

Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island

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Working Group on the Urban Design Study for the Wan Chai North and North Point Harbourfront Areas

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' agreement to form the Working Group on the Urban Design Study for the Wan Chai North and North Point Harbourfront Areas ("WGUDS").

BACKGROUND

2. To ensure a holistic design of the new harbourfront areas after the completion of infrastructural works including Wan Chai Development Phase II, Central - Wan Chai Bypass and Shatin to Central Link projects, it was suggested by the Commission that a comprehensive planning study focusing on urban design aspects should be conducted. Timing-wise, it was believed that the study could tie in with the staged availability of the harbourfront sites concerned between 2018 and 2020. The Planning Department ("PlanD") gave a positive response to this suggestion and also briefed Members about the scope of the study at the Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island ("Task Force") meeting on 18 February 2014.

3. During the discussion at the said meeting, Members expressed the wish that the Commission could play a more active role in the process of the Study. It was acknowledged that the Commission would like to collaborate closely with PlanD on the Study to ensure that their views would be fully incorporated. The Government proposed to set up a working group under the Task Force to gauge Members' views on the study on a continuous basis.

THE WORKING GROUP

4. To ensure a broad representation, all Members of the Task Force will be invited to join the WGUDS. All bureau and departments sitting in the Task Force will also be represented in the WGUDS. Government

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representatives from other relevant departments such as the Lands Department and District Offices will be invited to participate in discussions on a need basis.

5. In order to ensure a certain degree of consistency between the views of the Task Force and the WGUDS, we propose for Chair of the former to also lead the discussion of the latter.

6. The WGUDS will be supported by PlanD, and Senior Town Planner /Studies & Research 5 of PlanD will serve as Secretary of the WGUDS.

7. The WGUDS will make reports to the Task Force every time a meeting is convened. The Task Force could then suitably make reports to the Commission as and when necessary.

NEXT STEP

8. Subject to Members' agreement on forming the WGUDS, the Secretariat will issue invitation to Members to join the WGUDS. In accordance with previous practice, the Terms of Reference and meeting arrangement will be presented to the WGUDS for endorsement at its first meeting.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to agree on forming the WGUDS as well as its proposed set up at paragraphs 4 and 7 above.

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