



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Development and Housing Committee held on 7 September 2017

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) “widening work of the footpath cum cycling path along Shing Mun River outside Sha Tin Racecourse” submitted by the Home Affairs Bureau;
- (ii) the replies of the Development Bureau, the Transport and Housing Bureau, the Planning Department (PlanD), the Transport Department (TD), the Environmental Protection Department, the Housing Department (HD) and the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the question on “the planning, design and facilities of Shui Chuen O Estate”;
- (iii) the replies of the HD and the Water Supplies Department to the question on “the aging of water pipes in public housing estates in Sha Tin District”;
- (iv) the reply of the HD to the question on “the arrangements of the Housing Department’s outsourced management and maintenance contractors”; and
- (v) the replies of the HD, the District Lands Office/Shan Tin, the TD, the SWD, the PlanD, the Education Bureau and the MTR Corporation Limited to the question on “the progress of the public housing development project at Ma On Shan Road and Hang Tai Road”.

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) the meeting schedule of the committee for 2018;
- (ii) the motion on the objection against the rezoning of Sha Tin Town Lot 310, Sha Tin (i.e. existing site of Hong Kong Bible Research and Education Centre):

“The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly objects to the application for rezoning the ‘open space’ of Sha Tin Town Lot 310, Sha Tin into a ‘Residential (Group B) 4’ zone (Application

no: Y/ST/36), and strongly requests the Town Planning Board to reject the application.” (Unanimously passed);

- (iii) the motion on requesting the Government to assist the landlords in Sha Tin District:

“The majority of the housing estates have reached an age requiring maintenance. Many owners were not aware of the interests they were entitled to, giving rise to bid-rigging, corruption, delay in convening owners’ meetings, etc. As a result, the interests of the owners in Sha Tin District have been undermined!

The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges the Government to provide effective support measures for affected housing estates expeditiously in order to help the owners follow up on the issues, and to plug the existing legal loopholes by legislative amendment as soon as possible.” (Unanimously passed).

- (3) The Committee noted the responses of government departments to matters arising from the previous meeting.
- (4) Due to the lack of a quorum, the Chairman decided to defer *the Development of the Open Space on Sha Tin Town Lot 310, Sha Tin* to the next meeting for discussion, and to deal with *Reports of Working Groups, Naming of the Blocks of the Public Rental Housing Development at Shek Mun Estate Phase 2, Sha Tin* and *Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin* through circulation of papers.

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