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

Date : 4 June 2024 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Present

Chairman

Mr WONG Man-hon, MH

Vice-Chairman

Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH

Members

Mr NG Man-kit
Mr HO Siu-kei
Mr HO Chun-fai
Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP
Mr CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS, MH
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr YIP Pui-kei
Mr LAU Chin-pang
Ms LAU Suk-han
Ms LAU Shun-ting

Attendance by Invitation

Ms AU Pui-wai, Florence

Mr WONG Hoi-man

Regional Officer / Hong Kong Island (Acting),
Independent Commission Against Corruption
Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western,
Southern and Islands)2, Social Welfare Department

In Attendance

Ms TSE Yik-ting, Ellie	Assistant District Officer (Islands) 2, Islands District Office
Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHUNG Chi-yuen, Candy	Senior Librarian (Islands) (Acting), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEUNG Wai-nga, Viola	Senior Manager (New Territories South) Promotion, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LAM Fong-shing, Florence	Senior School Development Officer (Wanchai & Islands), Education Bureau

Secretary

Ms CHAN Ying-tung, Shadow	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Islands District Office
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**Welcoming Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the government departments and Members to the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 9 April 2024

2. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by the government departments and Members and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. The minutes were confirmed unanimously without further amendments proposed by Members.

II. Work Plan 2024/25 of the ICAC Regional Office (Hong Kong West/Islands) and “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” Islands District Involvement Project 2024/25  
(CICRC Paper No. 11/2024)

3. The Chairman welcomed Ms AU Pui-wai, Florence, Regional Officer / Hong Kong Island (Acting) of the Independent Commission Against Corruption to the meeting to present the paper.

4. Ms Florence AU briefly presented the paper.

5. Members noted the content of the paper and voted unanimously by a show of hands to endorse the Islands District Council as the supporting organisation for the “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” Islands District Involvement Project 2024/25.

III. Question on the strengthening of community service facilities in the Tung Chung New Town Extension area  
(CICRC Paper No. 12/2024)

6. The Chairman asked Members to refer to CICRC Paper No. 12/2024 and welcomed Mr WONG Hoi-man, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western, Southern and Islands) 2 of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the meeting to respond to the question.

7. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the question.

8. Mr WONG Hoi-man responded as follows:

- (a) The SWD planned to set up the following welfare facilities in Chun Tung Estate, Tung Chung Area 100: (i) a Neighbourhood Elderly Centre (NEC), (ii) a Day Care Centre for the Elderly (DCCE), (iii) an Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMW) and (iv) an Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre (ICYSC). The SWD would invite non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to submit proposals for operating subvented welfare services, i.e. the NEC, the DCCE and the ICCMW. In addition, the SWD would set up an ICYSC to provide services to residents through service reprovisioning. The welfare facilities were expected to commence service gradually in 2026.
- (b) The target groups and services of the welfare facilities were as follows: (i) the NEC would serve elderly persons aged 60 or above, carers and members of the public in the locality; (ii) the DCCE would provide services to frail elderly persons aged 60 or above living in the locality, who were assessed and recommended for community care services or residential care services under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, including those suffering from dementia; (iii) the ICCMW would provide one-stop and district-based community support services ranging from early prevention to risk management for persons in mental recovery, persons with mental health needs, their families/carers, secondary school students and residents living in the district; and (iv) the ICYSC would provide services to both the able-bodied and the disabled children and youth aged 6 to 24 living in the district.
- (c) The District Social Welfare Office of the SWD would maintain close liaison with government departments, such as the Housing Department, so as to provide appropriate welfare services to residents in a timely manner.
- (d) The SWD headquarters would invite service providers to submit service proposals prior to the issue of occupation permits for the welfare premises in new public housing estate concerned, so as to expedite the selection of suitable service providers and facilitate early commencement of preparatory work. Once the occupation permits were

issued, service providers could start the fitting-out works for the welfare premises immediately, with a view to providing welfare services in the new public housing estates as soon as possible. The NGOs would also incorporate in their proposal plans to provide services to newly moved-in residents before securing a stable premises, such as making use of nearby venues or providing outreaching services, etc., so as to provide timely support to residents.

- (e) Before the above-mentioned welfare facilities were put into service, residents could access appropriate service support through the following service units in the district: (i) the District Elderly Community Centre and the NEC operated by the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (NAAC) and the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSKH) respectively; (ii) the Day Care Unit for the Elderly of the NAAC and the centre-based community care services provided by the Po Leung Kuk Care Service for the Elders (located in the Tung Chung Municipal Services Building) for holders of Community Care Service Vouchers; (iii) the ICYSC and the Children and Youth Centre operated by the NAAC and the HKSKH respectively; and (iv) the ICCMW operated by the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association in Yat Tung Estate, which provided services to individuals with mental health needs in the district.
- (f) Furthermore, the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) under the Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB) would help new residents and their families integrate into the new community as soon as possible through the Community Support Programme for New Public Rental Housing Estates (the Programme). The objectives of the Programme included helping residents obtain appropriate community information in order to enhance their adaptability to the new environment, encouraging them to build support networks in the community, increasing their sense of belonging to the community, and establishing a cross-sectoral collaboration platform in the community for providing comprehensive support for residents in need. The first round of application for the CIIF launched in January this year had been closed, and the next round of application was expected to roll out later this year. In this regard, the SWD would maintain close liaison with the HYAB and provide timely advice on the applications.

(Post-meeting note: The details and application period for the new programmes under the CIIF would be announced in due course. For the latest information, please visit the CIIF website at [www.ciif.gov.hk](http://www.ciif.gov.hk).)

9. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The tenant intakes for Chun Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate were expected to start in the first quarter of 2025, but the aforementioned community service centres would not commence operation until 2026. In this regard, Members enquired about the timeline and eligibility criteria for applying for operating the services concerned.

- (b) Members enquired about the progress of CIIF application and asked how the SWD would provide support for newly moved-in residents if the application situation fell below expectation.
- (c) The tenant intake for Cheung Tung Estate in Tung Chung Area 99 would take place earlier than that for Chun Tung Estate, but the SWD only responded on the community service facilities for Chun Tung Estate. Therefore, Members asked for supplementary information regarding the community service facilities for Cheung Tung Estate. Members also asked whether the four community service centres in Chun Tung Estate would be located in four different locations.
- (d) Based on past experience, newly moved-in residents had a strong demand for family and employment support services. However, the community service centres that the SWD planned to set up in Chun Tung Estate mainly focused on elderly and mental health services. Therefore, Members enquired if the SWD would set up any community service centres in Cheung Tung Estate to provide family and employment support services to residents.
- (e) Members hoped the SWD would provide further details regarding the reprovisioning of the ICYSC.

10. Mr WONG Hoi-man gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The aforementioned welfare facilities covered various service areas, including elderly, youth and mental health services. The timetable and details of the applications for operating subvented welfare services were still being worked out. The SWD would openly invite proposals for operating welfare services from NGOs through the website of the SWD, and would hold briefing sessions on the invitation for proposals for operating welfare services to introduce the related programmes. The selection process would be conducted in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with standardised criteria. As for the eligibility, all non-profit-making charitable organisations which were exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance were eligible to submit applications.
- (b) It was noted that some organisations had already submitted applications to the CIIF for providing support services for newly moved-in residents in the district, but the application result had not yet been announced. The SWD would pay due attention to the welfare service facilities for Chun Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate and would communicate with stakeholders in a timely manner to ensure that the organisations concerned would make optimal use of the resources to serve the residents.
- (c) Chun Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate had close completion

timelines and were close to each other in location. The above four welfare facilities in Chun Tung Estate would serve nearby residents, including residents of Cheung Tung Estate. Each of the four welfare facilities would have its individual premises.

- (d) The SWD planned to set up an Integrated Family Service Centre in Tung Chung Area 117. As the public housing estate concerned would only be completed in a few years' time, the SWD would discuss with local NGOs on the arrangements for providing family support services to residents in the district during the transitional period.
- (e) With the ongoing decline in the child and youth population of Hong Kong, the SWD would review the current situation and utilisation rates of children and youth services in all districts across the territory, for example, whether certain districts were facing the problem of an aging population, and would rearrange the services in individual districts to make better use of resources. Given the anticipated continuous population growth in Tung Chung, the youth population in the district was expected to have a higher increase than those in other districts. Therefore, the SWD was considering the reprovisioning of an ICYSC from another district to the new development projects in Tung Chung.

11. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Regarding the selection process for community service providers, Members enquired about the time it would take from inviting NGOs to submit proposals for operating services to the completion of the selection.
- (b) Given that the youth population in Tung Chung would increase by 12%, Members considered that there would be a strong demand for youth services in the district, and hence hoped that the SWD would provide more information on the reprovisioning of the ICYSC to Chun Tung Estate.
- (c) The intake of residents at Cheung Tung Estate would take place earlier than that at Chun Tung Estate. However, the SWD only planned to set up community service centres in Chun Tung Estate, and family support services would only be available after the intake of residents at Area 117, which would be three to five years later. In this connection, Members hoped that the SWD would explore ways to provide transitional community services for Cheung Tung Estate residents.
- (d) The SWD said that it would request local NGOs to provide services to new residents before the completion of the community service centres. However, Members expressed concern that local organisations might not be able to meet the additional demand and considered that the SWD had not made comprehensive planning for the community service facilities in the new housing estates. Members suggested that the SWD

should arrange for local NGOs to temporarily move into vacant premises in the new estates, so that basic community services could be provided to the new residents as soon as possible.

- (e) Members hoped that the SWD would provide channels for residents to reflect their views on the services provided by local NGOs.

12. Mr WONG Hoi-man gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Under normal circumstances, NGOs were required to submit proposals for operating welfare services to the SWD within one month after the briefing session on the invitation for proposals organised by the SWD. The SWD expected to complete the selection process and issue notification letters to the selected organisations within two to three months. The entire selection process would take about four to five months. The SWD hoped to complete the process and commence the services as soon as possible.
- (b) The SWD had started to plan for the welfare service facilities in light of the population growth in the area a few years ago. In addition to Chun Tung Estate, the SWD also reserved sites in other development projects in Tung Chung for the provision of two ICYSCs.
- (c) When planning for the welfare service facilities in new housing estates, the SWD would take into account factors, such as the location and size of the available premises for welfare facilities in the estates. The occupation of both Chun Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate would commence in early 2025. Given the close proximity of the two estates, the welfare facilities in Chun Tung Estate would also serve the neighbouring residents, including those in Cheung Tung Estate, at the same time.
- (d) Existing NGOs, regardless of whether they were located in the district or not, were eligible to apply for operating the new welfare facilities. The SWD would evaluate all welfare service proposals on a standardised basis. The past performance of the applicant organisations would also be taken into account, such as whether the subvented organisations had been involved in any complaints or non-compliance, etc. The SWD welcomed different stakeholders to reflect their views on the performance of individual service units to the District Social Welfare Office.

13. Members asked whether the SWD had selected an NGO to operate the ICYSC to be reprovisioned to Chun Tung Estate.

14. Mr WONG Hoi-man responded that the SWD would review the service situation of ICYSCs across the territory, including their utilisation rates and the service performance of the organisations concerned. The SWD would also communicate with the relevant stakeholders to discuss the reprovisioning arrangements. As for the NGO

to be responsible for the operation, no decision had been made for the time being.

15. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Given that the intake of residents at Chun Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate would commence in early 2025, and the selection process for community service providers would take four to five months, Members were of the view that the SWD should hold a briefing session in July or August this year to invite NGOs to submit proposals for operating the community service centres in Chun Tung Estate, so as to ensure that the selected organisations could provide services to the new residents as soon as possible.
- (b) When planning for local community service facilities, the SWD often grouped the Islands District, the Central and Western District and the Southern District into one network, resulting in the need for the residents of the Islands District to seek services in other districts. Members considered that the SWD should not plan the community service facilities for different districts together, and hoped that the aforementioned ICYSC could be reprovisioned to Tung Chung so that residents would not have to seek services in other districts.
- (c) The Integrated Family Service Centre planned to be set up in Area 117 would come into operation five years later at the earliest. In other words, residents of Chun Tung Estate and Cheung Tung Estate would have to wait for at least five years to access the relevant services, which was extremely unsatisfactory.
- (d) Members reiterated their hope that the SWD would provide channels for residents to reflect their views on the services provided by local NGOs, and suggested that the SWD should take such views into account in the selection of community service providers.

16. Mr WONG Hoi-man gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The SWD would commence the process of inviting NGOs to submit proposals for operating welfare services as soon as practicable.
- (b) The SWD planned to reprovision an ICYSC located outside the Islands District to Chun Tung Estate through service reprovisioning and would follow up on the arrangements.
- (c) The SWD understood the importance of family support services to new residents and would, subject to the availability of resources, increase the resources of the existing local NGOs to provide family support services to the new residents during the transitional period.
- (d) The SWD had been closely monitoring the performance of local subvented welfare service units and welcomed Members' views on the



performance of the organisations concerned.

IV. Question on the organisation of Olympic-themed recreation and sports programmes in the Islands District

(CICRC Paper No. 13/2024)

17. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the CICRC Paper No. 13/2024 and the written reply from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and welcomed Ms CHU Lai-yee, Agnes, Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Islands of the LCSD to the meeting to respond to the question.

18. Ms LAU Shun-ting briefly presented the question.

19. Ms Agnes CHU briefly presented the LCSD's written reply.

20. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members asked the LCSD what plans it had to attract public participation in the said programmes and suggested that the LCSD should play clips of past Olympic Games and distribute souvenirs to the public. In addition, the LCSD could provide Members with information on the programmes so that Members could assist in the promotion.
- (b) Members suggested that the LCSD should set up Olympic Focal Sites at more locations in the district, such as Cheung Chau Sports Centre and Peng Chau Sports Centre, and might even consider holding live broadcasting events at outdoor venues.

21. Ms Agnes CHU gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Starting from July, the LCSD would launch a series of Olympic promotional activities, including the Flag Presentation Ceremony for the Hong Kong, China Delegation and the Launching Ceremony of the Olympics Focal Site. In addition, the LCSD would hold the Sport For All Day on 4 August to encourage the public to engage in physical exercise on a regular basis and promote the benefits of exercise for the body and mind. Members of the public would be given souvenirs after participating in the activity. The LCSD had prepared promotional posters and games tickets and hoped that Members could assist in posting and distributing them to promote and publicise the event.
- (b) Regarding Members' suggestion of arranging for the setting up of Olympic Focal Sites outside the designated sports centres in the 18 districts for live broadcast or replay of the Olympic events, it was difficult for the LCSD to make corresponding arrangements in view of the current resource constraints. However, the LCSD would promote the Olympics in the Islands District through various means, such as putting up posters.

22. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members suggested that the LCSD should arrange for spectators at the Olympic Focal Sites to cheer for Hong Kong athletes by video presentation and invite Members to participate together. In addition, Members suggested that the LCSD should invite Olympic athletes to take part in the Sport For All Day to enliven the atmosphere.
- (b) With the advancement of technology nowadays, videos could be played anytime and anywhere with just a screen and a projector. Therefore, Members were of the view that in addition to indoor sports centres, the LCSD should also consider broadcasting Olympic events in large shopping malls and outdoor venues, and making use of the television sets in the lobbies of public housing estate, so as to enable the public to experience the exciting atmosphere of the Olympic Games.

23. Ms Agnes CHU noted Members' suggestions. She said that since this year's Olympics would be held in Paris, some events would take place during the early hours of Hong Kong due to the time difference between Hong Kong and Paris. The LCSD would therefore have to make corresponding arrangements in the light of the actual situation. According to past experience, whenever Olympic events were broadcast in sports centres, members of the public would be attracted to stop by and watch the events. She hoped that the programmes would boost public interest in recreation and sports activities.

24. The Chairman enquired about this year's Hong Kong Games.

25. Ms Agnes CHU responded that the cheering team from the Islands District had won both the Best Performance Award and the Best Local Characteristics Award in the 18 Districts' Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition of this year's Hong Kong Games. The Closing cum Prize Presentation Ceremony would be held on 9 June 2024 (Sunday).

V. Any Other Business

26. No further business was raised by Members.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

27. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 6 August 2024 (Tuesday) at 2:30 p.m.

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