

Election of Chairman of the Housing Committee and  
Vice-chairman of the Finance, General and Economic Affairs Committee

Purpose

This paper aims to invite Members of the Housing Committee (HC) and the Finance, General and Economic Affairs Committee (FG&EAC) under Wong Tai Sin District Council (WTSDC) to elect the Chairman of HC and Vice-chairman of FG&EAC respectively with a view to filling the current vacancies.

Background

2. Mr. CHAN Chun-yue has resigned from his office of Chairman of HC, with effect from 4 May 2021. The written notification concerned is at Annex I. As Mr. CHENG Tsz-kin has resigned from his office of District Councillor of Chuk Yuen North Constituency and his office has become vacant since 1 June 2021 pursuant to Section 26(b) of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), there is a vacancy in the office of Vice-chairman of FG&EAC.

3. According to Section 71(3) of the District Councils Ordinance (Cap. 547), a committee of a DC is to elect a member of the committee who is also a member of that Council as the Chairman of the committee. The Chairman has instructed the Secretariat to arrange for the election of the Chairman of HC and Vice-chairman of FG&EAC at this meeting following the election procedure adopted at the 2nd meeting of this term of WTSDC held on 21 January 2020 (i.e. to adopt the nomination and voting procedures for election of DC Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Standing Orders of WTSDC).

4. The membership lists of HC and FG&EAC are at Annex II and the relevant procedures for the election are at Annex III and Annex IV.

Submission of Paper


5. This paper will be submitted to the 11th WTSDC meeting to be held on 6 July

2021 for Members' discussion and the election of the Chairman of HC and Vice-chairman of FG&EAC.

Wong Tai Sin District Council Secretariat  
June 2021

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致：黃大仙區議會主席 許錦成議員

本人現來信通知 閣下，本人決定辭任黃大仙房屋事務委員會主席一職(生效日期為5月4日)，這段時間承蒙各位委員的信任，但本人仍會以委員身份參與房屋事務委員會，謝謝！

**黃大仙區議員(龍上)  
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Membership List of the Housing Committee under the

Sixth Term of Wong Tai Sin District Council

(As at 25 June 2021)

Vice-chairman: Ms. TAM Heung-man, Mandy

Members:

Mr. HUI Kam-shing	Mr. LIU Sing-lee
Mr. WONG Yat-yuk	Mr. MOCK Ho-chit, Sean
Mr. CHAN Chun-yue	Ms. MOK Ka-han, Rosanda
Mr. CHAN Lee-shing	Ms. MOK Yee-ha
Mr. CHENG Man-kit, JC	Dr. SHAM Yu-hin, Eddy
Mr. CHEUNG Mau-ching	Mr. SZE Tak-loy
Mr. CHONG Ting-wai	Mr. WAN Chi-chung, Hiroko
Mr. LEUNG Ming-hong, Steve	Mr. WU Chi-kin

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Total: 17

Membership List of the Finance, General and Economic Affairs Committee

under the Sixth Term of Wong Tai Sin District Council

(As at 25 June 2021)

Chairman: Mr. YAU Hon-pong

Members:

Mr. HUI Kam-shing	Mr. CHONG Ting-wai
Mr. WONG Yat-yuk	Ms. KWOK Sau-ying
Mr. CHAN Chun-yue	Mr. MOCK Ho-chit, Sean
Mr. CHAN Kai-shun, Gary	Ms. MOK Yee-ha
Mr. CHENG Man-kit, JC	Ms. TAM Heung-man, Mandy
Ms. CHEUNG Ka-yi, Kathy	

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Total: 12

**Voting Procedure for Election of the District Council Chairman and Vice-chairman in accordance with**

**Schedule 5 of the District Councils Ordinance (Chapter 547)**

(Appendix I of the Standing Orders of Wong Tai Sin District Council)

1. The election of Chairman and Vice-chairman is to be conducted by one or more secret ballots held amongst those present and entitled to vote at the election and according to Schedule 5 of the District Councils Ordinance.
2. Nominations must be in writing. A member must be nominated by at least one other member and the nomination must be subscribed by at least 2 other members (not including the member nominating the candidate).
3. Nominations may be given at any time up to the time when the person presiding at the meeting calls for the closing of nominations. The nominated person must indicate the person's consent to the nomination and acceptance, if elected, of the office to which the person is nominated.
4. If the office of Chairman and Vice-chairman are both vacant, the same person can be nominated and consent to nomination for both offices. If the same person is so nominated, the election of the Chairman is to take place first and then the election of the Vice-chairman. If a person nominated for both offices, is elected the Chairman, that person is taken to have withdrawn from the election of Vice-chairman when the result of the first election is declared.
5. Subject to section 6, if only one candidate is nominated for the office of Chairman, the candidate is treated as having been elected Chairman. If only one candidate is nominated for the office of Vice-chairman, the candidate is treated as having been elected Vice-chairman.
6. If the same person is nominated for the office of Chairman and Vice-chairman and no other person is nominated for either of the offices, that person is to be treated as having been elected Chairman.

7. A candidate who receives an absolute majority of votes is elected.
8. If there are 2 or more candidates for the office of Chairman (either initially or after elimination ballots) and each receives an equal number of votes, a further ballot is to be held.
9. If there are 2 or more candidates for the office of Vice-chairman (either initially or after elimination ballots) and each receives an equal number of votes, a further ballot is to be held.
10. If, either in relation to the election of Chairman or to the election of Vice-chairman, a further ballot is held under section 8 or 9 and the candidates for the Chairman or Vice-chairman, as the case may be, receive an equal number of votes, the candidates draw lots to determine which candidate is elected for the office of Chairman or Vice-chairman, as the case may be.
11. If there are 2 or more candidates for the office of Chairman and no candidate receives an absolute majority of votes —
  - (a) the candidate who receives the least number of votes retires following which a further ballot is held for the remaining candidates;
  - (b) if 2 or more candidates receive an equal number of votes and that number is the least number of votes for a candidate, a separate ballot is held for those candidates, and the candidate who receives the least number of votes retires following which a further ballot is held for the remaining candidates.
12. If there are two or more candidates for the office of Vice-chairman and no candidate receives an absolute majority of votes —
  - (a) the candidate who receives the least number of votes retires following which a further ballot is held for the remaining candidates;
  - (b) if two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes and that number is the least number of votes for a candidate, a separate ballot is held for those

candidates, and the candidate who receives the least number of votes retires following which a further ballot is held for the remaining candidates.

13. If a separate ballot is held under section 11(b) or 12(b), and in either case the same candidates receive an equal number of votes, the candidates for the relevant office draw lots to determine who retires following which a further ballot is held for the remaining candidates.
14. In this Appendix, “an absolute majority of votes” means that the candidate receives more than half of the valid votes cast excluding abstentions.

**Procedure for the Election of  
District Council Chairman and Vice-chairman**

(Appendix II of the Standing Orders of Wong Tai Sin District Council)

Preamble

1. Sections 62 and 64(2) of the District Councils Ordinance provide for the election of a Chairman and a Vice-chairman of a District Council.
2. The voting and other administrative arrangements for the election of a Chairman and a Vice-chairman of a District Council are set out as follows.

General

3. After each ordinary election, the District Officer must decide the date, time and place of the first meeting of the Council and distribute nomination forms to the members and invite nominations for the election of a Chairman and a Vice-chairman of that Council.

Nomination and Withdrawal

4. All members of the Council can nominate among themselves candidates for election as Chairman or Vice-chairman of the Council.
5. Nominations must be in writing. A member must be nominated by at least one other member and the nomination must be subscribed by at least two other members (not including the member nominating the candidate). Each member can nominate or subscribe only one candidate for election as Chairman; and the same member can also nominate or subscribe only one candidate for election as Vice-chairman. No member can nominate or subscribe himself or herself.

6. The person presiding at the meeting will give advance notice that nominations will close one hour before the meeting commences. The original nomination form must be given in person by the member to the District Officer or the designated staff at the relevant District Office up to the close of nominations. If the meeting is to elect both the Chairman and the Vice-chairman, the election of the Chairman will take place first and then the election of the Vice-chairman. The person nominated for Chairman or Vice-chairman must indicate his or her consent to the nomination and acceptance, if elected, of the office to which he or she is nominated.
7. A candidate may only withdraw his/her candidature before the close of nominations. Only in this situation may such candidate's proposer and subscribers propose or subscribe another candidate for the same office.

#### Conduct of Election

8. The District Officer must preside at the first meeting of a District Council held after each ordinary election until the Chairman and Vice-chairman are elected. If the offices of Chairman and Vice-chairman both become vacant, the District Officer must preside at the meeting held for the purpose of electing the Chairman and Vice-chairman, until the Chairman and Vice-chairman are elected. If the office of the Chairman becomes vacant, and the Vice-chairman is nominated for the office of Chairman, the District Officer must preside at the meeting held for the purpose of electing the Chairman.
9. At the election meeting of the Council, the person presiding at the meeting shall distribute a ballot paper to each member of the Council at the meeting showing the names of all validly nominated candidates in the order of their Hong Kong Identity Card Number.
10. The elections of Chairman and Vice-chairman shall be conducted according to Schedule 5 of the District Councils Ordinance by one or more secret ballots held amongst those present and entitled to vote at the elections.
11. A member may vote if he or she is present before the ballot is closed. The person presiding at the meeting shall declare a ballot as being closed at the expiry of the

specified voting time or after the last member has voted, whichever happens first. Members arriving after such a declaration has been made cannot vote for that round of ballot. If there is a further ballot, they can then vote.

12. Immediately after the casting of all votes at each ballot, the person presiding at the meeting shall count the valid votes cast for each candidate in the presence of all members at the meeting, who shall have the right to inspect the votes cast if they wish.
13. The person presiding at the meeting shall declare the candidate who gains the absolute majority or who wins in the drawing of lots to be elected as Chairman or Vice-chairman of the Council, as the case may be.
14. In case the validity of any ballot paper cast is disputed, the person presiding at the meeting shall decide whether a fresh ballot should be held. The decision of the person presiding at the meeting on the validity of the votes cast is final.