



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Development and Housing Committee held on 5 July 2018

- (1) The Committee discussed the following:
- (i) the replies of the Development Bureau (DEVB), the Task Force on Land Supply, the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption to the question on “the Proposal on Housing Development on the Periphery of Country Parks”;
 - (ii) the replies of the DEVB, the District Lands Office (Sha Tin), the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority and the Buildings Department to the question on “the Public Open Space of Private Housing Estates”;
 - (iii) the replies of the Housing Department (HD), the Hong Kong Police Force, the Environmental Protection Department, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Tobacco Control Office of the Department of Health and the HKHS to the question on “the Penalty for Violation of Rules of Public Housing Estates”; and
 - (iv) the replies of the Transport and Housing Bureau, the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the HD, the Link Asset Management Limited (the Link) and the Competition Commission to the question on the “Rent Increase of Car Parks under the Link REIT for Consecutive Years”. The following provisional motion was endorsed:

“The Development and Housing Committee of the Sha Tin District Council censures the Link for disregarding the rent affordability to vehicle owners by increasing the rent of all car parks in the public housing estates in Hong Kong under its management for consecutive years, including those in the Sha Tin District. The Committee therefore strongly demands the Link to freeze the rent for at least three years for all car parks in the public housing estates in Hong Kong under its management, including those in the Sha Tin District.

Also, as the Link has control over the basic necessities of life of most residents in public housing estates, the Committee requests the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to adopt any feasible measure to tighten regulation of the Link. In the long run, in order to safeguard public interest, the Government can study the possibility of repurchasing the shares of the Link at a reasonable prevailing market price to prevent further exploitation of public housing estates residents.” (Passed with 27 votes in favour, 4 against and 0 abstention).

- (2) The Committee endorsed the 2018-2019 Revised Work Plan of Working Group under the Committee (Unanimously passed).
- (3) The Committee noted the following:
 - (i) the responses of government departments and relevant organisations to matters arising from the previous meeting;
 - (ii) the reports of working groups; and
 - (iii) the Population of Public Housing Estates and Private Sector Participation Scheme Courts in Sha Tin.

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