For information on 23 May 2013



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the Education and Welfare Committee held on 30 April 2013

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
 - (i) reply of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the question on "Old Age Living Allowance", and unanimously passed the provisional motion below:
 - "The Education and Welfare Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Social Welfare Department to improve the application mechanism of Old Age Living Allowance by:
 - 1. simplifying the application form and enclosing a self-addressed envelope;
 - 2. providing manpower to help the elderly complete application forms and stepping up publicity; and
 - 3. increasing the number of enquiry hotlines and strengthening interaction and collaboration with 1823, so as to provide the quickest possible response to enquiries of the elderly";
 - (ii) reply of the SWD to the question on "Community Services and Resource Allocation";
 - (iii) replies of the Education Bureau and the SWD to the question on "Hermit Youths"; and
 - (iv) reply of the Education Bureau to the question on "Allocation of Secondary and Primary Schools Places".
- (2) The Committee endorsed the following:
 - (i) 2013-14 Work Plan of Sha Tin District Social Welfare Office;
 - (ii) 2013-14 Work Plans of working groups under the Committee;
 - (iii) funding applications submitted by the Working Group on Educational Affairs for "Publicity of Sha Tin District Senior Secondary Network

Programme", "Sha Tin District Primary and Secondary School Visual Arts Exhibition 2013-14" and "Preschool, Primary School and Secondary School Directory of Sha Tin District 2014", the amounts being applied for were \$38,000, \$80,000 and \$15,000 respectively;

- (iv) funding applications submitted by the Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens for "Community Healthcare Promotion among Senior Citizens (Talks)", "Community Healthcare Promotion among Senior Citizens (Training)" and "Community Healthcare Promotion among Senior Citizens (Action)", the amounts being applied for were \$4,500, \$3,720 and \$24,700 respectively;
- (v) funding applications submitted by the Working Group on Family Affairs, the Care of Under-privileged Community and International Day of Disabled Persons for "Sha Tin Family Support Programme Training Camp", "Support from Senior Fellow Students Programme" and "Creation and Hosting of Sha Tin Family Support Programme Web Page", the amounts being applied for were \$60,000, \$44,000 and \$20,000 respectively; and
- (vi) revised member list of a working group under the Committee.
- (3) The Committee noted the following:
 - (i) minutes of meetings of the Committee's Working Group on Educational Affairs, Working Group on Welfare of Senior Citizens, and Working Group on Family Affairs, the Care of Under-privileged Community and International Day of Disabled Persons;
 - (ii) information on newly arrived Mainland children studying in public sector secondary and primary schools in Sha Tin District provided by the Education Bureau; and
 - (iii) 2013-14 Approved Estimates of an Expenditure Head under the Committee.

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