

Islands District Council
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Market Management Consultative Committees of
Public Markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Purpose

This paper aims to invite the Islands District Council to nominate District Council (DC) Members of the current term to join the Market Management Consultative Committees (MMCCs) of the public markets in the District.

Background

2. There are a total of 74 public markets and 23 free-standing cooked food markets under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), providing various kinds of fresh food, non-staple food, daily necessities as well as cooked food to the public. To strengthen communication between the FEHD and stall operators for better market management, an MMCC is set up in every public market. The MMCC, which is chaired by the Chief Health Inspector in charge of market management of the district concerned, comprises stall operator representatives, respective DC Members, representatives from government departments such as the Architectural Services Department and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, as well as the market management contractor. The MMCCs convene regular meetings on a quarterly basis and their terms of reference are as follows:

- (a) To advise the FEHD on improving market management and business environment;
- (b) To organise promotional activities for the market; and
- (c) To advise on increasing and improving the market's facilities.

Recommendations

3. Since markets are different in size and scale, we recommend that DC Members be nominated to join the MMCCs in the following manner:

- (a) For a market with not more than 150 stalls, the DC will nominate one more DC Member to the MMCC in addition to the DC Member of the constituency where the market locates.
- (b) For a market with more than 150 stalls, the DC will nominate two more DC Members to the MMCC in addition to the DC Member of the constituency where the market locates.
- (c) The above DC Members will remain a member of the MMCC during their tenure as a DC Member.

4. At present, there are four public markets and two cooked food markets under three different MMCCs in the Islands District. Please refer to the **Annex** for the number of DC members required for each MMCC. We cordially invite the Islands DC to nominate Members to the MMCCs with reference to the number of nominees listed in the **Annex**. We should be grateful if the nominated DC Members would attend the MMCC meetings.

5. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Islands DC Members of the previous term for their contributions to the MMCCs on improving market management and business environment. We would also like to thank the DC for its support and we look forward to its continuous input and advice on our work.

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