

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 adding item 79 -

“79. The ground and first floors of Sham Shui Po Leisure and Cultural Building, 38 Sham Mong Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.”

JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The amendment to the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O) as proposed in paragraph 2 shall come into operation on 7 February 2022. It enables the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The Sham Shui Po Public Library will be open for public use in phases with the Students’ Study Room in 1st quarter 2022 and the full library in 2nd quarter 2022.

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

4. The Order at Annex A 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	27 August 2021
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	1 September 2021

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. The Sham Shui Po 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

23 August 2021

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 4) 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 7 February 2022.

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—

Add

“79. The ground and first floors of Sham Shui Po Leisure and Cultural Building, 38 Sham Mong Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

23. 8. 2021

Explanatory Note

This Order designates the ground and first floors of Sham Shui Po Leisure and Cultural Building, 38 Sham Mong Road, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon as a library.

2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the library 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 the library.