

**Pilot Scheme of Angling Zones –
Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)
to be Implemented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' views on the implementation of a pilot scheme to set up an angling zone in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Background

2. To promote a water-friendly culture and related activities, it is announced in the 2016 Policy Address that a pilot scheme of angling zones will be implemented by the LCSD in 2016-17. The LCSD has planned to set up designated angling zones in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section), Pak Shek Kok Promenade in Tai Po and Cheung Fai Road Promenade in Tsing Yi, where ancillary facilities will be provided to allow the public to take part in angling activities in a more pleasant environment. The pilot scheme will run for a year and the LCSD will consider setting up angling zones in other districts if the scheme is well received.

3. Currently, the public may take part in angling activities in most of the promenades managed by the LCSD. The setting up of designated angling zones in suitable venues will allow the public to take part in the activities in a more pleasant environment. The Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section), which is conveniently located and adjacent to the Tamar Park, the Central Piers and the Star Ferry Pier, offers broad views of the picturesque Victoria Harbour. The venue, provided with facilities including a kiosk and toilets, is one of the hot spots for angling activities and a suitable location for setting up an angling zone. Apart from providing ancillary facilities in the zone, the LCSD will also improve the design of the railings of the promenade.

Project Brief

4. The LCSD conducted working meetings with relevant government departments and liaised with angling associations in early 2016 to discuss and draw up the details of the pilot scheme. The proposed angling zone, occupying an area of about 200 square metres, lies in the eastern part of the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) (see Annex I) and will be provided with the following ancillary facilities (see Annex II):

- (a) working tables with wash basins;
- (b) fishing rod holders;
- (c) railings compatible with angling activities;
- (d) arbours and benches;
- (e) directional signs;
- (f) display panels;
- (g) storage racks; and
- (h) lighting.

5. Apart from providing hardware facilities, the LCSD will also consider erecting educational display panels in the angling zone and producing publicity posters to promote the proper handling practices and safety codes for angling activities, such as encouraging the public to release young fish or fish about to spawn, advising them not to pollute the water and not to treat

marine lives inhumanely, and reminding them to consider the safety of themselves and others. It is hoped that the public will enjoy angling while helping to protect the environment and preserve natural resources.

6. The estimated cost of the project is about \$3.5 million and the additional recurrent expenditure involved is about \$0.9 million a year. The project will commence in October 2016 and the zone is expected to be completed and open to the public in March 2017.

Management Arrangements

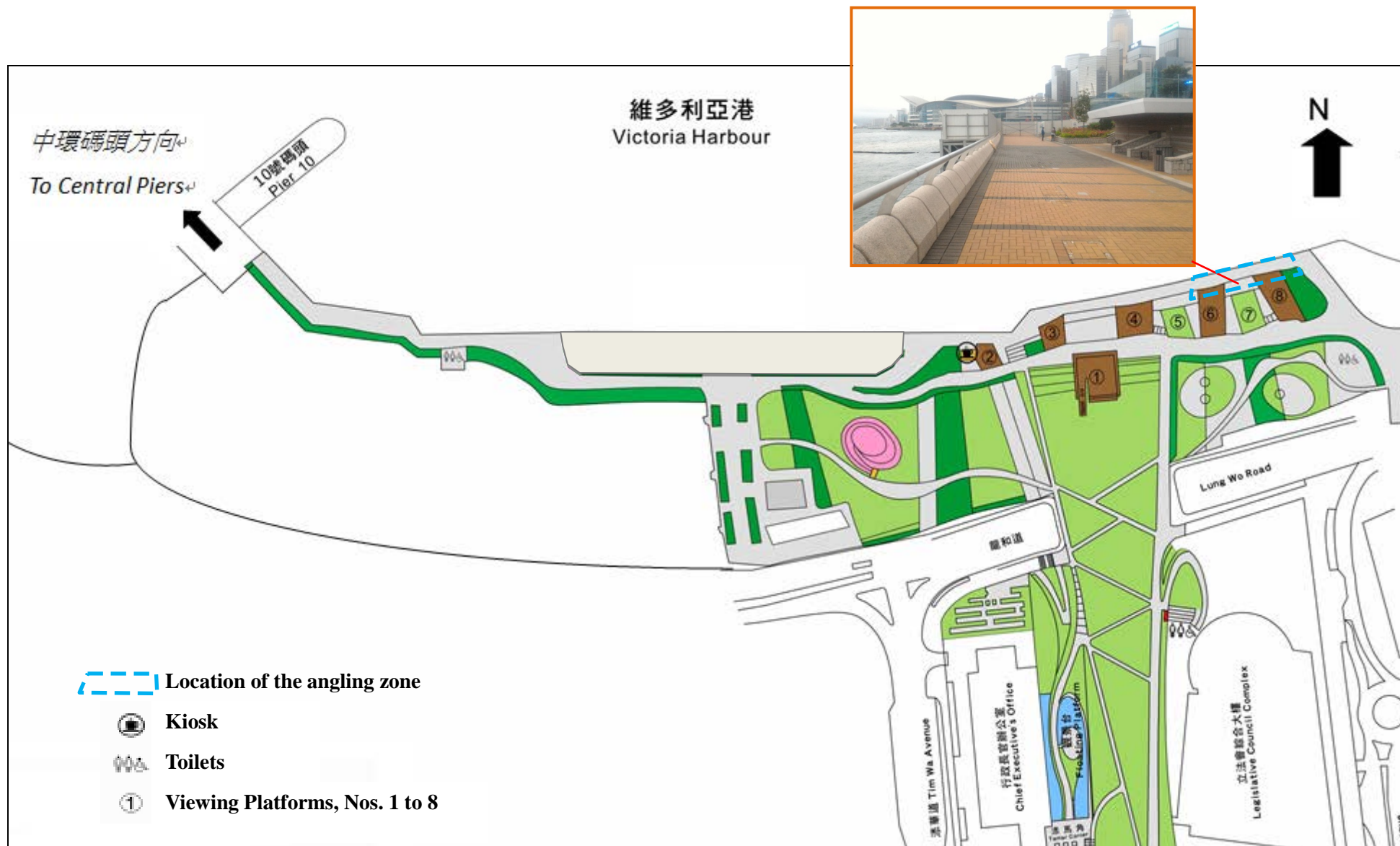
7. To avoid nuisance caused by anglers to other venue users and to prevent accidents, notices or banners will be displayed at appropriate locations in the angling zone by the LCSD to remind anglers to use their fishing equipment with care. Life buoys will also be provided along the promenade for emergencies. If anglers are found behaving improperly, venue staff will give them verbal advice and take appropriate follow-up actions. In addition, the LCSD will make arrangements to clean up the zone to ensure hygiene and to deploy security guards to patrol the zone to maintain order.

Advice Sought

8. Members are invited to give their views on the pilot scheme to set up an angling zone in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section).

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Location of the Proposed Angling Zone in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)



Facilities in the Proposed Angling Zone in the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section)

