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Finance Committee of the Legislative Council

Minutes of the 7th meeting
held at Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
on Friday, 30 November 2018, at 2:53 pm

Members present:

Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Claudia MO
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
Hon IP Kin-yuen
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-ki, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Alvin YEUNG
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon SHIU Ka-fai
Hon SHIU Ka-chun
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai
Hon AU Nok-hin
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

Members absent:

Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho

Public officers attending:

Ms Alice LAU Yim, JP	Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)
Ms Carol YUEN, JP	Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) 1
Ms Emily TSANG Yuen-pui	Treasury Officer (Legislative Council and Personnel), Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
Mr LAU Kong-wah, JP	Secretary for Home Affairs
Miss Charmaine WONG Hoi-wan, JP	Deputy Director of Home Affairs (1)
Mr Martin KWAN Wai-cheong	Chief Engineer (Works), Home Affairs Department
Mr Edward TSE Cheong-wo	Project Director 3, Architectural Services 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
Mr Steve TSE Ling-chun, JP	District Officer (Kwun Tong), Home Affairs Department
Ms LAI Mei-ling	Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr Rick CHAN Tin-chu, JP	District Officer (Wan Chai), Home Affairs Department
Mr LUK Chi-kwong	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LIU Chun-san, JP	Under Secretary for Development
Mr Victor CHAN Fuk-yiu	Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Works)2
Mr Michael LEUNG Chung-lap, JP	Project Manager (East), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Mr Peter CHUI Si-kay	Chief Engineer (East 3), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr George MAK Kin-ming	Chief Engineer (East 5), Civil Engineering and Development Department

Other persons attending:

Dr Bunny CHAN Chung-bun, GBS, JP	Chairman, Kwun Tong District Council
Mr Stephen NG Kam-chun, BBS, MH, JP	Chairman, Wan Chai District Council

Clerk in attendance:

Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
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Staff in attendance:

Ms Angel SHEK	Chief Council Secretary (1)1
Ms Ada LAU	Senior Council Secretary (1)7
Miss Judy YEE	Council Secretary (1)1
Mr Frankie WOO	Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3
Miss Yannes HO	Legislative Assistant (1)6

Action

The Chairman reminded members of the requirements under Rule 83A and Rule 84 of the Rules of Procedure.

**Item 1 — FCR(2018-19)59
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 11 JULY 2018**

**PWSC(2018-19)28
HEAD 707 — NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT
Recreation, Culture and Amenities—Open spaces
458RO — Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong
District)—Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun
Tong Promenade**

Recreation, Culture and Amenities—Cultural facilities
68RE — Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District)—Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre

2. The Chairman advised that this item sought the approval of the Finance Committee ("FC") for the recommendation made by the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") at its meeting on 11 July 2018 regarding PWSC(2018-19)28, i.e. the upgrading of 458RO, namely Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong District) – Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade, and 68RE, namely Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District) – Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre, to Category A at estimated costs of \$49.7 million and \$133.1 million in money-of-the-day prices respectively.

3. Given that at the previous FC meeting, Mr Kenneth LEUNG requested that the two Signature Project Scheme ("SPS") projects involved in PWSC(2018-19)28 be voted on separately at an FC meeting, the Chairman advised that he would put the two SPS projects to vote separately upon the completion of discussion on the item.

4. The Chairman declared that he was an independent non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia.

Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade

Public consultation

5. Noting that the results of some public opinion surveys reflected that a number of respondents had reservations or dissenting views on the music fountains project, Dr KWOK Ka-ki queried why the Government still pushed through this controversial project. He pointed out that in an opinion survey conducted by the Civic Party, more than 90% of the respondents advised that there was no pressing need to take forward this project. Ms Claudia MO said that an opinion survey conducted by a community organization, the Kowloon East Community, indicated that 85% of the respondents were opposed to the construction of music fountains. Mr Dennis KWOK also expressed similar views and advised that the Civic Party was opposed to the project.

6. Dr Fernando CHEUNG advised that the Kwun Tong District Office ("KTDO") conducted an opinion survey in respect of the music fountains project from May to June 2015. It was learnt that the percentages of respondents for and against the project were 51% and 39% respectively,

reflecting that a number of respondents were opposed to the project. He criticized the Government for disclosing the details of the opinion survey conducted by KTDO in 2015 only after repeated queries from the media.

7. Mr WU Chi-wai noted that after the music fountains project was negated by PWSC earlier, the Government had revised the content of the project which was then submitted afresh to PWSC for consideration without obtaining approval from the Kwun Tong District Council ("KTDC") for the revised proposal. He enquired whether such practice was in order. Mr Andrew WAN criticized that after the project was negated by PWSC, the Government submitted the project to FC again without making significant changes to the project according to the views made by members and residents. Mr Alvin YEUNG considered that the Government should review the reasons why the project had caused heated controversy, so as to avoid repeating the same mistakes in future when submitting works projects to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") for scrutiny.

8. Secretary for Home Affairs ("SHA") advised that the then KTDC unanimously endorsed the music fountains project as early as in 2013, while the current-term KTDC still supported the project. In view of this, the Government was duty-bound to submit the funding application for this project to LegCo for deliberation in accordance with KTDC's decision. The Government had also provided information at the requests of LegCo Members and he hoped FC members would support the project. He pointed out that different opinion surveys might generate different results depending on the way in which the questions were framed. As for the suggestions made by some Kwun Tong residents in the opinion survey to construct medical, social welfare, recreational facilities, etc. in the district, the Government would continuously consider the needs for constructing such facilities in the district. He stressed that these facilities and the music fountains project were not mutually exclusive.

9. SHA further advised that members might propose amendments to DC-endorsed works projects when such projects were submitted to PWSC or FC for discussion. If the Administration accepted these proposed amendments and such amendments did not involve fundamental changes, there was generally no need to ask the DC concerned to discuss the revised projects again.

10. SHA explained that the opinion survey conducted by KTDO in 2015 was to consult users of the Kwun Tong Promenade on the size and design of the associated facilities of the music fountains, etc. for internal reference. Subsequently, upon media enquiries, the Government had also

made public the results of this survey which was intended for internal reference only. In addition, the data of the opinion survey mentioned by Dr Fernando CHEUNG was the responses from respondents as to whether or not they supported the provision of additional water-friendly features at the Promenade. At the request of Dr CHEUNG, SHA undertook to provide the said opinion survey document and results of the survey after the meeting.

[*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC101/18-19(01) on 25 January 2019.]

11. Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired whether it was a prevailing practice that water fountains or other water features would no longer be incorporated into the design of new parks or other recreational and cultural facilities. Chief Leisure Manager (Kowloon) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("CLM(KL)/LCSD") advised that LCSD had all along strived to provide different kinds of recreational and cultural facilities for use by members of the public. At present, venues under LCSD had a total of 70-odd water fountains. LCSD would, in collaboration with the departments concerned, examine whether there was a need to construct water fountains in parks or other public open space based on such factors as the size and the environment of the venues.

Performance time slots and water quality control of the music fountains

12. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired about the performance time slots of the music fountains. CLM(KL)/LCSD advised that the performance time slots of the fountains were tentatively scheduled for 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm. The actual time slots would be adjusted depending on the utilization rate and other factors.

13. Dr Pierre CHAN quoted information on the website of the Department of Health and explained the transmission channels of Legionella bacteria. Pointing out that building water fountains in the vicinity of residences was one of the factors behind an increase in the risk of transmission of such disease, he queried that the Government did not mention such a risk when it consulted DCs and the local communities. He also enquired about the department(s) that would be responsible for managing the music fountains (including such associated facilities as the wet play area) in the future, and whether the department(s) concerned would regularly conduct water quality tests and change the water for these facilities.

14. Dr CHENG Chung-tai considered that as the music fountains consisted of various parts (such as the wet play area and performance water fountains), independent filtration systems should be installed for various parts of the fountains. Mr WU Chi-wai also raised similar concerns.

15. CLM(KL)/LCSD advised that the music fountains would be managed by LCSD which would assign staff members to undertake routine cleaning duties for such facilities in accordance with established practices. They would, depending on the water quality conditions, drain the water of fountains for cleaning purpose. In general, water replacement and fountain clean-up were carried out once every three months. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would be responsible for repairing and maintaining the facilities.

16. Project Director 3 of Architectural Services Department ("PD3/ArchSD") advised that the water used by the associated facilities of the music fountains would be processed through the same filtration system. The design, operation, repair and maintenance of the music fountains (filtration system, pipe design, etc.) would take into account the relevant precautions stipulated in the Code of Practice for the Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease published by the Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease Committee, Hong Kong. Upon completion of the construction works, ArchSD would conduct water tests to ensure that the water quality satisfied the hygiene requirements, using as reference the hygiene standards for swimming pool water quality. LCSD would also put up notices as appropriate to remind visitors that the water was not drinkable. CLM(KL)/LCSD advised that venue staff and relevant repair departments would regularly inspect the facilities of the music fountains to, inter alia, ensure the proper functioning of the filtration system.

17. Given that some members were still concerned that the music fountains might increase the risk of spreading Legionella bacteria, the Chairman requested that the Government should, in future, step up its water quality control measures for the associated facilities of the music fountains. The Administration noted the relevant views.

18. At the request of Mr WU Chi-wai, the Administration would, after the meeting, provide information on the estimated expenditure involved and the source of funding for conducting water tests for the music fountains (including the wet play area) regularly to prevent the transmission of diseases (in particular Legionnaires' Disease) by fountain water.

[*Post-meeting note:* The supplementary information provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC101/18-19(01) on 25 January 2019.]

19. In response to the enquiries raised by Dr Pierre CHAN, Mr WU Chi-wai and Mr CHU Hoi-dick, PD3/ArchSD and CLM(KL)/LCSD advised that the estimated repair and maintenance expenses for the associated facilities of the music fountains would be about \$1.1 million a year, including accountable expenses for parts replacement and wage payment. As for chemical products purchased under recurrent expenditure, they were used for cleaning the facilities, sterilizing the water used by the facilities and maintaining water pH, etc.

Works contract of the music fountains

20. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired whether the "water fountain specialist" engaged by ArchSD for the music fountains project as mentioned in the paper submitted by the Government (LC Paper No. FC61/18-19(01)) was recruited openly and whether the specialist would take part in the tendering for the construction of the music fountains in the future.

21. PD3/ArchSD advised that at present, there were only a handful of water fountain specialists in Hong Kong. In light of the needs of this music fountains project, the Government had gathered information on specialists who had undertaken relevant works in Hong Kong and overseas places. A suitable water fountain specialist was then selected after taking into consideration their quotations and other factors. The specialist would not take part in the tendering for the construction contract of the music fountains.

Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre

Public consultation

22. Mr HUI Chi-fung said that he objected to the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre. He referred to Document No. 2/2013 of the Working Group on Signature Projects under the Wan Chai District Council ("WCDC") in which commercial organizations consulted by WCDC were listed. As seen from the list, while property developers (such as Hopewell Holdings Limited and Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited) were included, the local communities and residents were excluded. He considered that the consultation seemed to have targeted at large organizations and property developers, arousing suspicions that

commercial considerations were involved. He also observed that owing to the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre, the Government had to relocate two volleyball courts currently situated at the Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground ("Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts") and it was learnt that a volleyball lovers' organization with more than 1 000 members wrote to WCDC to express objection to the project. Mr HUI queried whether the Government had consulted the affected sports organizations (such as the Volleyball Association of Hong Kong) or users of the facilities concerned, as well as the schools situated in the vicinity of Moreton Terrace.

23. SHA advised that WCDC unanimously endorsed the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre as an SPS project in the district in 2013. Subsequent to the DC election held in 2016, the newly-elected WCDC still held that the project should be implemented. Therefore, the Administration was duty-bound to submit the funding application for this project to LegCo for scrutiny. The Chairman of WCDC advised that WCDC carried out district consultation from 2013 to 2014 and the consultation targets were mainly users of the facilities concerned, non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") that hired the community hall, schools, as well as owners' corporations and organizations of buildings located within 100 m of the site of the proposed Activities Centre. Both the Volleyball Association of Hong Kong and relevant national sports associations were also consulted.

24. The Chairman of WCDC and District Officer (Wan Chai), Home Affairs Department pointed out that the DC document as referred to by Mr HUI Chi-fung was dated 5 February 2013 when DC had not yet confirmed the theme or content of its SPS project. Even though the initial idea of WCDC was to construct a community hall in Wan Chai, the relevant site had not been identified. Consideration had also been given to cooperating with NGOs or commercial organizations which would be responsible for managing the proposed community hall. Hence, the then considerations were whether the project would be taken forward in collaboration with the organizations listed in that document, and the organizations concerned were not consultation targets. As a matter of fact, apart from commercial organizations, non-profit-making organizations (such as Po Leung Kuk and The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong) were also listed in the document.

Site selection for the Activities Centre

25. Mr HUI Chi-fung advised that the Moreton Terrace Activities Centre project received much criticism because the area of the Activities

Centre was small but the construction costs were relatively high. He queried why the Government did not consider other locations, such as the Caroline Hill Road site. Dr Fernando CHEUNG also enquired whether the Government had considered providing a larger community hall or activities centre at other locations in Wan Chai. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan considered that the area of the proposed Moreton Terrace Activities Centre was small because the entire Wan Chai district was facing the problem of land shortage.

26. The Chairman of WCDC advised that there was only one community hall in Wan Chai, which was far fewer than those in other districts (such as Shatin and Tuen Mun). Even after the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre, the demand for such facilities in Wan Chai could not be fully met. He further said that WCDC had also put forward the proposal of providing a cultural and entertainment centre when the Government consulted WCDC on the development of the Caroline Hill Road site.

Relocation of volleyball courts at the Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground

27. Members noted at the previous meeting that to cope with the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre, the Government had relocated the Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts to Victoria Park for shared use with the handball court at Victoria Park. Given that a number of members had raised concerns over this arrangement, the Government was also examining the provision of a new outdoor volleyball court at Ka Ning Path Garden near Tai Hang and Moreton Terrace.

28. Dr Fernando CHEUNG advised that the Government should expeditiously conduct a consultation exercise on the proposal to relocate Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts. He enquired whether the Government had compiled statistics on the current utilization rate and the most popular time slots for using these volleyball courts, and whether such time slots would clash with the time slots for using the handball court at Victoria Park after relocating the volleyball courts to Victoria Park. He was also concerned as to whether the provision of a new outdoor volleyball court at Ka Ning Path Garden could effectively relieve the demand for volleyball courts in the district.

29. Mr CHU Hoi-dick objected to the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre. If the project was endorsed ultimately, he urged the Government to follow up and review the proposal to relocate the Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts, including considering the provision of

volleyball courts reserved for the exclusive use of volleyball activities in Wan Chai or in nearby areas without having to share the venue with other ball activities. Mr Gary FAN also expressed objection to the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre, particularly because the project involved relocation of Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts to Victoria Park for shared use with a handball court. He pointed out that the current number of outdoor volleyball courts in Wan Chai was far below the level recommended in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. Ms Claudia MO advised that it was unsatisfactory that the venue had to be shared by volleyball and handball activities after relocation, and some schools might have to arrange their students to receive relevant training in venues in other districts.

30. Mr KWONG Chun-yu enquired whether WCDC had discussed issue relating to the relocation of Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts. Given that the 2019 DC election would be held soon, he requested WCDC Chairman to undertake that WCDC would follow up on this issue in future. Mr KWONG advised that the arrangements to relocate Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts should ensure that the interests of volleyball lovers would not be undermined. If the venue had to be shared by volleyball and handball activities, it was inevitable that the time slots available for volleyball and handball players to use the venue would be reduced. In this connection, he enquired about the number of complaints received by the Government about inadequate time slots for using the handball court at Victoria Park or about difficulty in booking the venue, as well as the number of complaints from nearby residents about the noise generated by ball activities at the venue. Mr KWONG also asked about the progress of the proposal to provide a new outdoor volleyball court at Ka Ning Path Garden.

31. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan was of the view that relocating Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts to Victoria Park could basically solve the venue problem. Compared with Moreton Terrace, Victoria Park was further away from residential areas and he believed the noise impacts generated by volleyball activities at Victoria Park on nearby residents would not be significant.

32. Mr AU Nok-hin considered that irrespective of whether the volleyball courts would be relocated to Victoria Park or Ka Ning Path Garden, the relocation plan would not be a sound option. If a new outdoor volleyball court was provided at Ka Ning Path Garden, the location would be a bit too far and inconvenient for users. He was of the view that constructing a larger activities centre on Caroline Hill Road instead could obviate the need for relocating the volleyball courts and was a win-win

proposal. He enquired whether WCDC had already made a decision on the proposal to relocate the volleyball courts at Moreton Terrace.

33. Mr Kenneth LEUNG relayed an enquiry raised by a former player in the Hong Kong volleyball team, requesting the Administration to explain the reasons why Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts were selected for relocation rather than the soccer pitch there to provide space for the construction of the Activities Centre. He asked whether the Administration could also divide the soccer pitch at Moreton Terrace for use as two volleyball courts.

34. The Chairman of WCDC advised that no current-term WCDC member had requested to discuss issues relating to the relocation of Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts. When the last-term WCDC discussed SPS projects, WCDC unanimously endorsed the construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre. Regarding the current-term WCDC, 10 members jointly requested WCDC to continue taking forward the project, with only one WCDC member being opposed to the project. The Chairman of WCDC further said that WCDC had considered relocating either the soccer pitch or the volleyball courts at Moreton Terrace. Given the higher utilization rate of that soccer pitch and the extensive area involved, it was more difficult to identify a suitable site for relocating the soccer pitch in Wan Chai. Relocating Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts was considered a more appropriate option.

35. The Chairman of WCDC further said that as the two volleyball courts at Moreton Terrace were longitudinally connected, when the two venues were being used concurrently, volleyballs would easily fly from one court to another. Upon relocation to Victoria Park, the two volleyball courts would be located side by side, thus reducing the occurrence of the aforesaid problem, while the facilities would also be improved, such as expanded venue area with large spectator stand, changing rooms, etc. As for the provision of a new outdoor volleyball court at Ka Ning Path Garden, consultation would be conducted in the district when a feasible proposal had been formulated after consulting WCDC.

36. SHA advised that relocating Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts to Victoria Park for shared use with a handball court under the "single venue, multiple use" model was a common practice for recreational and sport facilities. In fact, many indoor basketball courts could also be used as badminton courts or venues for other ball activities. As regards the suggestion made by Mr Kenneth LEUNG to also divide the soccer pitch at Moreton Terrace for use as two volleyball courts, the Government was unable to respond to such a suggestion as no prior consultation had been

conducted in the district. He reiterated that the Government would continue examining the provision of a new outdoor volleyball court at Ka Ning Path Garden.

37. Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), LCSD advised that the average booking rate of the handball-cum-volleyball courts at Victoria Park was about 29%, while the average booking rate of Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts was about 27%. Group bookings for the handball-cum-volleyball courts at Victoria Park were mainly for use on weekday nights, while bookings for Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts were mainly for use on Saturdays and Sundays. Although the venue was shared by handball and volleyball activities after relocation, there had not been any major clash between their time slots. Since the arrangement of sharing the venue by handball and volleyball activities was put in place in 2016, the Government had received one complaint where users who had not booked the handball court in advance complained that the volleyball net at the venue had made it impossible for them to immediately use the vacant venue for handball activities. SHA supplemented that an owners' corporation wrote to FC on 28 November 2018 regarding the Moreton Terrace Activities Centre project, but the complaint was not made to LCSD.

38. Dr Fernando CHEUNG pointed out that the booking rate did not reflect the actual utilization rate. As reflected by residents, a number of people used Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts on weekday nights as well. He suggested that the Government should compile statistics on the utilization rates of the handball court at Victoria Park as well as those of Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts. Ms Claudia MO also raised a similar question.

39. Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr Kenneth LEUNG requested the Government to provide (a) statistics on the current utilization rates of the handball court at Victoria Park and Moreton Terrace Volleyball Courts by time slot in a week; (b) the utilization rates of the volleyball courts and soccer pitch at Moreton Terrace Temporary Playground over the past five years; and the timetable for public consultation on the provision of a new outdoor volleyball court at Ka Ning Path Garden.

[Post-meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC101/18-19(01) on 25 January 2019.]

Motions proposed by members under paragraph 37A of the Finance Committee Procedure

40. At 5:07 pm, FC started to vote on whether the motions proposed by members under FCP 37A ("FCP 37A motions") should be proceeded with forthwith. The Chairman announced that FC decided against proceeding with the first FCP 37A motion proposed by Mr Gary FAN. Mr CHAN Hak-kan then moved without notice a motion under FCP 47 that in the event of further divisions being claimed in respect of any motions or questions under the same agenda item, FC should proceed to each of such divisions immediately after the division bell had been rung for one minute. The Chairman put the motion to vote. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division, and the motion was carried.

41. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division for each of the proposed FCP 37A motions. The voting results were as follows:

Members proposing the motions	Serial nos. of the motions	Whether to proceed with the motions forthwith
Mr Gary FAN	<u>001</u>	<u>No</u>
Ms Claudia MO	<u>002</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr AU Nok-hin	<u>003</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr Kenneth LEUNG	<u>004</u>	<u>No</u>
Ms Tanya CHAN	<u>005</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr CHU Hoi-dick	<u>006</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr Andrew WAN	<u>007</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	<u>008</u>	<u>No</u>
Dr Fernando CHEUNG	<u>009</u>	<u>No</u>

Voting on FCR(2018-19)59

42. The Chairman put the two projects under item FCR(2018-19)59 to vote separately: (a) 458RO – Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong District) – Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade; and (b) 68RE – Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District) – Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre. At the request of members, the Chairman ordered a division on each of the two projects.

(a) 458RO – Signature Project Scheme (Kwun Tong District) – Construction of Music Fountains at Kwun Tong Promenade

43. The Chairman declared that 36 members voted in favour of and 24 members voted against the project. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Abraham SHEK Lai-him	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	Ms Starry LEE Wai-king
Mr CHAN Hak-kan	Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
Mr WONG Kwok-kin	Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee
Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun	Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun
Mr Steven HO Chun-yin	Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming
Mr YIU Si-wing	Mr MA Fung-kwok
Mr CHAN Han-pan	Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Ms Alice MAK Mei-kuen	Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung	Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Mr POON Siu-ping	Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok	Mr Jimmy NG Wing-ka
Dr Junius HO Kwan-yiu	Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr Holden CHOW Ho-ding	Mr SHIU Ka-fai
Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing	Ms YUNG Hoi-yan
Mr CHAN Chun-ying	Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
Mr LAU Kwok-fan	Mr Vincent CHENG Wing-shun
Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen	Ms CHAN Hoi-yan

(36 members)

Against:

Mr James TO Kun-sun	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Prof Joseph LEE Kok-long	Ms Claudia MO
Mr WU Chi-wai	Mr Charles Peter MOK
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	Mr Kenneth LEUNG
Dr KWOK Ka-ki	Mr Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan
Mr IP Kin-yuen	Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin	Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Mr LAM Cheuk-ting	Mr SHIU Ka-chun
Ms Tanya CHAN	Mr HUI Chi-fung
Dr CHENG Chung-tai	Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai	Mr AU Nok-hin

(24 members)

44. The Chairman declared that the project was approved.

(b) *68RE – Signature Project Scheme (Wan Chai District) – Construction of Moreton Terrace Activities Centre*

45. The Chairman declared that 36 members voted in favour of and 24 members voted against the project. The votes of individual members were as follows:

For:

Mr Abraham SHEK Lai-him	Mr Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan
Mr Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung	Ms Starry LEE Wai-king
Mr CHAN Hak-kan	Dr Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun
Mr WONG Kwok-kin	Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee
Mr Paul TSE Wai-chun	Mr Michael TIEN Puk-sun
Mr Steven HO Chun-yin	Mr Frankie YICK Chi-ming
Mr YIU Si-wing	Mr MA Fung-kuok
Mr CHAN Han-pan	Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Ms Alice MAK Mei-kuen	Mr KWOK Wai-keung
Mr Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung	Dr Elizabeth QUAT
Mr POON Siu-ping	Dr CHIANG Lai-wan
Ir Dr LO Wai-kuok	Mr Jimmy NG Wing-ka
Dr Junius HO Kwan-yiu	Mr HO Kai-ming
Mr Holden CHOW Ho-ding	Mr SHIU Ka-fai
Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing	Ms YUNG Hoi-yan
Mr CHAN Chun-ying	Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan
Mr LAU Kwok-fan	Mr Vincent CHENG Wing-shun
Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen	Ms CHAN Hoi-yan

(36 members)

Against:

Mr James TO Kun-sun	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung
Prof Joseph LEE Kok-long	Ms Claudia MO
Mr WU Chi-wai	Mr Charles Peter MOK
Mr CHAN Chi-chuen	Mr Kenneth LEUNG
Dr KWOK Ka-ki	Mr Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	Dr Helena WONG Pik-wan
Mr IP Kin-yuen	Mr Alvin YEUNG
Mr Andrew WAN Siu-kin	Mr CHU Hoi-dick
Mr LAM Cheuk-ting	Mr SHIU Ka-chun
Ms Tanya CHAN	Mr HUI Chi-fung
Dr CHENG Chung-tai	Mr KWONG Chun-yu
Mr Gary FAN Kwok-wai	Mr AU Nok-hin

(24 members)

46. The Chairman declared that the project was approved.
47. The meeting was suspended at 5:33 pm, and resumed at 5:42 pm.

Item 2 — FCR(2018-19)60
RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
SUBCOMMITTEE MADE ON 24 OCTOBER 2018

PWSC(2018-19)29
HEAD 707 — NEW TOWNS AND URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT
Civil Engineering—Land development
702CL — Kai Tak development – remaining infrastructure works
for developments at the former runway and south apron

48. The Chairman advised that this item sought FC's approval for the recommendation made by PWSC at its meeting held on 24 October 2018 regarding PWSC(2018-19)29, i.e. upgrading part of 702CL relating to "Kai Tak development – remaining infrastructure works for developments at the former runway and south apron" as 822CL, entitled "Kai Tak development – infrastructure for developments at the former runway and south apron", to Category A at an estimated cost of \$2,874.7 million in money-of-the-day prices; and retaining the remainder of 702CL in Category B.

49. The Chairman declared that he was an independent non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia.

Salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station

50. Mr Gary FAN observed that the Administration had, in its earlier consultations with relevant DCs, provided the DCs concerned with the "Artist Impression of Conceptual Design of Promenade and Open Space Adjoining Road D3 (Metro Park Section)" set out in Annex 1 to LC Paper No. PWSC26/18-19(01). He criticized the Administration for not taking the initiative to provide the aforesaid Artist Impression drawings when consulting LegCo. The drawings were only provided upon the request made by some members at the PWSC meeting held on 24 October 2018. He also criticized that the aforesaid Artist Impression drawings did not clearly indicate the specific locations of the salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station to be constructed under the project. He queried that the Administration had combined projects of different nature (i.e. the works relating to the construction of salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station at the former runway of Kai Tak Development ("KTD"))

and the works relating to the construction of roads in the area) under one item, thereby making the aforesaid Artist Impression drawings unable to reflect the important details of individual projects.

51. Under Secretary for Development ("USDEV") advised that the Administration had indicated the approximate locations of the proposed salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station in Enclosure 1 to PWSC(2018-19)29 submitted to PWSC. At the request of Mr Gary FAN, the Administration undertook to provide the following supplementary information: the specific locations, architectural parameters (such as the area occupied and height) and cross-sectional drawings of the two infrastructure facilities, i.e. salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station, as well as an artist impression drawing that could indicate the systems (drainage, sewerage, water mains, ancillary works, etc.) to be installed in these infrastructures.

[Post-meeting note: The supplementary information provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. FC145/18-19(01) on 4 April 2019.]

52. Mr Gary FAN enquired whether the use of the proposed salt water pumping station was related to the district cooling system under KTD and about the environmental mitigation measures to be taken as recommended in the Environmental Impact Assessment reports for the works of salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station. He considered that the construction costs of the salt water pumping station, sewage pumping station, drainage, sewerage, water mains and ancillary works, amounting to more than \$400 million in total, were quite high.

53. USDEV advised that the salt water pumping station would provide salt water to buildings within KTD for toilet flushing purpose, which was not related to the district cooling system. Project Manager (East) of Civil Engineering and Development Department ("PM(E)/CEDD") supplemented that as the works included sewage pumping station and salt water pumping station, the total construction cost was about \$180 million, equivalent to about \$60,000 per sq m as calculated based on the construction site area of around 3 000 sq m, which was understandably slightly higher than the construction cost of other works at KTD under which only sewage pumping station would be constructed (about \$50,000 per sq m). Chief Engineer (East 5), CEDD ("CE(E5)/CEDD") added that the environmental mitigation measures required to be taken by the contractors concerned for the works of salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station included deodorizing and noise mitigation

measures and installing mechanical facilities underground as far as possible, etc.

Landscaped decks, public open space and landscaped elevated walkway

54. Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok expressed support for the implementation of the remaining infrastructure works for developments at the former runway and south apron under which the roads to be built and the extended footbridge could enhance the accessibility of pedestrian network at KTD, while the proposed landscaped decks and public open space could also green the environment.

55. Mr AU Nok-hin enquired whether the Administration had assessed the utilization rate of the proposed public open space and associated facilities and whether it would consider providing fitness facilities, children's playground and small pitch therein. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen asked about the use and work schedule of the multi-purpose activity area as mentioned in LC Paper No. PWSC26/18-19(01). USDEV advised that the public open space and multi-purpose activity area were part of the proposed works and would be carried out under a design-and-build contract approach. A team consisting of contractors and design experts would propose recommendations for the design and the Administration would then consult the DCs concerned and the Harbourfront Commission on the relevant recommendations. All sectors were welcome to provide their views by that time. PM(E)/CEDD added that if everything went smoothly, it was anticipated that the DCs concerned and the Harbourfront Commission would be consulted on the aforesaid design between end-2019 and early-2020.

56. Expressing no objection to the project, Ms Claudia MO was concerned that the proposed 380 m-long landscaped decks might not attract high pedestrian flow given the plans to build many other open spaces, such as the Metro Park, in the vicinity in future. If the utilization rate of the landscaped decks was low, the decks might eventually degenerate into an abandoned area.

57. USDEV advised that unlike the construction of footbridges, pedestrian flow was not a key factor in deciding whether or not open space facilities, such as landscaped decks, should be provided. Given that the estimated residential population at the former runway of KTD would be about 31 000 and the working population there would be in the region of 8 000, it was believed that the demand for open space would exist. The Administration would later conduct a public consultation exercise on the

design of the landscaped decks with a view to attracting more members of the public to use the decks.

58. Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired:

- (a) about the loading capacity of the landscaped decks;
- (b) whether the latest standards of the Highways Department had been taken into consideration in planting trees on the landscaped decks; and
- (c) about the considerations in designing the alignment of the elevated landscaped decks.

59. Mr AU Nok-hin enquired whether the Administration would discuss the design of various connecting points of the landscaped decks with the future owners of the adjacent land lots.

60. CE(E3)/CEDD advised that the minimum width of the elevated landscaped decks on Road D3 was about 11 m. The elevated landscaped decks mainly served as part of the noise barriers, provided open space for the residential/working population in the adjacent residential/commercial areas, and provided links to the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and the future tourism hub. The design of the alignment, entrances and exits as well as connecting points, etc. of the elevated landscaped decks had taken into account the locations of residential and retail areas within KTD, and the need to improve the accessibility of the adjoining promenade. The conditions of land sale would include a requirement that the developer concerned should provide an access connecting its property to the landscaped decks. PM(E)/CEDD noted the concerns raised by Mr CHU Hoi-dick about the loading capacity and tree planting design of the landscaped decks. He advised that the Administration would choose to plant the tree species that could withstand strong wind on the decks as far as possible.

Road works

61. Mr HO Kai-ming expressed support for the implementation of the remaining infrastructure works for developments at the former runway and south apron. He considered that the Administration should construct Road D3 (Metro Park Section) under the project as soon as possible to alleviate the congestion on the existing roads providing access to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital. Mr HO also enquired whether the

Administration would consider his suggestion made at the PWSC meeting on the provision of bus stops on the proposed Road S20.

62. CE(E3)/CEDD advised that according to the preliminary assessment, it was technically possible to provide bus stops on the proposed Road S20. Depending on the timetable of the adjacent developments and the traffic and public transport needs in the area, the departments concerned might consider providing bus stops on that road in the future. Upon the commissioning of the new acute hospital within KTD, the Administration would review the relevant arrangements. He also added that the proposed landscaped elevated walkway would link to the future new acute hospital across the future Trunk Road T2.

63. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan enquired whether the Administration would install underground utilities under this project in common ducts to facilitate repair and maintenance. PM(E)/CEDD advised that under this project, common utilities ducts would be installed underneath the elevated road sections of Road D3 (Metro Park Section) and the existing Kai Tak Bridge. USDEV supplemented that the feasibility of constructing common utilities ducts depended on the actual environment and constraints. Given the need to lay various utilities in KTD, including underground ducts for the district cooling system, the remaining underground space that could be used for laying common utilities ducts would be very limited in the future.

Energy conservation measures

64. In response to the enquiries raised by Dr CHIANG Lai-wan and Mr CHU Hoi-dick as to what energy conservation measures were put in place at KTD, USDEV advised that the largest energy efficient system in KTD was the district cooling system. The public open space included in the current project would also add in elements to make use of renewable energy as far as possible. PM(E)/CEDD supplemented that KTD also contained smart city elements, including the adoption of smart water meters and installation of smart lamp posts on some roads. The Administration would also install solar power devices at suitable locations in the salt water pumping station and sewage pumping station. It would also encourage the use of solar facilities in designing the public open space.

Project cost and funding arrangements

65. Mr AU Nok-hin suggested that regarding the construction cost of the public open space, the Administration should, in future, provide the average costs of similar works for members' reference. The Administration noted the views.

66. Mr CHU Hoi-dick suggested that the Administration should, in the discussion papers to be submitted to FC in future, provide a breakdown of the "money-of-the-day prices" and "provision for price adjustment" respectively in presenting the costs of individual projects, so as to facilitate a comparison between costs of similar projects carried out at different times. Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) advised that the current presentation of project cost breakdown was revised in the light of the views given by members in the past. The Administration would give further consideration to Mr CHU's suggestion.

67. Mr Tony TSE advised that he supported in principle the implementation of the remaining infrastructure works for developments at the former runway and south apron and urged the Administration to commence the related works as soon as possible, so as to improve the traffic condition and environment around KTD. He suggested that the Administration should obtain updated reference data from the architectural sector in estimating the project costs in order to make a more accurate estimation. Mr TSE enquired whether the Project Cost Management Office had made any adjustments after vetting the cost of this project. USDEV advised that according to the views of the Office, the project cost of the current item was comparable those of similar projects and was considered reasonable.

68. In response to Mr Holden CHOW's enquiries, USDEV advised that the Administration planned to include the proposed works at the former south apron under 702CL and the proposed works under 785TH (Trunk Road T2 and Cha Kwo Ling Tunnel Section) in the same contract. The LegCo Panel on Transport was consulted on 785TH on 15 June 2018 and expressed support for the project. It was planned that the funding application for the project would be submitted to PWSC and FC within this legislative session. Tenders would only be awarded after FC had granted funding approval for 785TH.

Environmentally Friendly Linkage System

69. Pointing out that the alignment of the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System ("EFLS") for Kowloon East might overlap with the alignment of Road D3, Mr AU Nok-hin enquired how the design of the two would be coordinated. He also urged the Administration to announce the final proposal for the alignment of EFLS for Kowloon East as soon as possible. Mr CHU Hoi-dick also enquired when the Administration would announce the proposal for the design and alignment of EFLS for Kowloon East.

70. USDEV advised that second phase of the detailed feasibility study for the proposed EFLS for Kowloon East was now in progress, including studies on the coverage, alignment and stations of ELFS, etc., while relevant technical studies would also be carried out. As it would take time to conduct the detailed feasibility study, it was anticipated that the results of the study could not be announced until a few months later. As for the section overlapping with the alignment of Road D3, it could be constructed by means of elevated decks.

Voting on FCR(2018-19)60

71. There being no further questions from members, the Chairman put item FCR(2018-19)60 to vote. The Chairman declared that the majority of the members present and voting were in favour of the item and the item was approved.

72. The meeting ended at 6:58 pm.

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