

# **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 58 –

“58. Shop 1, Block 20, Ground Floor, Sha Tau Kok Chuen, New Territories”

and substituting item 58 –

“58. Shop No. 3, the ground floor of Ying Hoi House, Sha Tau Kok Chuen, 23 Shun Hing Street, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories.”

### **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 May 2021. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The existing Sha Tau Kok Public Library located at Shop 1, Block 20, Ground Floor, Sha Tau Kok Chuen, New Territories 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 May 2021.

## **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	19 March 2021
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	24 March 2021

### **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**

**5 March 2021**

## Designation of Libraries (Amendment) 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 May 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 58**

**Substitute**

“58. Shop No. 3, the ground floor of Ying Hoi House, Sha Tau Kok Chuen, 23 Shun Hing Street, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories.”



Director of Leisure and Cultural  
Services

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### Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of Shop 1, Block 20, Ground Floor, Sha Tau Kok Chuen, New Territories as a library; and
  - (b) designates Shop No. 3, the ground floor of Ying Hoi House, Sha Tau Kok Chuen, 23 Shun Hing Street, Sha Tau Kok, New Territories 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.