

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of
the Social Services Committee (2016-2017) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 10 January 2017 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:32 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Ms SO Ka-man (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:46 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TO Shek-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:31 a.m.
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:39 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:33 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:35 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:32 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Hang-fai	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	11:38 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:31 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YEUNG Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms NG Dip-pui	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Mr YU Tai-wai	Co-opted Member	9:38 a.m.	11:20 a.m.
Ms TSANG Ka-lai	Co-opted Member	9:36 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
Mr CHAN Ho-ting	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms LAI Ka-man	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Wai-luen	Co-opted Member	9:49 a.m.	11:46 a.m.
Ms HO Chui-wan, Ida (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council) ¹ , Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By Invitation

Dr TUNG Yuk	Deputy Hospital Chief Executive, Tuen Mun Hospital, Hospital Authority
Dr Steve CHAN	Cluster General Manager (Administrative Services), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority
Mr YIU Kin-man	Cluster Manager (Public Affairs and Donation Management), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority
Mr Patrick HAU	Senior Manager (Caption Projects), Hospital Authority
Mr Bernard LIM, JP	Principal, Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd
Mr Eugene CHUNG	Assistant Principal, Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd

In Attendance

Mr CHAU Ka-nin, Eric	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Cheuk-fai	Senior School Development Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Education Bureau
Mrs NG NG Lai-chun	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun)2, Social Welfare Department
Mr LEE Wai-ming	Neighbourhood Police Coordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr Vincent CHEUNG	Senior Community Relations Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHU Wai-ming	Co-opted Member
Mr TSANG Hing-chung	Co-opted Member

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 7th meeting of the Social Services Committee (“SSC”). In particular, he extended welcome to Mr LEUNG Kin-man, Chairman of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”), who attended an SSC meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that any Member who was aware of a personal interest in a discussion item should declare the interest before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the TMDC Standing Orders, decide whether the Member who had declared an interest might speak or vote on the matter, might remain in the meeting as an observer, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

3. With regard to the agenda items, as the representatives of the Hospital Authority (“HA”) had to leave early soon due to other commitments, the Chairman suggested bringing forward Reporting Item (III)(A), the HA representatives’ report on the progress of the extension of the Operating Theatre Block of Tuen Mun Hospital. Members agreed with the above suggestion.

II. Absence from Meeting

4. The Secretariat had received no applications from Members for leave of absence.

III. Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Meeting Held on 8 November 2016

5. The above minutes were unanimously confirmed by the SSC.

IV. Reporting Items**(A) Progress Report on Extension of Operating Theatre Block of Tuen Mun Hospital
(SSC Paper No. 4/2017)**

6. The Chairman welcomed Dr TUNG Yuk, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive of Tuen Mun Hospital, Dr Steve CHAN, Cluster General Manager (Administrative Services) of the New Territories West Cluster (“NTWC”), Mr YIU Kin-man, Cluster Manager of the NTWC, and Mr Patrick HAU, Senior Manager (Caption Projects), of the HA to the meeting. He also extended welcome to Mr Bernard LIM, Principal, and Mr Eugene CHUNG, Assistant Principal, of Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd.

7. Dr TUNG Yuk of the HA and Mr Bernard LIM of Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd gave a presentation (Annex 1)* on the progress of the above works.

*Only available in Chinese

8. Members' comments and enquiries in the first round of discussion are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member hoped the works could be commenced smoothly and Tin Shui Wai Hospital could share the burden with Tuen Mun Hospital after coming into service. Besides, she recognised all frontline healthcare staff's devotion towards patients;
- (ii) A Member expressed support for the above project and asked the following questions: (a) where the car park currently occupying the site of the new building would be located after the completion of the works; (b) whether the works would increase the number of operating theatres and thus boost attendance given that, as stated in the report, there were 11 operating theatres in Tuen Mun Hospital and the size of an operating theatres would increase from 40 square metres to 60 square metres after the extension of the block; (c) whether there was any plan to hire more people in light of the extension works; and (d) whether aircraft movements at a heliport nearby would be affected by the increase in the height of the Operating Theatre Block after the extension;
- (iii) A Member asked the hospital about its arrangements for hiring additional staff, and would like it to provide relevant data to show how the extension works would boost medical services;
- (iv) A Member asked the hospital how it would use the new operating theatres after the extension works, by how much the new operating theatres could boost attendance, and whether the extension works would affect the existing services;
- (v) A Member asked by how much the new operating theatres could boost attendance, about the number of additional staff required after the extension works, and about the data on manpower shortage at Tuen Mun Hospital;
- (vi) A Member expressed support for the above project and suggested some services at Tuen Mun Hospital be temporarily transferred to Tin Shui Wai Hospital

during the extension works, so as to minimise the impacts on healthcare staff and patients;

- (vii) A Member suggested the HA review how the existing three hospitals in the region could complement each other for better quality of services. Moreover, she noted that Tin Shui Wai Hospital had planned to recruit more than 1 000 healthcare staff, but hired only 300 or more so far. In view of this, she urged the HA to be active in staff recruitment;
- (viii) A Member expressed support for the above project and suggested the Government re-prioritise the agenda items at meetings of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) to expedite the approval of funding. Besides, he asked the following questions: (a) whether the extension works would add 20 operating theatres to Tuen Mun Hospital; (b) whether Tuen Mun Hospital would take up referral cases on operations for tertiary and quaternary services after the completion of the works. He indicated that as the existing hospital in Tuen Mun had to serve some 1.1 million residents with merely 2 500 hospital beds and the bed-to-population ratio in the cluster was far below those in other clusters, the burden on Tuen Mun Hospital would further increase if it took up referral cases; and (c) whether the HA had any measures in place to address the need to deploy manpower from Tuen Mun Hospital after the commissioning of Tin Shui Wai Hospital, because recruitment by the latter hospital was below target;
- (ix) A Member expressed support for the above project, but enquired whether the manpower shortage at Tuen Mun Hospital would intensify after Tin Shui Wai Hospital came into service. Having learnt from newspapers about a bandwagon of headhunting among private hospitals, she asked whether the HA had any measures in place to retain its existing healthcare staff;
- (x) A Member reckoned that the HA should make detailed plans for the allocation of medical resources in New Territories West. She worried that the HA was unable to arrange sufficient manpower in light of the extension works; and
- (xi) A Member enquired about the actual number of operating theatres after the extension works and suggested that if the HA planned to introduce any measures for division of services at hospitals in the region in the future, it should inform the public about that as early as possible.

9. Dr TUNG Yuk of the HA responded that there were currently 11 operating theatres in Tuen Mun Hospital and would be 20 in the new Operating Theatre Block, representing an increase of nine operating theatres. After the block came into service, the old operating theatres would be closed for renovation. The HA was currently studying the Clinical Services Plan for the NTWC to enable hospitals in the cluster to cooperate with each other for higher service efficiency, and the HA would report to the SSC about the findings of the study after they were available.

10. In response to a Member's concern that the manpower shortage at Tuen Mun Hospital would intensify after Tin Shui Wai Hospital came into service, Dr TUNG Yuk of the HA said the HA had increased funding for healthcare staff recruitment two years before in view of the plan to build Tin Shui Wai Hospital, and these staff were assigned to receive training at Tuen Mun Hospital and would be deployed to serve Tin Shui Wai Hospital after its completion, so the deployment would not intensify the manpower pressure on Tuen Mun Hospital. He expected that the manpower shortage could be eased two years later when the number of medical graduates was on a gradual rise.

11. Dr TUNG Yuk of the HA continued to say that the 11 operating theatres at the hospital saw a utilisation rate of more than 120% at present, which was higher than the international standard. As the number of operating theatres at Tuen Mun Hospital would increase after the completion of the extension works, he expected that by then the patient waiting time could reduce and the resources of the three acute hospitals in the region could be used in a more flexible manner to meet the international standard.

12. Besides, Mr Bernard LIM of Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd said the safety of aircraft movements at the heliport nearby had been taken into account in the siting of the Operating Theatre Block, and his company had fully consulted the Government Flying Service about the related technical matters to ensure the design of the block met the requirements in the outline zoning plan drawn up by the Planning Department ("PlanD") and the related safety guidelines. The site of the block had formerly been a car park, with some spaces of which used for parking of ambulances. Arrangements had been made for this kind of vehicles to be parked somewhere else in the hospital. Efforts would also be made to minimise the whole works' impacts on healthcare staff and patients as far as possible.

13. Members' comments and enquiries in the second round of discussion are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member said the HA had long been allocating inadequate medical resources to New Territories West, and asked whether the HA had reviewed its manpower

deployment;

- (ii) A Member said that, as indicated by the Government in the 2016 Policy Address, there would be some 50 additional medical student places in the coming two years. As the medical students would graduate in 2023 while extension works for the Operating Theatre Block would be completed in 2021, he worried that the new medical graduates might not help address the manpower need after the completion of the extension works. He enquired whether the HA would consider hiring retired doctors as consultant doctors and improving the remuneration for the existing healthcare staff to retain them. Besides, a representative from the HA had indicated earlier at a TMDC meeting that a population-based model for allocation of medical resources would be worked out in 2017. He asked whether the HA would update the model after the completion of the extension works;
- (iii) A Member asked what services would be provided at the existing 11 operating theatres after their renovation and whether consideration would be given to building more operating theatres in that area. Moreover, the Member said the existing inadequacy of medical services was not solely caused by the shortage of healthcare manpower, but also attributed to the fact that the resources allocated to New Territories West were always fewer than those allocated to other regions. She further asked by how much the HA expected the utilisation rate of the operating theatres to reduce after the completion of the block, and on what guidelines the PlanD's imposition of height restriction on the Operating Theatre Block was based;
- (iv) A Member expressed dissatisfaction with the HA's response, opining that it failed to give a satisfactory account of why New Territories West had been receiving fewer resources than other regions. He asked whether the HA would consider building private hospitals in Tuen Mun, given that there were no recruitment difficulties in the private market; and
- (v) A Member agreed that it was mainly because of inadequate allocation of resources that Tuen Mun Hospital could not provide effective services. She further said the drugs used by Queen Mary Hospital were of better quality than those used by Tuen Mun Hospital.

14. Dr TUNG Yuk of the HA responded that all HA hospitals procured drugs based on the HA's Drug Formulary, so there was no question of a certain hospital using drugs of better quality. He added that patients might also choose to use other drugs at their own expense. He pointed out that the Food and Health Bureau had allocated more resources to the NTWC in recent years and it was reviewing the medical demand in New Territories in the coming 20 to 30 years. He expected that the utilisation rate of the operating theatres could reduce to below 100% after the completion of the works for the Operating Theatre Block. The number of medical student places had been on the rise over the previous few years and the supply of medical graduates was expected to improve gradually starting from 2019. He expected that by then graduation of medical students could help meet the demand associated with the nine new operating theatres.

15. Besides, Mr Bernard LIM of Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd said that to cater for the aircraft movements of the heliport near the Operating Theatre Block, the design of the block would comply with the height restriction in the outline zoning plan drawn up by the PlanD and the related safety guidelines. To make good use of the above-grade floor areas, two levels of basement would be built in the block.

16. Members' comments and enquiries in the third round of discussion are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member asked whether the HA had any contingency plan (e.g. breaking the expansion project into small parts in a bid to lower the costs of the works and bypass the LegCo) if the funding for the above project could not be obtained as scheduled due to filibuster at the LegCo. The Member also enquired whether consideration would be given to using the area of the existing laundry and what types of services would be added if there was a need for further expansion in the future;
- (ii) A Member asked about the main reason why New Territories West had long been receiving few resources than other regions;
- (iii) A Member said she knew some residents living near Queen Mary Hospital who did not purchase drugs at their own expense but received drugs prescribed by Queen Mary Hospital, which were of better quality and more effective than those prescribed by Tuen Mun Hospital. In her view, while the Drug Formulary covered different types of drugs, Tuen Mun Hospital often could only afford the less expensive drugs in the formulary due to its limited resources, so there were differences in efficacy.

17. Dr TUNG Yuk of the HA responded that when allocating resources, the HA made appropriate staffing arrangements in light of the increases or decreases in the resources received by individual clusters. For instance, in the infancy of Tuen Mun Hospital, the HA had assigned a number of healthcare staff from Queen Mary Hospital to Tuen Mun Hospital. In view of the continuous population growth in New Territories West, the HA had increased the funding allocation to the NTWC over the previous few years. The recruitment difficulties were mainly caused by the short supply in the market and he hoped the situation could be redressed when there were more medical graduates.

18. Besides, Mr Bernard LIM of Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd said the HA and its consultant team were actively preparing papers in the hope that the application for funding could be approved smoothly by the LegCo, and there was no plan to break up the project at the moment.

19. Dr Steve CHAN, Cluster General Manager (Administrative Services) of the NTWC of the HA, indicated that the HA would consider using the area of the laundry for other medical services when it drafted the Master Development Plan after completing the study on the Clinical Services Plan.

20. The Chairman concluded by saying that Members recognised the contribution of frontline healthcare staff, but they worried that the commissioning of Tin Shui Wai Hospital and the extension works for Tuen Mun Hospital were not matched by staffing arrangements. She hoped the HA would continue its efforts in recruitment and training in a bid to enhance the medical services in the NTWC. Moreover, she said Members had expressed at a number of meetings the concern that the NTWC received fewer resources per capita than other regions. She urged the HA representatives to convey this concern to the HA and report back to Members in due course.

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V. Discussion Items

(A) Request Authority to Cancel Mandatory Territory-wide System Assessment for Primary 3 Students and Allow Parents to Decide Whether to Participate on Voluntary Basis (SSC Paper No. 1/2017) (Written Response of Education Bureau)

21. The proposer of the paper said the Education Bureau (“EDB”) indicated in its written response that there were four improvement elements in the study on the Territory-wide System Assessment (“TSA”). But in her view, the improvements to question design were just minor amendments that could not help ease students’

pressure, while the other three elements (i.e. enhancements to school reports, strengthening of professional support measures, and introduction of questionnaire surveys) could not totally prevent schools from forcing their students into drills. Disappointed with the EDB's responses, she believed that the EDB should let parents and students make their own decisions as to whether to join the TSA, so as to ease their pressure.

22. Members' comments and enquiries in the first round of discussion are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member condemned the EDB for disregarding public opinions by re-launching the TSA for primary 3 students ("P3 TSA") amid much opposition. He also suspected that the EDB's so-called improvements to the design of questions would make them even more difficult. He pointed out that the TSA was originally a low-risk assessment aimed to understand students' competence at different stages; but regrettably, some schools required students to undergo drills in a bid to save the schools from closure. The EDB had launched a pilot scheme in the previous year, under which a sample of 10% of schools was selected to participate in the TSA. Later, the EDB had indicated that the results of the scheme were satisfactory. He did not understand why the EDB still resumed the full implementation of the P3 TSA despite the satisfactory results of the pilot scheme;
- (ii) Opining that the TSA put much pressure on both parents and students, a Member said education should aim at developing students' moral character instead of giving much weight to examination questions;
- (iii) A Member remarked that the EDB's written response failed to give positive replies to the questions in the paper, and he was dissatisfied with the bureau's failure to assign relevant departmental representatives to attend the meeting. He said the TSA had not met with opposition at the early stage of its implementation, but its original intent had been distorted gradually, resulting in students having to undergo a lot of unnecessary drills, and in view of this, the bureau had suspended the TSA and put it under review in the previous year. The bureau's study results indicated that the problems with the TSA stemmed from excessively difficult questions. He considered this conclusion too brief and urged the bureau to carry out thorough study and postpone the re-launch of the P3 TSA;

- (iv) A Member disagreed with the proposal in the paper that parents and students should be allowed to make their own choices as to whether to participate in the TSA, saying that this would divide parents in schools and make it more difficult for schools to carry out teaching;
- (v) A Member held the view that excessive drills for students should be avoided and teachers should not take examination results as the only benchmark for assessing students' ability;
- (vi) A Member said the TSA could encourage learning and enable schools and teachers to know more about students' ability and needs. In his view, assessment was one of the essential parts in education, and school administration would be thrown into confusion if parents and students were allowed to make their own choices as to whether to participate in assessments. He hoped students and parents could trust their schools; and
- (vii) A Member suggested the bureau consider cancelling the P3 TSA and postponing it to primary 6 or secondary 1.

23. Mr LEUNG Cheuk-fai of the EDB responded that the Coordinating Committee on Basic Competency Assessment and Assessment Literacy ("Coordinating Committee") had submitted to the EDB a report on the review of TSA arrangements and the 2016 Tryout Study (P3) ("Tryout Study"), and the bureau was studying the report carefully. He added that the bureau would pay heed to different opinions and announce the arrangements for the 2017 TSA as soon as possible. The EDB and the above committee had always been concerned about the problem of excessive drills. From the experience of participating schools in the Tryout Study, schools did not arrange drills or purchase extra exercises for the TSA. The bureau had removed the TSA from the Key Performance Measures for primary schools starting from 2014, so the TSA would neither be used for ranking or classifying schools, nor would it serve as an index for measures to cease school operation. At the student level, the TSA would not disclose the performance of individual students. The committee would continue the review to further enhance the TSA and the arrangements for the related support measures.

24. Members' comments and enquiries in the second round of discussion are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member said that if the EDB removed TSA results from the index for schools' performance, the problem of schools forcing students into drills could be effectively reduced. She opined that trust could be put in the bureau's arrangements, but she would follow the developments of the issue;
- (ii) A Member reckoned that the bureau should cancel the TSA and trust schools by leave it to schools to assess students' ability;
- (iii) A Member believed that even though the bureau had removed TSA results from the index for schools' performance, some schools still felt under pressure and thus request their students to undergo drills. Therefore, the best solution was to cancel the P3 TSA. Besides, she reckoned that exercises on the market were patchy in quality, so asking students to do these supplementary exercises could bring no real benefits;
- (iv) A Member said the EDB had yet to announce the arrangements for 2017, and he hoped the EDB representative would relay Members' views to the bureau. Moreover, the EDB should seek opinions from parents and teachers before making decision and should avoid hasty implementation; and
- (v) A Member enquired how the EDB would improve TSA questions. Besides, as many schools would admit students with specific learning difficulties, the Member asked whether the bureau would provide any support for these schools during the assessment.

25. Mr LEUNG Cheuk-fai of the EDB responded that instead of re-launching the P3 TSA, the Coordinating Committee recommended extending the improvement elements in the Tryout Study to all primary schools in Hong Kong in 2017 so that, with the participation of more schools, more comprehensive feedback could be collected for further review and continuous enhancement to TSA arrangements. As for questions, stakeholders were of the view that the questions of the "updated" TSA were in general easier than before. The EDB would continue to listen to the opinions of various parties and would announce the arrangements for the 2017 TSA as soon as possible.

26. The Chairman thanked Members for expressing the voice of the sector. She said the SSC should discuss the issue in a rational manner and follow its developments. She would also like the EDB representative to relay Members' concerns to the bureau.

(B) Request for Increase in Rent Allowance under Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (“CSSA”) Scheme and Continuation of “One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA” under Community Care Fund (SSC Paper No. 2/2017)
(Written Response of Labour and Welfare Bureau)
(Written Response of Social Welfare Department)

27. The proposer of the paper said the increased CSSA rent allowance and living subsidies were still inadequate to meet living costs. She added that hikes in rents for private units were so big that even the one-off subsidy under the Community Care Fund (“CCF”) was not enough to cover rents in full. She hoped the relevant departments would adopt the proposals in the paper by raising the amount of CSSA rent allowance and continuing the One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA under the CCF.

28. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) responded that the department had put in place an adjustment mechanism for the CSSA rent allowance, under which the maximum amount of the rent allowance was adjusted annually in accordance with the movement of the rent index for private housing in the Consumer Price Index (A). In the current year, the rent allowance had adjusted upward by 4.3% under the above mechanism. According to the SWD’s record, the CSSA rent allowance could cover in full the rents paid by 97% of CSSA households in public housing and those paid by about one-half of CSSA households in private buildings. The department understood Members’ concern about the affordability of CSSA recipients.

29. A Member said that given the soaring prices today, the Labour and Welfare Bureau (“LWB”) was urged to review the mechanism and increase the amount of the CSSA rent allowance.

30. A Member said it was indicated in the LWB’s response that the CCF One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA was cancelled as fewer short-term relief measures were introduced in the 2016-17 Budget. He felt that was a mean thing to do, because the living quality of these people was not improved.

31. Opining that the crux of the problem lay in the policies being unsympathetic towards the public, the proposer of the paper urged the bureau to review the relevant mechanism and policies in light of the actual circumstances of the existing CSSA

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households.

32. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD said Members' views on the CSSA rent allowance would be relayed to the department.

SWD

33. As the LWB had sent no representatives to the meeting, the Chairman would like the Secretariat to write to the bureau conveying Members' views on CCF assistance programmes.

[Post-meeting note: The SWD indicated that Members' request for continuation of the One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA was within the purview of the CCF Secretariat of the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB"). Accordingly, Secretariat would write to the CCF Secretariat of the HAB conveying Members' views on CCF assistance programmes. The above letter was sent on 15 February 2017.]

Secretariat

(C) Cooperation Scheme of Civic Education with 18 District Councils 2017-2018
(SSC Paper No. 3/2017)

34. The Chairman said the SSC's cooperation with the Tuen Mun District Civic Education Committee ("TMDCEC") in co-organising the activities concerned had been effective. Therefore, she recommended that following the previous arrangements, the SSC should participate in the above scheme and co-organise the activities with the TMDCEC.

35. A Member asked whether the fourth option set out in the paper represented the mode of activity co-organisation recommended by the Chairman. The Secretary responded that in the previous year, the SSC had adopted the fourth option set out in the paper, i.e. co-organising activities with the TMDCEC. Records showed that the SSC and the TMDCEC had co-organised two activities in the previous year with approved funding of some \$170,000 in total.

36. As Members had no objection, the SSC agreed to participate in the above scheme and co-organise the activities concerned with the TMDCEC. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to help invite the above committee to co-organise the activities and prepare proposals. As the proposals had to be submitted to the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education for examination on or before 3 April, the Chairman asked the Secretariat to forward the proposals to SSC Members by email for their perusal after receipt thereof. Members' comments, if any, on the proposals should be

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offered before 28 March, and if Members had no particular comments, the proposals would be submitted to the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education before the deadline of 3 April.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent an email to the TMDCEC on 10 January 2017 inviting it to co-organise the above activities.]

VI. Reporting Items (Continued)

(B) Work Reports by Working Groups under SSC

(SSC Paper No. 5/2017)

(i) Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services

37. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

(ii) Working Group on Community Care

38. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

(iii) Working Group on Education and Youth Services

39. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

40. The Chairman announced that the reports by the three working groups were endorsed.

(C) Report by Tuen Mun District School Development Section of EDB

(SSC Paper No. 6/2017)

41. Members noted the contents of the report by the EDB.

(D) Report by SWD

(SSC Paper No. 7/2017)

42. Members noted the contents of the report by the SWD.

(E) Report on Crime Figures in Tuen Mun District

(SSC Paper No. 8/2017)

43. Members noted the contents of the report by the Hong Kong Police Force.

VII. Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

44. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:54 a.m. The next meeting would be held on 14 March 2017.

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Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

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