For discussion on 26 and 29 June 2018

Legislative Council Panel on Development and Panel on Housing

Public Works Programme Item No. B780CL Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long

PURPOSE

This paper updates Members on the latest developments of **Public Works Programme Item No. B780CL** ('the proposed works'), and consults Members.

BACKGROUND

2. The Government consulted the Legislative Council ('LegCo') Panel on Housing about the proposed works at its meeting on 6 November 2017^1 ; and provided information on the public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long, at the LegCo Panel on Housing Subcommittee to Follow Up the Issues Related to the Wang Chau Development Project ('the Subcommittee') meeting on 25 April 2018².

3. The Government subsequently conducted a site visit with the Subcommittee on 19 June 2018.

¹ LC Paper No. <u>CB(1)155/17-18(04)</u>.

² LC Paper No. <u>CB(1)849/17-18(01)</u>.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

4. Below are the latest developments relating to the proposed works –

Clearance programme

5. Regarding the land clearance relating to the public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long, with reference to the established practice, the Government will decide on the final eviction date after the LegCo Finance Committee (FC) approves the funding of the proposed works.

Programme for the proposed works

6. The design of the proposed works is substantially completed. The Government will invite approved contractors to submit tender for the proposed works according to the established procedures. The Government plans to submit the relevant funding proposal to the LegCo Public Works Subcommittee for consideration, and the FC for funding approval in late-2018, and will only award the contract and commence the works after obtaining the FC's funding approval.

Programme for Phase 1 of the public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long

7. The current situation indicates that the 4 000 public housing units in Phase 1 of the public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long may not be completed in 2024/25. However, the Government will spare no effort to proceed with the project, in order to complete it as soon as possible.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note the paper and provide views.

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