

Study on the Issues of Concern to the District and Collection of Public Views

Purpose

This paper invites Members to conduct study on the issues of concern to the district and collect public views accordingly.

Background

2. The Government has fully implemented the improved district governance structure. After the commencement on 1st January, 2024, the new term of the District Council (DC) has reverted to its position as stipulated under Article 97 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, serving its role in **consultation** and **service** so as to make due contributions to the governance at the community level.

3. To ensure the effective implementation of government policies at the community level and respond to the needs of citizens, DCs shall gather public views from different channels and assist the Government in grasping public sentiment for establishing an effective two-way communication. As DCs composed of members with different expertise and district experiences are capable of reflecting the overall interests and considerations of the community while overcoming silos of constituency interests, it promotes rational and pragmatic discussion from a big-picture perspective.

Public consultation

4. DCs is tasked with aiding the Government in keeping tabs on the pulse of the community to relay public views. In this connection, the chairman of Sai Kung District Council invites Members to collect and consolidate specific views from the local community regarding the following issue of concern to the district, as well as to propose practical and feasible solutions or measures to alleviate these issues together with relevant departments. Issue of concern is as follows:

- (1) Environmental Hygiene

[Examples for reference: Hygiene blackspots within the district; Drying clothes in public areas; Feeding of feral pigeons and related disturbance, the deterrent effect of

the fixed penalty for illegal feeding of feral pigeons; Publicity, execution and potential environmental hygiene problems arising from the implementation of Municipal Solid Waste Charging; Escalation of mosquito indices during humid days, etc.]

5. To facilitate Members' understanding of the departmental work so as to better gauge public views, the 2024-25 Annual Programmes of various government departments at the district level are set out at **Annex** for reference.

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