the Chairman considered that the Administration should arrange to discuss various issues of concern raised by members in a timely manner. He also agreed that representatives from relevant bureaux/government departments should be invited to attend meetings of the Subcommittee, if necessary, to respond to the views and questions of members.</p>	
002126-002459	Chairman Mr Andrew WAN	<p>Mr Andrew WAN shared Mr Steven HO's view that it was not necessary to follow the sequence of items in the work plan when scheduling the subject of discussion at future meetings. Referring to his letter proposing items for discussion by the Subcommittee tabled at the meeting, Mr WAN highlighted the following issues which were of his particular concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) details of the Administration's plan to build new public markets in Tung Chung, Tin Shui Wai and Hung Shui Kiu; (b) review of the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in relation to the provision of public markets. In his view, the problem of insufficient public markets was a planning issue; and (c) details of the 10-year Market Modernization Programme ("MMP"), including the timetable for implementation and the adequacy of the \$2 billion budget earmarked for the purpose. <p>Mr WAN also pointed out that in the 2018-2019 Budget Speech delivered by the Financial Secretary, a separate budget for increasing district facilities such as building community complexes had been earmarked. While he was aware that this initiative would be coordinated by the Home Affairs Bureau,</p>	

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		<p>he hoped that the feasibility of incorporating public markets in the community complexes could be explored, where appropriate, as it was in line with the "single site, multi use" model promulgated by the Administration to optimize the use of government land.</p> <p>At the suggestion of the Chairman, members agreed that MMP would be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting.</p>	
002500-002607	Chairman Ms Claudia MO	Ms Claudia MO raised concern about the rodent problem in those old public markets without air-conditioning facilities and pending overhaul works. While she was aware that stall tenants in public markets were presently not allowed to keep cats in public markets managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, she hoped that discretionary approval could be granted to such stall tenants to keep cats for the purpose of rodent prevention. She hoped that issues relating to the subject of environmental hygiene in public markets could be discussed by the Subcommittee.	
002608-002710	Chairman Ms YUNG Hoi-yan	Ms YUNG Hoi-yan suggested that in considering how to better utilize public markets with very low occupancy rates, the problem of inappropriate use of market stalls by some tenants (e.g. used as storage) should also be discussed.	
002711-002746	Chairman Mr Steven HO	Mr Steven HO considered that the subject of rental adjustment mechanism for public market stalls should only be discussed after issues such as enhancing the operating environment of public markets and establishing new markets had been discussed and addressed.	
002747-002836	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki	Expressing concern that the level of market stall rentals would affect the price level of goods sold at public markets, Dr KWOK Ka-ki considered that the rental adjustment mechanism should be discussed earlier.	
002837-002854	Chairman	The Chairman said that he had taken note of the views expressed by members, and that he and the Deputy Chairman and the Clerk	

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		would work out the meeting arrangements as appropriate. Members would be informed of the date for holding the next meeting in due course.	
<i>Agenda item III – Any other business</i>			
002855-002925	Chairman	Closing remarks	

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