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Report on the enlarged meeting of the Development and Housing Committee held on 3 January 2013

(1) During the enlarged meeting, the councillors and Committee members discussed "Proposed Usage of the Pieces of Land Located at Hang Kwong Street, Ma Kam Street and On Chun Street" submitted by the Planning Department, and passed the following provisional motion unanimously:

"Regarding the government's proposed usage of the four pieces of land located at Hang Kwong Street, On Chun Street and Ma Kam Street in Ma On Shan, the Committee assents to the proposed development plan, but maintains that supporting facilities should be provided to cope with the growing population in the district. Therefore, I move the following provisional motion:

In view of the government's efforts to cope with the growing population and continuous increase in demand for land, the Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council assents to the government's proposed usage of the pieces of land located at Hang Kwong Street, On Chun Street and Ma Kam Street in Ma On Shan, but maintains that the government should pay adequate attention to the provision of supporting facilities when devising the planning scheme, so as to meet the demand of existing as well as newly increased residents. Furthermore, the government should consult the Committee and seek members' views before implementing any specific design scheme."

- (2) The Committee discussed the following:
 - (i) paper on "Name of Street in Sha Tin Revising Location Description of Existing Street" submitted by the survey office of the Lands Department;
 - (ii) replies of the Civil Engineering and Development Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to the question on "Proposed Reclamation Site and Beach Development in Wu Kai Sha", and passed the following provisional motion:

"The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the government to remove Wu Kai Sha Beach from the list

of potential reclamation sites and develop it into a statutory beach";

(iii) replies of the Hong Kong Housing Society, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC), and the Hong Kong Association of Banks to the question on "Bank Service in the East Shore Region of Shing Mun River, Sha Tin", and passed the following provisional motion:

"The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Hong Kong Association of Banks to regulate the service of the HSBC, and urge the HSBC to establish an extensive network of all-round automatic teller machine service in Sha Tin" (passed with a vote of 25 in favour and 1 abstention); and

(iv) replies of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Transport Department, the Sha Tin Lands Office, the Planning Department, the Drainage Services Department, and the LCSD to the question on "Land Located at Area 73, Sha Tin", and passed the following provisional motion:

"The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly opposes to the grant of the land at Area 73 by the Lands Department to the Customs and Excise Department for vehicle detention purposes in the form of temporary government land allocation. The Committee requests the government to construct arts, cultural and recreational facilities on the land at Area 73, Sha Tin or develop the site for leisure use to meet public demand" (passed with a vote of 24 in favour and 1 abstention).

(3) The Committee noted the following:

- response of government departments to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) population of public housing estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme courts in Sha Tin District; and
- (iii) financial position of Expenditure Head 2 (District Improvement Works) and progress report on the proposed works.

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