



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Development and Housing Committee held on 5 May 2016

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) *2016/2017 Work Plan for Sha Tin District* submitted by the Housing Department;
- (ii) replies of the Sha Tin Lands Office, the Buildings Department and the Kai Shing Management Services Limited to the question on “UA Shatin Cinema in New Town Plaza”;
- (iii) replies of the Link Real Estate Investment Trust and the Guardian Property Management Limited to the question on “Selling of Kam Ying Court Shopping Centre by The Link”, and passed the following provisional motion:

“With the transfer of ownership, it will certainly be more difficult to monitor the management of Kam Ying Court Shopping Centre, and the negotiating power of the residents will be weakened. To ensure that facilities under The Link in Sha Tin will not be used for touting, and that the principle of serving Sha Tin residents first will not be deviated, the Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Transport and Housing Bureau to set up a task group to monitor the handover of management rights, and make sure that the new management are informed of their target clients and management function, as well as the principles to be upheld, including serving the needs of the residents of the housing estate first; moreover, in response to the demand of Sha Tin residents for public facilities, restrictions should be imposed on adjustment of rental fees and use of parking spaces in the district. In the long run, the Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges the Administration to buy back all facilities under The Link and examine the enactment of relevant legislation, so as to regain management rights over public assets and eradicate the sinking down of public assets to touting instruments.” (Passed by a vote of 26 in favour and 3 abstentions);

- (iv) reply of the Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints to the question on “Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints”, and passed the following provisional motion:

“The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly requests the Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints to increase manpower and expedite investigation of cases in Sha Tin, including introducing advanced technology to find out the source of seepage and following up on the remedial works, so as to alleviate the long-standing nuisance caused to flat owners by disputes over water seepage and the monetary losses suffered by them.” (Unanimously passed); and

- (v) replies of the Housing Department to the questions on the “Flat in-take and Facilities of Shui Chuen O Estate” and the “Issue of Objects being Thrown from a Height in Sha Kok Estate” respectively.

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) formation of two standing working groups under the Committee, adoption of the terms of reference for these working groups, and election of the following persons as convenors:

	<u>Working Group</u>	<u>Convenor</u>
(a)	Working Group on Building Management and Housing Affairs	Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin
(b)	Working Group on Land and Economic Development in Sha Tin District	Mr LI Sai-wing

- (ii) the term of the two standing working groups would be from 5 May 2016 to 31 December 2019;
- (iii) nomination of Mr WAI Hing-cheung for consideration by the Secretary for Development for appointment to the Building Industry Disciplinary Board;
- (iv) nomination of Mr WAI Hing-cheung for appointment to the Selection Panel of Buildings Department;

- (v) nomination of Mr LI Sai-wing for appointment to the Selection Panel of the Transport and Housing Bureau;
- (vi) motion on revitalisation of Fo Tan Nullah:

“The Administration should accordingly draw up a timetable for revitalisation of Fo Tan Nullah, start to examine the source of pollution at river channels and work out a solution, provide more leisure areas, as well as revitalise and make green the Fo Tan area. The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the department concerned to submit within this year the relevant proposals, design and feasible options to the Committee for discussion.”
(Unanimously passed); and

- (vii) motion requesting the Housing Department to install a television signal transponder in Shui Chuen O Estate:

“The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council requests the Housing Department to install a television signal transponder in Shui Chuen O Estate for the sake of a full-scale strengthening of the television signal, so as to solve the problem of poor television signal in village houses nearby.” (Unanimously passed).

(3) The Committee noted the following:

- (i) response of the relevant government department to matters arising from the previous meeting;
- (ii) 2016-2017 Approved Estimates of an Expenditure Head under the Committee; and
- (iii) population of public housing estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme courts in Sha Tin.

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