

Harbourfront Commission

For discussion
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Progress Report from Task Force on Water-land Interface

REPORTING PERIOD

This progress report covers the period from January to March 2016.

MEETING HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Twelfth Meeting – 22 February 2016

2. The Task Force discussed the following item –

(a) Review on Public Cargo Working Areas – Findings and Recommendations

- The Marine Department (MD) briefed the Task Force on the findings of the Review conducted for six public cargo working areas (PCWAs) in Hong Kong and the recommended way forward for the tender arrangement and Berth Licence Agreements (BLAs) which would expire in end July 2016.
- The Review has taken into account the occupancy rate of the six PCWAs. To strike a good balance between the operational needs of PCWA for the maritime industry in Hong Kong and wider socio-economic interests of the community, the Review recommended retaining most of the current PCWA sea frontage for bidding by operators, while designating 13% for exclusive use by paper recyclers and releasing 6% for non-PCWA uses. It was also recommended to hand over three of the berths at Western District PCWA for reallocation having regards to aspirations of the local community.
- The Task Force noted the findings and recommendations made by the Review and acknowledged the importance of PCWAs to support maritime trade industry. Members

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welcomed the proposed release of berths at Western District PCWA and suggested MD to explore more flexible arrangement in the next BLA tenure in order to allow for shared use, i.e. other marine and communal uses of the berths during non-peak working hours serving as PCWAs.

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