

Summary of Minutes of the 1st Special Meeting of the Social Services Committee

Meeting

The Social Services Committee (“SSC”) held its first special meeting on 29 May 2013.

Work Reports by the Working Groups under the Social Services Committee

(a) Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services

2. A Member hoped that the Working Group would take follow-up action regarding the Survey on the Service Need of Persons Suffering from Dementia and the Utilisation of Such Service in Tuen Mun District and organise talks for teachers and students of special schools/schools providing integrated education.

(b) Working Group on Community Care

3. A Member opined that if the meaning of “people in need” was not clearly defined, it would be difficult for the Working Group to perform its work properly, and that the Working Group should, in a more active manner, liaise with district organisations and invite them to co-organise activities. A member of the Working Group responded that notwithstanding the limited resources, the Working Group would actively follow up the needs raised by district organisations.

(c) Working Group on Education and Youth Services

4. SSC noted the report of the Working Group.

Report by the Tuen Mun District School Development Section of the Education Bureau

5. Members expressed concerns over whether there would be sufficient kindergarten and primary one school places, the progress of the implementation of free kindergarten education and the long-term development of secondary education of the district. A Member suggested that EDB should optimise the use of vacant school premises for the operation of classes where supply of school places was tight.

Report by the Social Welfare Department

6. Members were concerned that the TV Announcement of the Old Age Living Allowance (“OALA”) might give rise to misunderstanding where some non-eligible elders might wrongly construe that they were entitled to the lump sum payment in arrears counting from the effective date of OALA. Moreover, a Member expressed concern over the manpower of medical social workers.

Report on Crime Figures in the Tuen Mun District

7. Members were concerned that when compared with the same period of last year, the number of fraud cases had increased while that of the victims had declined.

Inviting the Elderly Volunteers to Visit the Happy Valley Racecourse

8. SSC endorsed to invite 120 local elderly volunteers and their family members to the activity under the theme “Family Health, Happiness and Harmony” at the invitation of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

Support for the “Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign

9. Tuen Mun District Council had agreed to support the “Hong Kong: Our Home” Campaign (“the Campaign”) by acting as the partner organisation. Members noted that as some activities held by SSC or its Working Groups were directly related to the four supporting themes of the Campaign, Tuen Mun District Office would forward the information of these activities to the four working groups of the Campaign. If the working groups considered the activities suitable, the information concerned would be uploaded to the website of the Campaign.

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