

Panel on Housing

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 29 November 2018)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Long Term Housing Strategy Annual Progress Report 2018

7 January 2019

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the latest implementation of key aspects of the Long Term Housing Strategy as at December 2018.

As agreed at the work plan meeting held on 24 October 2018, the captioned item will address the suggestion made by Hon LEUNG Che-cheung and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki at the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018 that the Administration should brief the Panel on the percentage split between rental and sale units in view of the 2018 Policy Address initiative of allocating 70% of housing units on the Government's newly developed land to public housing development.

2. Measures to facilitate the mobility needs of elderly residents by the Hong Kong Housing Authority

February 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Hong Kong Housing Authority's measures to facilitate the indoor and outdoor activities of the elderly who were infirm or with disabilities.

As agreed at the work plan meeting held on 24 October 2018, the captioned item will address the suggestion made by Hon SHIU Ka-chun at the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018 that the Panel should discuss with the Administration the provision of barrier-free access in shopping arcades and residential blocks of the Hong Kong Housing Authority's public housing estates in view of the inadequate provision of barrier-free access in Wong Tai Sin Shopping Centre.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

3. Review of Income and Asset Limits for Public Rental Housing for 2019-20

March 2019

The Hong Kong Housing Authority reviews the income and asset limits for public rental housing every year in accordance with the established mechanism to keep abreast with the prevailing socio-economic circumstances. Following the established practice, the Administration will report the review findings to the Panel and then reflect members' comments to the Subsidised Housing Committee of the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

4. Introduction of "Special Rates" on vacant first-hand private residential units by amending the Rating Ordinance (Cap.116)

First quarter of 2019

The Administration will brief and seek the views of the Panel on the proposed legislative amendments to the Rating Ordinance for the purpose of introducing "Special Rates" on vacant first-hand private residential units.

The Administration plans to introduce the relevant Amendment Bill into the Legislative Council within the 2018-2019 legislative session.

5. Head 711 project no. B194TB — Transport infrastructure works for development at Diamond Hill

April 2019

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in May 2019 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in June 2019 for upgrading the captioned project to Category A at Diamond Hill Comprehensive Development Area site.

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6. Head 711 project no. B766CL – Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing development at Ka Wai Man Road and Ex-Mount Davis Cottage Area, Kennedy Town

April 2019

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in May 2019 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in June 2019 for upgrading the captioned site formation and infrastructure works to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Ka Wai Man Road and Ex-Mount Davis Cottage Area, Kennedy Town.

7. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates of the Hong Kong Housing Authority

May 2019

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the latest progress and effectiveness of the captioned Marking Scheme.

8. Use of non-domestic units in public housing estates of the Hong Kong Housing Authority

May 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the utilization of non-domestic units in public housing estates of the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

9. Head 711 project no. B812CL – Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing developments at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong

June 2019

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in November 2019 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in December 2019 for upgrading the captioned site formation and infrastructure works to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Pik Wan Road, Yau Tong.

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10. Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2018-19

June 2019

The Administration would like to update the Panel on the performance of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in respect of its environmental targets and initiatives in 2018-2019.

11. Head 711 project no. B795CL – Site formation and infrastructure works for public housing developments at Pok Fu Lam South

July 2019

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in November 2019 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in December 2019 for upgrading the captioned site formation and infrastructure works to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Pok Fu Lam South.

12. "Starter Homes" Pilot Project for Hong Kong residents

July 2019

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the experience gained from the "Starter Homes" Pilot Project for Hong Kong residents at Ma Tau Wai Road developed by the Urban Renewal Authority, and listen to the views of the members on the "Starter Homes" Project.

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.

13. Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme

To be confirmed

The Administration would like to brief the Panel on the latest progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme of the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

**Proposed timing
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14. Development of "non-spade ready sites"

See Note (1)

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun said that the Administration should brief the Panel on measures to simplify the processes and shorten the time required for turning "non-spade ready sites" to "spade-ready sites".

15. Resale restrictions for subsidized sale flats

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki expressed concern whether the resale restrictions imposed on the flats to be offered for sale by the Hong Kong Housing Authority under the Home Ownership Scheme and the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme could help prevent speculative trading of these flats, and requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the subject matter.

16. Buy or Rent Option Scheme

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon LAU Kwok-fan requested that the Panel should follow up with the Administration on why the Hong Kong Housing Authority no longer offered tenants a choice to buy the unsold flats in the Buy or Rent Option Scheme estates, whereas sitting tenants in the 39 Tenants Purchase Scheme estates could opt to buy the rental flats in which they were living.

17. Measures on transitional housing

To be confirmed

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

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun and Hon CHAN Han-pan requested that the Panel should discuss the subject matter.

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18. 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 has referred issues about policy on transit centre to the Panel for follow-up (see LC Paper No. CB(1)439/17-18(01) issued on 9 January 2018 for details).

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon CHAN Han-pan requested that the Panel should discuss the IH policy. Hon SHIU Ka-chun raised the same request and suggested that the Panel should also discuss with the Administration the policy on transit centre and related issues including its living environment.

19. Tenants Purchase Scheme

To be confirmed

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) issued on 6 October 2017.

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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. In response to a request at the work plan meeting on 25 October 2017, the Administration provided its position on the subject matter vide paragraphs 41 to 52 of LC Paper No. CB(1)437/17-18(01) issued on 8 January 2018. The Administration has proposed that the item be removed from the Panel's "list of outstanding items for discussion".

20. Maintenance of gas facilities in Tenants Purchase Scheme Estates

See Note (2)

In his letter dated 15 June 2018, Hon HO Kai-ming requested that the Panel discuss the subject matter (LC Paper No. CB(1)1149/17-18(01)).

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen proposed in his letter dated 13 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1125/17-18(01)) that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development to discuss the subject matter.

The Administration's response to the issues raised in the aforesaid letters was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1300/17-18(01) on 24 July 2018.

21. Rent exemption for under-occupation households in public rental housing estates

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, in view that the 2018 Policy Address suggested that the Hong Kong Housing Authority launched an initiative of allowing under-occupation ("UO") households with all family members aged 70 or above to enjoy lifetime full rent exemption upon transferring to smaller public rental housing units, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung requested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration whether the arrangement would be extended to UO households with family member(s) aged below 70.

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for discussion**

22. Redevelopment of Tai Hang Sai Estate

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun requested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration the redevelopment of Tai Hang Sai Estate, which was an initiative of the 2018 Policy Address.

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

See Note (3)

In his letter dated 5 January 2018, Hon LUK Chung-hung requested that the Panel discuss the subject matter (LC Paper No. CB(1)434/17-18(01)). The Administration's response to the above subject/request was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)561/17-18(01) on 2 February 2018.

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen said that the 2018 Policy Address had mentioned the review of the Government outsourcing system, and requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on measures to be adopted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority/Housing Department to improve its tendering system for outsourced cleansing and security services.

24. 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 receive public views on the subject matter (LC Paper No. CB(1)268/17-18(01) issued on 24 November 2017).

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

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25. 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 the Hong Kong Housing Authority 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.

In response to a request made at the work plan meeting held on 25 October 2017, the Administration provided its position in respect of the subject matter vide paragraphs 36 to 40 of LC Paper No. CB(1)437/17-18(01) issued on 8 January 2018.

26. Regulation of sale of overseas properties

To be confirmed

The Research Office of the Secretariat published an information note on the regulation of sale of overseas properties (IN10/16-17) on 26 April 2017. Hon James TO Kun-sun and Hon Andrew WAN jointly submitted a letter on the same subject on 16 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)966/16-17(01)). 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.

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The Administration subsequently provided a response to the joint letter vide paragraphs 32 to 36 of LC Paper No. CB(1)1452/16-17(01), stating that the Administration considered that there was no imminent need to discuss the issue of regulating the sale of overseas properties in Hong Kong at the meeting of the Panel, and that the Administration would continue to collaborate with relevant organizations in enhancing education for the public and the licensees. The relevant paper was distributed to members on 6 October 2017.

27. 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.

In response to a request at the work plan meeting on 25 October 2017, the Administration provided its position on the subject matter vide paragraphs 2 to 18 of LC Paper No. CB(1)437/17-18(01) issued on 8 January 2018.

**Proposed timing
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28. Policy on the redevelopment of old public rental housing estates

To be confirmed

The subject matter was raised at the work plan meeting on 25 October 2012. 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).

In response to a request at the work plan meeting on 27 October 2016, the Administration provided its position on the subject matter vide paragraphs 9 to 12 of LC Paper No. CB(1)1452/16-17(01) issued on 6 October 2017.

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun and Hon Starry LEE Wai-king requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the plan and progress of the redevelopment of old rental estates under the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Hong Kong Housing Authority. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG said that redevelopment of aged public housing estates could facilitate urban renewal of old districts and requested that the Panel should follow up the matter with the Administration.

Note (1): It was agreed at the work plan meeting held on 24 October 2018 that members could follow up the subject at the Panel on Development.

Note (2): It was agreed at the work plan meeting held on 24 October 2018 that members could follow up the subject at the Panel on Economic Development.

Note (3): It was agreed at the work plan meeting held on 24 October 2018 that members could follow up the subject at the Panel on Manpower.