

Summary of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (“CIHC”) held its 2nd meeting on 10 February 2014.

Terms of Reference of Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (2014-2015)

2. The terms of reference of CIHC had been endorsed by the Tuen Mun District Council on 5 November 2013. Members had no comments on its contents.

Formation of Working Groups under Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee (2014-2015)

3. A Member opined that the setting-up of the Working Group on Economic Development in Tuen Mun should be held over because it needed to set out clear key areas of work, and that its future directions needed to be discussed. Another Member said that Tuen Mun would be at a critical stage of development in the next few years, so there was a need to retain the Working Group. After discussion, CIHC agreed that if the Working Group was to be retained in this term, it should consider launching new initiatives based on its past directions.

4. After voting, the setting-up of the Working Group on Economic Development in Tuen Mun was endorsed by CIHC with 15 votes in favour, three against and three abstentions. CIHC also endorsed unanimously the setting-up of the Working Group on Occupational Safety and Health as well as the Working Group on Building Management. All of the three Working Groups were standing working groups and their term of office would expire by 31 December 2015.

5. Mr LEE Hung-sham, Ms SO Oi-kwan and Ms CHING Chi-hung were elected as the Convenor of the three Working Groups respectively.

Enquiry on the Progress of the Replacement of Laundry Pole Holders in Public Housing Estates in Tuen Mun

6. CIHC opined that the Administration should replace the clothes-drying racks in public housing estates, including Tenants Purchase Scheme Estates, and that priority should be set properly. It also opined that Tenants Purchase Scheme Estates should enjoy the same facilities as other public housing estates and would write to the Housing Authority to reflect the views.

Opposition to the Unreasonable Deduction of Subsidies under the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners by the Hong Kong Housing Society

7. As the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) could not attend the meeting, CIHC would write to invite it to the next meeting to brief Members on the scope of the Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners, the criteria for deducting subsidies and whether there were any precedents regarding the arrangement of deducting the subsidies of Siu Hong Court.

Work Reports by the Working Groups under the Commerce, Industry and Housing Committee

(a) Working Group on Occupational Safety and Health

8. The Convenor added that the Working Group would visit the Hong Kong International Airport in the afternoon of 5 March 2014 to learn more about measures adopted by the Airport to safeguard the occupational safety and health of their staff. Interested Members were welcomed to participate in the activity.

(b) Working Group on Economic Development in Tuen Mun

9. A Member expressed discontent about the quality of the Study Report on the Future Directions of Industry and Commerce in Tuen Mun and had written to Lingnan University to reflect the issue. The Member also opined that the study report should be redone, or else the funding concerned should be withdrawn.

(c) Working Group on Building Management

10. Members noted the contents of the report of the Working Group.

Work Report on Private Building Management in the Tuen Mun District

11. Members noted the contents of the work report of Tuen Mun District Office.

Report by the Buildings Department

12. Members noted the contents of the report of the Buildings Department.

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