

## **Progress Report from Task Force on Harbourfront Developments in Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing**

### **REPORTING PERIOD**

This progress report covers the period from November 2017 to February 2018.

### **MEETINGS HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### ***Twenty Ninth Meeting – 10 November 2017***

2. The Task Force discussed the following issues/items -

##### ***(a) Enhancement of the Tsuen Wan Waterfront***

- The Harbour Unit reported the discussion of an exchange session between the Task Force and the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) held on 2 November 2017. Members agreed to organise a site visit to further understand the site conditions and discuss with TWDC on their aspirations.
- The site visit was organised on 19 January 2018. Two volunteered planners were engaged to assist in the place-making exercise. TWDC members and Task Force members present all agreed that a long term “vision” for TW waterfront and the implementation of short to medium-term improvement initiatives for public enjoyment should go hand in hand. A more holistic enhancement scheme under a phased implementation approach having regard to the site conditions and necessary infrastructure works would be prepared for consideration by the Task Force. Further communication with TWDC on the selected short to medium-term initiatives was planned for Q2 2018 before proceeding to the design stage. Local public participation will be undertaken in an innovative manner by the younger TWDC members.

**(b) Relocation of Supporting Operational Facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex, Fire Services Club and Other Fire Services Accommodations to To Wah Road, Jordan**

- The Fire Services Department (FSD) consulted Members on the design of a new FSD development at To Wah Road in Jordan for accommodating the relocation of its operational facilities from the existing Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex at Canton Road in Tsim Sha Tsui and the existing Fire Services Club at Wang Chiu Road in Kowloon Bay in order to make way for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development.
- Members had no in-principle objection to the proposed development but asked about the possibility of adding more community facilities into the development so as to fully utilise the development potential of the site. Some also raised comments on pedestrian access, landscaping plan and operation of the future development. FSD was asked to take into account Members' comments when refining the proposal.

**(c) Progress Update on the West Kowloon Cultural District**

- The WKCD Authority updated Members on the development progress of WKCD, including the Xiqu Centre, the Artist Square Development Area, the Art Park, the Hong Kong Palace Museum (HKPM), together with other improvement efforts on marine access and the Austin Road Pedestrian Linkage System.
- Members supported the design of HKPM and raised comments on the pedestrian connectivity of WKCD, design of the proposed Artist Square Bridge (ASB), and provision of landing facilities. WKCD Authority was asked to suitably convey the Task Force's view of supporting a quality design for the proposed ASB to the Legislative Council for reference.

**(d) *Proposed Short Term Tenancy for Fee-paying Public Car park at Chi Kiang Street, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon***

- The Highways Department consulted Members on the proposal to let out a government site at Chi Kiang Street in To Kwa Wan as temporary public car park for replacing the existing temporary car park near Kowloon City Ferry Pier Public Transport Interchange, which would be closed off to facilitate the construction of Central Kowloon Route.
- Members considered the area proposed for the temporary car park excessive that it would be difficult to be phased out the proposed temporary use. The future development at the site under the Hoi Sham Park Extension project might be affected. Relevant departments were asked to formulate a medium-to-long-term plan to address the parking problem for the area before the proposed temporary use could be supported by the Task Force.

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