Sha Tin District Council Minutes of the 6^{th} Meeting of

the Finance and General Affairs Committee in 2017

Date: 14 November 2017 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Sha Tin District Council Conference Room

4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

Present	<u>Title</u>	Time of joining the meeting	Time of leaving the meeting
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	DC Member		
(Chairman)		2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Miss WONG Ping-fan, Iris	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
(Vice-Chairman)			
Mr HO Hau-cheung, SBS,	DC Chairman	2:30 pm	4:54 pm
MH	De chamman		
Mr PANG Cheung-wai,	DC	2:30 pm	2:55 pm
Thomas, SBS, JP	Vice-Chairman		
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung,	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
James			
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying,	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
MH			
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Mr CHIU Man-leong	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	,,	2:30 pm	3:39 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	,,	2:30 pm	4:41 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:30 pm	4:25 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	,,	2:30 pm	3:45 pm

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	Time of joining the	Time of leaving the	
		<u>meeting</u>	<u>meeting</u>	
Mr NG Kam-hung	DC Member	2:30 pm	4:44 pm	
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan,	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
BBS, JP				
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	,,	2:30 pm	4:11 pm	
Mr TONG Hok-leung	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Mr WONG Hok-lai	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Mr WONG Ka-wing, MH	,,	2:30 pm	4:16 pm	
Mr WONG Yue-hon	,,	2:30 pm	3:16 pm	
Mr YAU Man-chun	,,	2:30 pm	4:40 pm	
Mr YIU Ka-chun	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Ms YUE Shin-man	,,	2:30 pm	5:00 pm	
Mr YUNG Ming-chau,	,,	2:30 pm	4:44 pm	
Michael				
Mr HO Kin-nam, David	Executive Officer I (District Council) 1 / Sha Tin District Office			
(Secretary)				
In Attendance	<u>Title</u>			
Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon	Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)			
Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / Sha Tin District Office			
Ms LEUNG Wai-shan,	Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office			
Cecilia				
Mr Peter ROICHANDANI	Acting Liaison Officer in-charge (East) 2 / Sha Tin District Office			
Miss TSE Shiu-yu, Camelia	Liaison Officer (East) 2b / Sha Tin District Office			
Dorothy				
Ms POON Yee-fong	Executive Assistant (District Council) 4 / Sha Tin District Office			
<u>Absent</u>	<u>Title</u>			
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	DC Member	(Application for lea	ave of absence received)	
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	**	(")		

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Mr SIU Hin-hong

Mr TING Tsz-yuen	DC Member	(No application for leave of absence
		received)
Ms TSANG So-lai	"	(",)
Mr YIP Wing	,,	(")

<u>Action</u>

<u>The Chairman</u> welcomed all members to the sixth meeting of the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) of the year.

Applications for Leave of Absence

2. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Secretariat of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) had received the applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Mr Alvin LEE Official commitment

Mr Wilson LI

Mr SIU Hin-hong

3. The FGAC endorsed the applications for leave of absence submitted by the members above.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19 September 2017

4. Members unanimously confirmed the above minutes of the meeting.

Discussion Items

Revised Budget for the Sha Tin District Council (as at 31 October 2017) (Paper No. FGA 46/2017)

5. Members unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the revised budget aforementioned to the STDC for deliberation.

Duty Visit of the Sha Tin District Council

(Paper No. FGA 47/2017)

- 6. The views of Mr Victor LEUNG were summarised below:
- November 2016. And subsequently at the meeting on 17 January 2017, Members of the FGAC agreed to the arrangements of the duty visit discussed at the Working Group on Public Relations and Publicity (the Working Group), before a proposal was drafted for the FGAC's deliberation and then submitted to the STDC for approval. For the discussion on the duty visit, the Working Group understood that the duty visit would be paid by public moneys. Therefore, the Working Group had consulted all DC Members about the duty visit and based the discussion on the majority of views;
- (b) The Working Group had written to all DC Members and invited them to express their views on the proposed destination and items of inspection during the duty visit. The Working Group received a total of 15 written replies, of which 11 Members preferred Singapore as the destination. According to the results of the survey, DC Members were most interested in these four items of inspection: (i) housing; (ii) traffic and transport; (iii) district facilities; and (iv) community environment. The Working Group had drafted and adjusted the schedule of the duty visit based on DC Members' views. Therefore, the Working Group had indeed prepared the schedule and contents of the duty visit, which was not intended for "fun and joy" at all.
- (c) Mr James CHAN had expressed his intention to have the duty visit after the Lunar New Year, and had enquired about single room accommodation during the duty visit. He opined that Mr James CHAN should have some understanding of the arrangements of the duty visit; and
- (d) He found it regretful and unfortunate that Mr James CHAN had made inaccurate remarks about the STDC's duty visit in media interviews and on social media. He opined that such remarks were unfair to the Working

Group and also brought the STDC into disrepute. Mr James CHAN should clarify his remarks.

7. The views of Mr Thomas PANG were summarised below:

- (a) At a previous FGAC meeting, Mr James CHAN had enquired whether he could organise another duty visit to other destinations if he did not participate in the STDC's duty visit to Singapore. Therefore, he understood that Mr James CHAN also had the intention of embarking on a duty visit;
- (b) The Working Group had written to all DC Members and solicited their views on the date for the duty visit. It had received replies from most Members. Therefore, he understood that most Members of the STDC would like to have a date fixed for the duty visit; and
- (c) He opined that Mr James CHAN should apologise to the STDC for his remarks with false descriptions. The FGAC and the Working Group should also write to relevant media agencies, asking them to confirm the details with the STDC before reporting any matters about the STDC.

8. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) He opined that duty visits of the STDC provided Members with opportunities to visit other places and learn from their strengths. When they brought related knowledge and experience home, they could also help improve the effectiveness of the STDC; and
- (b) He hoped that the Working Group would properly plan the duty visit and write a report afterwards.

9. The views of Mr Tiger WONG were summarised below:

(a) He understood that members of the Working Group had discussed the duty visit on several occasions and had drafted relevent details after reaching a consensus;

- (b) He disagreed with Mr James CHAN's inaccurate remarks about the STDC's duty visit on social media, which already tarnished the STDC's reputation. He opined that the STDC needed to make clarifications with objective facts and that Mr James CHAN should be responsible for his own remarks.
- 10. The views of Mr YIU Ka-chun were summarised below:
- (a) Mr James CHAN had spoken at a previous FGAC meeting, enquiring about the possibility of organising another duty visit and single room accommodation during the visit. However, later he said on social media that such a duty visit was unnecessary and would be a waste of public moneys; and
- (b) He disagreed with Mr James CHAN's inaccurate remarks about the STDC's duty visit on social media.
- 11. The views of Mr WONG Yue-hon were summarised below:
- (a) The STDC needed to make clarifications regarding Mr Jame CHAN's inaccurate remarks about the STDC's duty visit on social media. He wondered what measures the STDC had in place for follow-up on any inaccurate remarks by DC Members in future, so as to protect the STDC's reputation; and
- (b) He opined that Mr James CHAN should give a response to the aforementioned remarks and should apologise to the STDC if such remarks did not agree with the truth.
- 12. <u>Mr YAU Man-chun</u> said that the STDC's reputation was based on objective factors. DC Members should be accountable to their constituents.
- 13. Mr LAI Tsz-yan said that in the earlier survey, he had pointed out that the proposed date of April 2018 would be too early for a duty visit. He opined that the

opinions should be shown for consideration by the Working Group. In addition, he asked why the earlier schedule included an exchange session with Members of Parliament (MPs) in Singapore. He opined that visiting the Singapore Parliament House was not necessary. On the other hand, he opined that Mr James CHAN had made the said remarks about the duty visit in his personal capacity, not on behalf of the STDC. The reputation of the STDC should not be affected by individual DC Members, either.

- 14. <u>Mr WONG Hok-lai</u> suggested exchange sessions with MPs of non-ruling parties in Singapore could be included in the duty visit's schedule.
- 15. Ms TUNG Kin-lei said that it was irresponsible for Mr James CHAN to make inaccurate remarks about the STDC's duty visit in media interviews and on social media. She said that Mr James CHAN should apologise to the STDC. In addition, she hoped that DC Members would utilise the opportunity of duty visits to understand the strengths of other places and improve the work of the STDC.
- 16. <u>Mr WONG Ka-wing</u> said that he was not picking on any individual DC Member. Instead, he was concerned that inaccurate remarks of DC Members on the media would affect the STDC's reputation. In addition, he did not agree to cancel the duty visit simply because of the time-consuming preparation process.
- 17. <u>Ms LAM Chung-yan</u> said that the schedule of the duty visit had been discussed at an earlier FGAC meeting. She hoped that the current session could be focused on the schedule and the date of the duty visit.
- 18. <u>Ms Iris WONG</u> hoped DC Members would understand that they all had a part to play in maintaining the STDC's reputation. DC Members should be cautious with their own words and deeds.
- 19. Mr LI Sai-wing hoped that Members respected the system of the STDC. In addition, he opined that it was worthwhile to have exchange sessions with MPs in Singapore during the duty visit.

- 20. Mr James CHAN responded that according to the drafted schedule prepared by the Working Group, the duty visit had been confirmed although the schedule was not finalised. It would be regarded as a waste of public moneys if DC Members arrived in Singapore the night before visiting the local receiving party and visited the Singapore Parliament House on the last day. Besides, considering that each DC Member could receive funding of up to \$10,000 for the duty visit, and that it would take time for logistics support staff to make preparations, he estimated that the overall cost of the duty visit would exceed half a million dollars. In addition, if all Members of the STDC were absent from Hong Kong for the duty visit, it would be difficult for members of the public to seek assistance during the time. The arrangement was unsatisfactory. He suggested cancelling the duty visit if the preparation process was time-consuming.
- 21. Mr HO Hau-cheung hoped that Members respected the system of the STDCand remained accountable to their constituents. He opined that at this stage, the STDC should pool resources on arranging the duty visit instead of making large-scale clarifications externally.
- 22. Mr David HO, Executive Officer I (District Council) 1 of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO), added that Appendix IX of the "Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders" (the Standing Orders) contained the Code of Conduct for DC Members. In addition, the Working Group had provided blanks in the questionnaires so that Members could express their views on the date of the duty visit. All the information collected from the questionnaires had been forwarded to the Working Group for deliberation. In addition, according to the "Manual on the Use of Provision for Duty Visits Outside Hong Kong for Members of the District Councils of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region", a duty visit by persons in the capacity of DC was subject to the prior approval by the full Council, upon which relevant DC Members should prepare for the duty visit on their own.
- 23. The Chairman concluded that he hoped that Members would respect the efforts made by the Working Group, be responsible for their own words and deeds and not make untrue statements. Taking the opportunity, he would like to remind DC Members that a licensed travel agent should be engaged for a tour, so that consumers could be assured that they would be given professional services and, in

case of any accident, protection from the Travel Industry Compensation Fund. DC Members should also remind outbound travellers to take out comprehensive travel insurance, in order to get appropriate support and protection during their tours.

<u>Draft of the Sha Tin District Council Diary 2018</u> (Paper No. FGA 48/2017)

- 24. Mr CHAN Nok-hang said that the photographs in the Diary was not clear enough and failed to show the landscape representative of Sha Tin District. In addition, he proposed deleting the section of "Dos and Don'ts of the Day" in the Diary and increasing the height of the directory section to facilitate writing.
- 25. Mr Michael YUNG enquired about the sources of some information in the Diary, namely the photographs of the "Ten Scenic Spots in Sha Tin" and the section of "Dos and Don'ts of the Day". He opined that the photographs failed to show the landscape representative of Sha Tin District. In addition, he proposed using a larger font for the bus routes section in the Diary, in order to facilitate reading. He also proposed including livlier content into the Diary, such as "Holiday Guide".
- 26. Mr YAU Man-chun said that his contact information was not updated in the Diary. He asked the Secretariat to update the Diary based on his contact information published on the STDC website.
- 27. Mr LAI Tsz-yan said that photographs in the Diary failed to show the landscape representative of Sha Tin District. In addition, he proposed deleting the bus routes section in the Diary. On the other hand, he suggested that the Secretariat have some sections in the Diary printed in colour.
- 28. <u>Ms Iris WONG</u> proposed using a larger font for the bus routes section in the Diary, and increasing the height of the directory section in order to facilitate reading and writing. If necessary, part of the memo section in the Diary could be removed, in order to make room for the above information, or to include livelier content such as recommendations on hiking and cycling routes.

- 29. Mr James CHAN said that his contact information in the Diary was inconsistent with the actual details. He asked the Secretariat to follow up on the correction.
- 30. <u>Mr Victor LEUNG</u> responded that the Working Group would work with the Secretariat to follow up on the above suggestions by the Members about the Diary.
- 31. Mr David HO added that the Secretariat would assist the Working Group to proofread the contact information of DC Members in the Diary before the printing.

Funding Applications

2017-2018 Revised Work Plan and Funding Applications of the Working Group under the Committee

(Paper No. FGA 49/2017)

32. Members unanimously endorsed the above revised work plan and funding application.

<u>Funding Application of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee – Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR – Sha Tin Drum Festival: Large-scale Drum Fest (Paper No. FGA 50/2017)</u>

- 33. Mr Billy CHAN, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr CHIU Man-leong and Mr MOK Kam-kwai declared their interests as members of the Sha Tin Arts and Culture Promotion Committee. The Chairman said that they were allowed to attend the meeting but had no voting rights in respect of this funding application.
- 34. Members unanimously endorsed the above funding application.

Application of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee for Virement of Funding

(Paper No. FGA 51/2017)

- 35. <u>Ms LAM Chung-yan</u>, <u>Mr NG Kam-hung</u>, <u>Mr PUN Kwok-shan</u> and <u>Mr WONG Ka-wing</u> declared their interests as members of the Sha Tin District National Education Committee. <u>The Chairman</u> said that they were allowed to attend the meeting but had no voting rights in respect of this application for virement of funding.
- 36. <u>The Chairman</u> enquired whether Members would endorse the above application for virement of funding. <u>Mr James CHAN</u> objected to the above application and requested to record the names of Members supporting and opposing the application. Four Members supported his objection.
- 37. Mr LAI Tsz-yan enquired about the meaning of "virement of funding".
- 38. Mr David HO added that the committees under the STDC would prepare estimates for their respective expenditure heads. In addition, the STDC set aside reserves for community involvement projects. According to the "Sha Tin District Council Budgetary Procedures", the estimates for expenditure heads could be adjusted based on virement (i.e. the transfer of amounts). The virement of funding between STDC reserves for community involvement projects and different expenditure heads was subject to approval by the FGAC.
- 39. The FGAC passed the above application for virement of funding, with 12 votes in favour, 10 votes against and 1 abstention. Details were as follows:

Members in favour (12)

Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr CHIU Man-leong, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Mr Victor LEUNG, Mr MOK Kam-kwai, Ms Scarlett PONG, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr Tiger WONG, Ms Iris WONG, Mr YIU Ka-chun, and Ms YUE Shin-man.

Members against (10)

Mr Billy CHAN, Mr James CHAN, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr Sunny CHIU, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr YAU Man-chun, and Mr Michael YUNG

Member abstaining (1)

Mr CHING Cheung-ying

Members opting not to vote (4)

Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, and Mr WONG Ka-wing.

Question

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on the Meeting Schedule of the Sha Tin District Council and its Committees (Paper No. FGA 52/2017)

- 40. Mr WAI Hing-cheung wondered why no government department had given a response to the question. In addition, from his observation, there had been an increasing number of aborted committee meetings recently. He hoped that a solution could be sought to improve the situation. His suggestions were summarised below:
- (a) Rescheduling meetings of the STDC and the committees from 2:30 pm to 9:30 am;
- (b) Scheduling a resumption at a specific time and date shortly after an aborted meeting, instead of carrying outstanding items on the agenda over to the next meeting; and
- (c) Holding some committee meetings on a monthly basis if there were more items on the agenda and more time was required for discussion, so as to avoid an abortion of meeting or any subsequent impact on the progress of the agenda due to an abortion.
- 41. Mr David HO said that according to Order 9 of the Standing Orders, "the Council shall meet at such date, time and place as the Chairman may determine", and that according to Order 36(1), "the procedures stipulated in in [Order 9] shall apply to committees unless otherwise determined by a committee and approved by

the Council". Therefore, the date and time of an STDC meeting shall be determined by the DC Chairman, while those of a committee meeting shall be determined by the chairman of the committee concerned.

- 42. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that if a meeting started at 9:30 am and ended at 12:30 pm, then it would last only 3 hours. However, if it started at 2:30 pm, the ending time could be more flexible. He opined that the smooth running of a meeting depended on the skills of the meeting host, the atmosphere of the meeting, the attitude of participants, and the items on the agenda. Even if meeting time was changed to 9:30 am, it might still be impossible to improve the situation of aborted meetings due to the lack of a quorum.
- 43. Ms LAM Chung-yan said that a meeting would be delayed if participants failed to arrive in time. Therefore, meetings might not necessarily start at 9:30 am even if they were scheduled for the morning. And meetings starting in the morning should end at noon, which limited the duration of meetings. She opined that the duration of meetings could be more flexible if they started in the afternoon. For meetings with numerous items for discussion, the agendas could be adjusted or additional sessions could be held, in order to reduce the likelihood of an aborted meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
- 44. Mr WONG Hok-lai said that there were numerous items on the agendas of some meetings (such as those of the Traffic and Transport Committee, or the TTC). Then the meetings were likely to abort before questions were raised and the questions would only be handled next time. He suggested that the meetings be held on a monthly basis instead, in order to avoid influencing the progress of agenda due to an abortion of meeting. He also suggested relaxing the the limit that allowed no more than five questions to be raised at a meeting. In addition, he opined that starting a meeting at 9:30 am would allow more time for participants.
- 45. <u>Mr LAI Tsz-yan</u> suggested relaxing the limit that and allowed no more than five questions to be raised at a meeting. He also proposed that a resumption be arranged on a specific date shortly after an aborted meeting and be scheduled for the morning to avoid affecting the progress of agenda.

- 46. Mr James CHAN opined that scheduling a resumption at a specific date and time shortly after an aborted meeting would avoid influencing the progress of agenda. In addition, he proposed starting TTC meetings at 9:00 am and holding some committee meetings in the evening on a trial basis, then reviewed the effectiveness of such rescheduling.
- 47. <u>Ms CHAN Man-kuen</u> said that if meetings started in the morning instead, the attendance might not be satisfactory in view of the lunch arrangement. In addition, she proposed scheduling a resumption on a specific date shortly after an aborted meeting to avoid affecting the progress of agenda.
- 48. Mr Billy CHAN opined that the proposal of changing meeting time to 9:30 am could be considered. He enquired about the procedure for changing meeting time.
- 49. Mr YIU Ka-chun said that it was the responsibility of DC Members to attend meetings and to avoid abortion of meetings due to the lack of a quorum. In addition, he suggested that during a resumptionafter an aborted meeting, questions to be raised should be placed high on the agenda so that they could be handled in a timely manner. He also suggested that a working group be set up to review the necessity of rescheduling some longer meetings for the morning, and considering the order of items on the agenda and relevant logistics arrangements of the resumption after an aborted meeting.
- 50. Mr Tiger WONG said that even if a meeting was rescheduled for 9:30 am, it might still be aborted due to the lack of a quorum. He opined that it was the responsibility of DC Members to attend meetings and to avoid abortion of meeting due to the lack of a quorum. Besides, he enquired about the number of aborted meetings in the previous and current STDC.
- 51. Ms TUNG Kin-lei said that as far as she knew, meetings of the Sai Kung District Council started in the morning and resumed in the afternoon after a lunch break. However, some resumed sessions were also aborted due to the lack of a quorum. In addition, she learned that some DC Members needed to handle district affairs in the morning and might not be able to attend meetings at the same time. In

addition, she suggested convening special sessions to facilitate discussion on agenda if a meeting was aborted or was expected to last long.

- 52. <u>Mr Michael YUNG</u> opined that there was room for improvement regarding the way to handle this question. His views were summarised below:
- (a) Order 12(2) of the Standing Orders stipulated how a meeting should be adjourned when a quorum was not present, but did not explain the arrangement for resumption of ameeting;
- (b) Therefore, it was necessary to understand the reasons behind abortion of meeting due to the lack of a quorum, before a solution was found for improvement; and
- (c) He enquired about the starting time of STDC and committee meetings since the establishment of the STDC, as well as the reasons for any changes.
- 53. Mr HO Hau-cheung said that as far as he understood, the STDC used to convene meetings in the morning. Later, meetings were held in the afternoon instead, since some DC Members were unable to attend morning sessions. He opined that the duration of a meeting depended on the number of Members in the committee concerned, as well as the time of speech each Member delivered at the meeting. He suggested that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen of the STDC and of each committee discuss the starting time of meetings, based on the statistics on meetings held since the establishment of the Hong KongSpecial Administrative Region , and the operation modes of other District Councils, before submitting a proposal to the STDC for deliberation.
- 54. Mr Simon WONG, Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin), added that the agenda of a meeting included discussion items, questions and motions, among others. The Standing Orders specified the number of questions to be raised and the time of speech by each DC Member at a meeting. When the Secretariat received a request from a government department for raising a discussion item at a STDC meeting, it would discuss with the Chairman of the STDC or of the related committee on including the item into the agenda. Generally speaking, no more than three

government departments would be invited to raise discussion items at a meeting. When there were numerous items on the agenda, the Secretariat would advise relevant government departments to postpone their items to the next meeting, if such items were not urgent. Alternatively, a special session would be convened to discuss the items upon the consent of the Chairman of the STDC or of the related committee.

55. <u>The Chairman</u> concluded that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen of the STDC and of each committee should discuss the starting time of their meetings, before submitting a proposal to the STDC for deliberation.

Information Item

Report of the Working Group (Paper No. FGA 53/2017)

- 56. Mr Victor LEUNG said that the Working Group would follow up on the STDC's duty visit based on Members' views in that regard.
- 57. Mr LAI Tsz-yan wondered whether the Working Group had considered his views expressed in the earlier survey regarding the duty visit.
- 58. Mr David HO added that at the previous FGAC meeting, it was agreed that the Working Group would consult all DC Members on the date of the duty visit by means of a questionnaire, and would determine the date based on the choice of the majority of DC Members. Subsequently, the Working Group conducted the survey and provided blanks in the questionnaire so that Members could express their views on the date of the duty visit. All the information collected in the survey had been forwarded to the Working Group for deliberation.
- 59. Mr WONG Hok-lai suggested visiting regional offices of MPs in Singapore during the duty visit.
- 60. Mr David HO said that the Secretariat would assist the Working Group in contacting the Secretariat of the Singapore Parliament in order to follow up on the

proposed visits to regional offices of MPs in Singapore.

61. The FGAC noted the above paper.

Information Papers

Report on the Financial Account of the Sha Tin District Council (as at 31 October 2017)

(Paper No. FGA 54/2017)

<u>Financial Position and Activity Progress of Expenditure Head 3 (Finance, General Affairs and Other Large-Scale Activities) (as at 31 October 2017)</u>
(Paper No. FGA 55/2017)

62. The FGAC noted the above two papers.

Date of the Next Meeting

- 63. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 16 January 2018 (Tuesday).
- 64. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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January 2018