# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

# PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

## INTRODUCTION

The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, in his capacity as the Authority ("Authority") under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance Cap.132 ("the Ordinance"), manages and controls the libraries listed in the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O). Under Section 105K of the Ordinance, the Authority may, by order published in the Gazette, designate any building, or part of a building, as a library.

2. We propose to amend the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O) as follows:-

By repealing item 74 –

"74. Shop Nos. G15 and G16, Ground Floor, Dawning Views Shopping Plaza, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling."

and substituting item 74 –

"74. Shop Nos. 104A and 105A, First Floor, Dawning Views, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling."

## **JUSTIFICATIONS**

3. The amendments to the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O) as proposed in paragraph 2 shall come into operation on 28 December 2021. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The existing Fanling South Public Library located at Shop Nos. G15 and G16, Ground Floor, Dawning Views Shopping Plaza, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling will be closed and ceased operation upon the commissioning of the new library. The new library will be opened for public use with effect from 28 December 2021.

# AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE TO THE DESIGNATION OF LIBRARIES ORDER (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O)

4. The Order at <u>Annex A</u> amends the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order to update the list of public libraries.

## LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette 25 June 2021 Tabling at the Legislative Council 30 June 2021 for negative vetting

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. The North District Council supported the early commissioning of the new library. The designation of the library premises as a library in the Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

# **ENQUIRY**

7. Please contact Mrs CHENG LAU Mei-lee, Mary, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

# **Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

21 June 2021

# Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2021

(Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 105K of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

### 1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 28 December 2021.

### 2. Designation of Libraries Order amended

The Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) is amended as set out in section 3.

#### 3. Schedule amended

The Schedule-

Repeal item 74

#### Substitute

"74. Shop Nos. 104A and 105A, First Floor, Dawning Views, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling.".

Director of Leisure and Cultural

Services

21.6.2021

Annex A

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2021

Explanatory Note

Paragraph 1

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### **Explanatory Note**

#### This Order-

- (a) cancels the designation of Shop Nos. G15 and G16, Ground Floor, Dawning Views Shopping Plaza, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling as a library; and
- (b) designates Shop Nos. 104A and 105A, First Floor, Dawning Views, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling as a library.
- 2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the library mentioned in paragraph 1(b) is vested in the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services. The Director may also exercise other statutory functions under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in respect of that library.