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Panel on Home Affairs

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday, 3 December 2019, at 10:00 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members : Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH (Chairman)
present Hon AU Nok-hin (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Claudia MO

Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Hon IP Kin-yuen Hon Alvin YEUNG

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding

Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP Hon SHIU Ka-chun

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP

Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP

Hon KWONG Chun-yu

Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Members: Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

absent Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Public Officers: attending

<u>Item III</u>

Dr LAW Chi-kwong, GBS, JP

Chairperson of the Community Care Fund Task Force under the Commission on Poverty

Secretary for Labour and Welfare

Mr Patrick LI Pak-chuen, JP

Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1)

Ms Carmen KONG Ka-man

Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Civic Affairs)2

Mr Keith GIANG Tsz-sheung

Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries)A

Ms May CHAN Wing-shiu, JP Deputy Secretary for Education (6)

Mr Ricky LING Wai-kit Senior Project Manager 1 Transport and Housing Bureau

Mr Alfred LEE Chi-hang Senior Project Manager 2 Transport and Housing Bureau

Ms PANG Kit-ling Assistant Director (Family and Child Welfare) Social Welfare Department

Ms Ivis CHUNG Chief Manager (Allied Health) Hospital Authority

Item IV

The Administration

Mr Jack CHAN Jick-chi, JP Under Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP Commissioner for Sports Home Affairs Bureau Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan

Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Recreation and Sport)1

Mrs Doris FOK LEE Sheung-ling

Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (Leisure Services) 1

Hong Kong Football Association

Mr CHAN Chi-hong

Director

Mr Paul WOODLAND Chief Executive Officer

Attendance by : invitation

Item IV

Mr William SHEK

Mr TANG Yu-hin

Hong Kong Football History Society

Mr LAI Man-fai

Mr CHAN Ka-long

Mr SHE Kin-cheung

Mr CHIU Ho-lam

Mr Samuel MAK

撐場大聯盟

陳智聰先生

Mr MAN Pei-tak

Mr CHAN Wai-ho

Island West Dynamic Movement

Mr Sam YIP Kam-lung

香港體育關注組

Mr Billy CHAN Shiu-yeung

The Civic Party

Mr CHENG Tat-hung

Mr LEE Chun-wing

Tseung Kwan O Neighbouring Social Welfare Association

Mr WONG Wai-lung

Mr LUI Chi-wai

Mr LAU Kwun-shing

Hong Kong Blind Union

Mr NG Ping-tung

Mr WAN Chung-him

Ms Carmen LAI Ka-man

Mr Ringo CHEUNG Siu-ko

Mr LEE Jacki-dominic

Mr WONG Yiu-fu

Mr LAM Hing-kei

Clerk in attendance

Ms Joanne MAK

Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance

Miss Connie AU

Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

Mr Dennis HO

Council Secretary (2) 3

Mrs Fonny TSANG

Legislative Assistant (2) 3

I. Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting

Members noted that no information paper had been issued since the last meeting.

II. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)245/19-20(01) and CB(2)147/19-20(02)]

- 2. <u>The Panel</u> agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 9 December 2019 at 4:30 pm:
 - (a) pre-construction activities for the new facilities building of the Hong Kong Sports Institute;
 - (b) sports and recreation facility improvement projects (construction of a footbridge with lift tower to connect the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park and the Ap Lei Chau Estate; and provision of heated pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex in the Southern District); and
 - (c) pre-construction activities for expansion of Hong Kong Science Museum and Hong Kong Museum of History.

III. Community Care Fund

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)147/19-20(03) and (04)]

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Chairperson of the Community Care Fund Task Force ("C of CCF Task Force") briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)147/19-20(03)].

Discussion

One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ('CSSA') Programme (2020) ("the 2020 Programme")

4. Mr Vincent CHENG welcomed the 2020 Programme and suggested that the CCF Task Force should streamline the relevant application procedures in the light of implementation experience. C of CCF Task Force said that this one-off subsidy had been offered thrice in December 2013, January 2015 and January 2016 respectively. The CCF Task Force had not received any feedback that the application procedures were too

- cumbersome. Nevertheless, the CCF Task Force would keep the procedures under review. C of CCF Task Force further said that more than 200 service units operated by non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") would be enlisted to reach out to the "N have-nots" and assist them in applying for the subsidy.
- 5. Mr Tony TSE and Dr Fernando CHEUNG expressed concern that the 2020 Programme would not be launched until July 2020. C of CCF Task Force explained that a few months' lead time was needed for setting up a programme office and the relevant software, as well as conducting staff recruitment and training beforehand. He added that when the 2021 Programme was launched again in the 2020-2021 financial year, the lead time would then be shortened.
- 6. Mr Vincent CHENG and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen enquired about the position of the Administration's study on devising a scheme to provide cash allowance to the "N have-nots" on a regular basis. C of CCF Task Force said that the study was expected to be completed by the end of 2020. Mr CHENG called on the Administration to seek to avoid the cash allowance scheme from pushing up the rent levels of private housing. C of CCF Task Force said that the CCF Secretariat had contacted some previous beneficiary households to understand their rent payment situation. It was noted that there was no obvious statistical evidence suggesting that landlords had raised the rent as a result of tenants receiving the one-off living subsidy from CCF.
- Dr Fernando CHEUNG considered that the Administration should 7. expedite the aforementioned study so that the regular cash allowance scheme could be rolled out sooner. Mr LUK Chung-hung and Mr Michael TIEN opined that the feasibility of implementing tenancy control should be covered by the study. Mr KWONG Chun-yu enquired whether the CCF Task Force would consider introducing relief measures for low-income households other than the 2020 Programme in the light of recent social He also asked when the Hong Kong Poverty Situation Report 2018 ("the 2018 Report") would be completed. C of CCF Task Force replied that the CCF Task Force would be happy to consider any proposals for new assistance programmes. He said that the 2018 Report would be published in mid-December 2019. The poverty figures used for the core analysis in the 2018 Report under the current poverty line analytical framework would only take into account the effect of the Government's recurrent cash intervention, but not the poverty alleviation impact of one-off or in-kind assistance under CCF. The impacts of these measures under CCF would be presented as supplementary information in the 2018 Report for reference only.

Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing

- 8. Mr SHIU Ka-chun reiterated his concern about the financial difficulty encountered by the recipients of the Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing and Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance ("MRA") under the CSSA Scheme. He said that that some 60% of the CSSA recipients living in rented private housing currently paid rents exceeding the applicable MRA, and raised concern as to whether the amount of subsidy was able to fully cover the excess rent.
- 9. <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> responded that the monthly subsidy amount was set at either 50% of the portion of the rental amount exceeding the applicable MRA or 15% of the applicable MRA, whichever was the less. Therefore, the excess amount of rent paid by the recipients would not be fully covered. The intention of this co-payment arrangement was to avoid triggering a rise in rent levels and turning the subsidy into additional rent. Nevertheless, the CCF Task Force would keep this arrangement under review.

Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit ("SDU") Households

10. Mr Holden CHOW enquired about the eligibility criteria for the Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income SDU Households and whether the assistance programme would be regularized. C of CCF Task Force said that the programme was expected to be launched in the second quarter of 2020. The NGOs implementing the programme would assess the actual living environment, the income level and needs of the SDU households concerned. The CCF Task Force would evaluate the programme in due course.

Pilot schemes to subsidize NGOs to facilitate the implementation of transitional/modular social housing projects ("transitional housing pilot schemes")

11. Noting that CCF would launch four new transitional housing pilot schemes providing a total of 510 units, Mr Tony TSE expressed concern that these new units might not be able to meet demands and sought details of the allocation mechanism for transitional housing. C of CCF Task Force said that to be eligible for transitional housing, applicants must be living in inadequate housing conditions, low-income and awaiting public rental housing ("PRH") allocation for a certain period of time. The relevant NGOs implementing the transitional housing schemes would be responsible for identifying eligible households and conduct selection based on the above eligibility criteria.

- 12. Mr LUK Chung-hung enquired why the projects under the transitional housing pilot schemes were funded by CCF and not by the Government. He also asked whether any of these projects could be replaced by PRH construction projects. Mr CHU Hoi-dick asked when the existing five transitional housing pilot schemes under CCF would be handed over to the Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB") for further implementation. Noting that the Administration had proposed to create a non-recurrent commitment of \$5 billion for setting up a Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by NGOs ("the proposed Funding Scheme"), Mr CHU asked whether CCF had plans to launch more transitional housing pilot schemes before the proposed Funding Scheme was approved by the Finance Committee.
- 13. <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> explained that CCF's transitional housing pilot schemes aimed at expediting the implementation of transitional housing projects ahead of the approval of the proposed Funding Scheme. These projects involved converting existing premises, or designing, purchasing and constructing modular housing on idle sites, and the modular units could also be recycled for use at other sites in the future. <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> said that these projects would eventually be handed over to THB. However, some other transitional housing projects involving larger funding commitments might need to be supported by the proposed Funding Scheme.

Digital Terrestrial Television ("TV") Assistance Programme

14. Mr CHU Hoi-dick enquired about the cost justifications for the Digital Terrestrial TV Assistance Programme which was expected to incur a funding provision of \$456.45 million. Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries) A explained that the above funding provision was a budget only, whilst exact expenditure on digital TV receivers and related services would be subject to the result of open tender.

Assistance programmes relating to supporting and hiring carers

15. In response to Mr SHIU Ka-chun's concerns, <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> said that the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") were analyzing the evaluation report of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities submitted by the Study Centre. The evaluation report would be made public after consideration by the CCF Task Force. <u>Mr SHIU Ka-chun</u> considered that the report should be made public straightaway. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> echoed Mr SHIU's views and added that the above pilot schemes should be regularized.

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16. Mr Alvin YEUNG expressed concern that as at 30 September 2019, only 41 persons benefited from the Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance ("HDA") Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers since its launch in October 2016. He also asked whether the monthly allowance level (\$5,000) would be increased. C of CCF Task Force explained that the subsidy was intended for the eligible HDA recipients to hire full-time carers, who were mainly foreign domestic helpers ("FDHs"), to assist in travelling between home and office. The monthly allowance level, therefore, should be sufficient. That said, as HDA recipients generally faced employment difficulties, the Administration would step up its employment support services in this regard.

Medical Assistance Programmes

- 17. Mr Michael TIEN took the view that the drug Lenvatinib for treating liver cancer should be included under the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes. He considered that the frequency of reviewing the drugs supported by the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes should be increased to shorten the lead time for introduction of new drugs under these programmes. C of CCF Task Force explained that the selection of new drugs to be covered under the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes was based on expert advice of medical professionals of the Hospital Authority and their clinical experience. He undertook to relay Mr TIEN's proposal to the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB") for consideration.
- 18. <u>Ms YUNG Hoi-yan</u> urged the CCF Task Force to relax the financial assessment criteria for the First Phase Programme in order to benefit more cancer patients. <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> said that the financial assessment criteria were aligned with that of the Samaritan Fund. The maximum ratio for a patient's contribution to the drug cost had been reduced from 30% to 20% of his/her annual disposable financial resources. This ratio might be reviewed as necessary.

Elderly Dental Assistance ("EDA") Programme

- 19. <u>Mr CHAN Chi-chuen</u> and <u>Mr Christopher CHEUNG</u> expressed concern about the low usage rate of the EDA Programme and urged the CCF Task Force to further promote the EDA Programme to eligible elders.
- 20. <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> explained that while the EDA Programme aimed to subsidize needy elders with low income for dentures and other related necessary dental services, not all of the eligible elders had a need for dentures. The application procedures for the EDA Programme were relatively user-friendly and elderly centres operated by NGOs would provide eligible elders with the necessary assistance. In response to

Mr CHEUNG's enquiry, <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> explained that due to the limited supply of dental services in Hong Kong, the EDA Programme could not be extended to cover general dental services for needy elders at the present stage.

Pilot schemes on cervical cancer vaccination and screening

21. <u>Ms YUNG Hoi-yan</u> enquired about the way forward of the Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme and Pilot Scheme on Subsidized Cervical Cancer Screening and Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income Women, which were due to end in October 2019 and December 2020 respectively. <u>C of CCF Task Force</u> said that the Administration had introduced free cervical cancer vaccination for school girls in Primary 5 and 6. FHB would review the policy on cervical cancer screening in light of the relevant evaluation report.

IV. Football development in Hong Kong

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)147/19-20(05) to (06) and CB(2)312/19-20(01)]

22 <u>The Panel</u> received views from 24 deputations/individuals on the subject of football development in Hong Kong. A summary of views expressed by these deputations/individuals is in the **Appendix**.

Administration's response to deputations' views

- 23. In response to the views expressed by the deputations, the Under Secretary for Home Affairs ("USHA") and the Commissioner for Sports ("C for S") made the following points:
 - (a) the Administration was currently reviewing the Five-Year Strategic Plan (2015 to 2020) of the Hong Kong Football Association ("HKFA"). Meanwhile, HKFA was preparing a new Strategic Plan to formulate the future directions and initiatives on football development for the next five years. The Administration noted deputations' view on HKFA's communication with stakeholders. In fact, in both the mid-term and final reviews of the current Five-Year Strategic Plan, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Football Task Force had urged HKFA to enhance its communication and engagement with different stakeholders in the local football community;
 - (b) the Administration would strive to increase the supply of public football pitches. Projects under the Five-Year Plan for Sports

and Recreational Facilities would provide a total of 13 new public football pitches. While the Administration would only build five-a-side futsal pitches and 11-a-side turf pitches which were the two formats of play recognized by the Federation Internationale de Football Association, seven-a-side turf pitches were built on certain sites due to size constraints and high demand for turf pitches in the districts concerned. The Administration would also carefully follow up on deputations' views, including those on football venue management and new facilities/services such as enabling audio-descriptive commentaries for football matches, and retrofitting roofs and storage facilities at existing To increase the supply of football pitches, the venues. Administration had allocated a piece of land in the restored landfill in Tseung Kwan O to develop the Football Training Centre which provided six 11-a-side pitches and accepted public bookings. The Administration also provided land to individual clubs to develop football training venues and academies, drawing reference to the experience of the Jockey Club Kitchee Centre and Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong);

- (c) the Administration would continue to encourage commercial sponsorship to support football development and provide matching grants under the "M" Mark Scheme to HKFA and its member clubs to organize large-scale exhibition matches and tournaments. However, the suggestion of introducing tax concessions to these businesses required thorough consideration by the Administration; and
- (d) to combat match-fixing activities, an international sports data collector, Sportradar, had been engaged to monitor all local professional football matches. Regarding the suggestion of legalization of betting on local football matches, the Administration did not encourage gambling in society and considered that football betting did not necessarily lead to the promotion of football development in Hong Kong.
- 24. On issues relating to HKFA, Mr CHAN Chi-hong, Director of HKFA said that since the implementation of the Five-year Strategic Plan in 2015, the performance of HKFA had gradually improved in various areas. HKFA planned to set out the following strategic directions in the next Strategic Plan (2020 to 2025), which would be submitted to the Government in due course:
 - (a) setting a long-term goal that the Hong Kong Team would enter the World Cup Finals in 2034;

- (b) strengthening the playing style and tactics of the Hong Kong Team with a view to promoting its international ranking;
- (c) developing a more systematic mode of training of football players;
- (d) taking forward the concept of "Football for Everyone" to raise the public's interest in football; and
- (e) enhancing the funding arrangement for teams playing in HKFA leagues.
- Admin 25. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide a written response to the views expressed by deputations/individuals and members at the meeting.
 - (At 12:58 pm, the Chairman directed that the meeting be extended by 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time.)

Discussion

Promotion of football development in Hong Kong

- 26. Mr SHIU Ka-chun took the view that in order to enhance HKFA's governance, more representatives of football players and fans should be elected to the HKFA Board of Directors. Mr LUK Chung-hung declared that he was an honorary patron of the Yuen Long Football Club and his son played for a team in the HKFA Youth League. He suggested that HKFA should consider distributing free tickets for local football matches to boost attendance rates and popularity. The Deputy Chairman suggested that there should be free live television broadcasts of Hong Kong Premier League football matches. In order to ensure stable and sufficient income for football clubs, he and Mr LUK urged the Administration to follow up the suggestion that tax concessions should be offered to encourage more commercial sponsorships for football clubs and matches. The Chairman also expressed a similar view.
- 27. <u>USHA</u> reiterated that the Administration would continue to encourage commercial sponsorship for football clubs and matches. Moreover, the Administration had already allocated some \$100 million to HKFA to implement its Five-year Strategic Plan. More resources might be allocated to promote local football development as necessary.

28. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and Mr CHU Hoi-dick suggested that the Administration should conduct a study on the feasibility of legalizing betting on local football matches. The revenue generated could be used for promoting the development of local football. USHA reiterated the Administration's view that legalizing betting on local football matches might not be conducive to promoting football development in Hong Kong. Mr CHAN Chi-hong, Director of HKFA said that he personally supported the above suggestion.

Career prospects of football players

- 29. Mr Alvin YEUNG took the view that stable career prospects of professional football players were vital in making playing football a viable career option for the youth. He urged the Administration to expeditiously step up its measures to support retired football players and enquired about the Administration's plan in this regard.
- 30. C for S said that HKFA was formulating plans in the context of the next Strategic Plan to prepare and support football players to pursue second career after their retirement. Besides, with the Government's funding support, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China had been implementing the Hong Kong Athletes Career and Education Programme to assist athletes of different sports in their career transition. response to the proposal of providing specific forms of support such as public housing to football players, C for S noted that since employment contracts between football players and their respective football clubs were private contracts with commercial information, it might be more appropriate for HKFA to liaise with its member clubs to gather relevant information such as the level of remuneration and ascertain the actual needs of the football players, and then come up with plans to enhance support for retired football Mr CHAN Chi-hong, Director of HKFA said that the establishment of a professional footballers association might strengthen support for football players on this front.
- 31. In response to the Chairman's enquiry, <u>C for S</u> said that based on market information, the remuneration package of local football players had improved in recent years. For instance, following the discussion between the Government, HKFA and the Chinese Football Association ("CFA"), eligible Hong Kong players had been allowed to play for football clubs in the CFA Super League or the CFA China League One which offered attractive remuneration packages to local players. HKFA had also stepped up its training programmes for coaches. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that the Administration should further liaise with CFA, hoping that more Hong Kong players might be allowed to play for football clubs in its leagues.

Provision of public football venues and relevant amenities

- 32. Mr SHIU Ka-chun raised concern that the slow progress of building new public football venues might undermine the Administration's efforts in combating speculation activities on venue booking. He said that among the four 11-a-side football pitches currently under construction, the two in Kai Tak Sports Park and the one in the sports ground in Area 16, Tuen Mun were not covered by the Leisure Link System of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") for venue booking by the general public. Mr SHIU was also concerned that the planned pitch in Area 33, Tai Po would be used for both playing football and rugby. The Deputy Chairman considered that the Administration should build more 11-a-side natural turf football pitches to facilitate professional football training. Furthermore, a dedicated committee should oversee the planning for football venues.
- 33. <u>USHA</u> stressed that the Administration would continue to increase the supply of football pitches in Hong Kong. He explained that artificial turf pitches were more durable under frequent use than natural turf pitches.

 Admin In response to Mr CHU Hoi-dick's enquiry, <u>Assistant Director of LCSD</u> (<u>Leisure Services</u>) 1 undertook to provide details of the availability of water dispensers in public football pitches under the management of LCSD, and for venues not provided with such a facility, the reason(s).

(At 1:13 pm, the Chairman proposed and members agreed to further extend the meeting for 15 minutes to 1:30 pm.)

Motions

34. <u>Members</u> noted that three motions had been proposed by the Deputy Chairman, Mr LUK Chung-hung and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen respectively. <u>The Chairman</u> said that due to the shortage of time and that a quorum was not present at the present juncture, the proposed motions would be dealt with at the next meeting.

(<u>Post-meeting note:</u> the wording of the three proposed motions was issued on 3 December 2019 vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)318/19-20(03) to (05).)

V. Any other business

35. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:29 pm.

Council Business Division 2 <u>Legislative Council Secretariat</u> 28 April 2020

Panel on Home Affairs

Meeting on Tuesday, 3 December 2019, at 10:00 am Meeting to receive views on "Football development in Hong Kong"

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations/individuals

No.	Name of deputation / individual	Submission / Major views and concerns
1.*	Mr William SHEK	 The Jockey Club Kitchee Centre ("Kitchee Centre") was effective in providing a quality football training venue supporting both professional and amateur teams. The Administration should allow and facilitate other football clubs to independently run venues based on the operational model of the Kitchee Centre to further enhance football training at both professional and community levels. The Administration should increase the supply of football venues in Hong Kong and combat speculation activities on
2	M. TANGW. 1	venue booking.
2.	Mr TANG Yu-hin	• LC Paper No. CB(2)173/19-20(02)
3.	Hong Kong Football History Society	• LC Paper No. CB(2)173/19-20(04)
4.*	Mr CHAN Ka-long	• There was a shortage of quality football venues in Yau Tsim Mong District and improvement works needed to be carried out at some existing venues, including the artificial turf pitch in Cherry Street Park, which was in a bad condition; and the hard-surface pitch in Kowloon Park, which lacked adequate amenities such as drinking fountains, lockers and a cover to the spectator stand.
5.	Mr SHE Kin-cheung	• LC Paper No. CB(2)173/19-20(07)
6.	Mr CHIU Ho-lam	• LC Paper No. CB(2)368/19-20(01)
7. *	Mr Samuel MAK	• The general shortage of football pitches in Hong Kong and the speculation activities on venue booking made it difficult for football teams at various amateur levels to secure venues for football training. This problem seriously hindered the nurturing of young football players.
8.	撐場大聯盟	 LC Paper No. CB(2)173/19-20(01) LC Paper No. CB(2)190/19-20(01)
9.*	Mr MAN Pei-tak	Tax concessions should be introduced to encourage business sponsorships to support local football teams.
		• The Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") should enhance the amenities at its football venues to meet

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		players' needs. For example, LCSD should consider installing container units with changing rooms, lockers and fitness-training equipment adjacent to the football pitches.
10. *	Mr CHAN Wai-ho	• Due to the general shortage of football pitches in Hong Kong, it was difficult for football coaches of amateur teams to get hold of fixed venues for conducting training sessions.
		 Artificial turf pitches were not ideal venues for conducting professional football training, as these pitches posed higher risks of injury to the players and were subject to high surface temperatures after being exposed to the sun. The Administration should instead make more natural turf pitches available at convenient locations to facilitate professional football training.
11.*	Island West Dynamic Movement	• There were currently no standard-size 11-a-side football pitches in Central & Western District. The Administration should increase the supply of football venues in Hong Kong and all 18 District Football Teams should be provided with dedicated standard-size venues as home grounds.
		• The Administration should seek ways to encourage the establishment of football teams at various amateur levels.
12.*	香港體育關注組	• The Kitchee Centre played a vital role in promoting football development at the community level and should be preserved for both professional and amateur football training in the long run. Other football clubs should also be allocated with venues for independent operation.
		• The Administration should draw reference to other Asian countries such as Japan, Korea and Vietnam in formulating policies in promoting football development in Hong Kong.
13.*	The Civic Party	• The Administration and HKFA should continue to gauge views of football fans in formulating policies relating to football development in Hong Kong.
		• Tax concessions should be introduced to encourage business sponsorships to support local football teams. Opportunities should also be provided to youths for playing football at various levels.
		• The Administration should increase the provision of football pitches in Hong Kong. In the light of the Administration's proposal to redevelop the Hong Kong Stadium ("HKS") into a sports ground for community use, the capacity of the spectator stands should not be reduced to make way for new running tracks. HKS should also retain its function as a major stadium

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		after the completion of the new Kai Tak Sports Park and should not be deemed as a replacement of the Wai Chai Sports Ground.
14.	Mr LEE Chun-wing	• LC Paper No. CB(2)368/19-20(02)
15.*	Tseung Kwan O Neighbouring Social Welfare Association	 The quality of football venues and facilities in Hong Kong should be upgraded. The remuneration and career prospects of football players and coaches should be improved so as to make playing football a viable career option for the youth and to attract quality coaches. District Football Teams should foster closer connections with the local communities.
16. *	Mr LUI Chi-wai	 The progress of football development in Hong Kong was slow and the world ranking of the Hong Kong football team had dropped significantly in the past two decades. To enhance professional football training, the Administration should convert its existing seven-a-side pitches into standard-size five-a-side or 11-a-side pitches; and football clubs in the Hong Kong Premier League ("HKPL") should be provided with dedicated home grounds with adequate amenities. HKS' function as a major stadium should be retained in the long run. The attendance levels of HKPL matches should be boosted; and more football tournaments and programmes should be organized to promote football. Career support should also be enhanced for ex-players retiring from professional football.
17.	Mr LAU Kwun-shing	• LC Paper No. CB(2)190/19-20(04)
18.	Hong Kong Blind Union	• LC Paper No. CB(2)312/19-20(02)
19.*	Mr WAN Chung-him	 The progress of football development in Hong Kong had been slow in the past three decades. The support for the Hong Kong Teams and District Football Teams should be enhanced so as to boost their performance and governance.
20.*	Ms Carmen LAI Ka-man	 HKPL football clubs should have priority when booking their home grounds for conducting training. The Administration should also step up its measures to combat speculation activities on venue booking. Measures should be introduced to make the Football Training Centre in Tseung Kwan O more easily accessible to facilitate players.

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		• LCSD should relax its restrictions on cheering activities of spectators supporting local football teams during matches. HKFA should also continue to gauge views of football fans in the future.
21.*	Mr Ringo CHEUNG Siu-ko	 HKFA should seek ways to boost the attendance levels of HKPL matches. For example, matches should be more considerately scheduled to allow time for spectators to travel from one venue to another to watch the next match if necessary. HKFA should continue to gauge views of football fans in the future.
		• The quality of professional training of the Hong Kong Teams should be enhanced by, for example, engaging overseas coaches to strengthen the team tactics.
22.*	Mr LEE Jacki-dominic	The Administration and HKFA should step up efforts to engage football fans.
		HKFA should forbid the same business firm to sponsor more than one football club in the same league. HKFA should also revamp its mechanism of scheduling matches in various leagues.
23. *	Mr WONG Yiu-fu	• The various levels of leagues set up by HKFA should be managed by other organizations such as the Hong Kong Jockey Club to improve governance and combat match-fixing activities.
		• Tax concessions should be introduced to encourage sponsorships from listed companies to support local football teams. Football should be included as a sport to be supported by the Hong Kong Sports Institute.
		The development of futsal should be stepped up and more covered futsal pitches should be provided.
24.	Mr LAM Hing-kei	• LC Paper No. CB(2)368/19-20(03)

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^{*} No submissions provided for this meeting