

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
on 26 October 2017

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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from July to October 2017.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Seventeenth Meeting – 20 September 2017

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) Review on Berthing & Sheltered Space for Local Vessels in Hong Kong

- The Marine Department (MD) updated Members on the results of the Report on “Assessment of Typhoon Shelter Space Requirement 2015 – 2030”, the findings of a Review on Berthing and Sheltered Space for Local Vessels in Hong Kong (“the Review”), and the measures recommended for enhancing the utilisation of existing sheltered spaces.
- Members noted that private moorings and additional supporting facilities were proposed to be allowed in Hei Ling Chau Typhoon Shelter (HLCTS) and Yim Tin Tsai Typhoon Shelter (YTTTS). However, Members were aware that both TSs were distant from urban areas and taking into account the proposed development of East Lantau Metropolis (ELM) which would reclaim HLCTS, Members questioned the practicality of the proposal to enhance the utilisation of both TSs. In addition, given that the target of private moorings would mainly be Pleasure Vessels (PVs) while the poor land accessibility there would discourage PV owners to use the TSs, some Members thought it would be better to promote berthing of PVs in TSs within the Harbour.
- Members also discussed the future uses of the Kwun Tong Typhoon Shelter (KTTS), in particular on promoting and

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developing water sports in Hong Kong. Some Members opined that the current administrative measure to designate areas in KTTS for exclusive mooring of non-PVs would keep PVs out of the TS and was undesirable for water sports development. Some also said that it would be crucial for the Government to consider whether priority in KTTS should still be given to working vessels after the Public Cargo Working Areas (PCWA) ceased to operate.

- In response to Members' questions, MD said that it was aware of the many proposals to develop water sports and co-use of KTTS, and was willing to adopt possible measures within the legal framework to facilitate. Still, MD stressed that the needs of working vessels should still be taken into due consideration and the Government would continue to communicate with both the trade and PV stakeholders to explore measures that could accommodate the needs of all sides.

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