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**Islands District Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of the**  
**Community Affairs, Culture and Recreation Committee**

Date : 8 January 2018 (Monday)  
Time : 2:00 p.m.  
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room

**Present**

Ms YU Lai-fan (Chairman)  
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS  
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS  
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken  
Ms LEE Kwai-chun  
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy  
Mr KWONG Koon-wan  
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden  
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric  
Ms FU Hiu-lam Sammi  
Mr WONG Hoi-yu  
Mr LAI Tsz-man  
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha  
Mr ON Man-sang  
Ms YIP Sheung-ching

**Attendance by Invitation**

Dr LOH Lai-ting, Taron	Senior Medical & Health Officer (Community Liaison)1, Department of Health
Mr SHEK Chung-tong	Wetland & Fauna Conservation Officer (Enforcement), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr YIM Ming-wai	Senior Field Officer (Animal Management) Hong Kong (Ag.), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr YIP Cheuk-man, Chapman	Field Officer I (Animal Management/Hong Kong)1, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr LEE Kim-fai	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAN Chun	Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr MAK Ming-lok, Karl	Deputy Director (Inspectorate), Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK)
Dr Fiona WOODHOUSE	Deputy Director (Welfare),

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK)

**In Attendance**

Ms CHAN Sok-fong, Cherry	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms KWOK Lai-kuen	Senior Librarian (Islands), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Kit-yee, Kitty	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret	Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr WONG Kin-sun, Frederick	Senior Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West/Islands), Independent Commission Against Corruption
Dr LEE Chi-on, Clement	Senior School Development Officer (Islands)1, Education Bureau
Mr NG Wai-lung, David	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western, Southern and Islands)2, Social Welfare Department
Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Ms YUEN Wai-kwan	Representative, Association of School Heads of Islands District
Ms CHOI Kwok-por	Representative, Hong Kong Islands Cultural & Art Association

**Secretary**

Ms CHAN Shuk-yi, Rachel	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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**Absent with Apologies**

Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine	
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP	
Mr CHAN Lin-wai	
Mr TANG Ka-piu, Bill, JP	
Mr LAM Kit-sing	Representative, Islands District Sports Association

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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives from government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. She introduced Ms CHAN Sok-fong, Cherry, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) who succeeded Mr WONG Wing-kin; Ms YUEN Chi-ling, Margaret, Manager (New Territories South) Marketing & District Activities of LCSD; and Mr WONG Kin-sun, Frederick, Senior Community Relations Officer (Hong Kong West/Islands) of the Independent Commission Against Corruption who stood in for Mr TAM Kwok-chu.

2. Members noted that the Vice-chairman Ms Josephine TSANG, Mr Randy YU, Mr CHAN Lin-wai, Mr Bill TANG and Mr LAM Kit-sing were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 6.11.2017

3. The Chairman said that the above minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments and organisations and had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

4. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendments.

II. Question on the Government Vaccination Programme 2017/18  
(Paper CACRC 7/2018)

5. The Chairman welcomed Dr LOH Lai-ting, Taron, Senior Medical & Health Officer (Community Liaison)1 of the Department of Health (DH) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of DH had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

6. Ms Amy YUNG briefly introduced the question.

7. Dr Taron LOH presented in detail the written reply and supplemented as follows:

- (a) People of any age might become infected with pneumococcal disease, of which invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) was a more severe form and was more serious among young children and elderly persons. As such, the Government launched the vaccination programme with a view to strengthening the protection of citizens' health.
- (b) There were various types of pneumococcal vaccines available in the market. The 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV13) covered 13 pneumococcal serotypes, whereas the 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines (23vPPV) covered additional serotypes. The Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases under the Centre for Health Protection of the DH, after reviewing the latest scientific evidence and international recommendations, made revision in July 2016 recommending high-risk individuals (such as persons with chronic diseases including chronic cardiac or pulmonary diseases, etc.) to receive a single dose of PCV13, followed by a single dose of 23vPPV 1 year later for more comprehensive protection. For elders without high risk conditions, either a single dose of PCV13 or a single dose of 23vPPV was recommended.

8. Ms Amy YUNG raised her views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) She thanked representative of DH for the presentation and noted that the Government had allocated substantial resources in this respect. According

to her observation, there was recently a high incidence of influenza and pneumonia with deaths of elderly persons and young children caused by the infections. She was thus particularly concerned about the vaccination information released by the department, and opined that such information was complicated and incomprehensible to the elders. She hoped that the department would provide electronic publicity leaflets in both Chinese and English for Members to promote the vaccination programme to the elders, persons with chronic diseases and families with young children in the district.

- (b) She asked representative of the department to explain IPD and non-invasive pneumococcal diseases.

9. Dr Taron LOH thanked Ms YUNG for her opinions and said that she would relay them to the service units concerned. She explained that non-invasive pneumococcal diseases caused generally milder infections such as sinusitis and middle ear infection, whereas IPD caused more serious illnesses such as infections of the meninges (meningitis) and blood (bacteraemia and sepsis), etc.

10. Mr Eric KWOK said that when looking for service providers of the vaccination programme for the elderly persons, he found that some elders did not bring along their Vaccination Record Cards (VRCs) or even forgot whether they had received any PCV13 or 23vPPV. In case an elderly person had already received 23vPPV but the doctor had no knowledge of that and gave the vaccination again, he enquired whether duplicate vaccinations would be harmful to health.

11. Dr Taron LOH said that if the elders forgot whether they had received any vaccination or could not find their VRCs, they might enquire of their family doctors since the clinics generally maintained records of patients including the dates and types of vaccination and the drugs prescribed, etc. If the elders could not find the relevant records or forgot where they received the vaccination, they might try to enquire of their family members or carers. As for duplicate vaccinations, there was so far no information suggesting that it would cause adverse consequences.

(Ms Sammi FU joined the meeting at around 2:20 p.m.)

### III. Question on wild pigs foraging for food in Islands District (Paper CACRC 8/2018)

12. The Chairman welcomed Mr SHEK Chung-tong, Wetland & Fauna Conservation Officer (Enforcement) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and Mr LEE Kim-fai, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of AFCD and FEHD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

13. The Chairman briefly introduced the question.

14. Mr SHEK Chung-tong presented in detail the written reply of AFCD and

supplemented as follows:

- (a) Members of the public were worried that wild pigs near the residence would pose a threat to safety. In fact, wild pigs were very afraid of humans and would stay away from people as far as possible when encountered. Over the past 10 years, there had been 7 incidents of people being attacked by wild pigs. The main cause of these 7 incidents was that the persons concerned attempted to drive the wild pigs away or provoked them with objects, making them frightened and thus launching attacks. Under normal situations, wild pigs would not cause any safety problem to members of the public.
- (b) To his knowledge, in Islands District, because the litter bins at refuse collection points (RCPs) could be easily overturned by wild pigs, and once the wild pigs acquired food in the vicinity of residence, they would habitually return to those places to search for food, thus aggravating the problem. The department had previously found wild pigs foraging at RCPs in different areas on Lamma Island (such as Po Wah Yuen and Yung Shue Wan). The department would discuss preventive measures with FEHD and try to secure the litter bins with ropes or prop them up with logs to avoid overturning by wild pigs. There had been successful cases by constructing a stone wall near the litter bins but this might not be feasible in most locations. The department had set up a working group and invited FEHD and public facility design experts from universities to enhance the designs of litter bins and RCPs. It was hoped that testing could be performed at various locations within this year to examine whether the new design could effectively address the wild pig problem.

15. Mr LEE Kim-fai presented in detail the written reply of FEHD and indicated that the department had all along maintained liaison with AFCD and followed up on the design of litter bins and RCPs to reduce the chance of wild animals overturning the litter bins.

16. Mr Holden CHOW said that under the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance, hunting of wild pigs by hunting appliances was prohibited. He enquired how AFCD would handle when wild pigs caused nuisance to members of the public.

17. Mr CHOW Yuk-tong said that the wild pig problem was aggravating. As told by a number of villagers, apart from searching for food in litter bins, wild pigs also destroyed and ate their crops. Even enclosing the crops could not keep them out. Moreover, wild pigs also knocked over the graves. Since they were huge in size, reproduced rapidly, dug holes in the ground and caused great damage, he urged the departments concerned to proactively explore preventive measures to address the wild pig problem.

18. Mr WONG Hoi-yu said that wild pigs were also observed in the vicinity of Ho King Toi and Tai Lei Island, Peng Chau. An increasing number of wild pigs would lead to serious problems. Since killing of wild pigs was prohibited under the relevant ordinance, he enquired how members of the public should deal with the problem.

19. Ms LEE Kwai-chun said that as wild pigs had a rapid reproduction rate, if the department adopted a laissez-faire attitude and did not address the problem, incidents of wild pig attacking human might happen. Wild pigs would move away quickly from people or crowd, but it was uncertain whether they would attack humans at places with people gathering. While co-existence of animals and humans was necessary, if humans were adversely affected, she opined that the problem should be dealt with.

20. Mr SHEK Chung-tong gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) It was no easy task to resolve the wild pig problem. The department would adopt different measures according to the situation. Where wild pigs were observed in the urban areas, the department would normally drive them to the hillside; if they were injured or trapped and could not leave by themselves, the department would deploy veterinary officers to tranquilise them with dart guns and then move them to the nearby country parks.
- (b) The wild pigs in most cases were observed at the hillside. The department noticed that there was a recent trend of the problem worsening, which was mainly due to the frequent feeding by people, causing the wild pigs gathered at the locations concerned. This created a wrong impression that the number of wild pigs increased. If members of the public did not attempt to drive the wild pigs away or catch them, they would not harass humans. Members of the public should not be over anxious.
- (c) In the past, when the wild pigs had caused continuous damage, wild pig hunting teams were deployed for hunting according to the situation. However, in view of the different voices in the society requesting for protection of wild animals in recent years, the department would handle the problem in a moderate manner as far as possible. In addition to the design of new litter bins in collaboration with FEHD, the department also embarked a series of initiatives, for example, a pilot study for the contraception of wild pigs in Hong Kong was launched since last year, and foreign and local experts were engaged to explore how to deal with the wild pig problem.
- (d) As for the cases of wild pig damaging the farmland, the department would arrange staff to brief the farmers and recommend measures on protection from wild pigs, such as installation of stone staircases, railings and electric fencing. The ways of preventing damage by wild animals were also introduced by AFCD officers responsible for agriculture at Tai Lung Station, which included the demonstration on installation of electric fencing. The 2016 Policy Address mentioned the implementation of agriculture policy and the setting up of the \$500 million Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund to render support to local farmers. Farmers might apply for the fund for installation of fences or electric fencing.

21. The Chairman hoped that AFCD and FEHD would continue to explore feasible ways to address the wild pig problem and allay the concern of residents. Residents were worried that the wild pigs would attack humans. While humans should care for wild

animals, the behaviour of wild pigs was unpredictable when they could not find food. She urged the departments concerned to follow up on the problem.

IV. Question on cases of dog poisoning in Tung Chung  
(Paper CACRC 9/2018)

22. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHAN Chun, Police Community Relations Officer (Lantau District) of the Hong Kong Police Force; Mr YIM Ming-wai, Senior Field Officer (Animal Management) Hong Kong (Ag.) and Mr YIP Cheuk-man, Chapman, Field Officer I (Animal Management/Hong Kong)1 of AFCD; and Mr MAK Ming-lok, Karl, Deputy Director (Inspectorate) and Dr Fiona WOODHOUSE, Deputy Director (Welfare) of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK) (SPCA) to the meeting to respond to the question. The written reply of AFCD had been distributed to Members for perusal prior to the meeting.

23. Mr Eric KWOK briefly introduced the question.

24. Mr CHAN Chun responded as follows:

- (a) The Police attached great importance to animal cruelty cases. Upon receipt of reports, the Police would conduct investigation in a professional manner and the criminal investigation team would be tasked to investigate the cases. The Police would continue to maintain close liaison with other stakeholders and enhance the multi-agency collaboration approach to combat acts of cruelty to animals in a concerted effort.
- (b) According to records of the Police, over the past 3 years, there was 1 animal cruelty case happened in Tung Chung on 4 and 5 November 2017. The Police received reports from the villagers of San Tau Village, Tung Chung that 10 dogs owned by the villagers were found suspected of having eaten poisoned food and died. The case was classified as an animal cruelty case and investigated by the criminal investigation team of the Lantau Police District. Police Tactical Unit officers conducted large-scale surveys and searched for evidence and suspicious items in the village. Police officers were also deployed to make inquiries by means of questionnaires to collect information in relation to the case. Moreover, officers of the Identification Bureau joined hand with AFCD and SPCA personnel to examine the exhibits collected to identify the source of poison. SPCA personnel took specimens of blood from the dog carcasses and collected utensils used by the dogs concerned, which were then submitted to the Government Laboratory for toxicology testing to establish the cause of death. The test result was not yet available. The Police would not preclude offering rewards for arresting the suspect, hoping that it would be conducive to solving the case.
- (c) In addition to collecting evidence, the Police also co-operated with FEHD officers to remove the rat baits placed and other objects harmful to dogs in the village to avoid more dogs dying from poisoning.

- (d) The Police also put up notices at main paths and prominent locations in the village to arouse awareness of the villagers on the case and call on them to provide information.

25. Mr Karl MAK said that SPCA had no plan to offer rewards for the time being. The case of suspected dog poisoning concerned was considered a single case, unlike the cases happened repeatedly within a short time at Bowen Road. SPCA would consider offering rewards if the situation worsened. Nevertheless, the Bowen Road cases remained unsolved for years despite rewards. SPCA would seek advice from the Police and co-operate to track down the suspect.

26. Mr Eric KWOK raised his views as follows:

- (a) He thanked the Police for various investigation efforts and enquired whether any basic information about the suspect was obtained. He rebuked that poisoning animals by such despicable acts was inhumane.
- (b) The “Project Lantau Eyes” was launched by the Police on Lantau Island to install closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs) in the villages in the district. He enquired whether the Police could extend the project scope to cover the vicinity of San Tau Village such as Hau Wong Temple. Installation of CCTVs not only could monitor people having the intention of poisoning, but also improve law and order and offer safeguards since those places were visited by a lot of hikers.
- (c) He did not agree that this case was an isolated incident. Over the years, he had received telephone calls from residents of the district from time to time about nuisance caused by dogs. There were also calls from residents enquiring about how to deal with people feeding stray dogs. He expressed opinions to AFCD 3 months ago on the dog problem near Chek Lap Kok Village and thanked AFCD for making every effort to address the problem. Unfortunately, dog poisoning occurred subsequently in San Tau Village, which were heartrending.
- (d) He hoped that the Police and SPCA would proactively follow up and take relevant actions. He opined that the right to survival of animals should be respected in a civilised and humane society.

27. Mr CHAN Chun responded as follows:

- (a) He concurred with Mr KWOK and reiterated that the Police attached great importance to animal cruelty cases and devoted substantial resources to the investigation. No arrest had been made so far at this stage. The next stage of work would be considered upon receipt of the test result. The Police hoped that the case could be solved and the culprits be apprehended as soon as possible.
- (b) He thanked Mr KWOK for supporting the “Project Lantau Eyes” which was an overall crime prevention measure but not targeted only burglary cases. He would relay Mr KWOK’s opinions to the seniors for adjusting the project



as appropriate.

28. Mr Karl MAK said that SPCA personnel patrolled the crime scenes from time to time and talked to the nearby villagers and members of the public, telling them to treat the animals well and not to commit illegal acts. They also asked pet owners or volunteers to keep the environment clean when feeding the animals to avoid causing nuisance to other people. For example, the Cat Colony Care Programme was implemented by SPCA for years to promote co-existence of stray cats and the society without affecting environmental hygiene.

29. Mr LAI Tsz-man said that he was aware that poisonous rat baits were placed at rat-infested locations by FEHD recently but those locations seemed not appropriate. He once found poisonous rat baits at the open area in front of the school entrance. Since it was an exposed area, children or junior students might come into contact with the poisonous rat baits which would pose a threat to their safety. He hoped that the department concerned would pay attention to the matter.

30. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Mr LAI Tsz-man's concern on rat baits to FEHD for follow-up.

V. 2018/19 Work Plan for Free Entertainment Programme at Islands District by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department  
(Paper CACRC 4/2018)

31. The Chairman welcomed Ms LEE Kit-yee, Kitty, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

32. Ms Kitty LEE briefly presented the paper. She said that LCSD proposed to apply for \$530,000 from the Islands District Council (IDC) for the implementation of 2018/19 free entertainment programme at Islands District, for which the activity expenditure from April 2018 to February 2019 would be \$485,000, and the activity expenditure for March 2019 would be \$45,000 which was to be paid in the 2019/20 financial year.

33. The Committee supported the 2018/19 work plan for free entertainment programme at Islands District, and endorsed in principle the funding application for \$530,000 for the implementation of the above plan.

34. The Chairman said that the above funding arrangement would need to be re-confirmed upon finalising the allocations to the Committee for 2018/19. Since the funding amount exceeded the approval limit of the Committee, it would be subject to the endorsement by IDC.

VI. 2018/2019 Extension Activities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Public Libraries in Islands District  
(Paper CACRC 5/2018)

35. The Chairman welcomed Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

36. Ms KWOK Lai-kuen briefly presented the paper. She said that LCSD would apply for \$78,565 from IDC for the implementation of 2018/19 extension activities in public libraries in Islands District, and the activity expenditure of \$2,565 for March 2019 would be paid in the 2019/20 financial year.

37. Ms Amy YUNG said that she had no comment on the funding application. She noticed that all activities set out in the paper were to be held in the libraries and opined that it was necessary to hold some promotional activities in venues other than the libraries. The number of users and number of books borrowed at Discovery Bay mobile library ranked top in Islands District and a community hall (with 2 conference rooms) managed by the Islands District Office (IsDO) was available at Discovery Bay. She hoped that in future financial years, LCSD would consider using the conference rooms to hold activities such as reading clubs or seminars on how to view the library catalog through the Internet or borrow and return books so that the residents in remote areas could enjoy the facilities.

38. Ms KWOK Lai-kuen said that the department had all along supported and conducted extension activities on promoting public library service at schools and organisations. Regarding the opinions of Ms YUNG, she would relay to the department and discuss with IsDO after the meeting the feasibility of using the venues concerned for holding extension activities, such as introducing library service to residents in the district at Discovery Bay community hall. Moreover, as set out in the paper, the department would co-operate with community libraries and organise publicity activities to promote reading. As for Discovery Bay, the department would organise Children Story Theatre at Discovery Bay Alliance Church Community Centre and The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre Discovery Bay Sub-office next year. The department would keep in view the reading interest and various needs of the residents in the district.

39. Ms Amy YUNG said that she learnt that 2 social welfare organisations in Discovery Bay organised activities jointly with the Government. To her understanding, participants had to pay an annual fee to join the activities of the organisations and only a small number of Discovery Bay residents had paid the fee. She was uncertain whether the residents could participate in the activities co-organised by these organisations and the Government free of charge, and such organisations did not hold any reading activity or reading scheme for the elderly. As the conference rooms managed by IsDO were always idle, especially in the afternoon, she suggested the department discuss with IsDO for using the conference rooms for holding reading clubs, advising residents on how to access the library collections via the Internet, or conducting other related activities.

40. Ms KWOK Lai-kuen thanked Ms YUNG for her opinions and said that she would relay to the department and follow up with Ms YUNG after the meeting. She would also seek the views of Members or IsDO.

(Post-meeting note: LCSD would hold extension activities on promoting public library service in Discovery Bay in mid-April 2018. LCSD had contacted IsDO and applied for hiring the conference room at Discovery Bay

community hall. The preparatory work of the activities concerned would commence soon. LCSD would report at meetings of this Committee in due course.)

41. The Committee supported the 2018/2019 extension activities in public libraries in Islands District, and endorsed in principle the funding application of \$78,565 for the implementation of the above plan.

42. The Chairman said that the above funding arrangement would need to be re-confirmed upon finalising allocations to the Committee for 2018/19.

VII. Recreation and Sports Activities organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Islands District between April 2018 and March 2019  
(Paper CACRC 6/2018)

43. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHAN Sok-fong, Cherry, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

44. Ms Cherry CHAN briefly presented the paper. She said that LCSD would apply for \$8,594,955 from IDC for the implementation of recreation and sports programme in Islands District for 2018/19, and the activity expenditure of \$416,735 for March 2019 would be paid in the 2019/20 financial year.

45. Ms Amy YUNG supported the funding application of LCSD. She noticed that recreation and sports activities organised by LCSD such as Tai Chi, dance and yoga classes had a high participation rate, and the residents also indicated that they liked yoga and Tai Chi activities very much. However, the pay offered by LCSD to the tutors was lower than the market rate. Given the remoteness of Islands District and that the tutors needed to pay for their own travelling expenses, she hoped that LCSD would consider adjusting the pay for Islands District tutors in a flexible manner and organising more activities with a high participation rate, in particular, yoga, Tai Chi, dance classes, etc.

46. The Chairman asked LCSD to consider Members' views.

47. Mr KWONG Koon-wan enquired why only 5-a-side and 7-a-side football activities were held but not 11-a-side football activities, and whether 11-a-side football match could not be held due to the limitations of venues in the district. He said that adults would generally take part in 11-a-side football activities and rarely play 7-a-side or 5-a-side football. He hoped that LCSD would consider hiring the venues in Tsing Yi to provide opportunities for football players and teams of Islands District to participate in regular 11-a-side football matches.

48. Ms Amy YUNG said that for activities for individuals, only go chess but not Chinese chess was offered, yet the Chinese chess activities were actually in greater demand. She hoped that the Department would consider organising Chinese chess training classes, seminars or competitions which would certainly be welcomed by the residents.

49. Ms Cherry CHAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) She thanked Ms YUNG for supporting the activities organised by LCSD. She indicated that Tai Chi classes, multi-gym fitness classes, yoga classes and dance classes were well received by members of the public. Apart from LCSD, similar activities were provided by a number of organisations to the community and the pay for instructors might be higher than that offered by LCSD. The pay offered by the department to the instructors was standardised and could not be adjusted for individual districts. Nevertheless, given the remoteness of Islands District, special transport allowance was provided to part-time staff and instructors of the activities concerned.
- (b) In view of the limited resources of LCSD and the need of taking care of different sectors of the community, the department would try its best to explore the feasibility of providing more activities such as yoga classes and Chinese chess activities mentioned by Ms YUNG.
- (c) She was aware that 11-a-side football pitch was not available in Islands District. To provide football teams of Islands District with more opportunities to practise at 11-a-side football pitch, the department would continue to assist them in using 11-a-side football pitches in other districts for training purpose.

50. The Committee supported the recreation and sports programme in Islands District for 2018/19, and endorsed in principle the funding application of \$8,594,955 for the implementation of the above plan.

51. The Chairman said that the above funding arrangement would need to be re-confirmed upon finalising allocations to the Committee for 2018/19. Since the funding amount exceeded the approval limit of the Committee, it would be subject to the endorsement by IDC.

## VIII. Reports by Working Groups

### (i) CACRC Activities Working Group

- (a) Islands District Cultural Festival 2017 – “Show Time!” Islands District Youth Musical Talent Show
  - The event was successfully held at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall on 26 December 2017 with a total of 8 teams participating in the rock band contest and 5 local groups participating in the talent performance, attracting about 800 audience.
- (b) Islands District Cantonese Opera Show In Celebration of the Lunar New Year 2018
  - The event would be held at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall on 20 February 2018. After the deliberation at its meeting on 4 January

2018, the Working Group endorsed that Lung Fei Cantonese Opera Troupe would be commissioned for the Cantonese opera performance.

(c) Vita Green Cycling for Health Marathon Challenge 2018 – District Council Invitation Team

- The organiser invited IDC to participate in the Cycling for Health Marathon Challenge 2018 – District Council Invitation Team to be held on 28 January 2018. Mr KWONG Koon-wan would form a team to participate on behalf of IDC and had submitted the application form to the organiser through the Working Group.

(ii) Islands District International Day of Disabled Persons Working Group

(a) Free Ride Day for Disabled Persons

- The event was held on 12 November 2017 (Sunday). Holders of Registration Card for People with Disabilities (PWDs) and one of their accompanying carers were entitled to free rides of public transports and free admissions to the museums of LCSD, LCSD swimming facilities and the Hong Kong Wetland Park that day.

(b) Ocean Park Fun Day

- The event was held on 19 November 2017 (Sunday) with overwhelming response. A total of 304 PWDs, their family members and volunteers participated through 6 social welfare organisations in Islands District. The expenditure of the event totalled \$25,144, which included the expenses for purchasing meal coupons and hiring coaches.

(c) Central Celebration Ceremony

- The Celebration Ceremony of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Day of Disabled Persons cum Puzzle Fun for a Society for All, as well as the “18 Districts Caring Employers” Recognition Ceremony were held on 3 December 2017 (Sunday) afternoon at the hardsurfaced soccer pitch of Hing Fong Road Playground, Kwai Fong. Representatives from 18 districts were invited to participate in a large-scale jigsaw puzzle activity to promote the message of “A Society for All”. Fifteen PWDs from Islands District were arranged to participate in the jigsaw puzzle activity that day.

(d) District Inclusion Activities

- The Working Group endorsed the allocation of \$20,000 to subsidise 4 organisations for holding district inclusion activities from November 2017 to February 2018 to provide PWDs with more opportunities to get in touch with the community and promote the message of inclusion. The funding for each activity was capped at \$5,000.

52. Members noted the contents of 12 activity assessment reports and endorsed the above reports of the 2 working groups.

53. Mr Eric KWOK indicated that he supported Mr KWONG Koon-wan in forming a team to participate in the Cycling for Health Marathon Challenge 2018 – District Council

Invitation Team on behalf of IDC.

IX. Reports on the work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in Islands District

(i) Cultural Activities  
(Paper CACRC 1/2018)

54. The Chairman welcomed Ms LEE Kit-yee, Kitty, Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

55. Ms Kitty LEE briefly presented the paper and supplemented the data about the attendances for the free entertainment programmes at Annex II as follows:

| Date        | Programme                                                     | Attendance |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 23 December | Orchestral Concert – China Philharmonic Orchestra (Hong Kong) | 220        |

56. Members noted the paper.

(ii) Extension Activities held in Public Libraries  
(Paper CACRC 2/2018)

57. The Chairman welcomed Ms KWOK Lai-kuen, Senior Librarian (Islands) of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

58. Ms KWOK Lai-kuen briefly presented the paper.

59. Members noted the paper.

(iii) Sports and Recreational Activities  
(Paper CACRC 3/2018)

60. The Chairman welcomed Ms CHAN Sok-fong, Cherry, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of LCSD to the meeting to present the paper.

61. Ms Cherry CHAN briefly presented the paper.

62. Ms Amy YUNG said that most of the activities set out in Annex 2 had a participation rate of 100% but the participation rate of day camp for the elderly was only 92%. She understood that despite the high enrollment, some people did not show up at the activity and brought down the participation rate to only 92%. She enquired whether the department could draw up a waiting list so that surplus places could be allocated to elderly persons on the list to let more people participate in the activity.

63. Ms Cherry CHAN said that the places of the activity for the elderly were allocated by balloting and the enrollment far exceeded the quotas for the activity. A waiting list was also drawn up for activities with places allocated by balloting. Successful

applicants had to complete the procedure to confirm their participation, or else the places would be allocated to the applicants on the waiting list. If there were still places left after that, the remaining places would be open for public enrollment. The participation rate of 92% of the activity was indeed quite satisfactory. The elderly persons might not be aware of the enrollment procedure, the department would take note of it.

64. Members noted the paper.

## X. Any Other Business

### (i) Arrangement for group visits under Community Involvement Programme

65. Ms Amy YUNG enquired why the arrangement for last year was included and whether the arrangement for this year should be included instead.

66. The Chairman said that the list set out the arrangement for the 2017/2018 financial year.

67. Members noted the revised list for group visits under the Community Involvement Programme for 2017/2018.

### (ii) Public Education Activities on Rehabilitation 2018-2019

68. The Chairman said that the Labour and Welfare Bureau continued to allocate \$53,000 to each district this year to subsidise the 18 districts in Hong Kong for organising public education activities on rehabilitation and activities in celebration of the 2018 International Day of Disabled Persons. She suggested that the Islands District International Day of Disabled Persons Working Group continued to be tasked to organise the activities with the fund and follow up on the relevant matters.

69. The Committee endorsed the above proposal.

## XI. Date of Next Meeting

70. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 5 March 2018 (Monday).

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