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House Committee of the Legislative Council

**Minutes of the 37th meeting
held in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex
at 2:30 pm on Friday, 24 September 2021**

Members present :

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon MA Fung-kwok, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, GBS, JP
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBM, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS, JP
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, GBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, GBS, MH, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS, JP

Members absent :

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP

Clerk in attendance :

Miss Flora TAI Clerk to the House Committee

Staff in attendance :

Mr Kenneth CHEN, SBS	Secretary General
Ms Connie FUNG, SBS	Legal Adviser
Ms Dora WAI	Deputy Secretary General (Council and Corporate Services)
Mr Timothy TSO	Principal Assistant Legal Adviser
Ms Anita SIT	Assistant Secretary General 1
Ms Miranda HON	Assistant Secretary General 3
Mr Matthew LOO	Assistant Secretary General 4
Ms Clara TAM	Acting Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr Bonny LOO	Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Miss Lilian MOK	Chief Council Secretary (2)4
Ms Alice LEUNG	Chief Council Secretary (2)5
Miss Rachel DAI	Assistant Legal Adviser 2
Mr Alvin CHUI	Assistant Legal Adviser 3
Ms Vanessa CHENG	Assistant Legal Adviser 5
Ms Wendy KAN	Assistant Legal Adviser 6
Ms Doreen WAN	Assistant Legal Adviser 9
Miss Evelyn LEE	Assistant Legal Adviser 10
Miss Connie AU	Senior Council Secretary (2)5
Mr Richard WONG	Senior Council Secretary (2)6
Miss Michelle TANG	Council Secretary (2)5
Ms Anna CHEUNG	Senior Legislative Assistant (2)3
Mr Arthur KAN	Legislative Assistant (2)6

Action

I. Confirmation of minutes of meeting

Minutes of 36th meeting held on 10 September 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1486/20-21)

The minutes were confirmed.

II. Matters arising

Report by the Chairman on her meeting with the Chief Secretary for Administration

2. The Chairman said that there was nothing special to report.

III. Business arising from previous Council meetings

Legal Service Division report on subsidiary legislation gazetted on 10 September 2021

(LC Paper No. LS119/20-21)

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Legal Adviser briefed Members on the report prepared by the Legal Service Division on five items of subsidiary legislation (i.e. L.N. 222 to L.N. 226) which were gazetted on 10 September 2021 and tabled in Council on 15 September 2021.

4. Mr Tony TSE considered it necessary to form a subcommittee to study L.N. 222 to L.N. 226 in detail, but no other Member indicated intention to join the proposed subcommittee. The Chairman said that as less than three Members had indicated intention to join the proposed subcommittee, pursuant to the relevant rules of the House Rules ("HR"), the proposed subcommittee would not be formed.

5. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for amending the above five items of subsidiary legislation would be the Council meeting of 13 October 2021.

IV. Business for the Council meeting of 29 September 2021

(a) **Laying of Papers on the Table of the Council**

Report No. 29/20-21 of the House Committee on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments
(*LC Paper No. CB(2)1488/20-21*)

6. The Chairman said that the Report covered 43 items of subsidiary legislation and the period for amending them would expire at the Council meeting of 29 September 2021. No Member had indicated intention to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation.

(b) **Questions**

(*LC Paper No. CB(3)1000/20-21*)

7. The Chairman said that the questions approved by the President to be asked at the meeting had already been issued to Members.

(c) **Government Bill - First Reading and Second Reading (debate to be adjourned)**

8. The Chairman said that no notice had been received yet.

(d) **Government Bills - Second Reading (debate to resume), consideration by committee of the whole Council and Third Reading**

1. **Sale of Goods (United Nations Convention) Bill**

2. **National Flag and National Emblem (Amendment) Bill 2021**

3. **Personal Data (Privacy) (Amendment) Bill 2021**

4. **Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2021**

5. **Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021**

6. **Crimes (Amendment) Bill 2021**

9. The Chairman said that the Second Reading debates on the above six Bills would be resumed at the meeting.

(e) **Government Motions**

1. **Proposed resolution under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance to be moved by the Chief Secretary for Administration**
(LC Paper No. CB(3)963/20-21)
2. **Proposed resolution under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance to be moved by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare**
(LC Paper No. CB(3)983/20-21)

10. The Chairman said that the above two proposed resolutions would be dealt with at the meeting.

(f) **Members' Motions**

1. **Motion on "Developing Hong Kong into a hub for arts and cultural exchanges between China and the rest of the world" to be moved by Hon MA Fung-kwok**
(LC Paper No. CB(3)987/20-21)
2. **Motion on "Fostering the achievement of carbon neutrality" to be moved by Hon CHAN Chun-ying**
(LC Paper No. CB(3)985/20-21)

11. The Chairman said that the above two Members' motions not intended to have legislative effect would be dealt with at the meeting.

V. **Business for the Council meeting of 6 October 2021**

The Chief Executive's Policy Address

12. The Chairman said that the Chief Executive ("CE") would present the last Policy Address in her term of office at the meeting.

Report of the House Committee ("HC") on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments

13. The Chairman invited Members to note that there were 10 items of subsidiary legislation the period for amendment of which would expire at the Council meeting of 6 October 2021. A draft Report of HC on

Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments covering the 10 items of subsidiary legislation had been issued to Members. She reminded Members to indicate their intention by 5:00 pm on Monday, 27 September 2021, should they wish to speak on any of those items of subsidiary legislation.

VI. The Chief Executive's Question and Answer Session on 7 October 2021

14. The Chairman said that the CE's Question and Answer Session on the Policy Address would be held on 7 October 2021, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon.

VII. Reports of Bills Committees and subcommittees

(a) Report of the Bills Committee on Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill 2021

(LC Paper No. CB(4)1562/20-21)

15. Ms Elizabeth QUAT, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Ms QUAT said that the Administration would propose amendments to the Bill to (a) relax the proposed requirement that persons eligible for special registration as medical practitioners in Hong Kong should be restricted to Hong Kong permanent residents; (b) allow non-locally trained medical graduates to take the Licensing Examination; and (c) provide a bridging arrangement for limited registration doctors to migrate to the special registration route. The Administration would also propose technical amendments to the Bill. A majority of the members of the Bills Committee supported the amendments proposed by the Administration.

16. Members noted that Mr SHIU Ka-fai had indicated his intention to propose amendments to the Bill to further widen the pool of non-locally trained doctors that could be admitted to practise in Hong Kong. Members also noted that the Bills Committee would not propose any amendments to the Bill and raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 13 October 2021.

**(b) Report of the Bills Committee on Landlord and Tenant
(Consolidation) (Amendment) Bill 2021**
(LC Paper No. CB(1)1359/20-21)

17. Mr Vincent CHENG, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr CHENG said that in the light of the concerns expressed by members of the Bills Committee, the Administration would propose a number of amendments to the Bill. The Bills Committee had taken note of the Administration's proposed amendments and raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 13 October 2021.

18. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above two Bills would be Monday, 4 October 2021.

**(c) Report of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health)
(Amendment) Bill 2019 (2020-2021 session)**

19. Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Chairman of the Bills Committee, made a verbal report on the deliberations of the Bills Committee. He said that the main objectives of the Bill were to (a) prohibit the import, manufacture, sale or offer for sale and restrict, under certain circumstances, the giving, possession or promotion ("full ban") of prescribed alternative smoking products ("ASPs"); (b) extend the current prohibitions on the use of cigarettes, cigars or pipes in specified places to the use of ASPs; and (c) extend the current restrictions on tobacco advertising to the advertising of ASPs.

20. Mr WONG further said that given that existing evidence had shown that most e-cigarettes, which had various flavours and were highly appealing to adolescents, emitted numerous toxic substances that were hazardous to health, members of the Bills Committee unanimously supported the proposed full ban on e-cigarettes. However, there were divergent views on the proposed full ban on heated tobacco products ("HTPs"). Some members of the Bills Committee supported the imposition of a full ban on ASPs including HTPs, so as to prevent the harm of those products from taking root in the local market. These members took the view that if HTPs were allowed to tap into the Hong Kong market, it might eventually lead to the emergence of a new generation of smokers, thereby undermining the Administration's achievement in tobacco control

over the years. Some members of the Bills Committee further suggested that the Administration should in the long run impose a full ban on all tobacco products including conventional cigarettes for the protection of public health.

21. Mr WONG advised that a number of members of the Bills Committee, however, considered that a full ban on HTPs should not be imposed. These members pointed out that while both HTPs and conventional cigarettes were tobacco products, there were studies demonstrating that the former was less harmful than the latter. Since other tobacco products including conventional cigarettes were not prohibited and restricted on an equal footing under the Bill, and the Administration had not announced a timetable for imposing a full ban on all tobacco products in the long run, the right of adult smokers to consume HTPs should not be deprived. These members considered that to strike a proper balance, it would be more appropriate to subject HTPs to a regulatory approach similar to that applied to conventional cigarettes. As the current smoking prevalence in Hong Kong had dropped to a very low level, the more appropriate ways to prevent the emergence of a new generation of smokers were to (a) step up public education to facilitate public understanding of the harm of smoking and (b) impose an age restriction on the consumption of tobacco products including HTPs and conventional cigarettes. There was also a suggestion that the Administration should make reference to the marketing authorization mechanism adopted by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States and conduct testing on each of HTPs that had applied for entering the local market. Only those products that had satisfied the standards prescribed by the Administration would be granted authorization for sale. The Administration could also consider increasing the tax rate for HTPs to disincentivize the purchase of these products.

22. Mr WONG further advised that Mr SHIU Ka-fai had indicated his intention to propose amendments to the Bill to exclude HTPs from the definition of ASPs and subject HTPs to a regulatory approach similar to that applied to conventional cigarettes instead. In addition, some members of the Bills Committee had raised concerns over issues relating to the scope of exemptions from the prohibition of imports of ASPs, the prohibition of the manufacture of ASPs solely for the purpose of export, etc. These members had indicated that they might propose certain amendments to the Bill.

23. Mr WONG informed Members that the Administration would propose certain textual and technical amendments to the Bill and that members of the Bills Committee raised no objection to those proposed amendments.

24. Members noted that the Bills Committee raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill and that the Administration had indicated its intention to resume the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 20 October 2021. The Bills Committee would submit its written report in due course.

(d) Report of the Bills Committee on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2021
(LC Paper No. CB(1)1358/20-21)

25. Mr WONG Ting-kwong, Chairman of the Bills Committee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Bills Committee as detailed in its report. Mr WONG said that the Administration would propose certain amendments to the Bill to better reflect the policy intent of the Bill and improve clarity of its provisions. In addition, the Administration had indicated that it would take over the amendment proposed by Mr LUK Chung-hung, which sought to include the latest fund expense ratio, the amount and percentage of annualized return, cumulative return, management fee and all other fees in the member account under each specified scheme contained in the central register of the electronic Mandatory Provident Fund System. The Bills Committee raised no objection to the amendments proposed by the Administration and would not propose any amendments to the Bill.

26. Members noted that the Administration was working on the detailed drafting of the amendment proposed by Mr LUK, and would submit the proposed amendment to the Bills Committee for consideration after the drafting work was completed. Members also noted that the Bills Committee supported the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 20 October 2021.

(e) Report of the Bills Committee on Financial Reporting Council (Amendment) Bill 2021

27. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, Chairman of the Bills Committee, made a verbal report on the deliberations of the Bills Committee. He said that the objective of the Bill was to amend, among others, the Financial

Reporting Council Ordinance (Cap. 588) to transfer certain regulatory powers currently exercised by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") under the Professional Accountants Ordinance (Cap. 50) to the Financial Reporting Council ("FRC"), so that FRC would develop into a full-fledged independent regulatory and oversight body for the accounting profession.

28. Mr CHEUNG further said that members of the Bills Committee noted that the accounting profession was very concerned whether the fees to be collected by FRC under the proposed new regime for the issuance of practising certificates and the registration of firms and corporate practices of the accounting profession would be significantly increased. According to the Administration, FRC would exempt the above fees in the first year of the implementation of the proposed new regime and freeze the relevant fees to be collected in the subsequent few years at a level not higher than that was currently collected by HKICPA. The Administration would also closely monitor the financial position of FRC and consider injecting additional funding when necessary.

29. Mr CHEUNG also said that some members of the Bills Committee considered that under the proposed new regime, FRC should assume an enhanced role in promoting and supporting the development of the accounting profession, including combating the use of certain descriptions by an individual or a company to mislead the public into believing that the individual or company was a certified public accountant or a practice unit registered under the relevant legislation. In this regard, the Administration agreed to propose an amendment to the Bill to specify clearly FRC's role in promoting the development of the profession, and would continue to explore with FRC ways to step up its work in strengthening continuing professional development. The Administration also undertook to explore with various stakeholders ways to mitigate the problem of using misleading descriptions and brief the Panel on Financial Affairs on the progress in the next year.

30. Mr CHEUNG advised that in respect of the mechanism for the issuance of practising certificates to accountants by FRC under the proposed new regime, in the light of the suggestions made by members of the Bills Committee, the Administration would propose amendments to the Bill, including (a) expressly providing for the "fit and proper" requirement for applications for issuance and renewal of practising certificates; and (b) empowering FRC to set additional continuing professional development requirements for applications for issuance and renewal of practising certificates.

31. Mr CHEUNG further advised that in respect of imposing pecuniary penalties under disciplinary proceedings, some members of the Bills Committee suggested that the Administration should explicitly stipulate in the Bill that FRC should consult relevant parties when formulating the relevant guidelines. The Administration explained that the proposed amended section 37H of Cap. 588 had stipulated that FRC could only impose a pecuniary penalty under its disciplinary proceedings after FRC had published in the Gazette guidelines on how it would exercise the power to impose such pecuniary penalties and it had had regard to such guidelines. Therefore, it was not necessary to stipulate the consultation requirement in the relevant provision. However, the Administration stressed that FRC would maintain liaison with the profession and stakeholders, and listen to their views when formulating the relevant guidelines.

32. Mr CHEUNG also advised that apart from the above proposed amendments, the Administration would also propose some technical amendments to the Bill in the light of the views expressed by stakeholders. The Bills Committee raised no objection to the direction of these proposed amendments. The Administration's proposed draft amendments to the Bill had been circulated to the Bills Committee and its Legal Adviser on the day before this meeting for comments.

33. Mr CHEUNG informed Members that the Bills Committee would not propose any amendments to the Bill and raised no objection to the resumption of the Second Reading debate on the Bill at the Council meeting of 20 October 2021. The Bills Committee would submit its written report in due course.

34. The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, to the above three Bills would be Saturday, 9 October 2021.

(f) Eighth report of the Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease

35. Dr CHIANG Lai-wan, Chairman of the Subcommittee, made a verbal report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee. She said that after the submission of the Subcommittee's seventh report to HC in August 2021, the Subcommittee had held one meeting with the Administration and had completed scrutiny of eight items of subsidiary legislation relating to the prevention and control of disease (i.e. L.N. 139 to L.N. 146 tabled in Council on 18 August 2021).

36. Dr CHIANG further said that in respect of the border control measures, some members of the Subcommittee were concerned whether the Administration would allow Hong Kong residents who had returned from overseas places and had completed their courses of vaccination to visit their elderly relatives with serious illness at hospitals during the quarantine period. Some members of the Subcommittee requested the Administration to exempt pilots coming from Group A specified places from undergoing the compulsory quarantine requirement. Regarding the requirement made by the Administration that passengers who joined the "cruise-to-nowhere" itineraries had to present proof of a negative result of a nucleic acid test conducted within 48 hours prior to boarding, there was a suggestion that the relevant time limit should be relaxed to 72 hours. Some members of the Subcommittee also requested the Administration to discuss with the Cambodian government the arrangements for the recognition of vaccination records as soon as possible, so as to allow Hong Kong residents stranded in Cambodia to return to Hong Kong as early as possible. In addition, there was a request for the introduction of a health code system to facilitate future clearing arrangements for cross-border travel.

37. Dr CHIANG further advised that in respect of the social distancing measures, some members of the Subcommittee had requested the Administration to relax the restrictions on the number of participants allowed for tours, wedding ceremonies, business meetings and group gatherings in public places. There was also a request for the extension of the operating hours of fraternal associations and clubhouses.

38. Dr CHIANG informed Members that the Subcommittee would not propose any amendments to the eight items of subsidiary legislation and would submit a written report in due course.

(g) Report of the Subcommittee on Road Traffic (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2021
(LC Paper No. CB(4)1556/20-21)

39. Mr Frankie YICK, Chairman of the Subcommittee, briefed Members on the deliberations of the Subcommittee as detailed in its report. Mr YICK said that the Subcommittee raised no objection to the Amendment Regulation and would not propose any amendments to it.

40. The Chairman reminded Members that the period for amending the nine items of subsidiary legislation studied by the above two Subcommittees would expire at the Council meeting of 6 October 2021, and that the deadline for giving notice of amendments, if any, would be Tuesday, 28 September 2021.

VIII. Position on Bills Committees and subcommittees

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1487/20-21)

41. The Chairman said that as at 23 September 2021, there were six Bills Committees, three subcommittees under HC and six subcommittees on policy issues under Panels in action.

IX. Paper of the Committee on Rules of Procedure

Review of the Rules of Procedure and House Rules – Fourth batch of proposed amendments

(LC Paper No. CROP98/20-21)

42. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Paul TSE, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure ("CROP") said that subsequent to the completion of the first three phases of the review of the Rules of Procedure ("RoP") and HR, CROP had launched phase four of the review. Having considered and discussed the results of the relevant consultation exercise, CROP agreed to submit to HC for endorsement three groups of proposed amendments to RoP and HR ("Proposals 1 to 3"). Mr TSE then briefed Members on Proposals 1 to 3 as summarized below:

- (a) Proposal 1: Hon CHAN Hak-kan's proposals to amend RoP and HR in relation to the operation of committees and the consultation requirement for the resumption of the Second Reading debate on a bill in the Council ("resumption of debate"), which included: (i) explicitly providing that HC had the power to give directions on committee matters; (ii) specifying that where more than two Panels wished to appoint a joint subcommittee, a proposal should be made to HC for that subcommittee to be formed under HC; and (iii) removing the existing requirement for the Member or public officer in charge of a bill to consult the chairman of HC before he gave notice to the Clerk to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") for resumption of debate, and making it clear that if the report of a Bills Committee had been received by HC, unless otherwise decided by HC, the bill was regarded as ready for resumption of debate. The proposed amendments to the relevant provisions of RoP and HR were set out in Appendices I, II and IV to the CROP paper, and the proposed procedures recommended by CROP for adoption by HC to deal with the resumption of debate were set out in Appendix III to the CROP paper;

- (b) Proposal 2: The proposed consequential amendments to RoP and HR arising from the enactment of the Public Offices (Candidacy and Taking Up Offices) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2021, which included: (i) providing that a Member who had not made or subscribed an oath or affirmation in accordance with the Oaths and Declaration Ordinance (Cap. 11) should not exercise the powers or functions of a Member; and (ii) specifying that the election of the President should be held before the first meeting of a LegCo term. The proposed amendments to the relevant provisions of RoP and HR were set out in Appendix V to the CROp paper; and
- (c) Proposal 3: The proposed consequential amendments to RoP and HR arising from the enactment of the Legislative Council (Disciplinary Sanctions and Remote Sitting) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2021, which provided for LegCo's power to (i) impose a financial penalty on a Member who was suspended from the service of LegCo for engaging in grossly disorderly conduct by depriving the Member of his/her remuneration (which included allowances and end-of-service gratuity) on a pro-rata basis during the period of suspension, but the Member was entitled to be reimbursed the operating expenses incurred in respect of the suspension period; and (ii) impose a financial penalty on a Member on each occasion that he/she was absent without valid reasons from a Council meeting which was adjourned due to a lack of quorum and the President was not satisfied that there was a valid reason for the Member's absence. The proposed amendments to the relevant provisions of RoP and HR were set out in Appendices VI and VII to the CROp paper.

43. Mr Paul TSE further said that subject to HC's endorsement of the above three proposals, he as the CROp Chairman would move a resolution under Article 75 of the Basic Law at a Council meeting to amend the relevant provisions of RoP. Subject to the passage of the resolution, the amended provisions of RoP and HR would come into operation on the day on which the Seventh LegCo began.

44. Members did not raise any questions on any of the above three proposals. The Chairman then invited Members to endorse: (a) Proposals 1 to 3 and the proposed amendments to the relevant provisions of RoP and HR as marked up in Appendices I, II and IV to VII to the CROp paper; and (b) the adoption of the proposed procedures as recommended by CROp in respect of the resumption of debate as set out in Appendix III to the CROp paper. All Members present agreed.

X. Any other business

Valedictory motion

(LC Paper No. CB(2)1497/20-21(01))

45. The Chairman said that in accordance with the past practice, the HC Chairman would propose to move a valedictory motion at the last Council meeting of a LegCo term. She invited Members' views on whether she, in the capacity of the HC Chairman, should move a valedictory motion at the Council meeting of 27 October 2021, the draft wording of which was set out in the paper. The Chairman also invited Members to note that it had been the convention of LegCo for the valedictory motion to be neutrally-worded, and that if HC endorsed the wording of the motion, it had been the practice for Members not to propose any amendments to the valedictory motion. Members agreed to the aforesaid arrangements.

46. The Chairman then invited Members' views on whether debates on other Members' motions not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the Council meeting of 27 October 2021. Members agreed that only the valedictory motion debate should be held at that Council meeting, and therefore, other debates on Members' motions not intended to have legislative effect or debates on motions to take note of the Report of HC on Consideration of Subsidiary Legislation and Other Instruments would not be held at that Council meeting.

47. The Chairman further said that in accordance with HR 17(b), unless otherwise decided by HC, it should be deemed to have been agreed by HC that the speaking time limit for the mover of the valedictory motion should be 10 minutes, and that for other Members speaking on the motion be 5 minutes each. She invited Members' views on whether the speaking time limit for other Members speaking on the valedictory motion should be extended to 7 minutes each. Members agreed.

48. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:04 pm.