Summary of Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the District Facilities Management Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The District Facilities Management Committee ("DFMC") held the 11th meeting on 4 August this year.

Request for Comprehensive Improvement to Beach Facilities

2. A representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") said that the works department concerned had carried out an initial study on the installation of bathing facilities with hot water supply at the Golden Beach. In view of insufficient water pressure and voltage of the changing rooms of the beach as well as limited space for installation of solar panels in the Administration Building of the beach, a hybrid water heating system (e.g. solar energy and electricity, solar energy and coal gas, etc) might be preferable. The LCSD proposed that hot water could be supplied from November to March or April each year.

3. The DFMC asked the LCSD to collect views from members of the public on the provision of bathing facilities with hot water supply at the beach, and, in collaboration with the works department concerned, to examine the construction and operation cost of each option to facilitate the consideration of the DFMC of the new-term Tuen Mun District Council. The DFMC also asked the LCSD to note the proposal of Members to install drinking fountains and blowers at the beach and consider its feasibility.

Improvement Works to the Plant Room Facilities of Tuen Mun Swimming Pool

4. The DFMC endorsed the allocation of \$680,000 for the improvement works.

<u>Recreation and Sports Activity Programmes Organised by the Leisure and</u> <u>Cultural Services Department in Tuen Mun District in Year 2016-17 (April to</u> <u>June 2016)</u>

5. The DFMC endorsed the activity programmes proposed and gave in-principle

support to the application involved an allocation of \$1,780,579 for the period between March and June 2016.

Request for Provision of Automatic Vending Machines for Drinks at the Golden Beach

6. The DFMC gave support to the proposal and requested the LCSD to follow up. The DFMC also suggested the department consider the provision of automatic vending machines at other beaches in Tuen Mun District.

Avoidance of White Elephant Projects

7. The Chairman said that the DFMC-related projects mentioned in the paper had been thoroughly discussed and the Member who submitted the paper could submit a separate paper in respect of the non-DFMC-related projects to the TMDC for discussion.

<u>Request the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to Provide Public</u> <u>Swimming-pool Weekly Ticket</u>

8. A representative of the LCSD said that the department had introduced the Public Swimming Pool Monthly Ticket Scheme in July 2012. In 2014, the department had sold about 79 000 tickets, among which 66% had been sold to eligible people at half-price. The LCSD would convey Members' views on the provision of public swimming-pool weekly/bi-weekly ticket to the policy section concerned for further study.

Report of the Working Group on Community Involvement

9. The DFMC noted the content of the report of the Working Group.

Report of the Working Group on Facilities and Works

10. The DFMC noted the content of the report of the Working Group and deliberated on the following projects. The main points of discussion were summarised as follows:

<u>Construction of Covers for Pedestrian Walkways in Tuen Mun District (Phase I)</u> (Po Tin Section)(DMW073)

- (i) A "leakage test" had been conducted on 31 July this year again and it had been confirmed that no more water leakage problem had been found at the covers of the pedestrian walkways;
- (ii) The contractor had replaced all cracked plastic sheets and repaired all connection points with water leakage problem; and
- (iii) The "maintenance period" of the covers of the pedestrian walkways would end in April 2016.

<u>Construction of Covers for Pedestrian Walkways in Tuen Mun District (Phase I)</u> (Dor Boa Section)(DMW073)

- (i) The Water Supplies Department ("WSD") had applied for an excavation permit to facilitate the relocation of the fire hose. It was expected that the application would be approved in early September this year; and
- (ii) The works contractor would continue the excavation works and coordinate with the contractor of the WSD in respect of the works afterwards.

<u>Construction of Covers for Pedestrian Walkways in Tuen Mun District (Phase I)</u> (Choi Cheung Kok Section)(DMW073)

- (i) The DFMC asked the consultant to provide the plan of the works to the Member concerned after the meeting; and
- (ii) The works was expected to be commenced in early 2016.

Design and Contracting Out of Landscape Works for the Breakwater in Area 27 (DMW093)

- (i) The DFMC noted the design of the display board which introduced the history of the breakwater and the design of the promenade, and enquired of the Highways Department ("HyD") for the progress of the consideration of the provision of an emergency crash gate at the entrance area of the breakwater;
- (ii) The DFMC requested the Secretariat to write to the HyD, asking the department to provide street illumination at the entrance area of the breakwater; and

(iii) Trees would be planted between the lamp posts and the seats by the Civil Engineering and Development Department. The department had carried out investigation works regarding the underground facilities as well as the excavation works in mid-July this year. The whole project, including tree planting was expected to be completed in six months.

Construction of Rain Shelter at Lam Tei near Tak Shing Loong, Castle Peak Road (DMW172)

- (i) The Tuen Mun District Office ("TMDO") had visited the location of the proposed rain shelter again with the Owners' Corporation of E Lu ("OC"), the District Councillors of the constituency and the representatives of Lam Tei Tsuen;
- (ii) On 3 August this year, the OC had indicated objection to the construction of the rain shelter because it was still worried that people would gathered at the rain shelter which would cause hygiene and safety issues; and
- (iii) There were supportive and opposing views among Members on the project. After voting, the DFMC endorsed the project proposal.

Building of children's playground in the open space within village expansion area of Chung Uk Tsuen (DMW103)

- (i) The DFMC noted the revised layout plan of the project and agreed to revised the construction cost of the project to \$5.9 million; and
- (ii) The DFMC asked the consultant to consider more about the needs of the elderly to provide suitable facilities for them.

<u>Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun District Organising Committee for</u> <u>the Fifth Hong Kong Games</u>

11. The DFMC noted the content of the report of the Working Group.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Large Scale Festive Displays and Lighting Decorations

12. The DFMC noted the content of the report of the Working Group and endorsed that the selection of contractor for the lighting decoration be followed up by the

Working Group. The follow-up of the Working Group and the report of the DFMC would be reported to the TMDC at its meeting to be held in September this year.

Report of the Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening

13. The DFMC noted the content of the report of the Working Group and asked the Secretariat to write to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, requesting the department to provide reasons for not being able to clear the rubbish at the greening locations along the central railing of Shek Pai Tau Road (Greenland Garden Section) (i.e. location 22).

Conversion of the Fast Food Kiosk at Castle Peak Beach

14. The LCSD said that it had recently received views from a member of the public on the fast food kiosk at Castle Peak Beach. The department had mentioned its plan on the "conversion of the fast food kiosk at Castle Peak Beach to a restaurant" and the progress in the report submitted to the meeting of the DFMC held on 2 February 2010. It had also explained the arrangement for the conversion of the fast food kiosk in the report. Half of the area of the site had now been designated as a restaurant by the LCSD.

15. A representative of the LCSD remarked that the DFMC might be unable to discuss the arrangement in details at that time, and the department had noted the views of the member of the public on the above arrangement. Since the contract of the restaurant would expired in mid-2016, the terms and conditions concerned could be amended according to the needs. The department would collect views from beach users and consult the DFMC in a timely manner.

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