

Panel on Housing

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 31 May 2018)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

- 1. Receiving public views on General ex-gratia compensation and rehousing arrangements for Government's development clearance exercises and Head 711 project no. B780CL - Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long**

26 June 2018

With the concurrence of the Chairman of the Panel on Housing and the Chairman of Panel on Development, the two Panels would hold a joint meeting on 26 June 2018 to receive public views on and discuss with the Administration the captioned subject. Members of the two Panels were informed accordingly on 30 May 2018 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1046/17-18. Previously, a joint meeting for the same purpose was scheduled for 13 March 2018 but was deferred upon the Administration's request (see LC Paper No. CB(1)665/17-18 issued on 6 March 2018).

- 2. 2018 Rent review of public rental housing**

10 July 2018

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the result of the rent review of public rental housing conducted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") in accordance with the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283).

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing requested to discuss with the Administration a review of the rent adjustment mechanism for public rental housing. At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing requested to discuss with the Administration a review of the HA's Rent Assistance Scheme.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

3. Use of non-domestic premises of the Hong Kong Housing Authority

10 July 2018

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the utilization of non-domestic premises in public housing estates of HA.

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on any plan to make use of the vacant non-domestic units or vacant premises which were not suitable for domestic purpose in public housing estates for community or other non-domestic uses (such as allowing non-government organizations to provide social welfare services in these premises, converting these premises into Members' offices, etc.).

4. Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2017-18

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The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the performance of HA in respect of its environmental targets and initiatives in 2017-2018.

At the Panel meeting held on 6 November 2017, members agreed that the Administration should provide in advance a paper on this item for circulation to members for them to consider whether it was necessary to discuss the item in a meeting. The Panel also agreed at the meeting on 5 February 2018 that the item would not be discussed at a meeting unless members requested so.

The Administration's paper for the item was issued to members on 24 May 2018 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1012/17-18(01). As at 31 May 2018, the Secretariat has not received any members' request for discussing the item at a meeting.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

5. Tenants Purchase Scheme

To be deleted

At the Panel meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung requested to receive a briefing on the Government's policy direction as well as the management issues encountered in implementing the existing public rental housing flat sale schemes. At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon LAU Kwok-fan requested to discuss with the Administration the re-launching of the Tenants Purchase Scheme ("TPS"). As agreed at the work plan meeting on 27 October 2016, the Administration provided response vide paragraphs 4 to 8 of LC Paper No. CB(1)1452/16-17(01), which was issued to members on 6 October 2017.

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing requested the Panel to discuss with the Administration as early as possible the re-launching of TPS. Hon SHIU Ka-chun requested to receive a briefing on the role of the Housing Department in managing TPS estates, including the provision and management of educational and welfare facilities in TPS estates. At the work plan meeting on 25 October 2017, the Administration agreed to provide a paper again on the Administration's position in respect of the item and proposed that the item be removed from the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion". The Administration provided response vide paragraphs 41 to 52 of LC Paper No. CB(1)437/17-18(01) on 8 January 2018.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

6. Difficulties experienced by educational and social welfare organizations renting premises in housing estates To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung said that educational and social welfare organizations which rented premises that had been divested by HA to The Link Real Estate Investment Trust (now known as Link Real Estate Investment Trust)("Link REIT")(including premises disposed of by Link REIT and premises whose operating rights had been contracted out by Link REIT), or premises in former public housing estates currently managed by owners' corporations were experiencing difficulties in operation and in paying rent. He requested the Panel to discuss with the Administration the difficulties. Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai raised a similar request at the meeting.

At the work plan meeting held on 25 October 2017, the Administration agreed to provide a paper on the Administration's position in respect of the subject matter. The Administration's response on the item has been circulated to members vide paragraphs 36 to 40 of LC Paper No. CB(1) 437/17-18(01) on 8 January 2018.

7. Policies on tackling under-occupation in public rental housing estates and overcrowding relief measures To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing requested to discuss the review of the policies on tackling under-occupation in public rental housing estates and overcrowding relief measures. At the same meeting, Hon LUK Chung-hung requested for a briefing on the policy in the provision of overcrowding relief. As suggested by the Administration at the work plan meeting held on 27 October 2016, the discussion on the subject matter was subsumed under the agenda item "Hong Kong Housing Authority's measures to maximise the rational use of public rental housing resources" at the meeting on 9 January 2017.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

At the work plan meeting held on 25 October 2017, the Administration agreed to provide a paper on the Administration's position in respect of the subject matter of the item. The Administration's response on the item has been circulated to members vide paragraphs 2 to 18 of LC Paper No. CB(1)437/17-18(01) on 8 January 2018.

8. Regulation of sale of overseas properties

To be confirmed

Hon James TO Kun-sun and Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin jointly submitted a letter dated 16 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)966/16-17(01)) regarding regulation of sale of overseas properties. An information note on the same subject was published by the Research Office of the Secretariat (IN10/16-17) on 26 April 2017. The Administration's response to the joint letter was provided vide paragraphs 32 to 36 of LC Paper No. CB(1)1452/16-17(01), which was issued to members on 6 October 2017.

At the meeting on 5 June 2017, the Panel agreed that the subject be included in the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion" for members' consideration in the 2017-2018 session.

9. "Starter Homes" Pilot Scheme for Hong Kong residents

To be confirmed

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the details regarding the "Starter Homes" Pilot Scheme for Hong Kong residents.

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the sources of land supply for "Starter Homes" units in a long term.

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10. Policy on interim housing and transit centre

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung and Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai requested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration the policy on interim housing ("IH"), and the impacts of the possible plan of demolishing Shek Lei IH on the supply of urban IH units and existing IH residents. Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung said that the Administration should also brief the Panel on the policy on transit centre/temporary shelter.

The Public Complaints Office referred issues about policy on transit centre to the Panel for follow-up. The referral memorandum has been circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)439/17-18(01) on 9 January 2018.

11. Policy on the redevelopment of old public rental housing estates

To be confirmed

At the work plan meeting on 25 October 2012, members requested the Administration to consider formulating a policy on redeveloping old public rental housing estates. In her letter dated 3 April 2014, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress made in studying the redevelopment potential of Kwai Shing West Estate and related matters, such as the redevelopment proposal and rehousing arrangements (LC Paper No. CB(1)1206/13-14(01) issued on 4 April 2014).

At the work plan meeting held on 27 October 2016, the Administration agreed to provide a paper on the Administration's position in respect of the subject matter. The Administration's response was provided vide paragraphs 9 to 12 of LC Paper No. CB(1)1452/16-17(01), which was issued to members on 6 October 2017.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

12. Public housing development at San Hing Road, Tuen Mun To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin requested to discuss with the Administration issues relating to the public housing development at San Hing Road, Tuen Mun. At the work plan meeting held on 27 October 2016, the Administration agreed to provide a paper on the subject. The Administration's response was provided vide paragraphs 2 to 3 of LC Paper No. CB(1)1452/16-17(01), which was issued to members on 6 October 2017.

13. Measures on transitional housing To be confirmed

In his letter dated 22 November 2017, Hon SHIU Ka-chun requested that the Panel discussed measures on transitional housing and received public views on the subject matter (LC Paper No. CB(1)262/17-18(01) issued on 23 November 2017).

14. Issues relating to Link Asset Management Limited's disposal of its properties To be confirmed

In his letter dated 23 November 2017, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki requested that the Panel hold a public hearing to receive public views on issues relating to disposal of its properties (including the retail facilities in public housing estates) to facilitate members to understand the impact of the disposal of the properties on residents/members of the public (LC Paper No. CB(1)268/17-18(01) issued on 24 November 2017).

The Administration's response to the above subject/request has been circulated to members vide paragraphs 19 to 35 of LC Paper No. CB(1)437/17-18(01) on 8 January 2018.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

15. Hong Kong Housing Authority/Housing Department's tendering system for outsourced cleansing and security services

To be confirmed

In his letter dated 5 January 2018, Hon LUK Chung-hung requested that the Panel discussed HA/Housing Department's tendering system for outsourced cleansing and security services (LC Paper No. CB(1)434/17-18(01)). The Administration's response to the above subject/request has been circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)561/17-18(01) on 2 February 2018.

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