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For discussion on 23 March 2015

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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 2014 to March 2015.

MEETING(S) HELD AND THE MAJOR OUTCOME, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Eighteenth Meeting - 19 January 2015

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

(a) The Avenue of Stars and Salisbury Garden Revitalisation Plan

- The Task Force was briefed by the New World Development (NWD) on a conceptual idea to revitalize Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront on 22 January 2013. NWD updated Members on a detailed proposal of revitalising the Avenue of Stars and Salisbury Garden.
- Members in general supported the project which aimed to create a vibrant harbourfront, and appreciated the details provided by NWD. They expressed comments on specific aspects such as the provision of diversified facilities to balance the needs of different users; shortening the works programme to enable early public enjoyment; addressing traffic impact and identifying additional coach parking facilities; allowing more commercial floor area for alfresco dining; reducing the number of trees to be transplanted; and deriving suitable key performance indicators to monitor management performance, etc.
- On management model, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) advised that the management responsibility of the revitalized facility would be entrusted to a new non-governmental organization under the supervision of a management committee to be chaired by LCSD. An advisory committee comprising representatives from district councils, the community and experts from different

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technical fields would also be formed to advise on management issues.

• NWD was asked to take into account Members' comments when taking forward the initiative.

(b) Amendments to the Approved Cha Kwo Ling, Yau Tong, Lei Yue Mun Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K15/21

- The Planning Department (PlanD) briefed the Task Force on the amendments to the approved Cha Kwo Ling, Yau Tong, Lei Yue Mun Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) No. S/K15/21.
- Members had no in-principle objection to the OZP amendments, but requested that access to the waterfront promenade in the Yau Tong Industrial Area should not be limited to residents or users of the divided 'Comprehensive Development Area' sites. Separately, the Task Force noted that PlanD would conduct a separate study to assess the opportunity of developing Cha Kwo Ling Village in response to request from local villagers.
- Members' views were summarized and conveyed to the Town Planning Board on 4 February 2015.

(c) Relocation of Supporting Operational Facilities of Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex

- The Fire Services Department and the Architectural Services Department briefed the Task Force on the relocation of Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Station Complex to West Kowloon reclamations in order to facilitate the West Kowloon Cultural District development.
- Members had no in-principle objection to the relocation proposal, and provided comments on enhancing the scheme design to minimise visual impact; the inclusion of other fire service facilities in the site to maximise utilization; providing opportunities for the public to visit the facility; and preparing a holistic design for the facility as well as the adjacent open space.
- Departments concerned were asked to take into account Members' comments when refining the design of the proposed new facility.

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(d) Tsing Yi Waterfront

 Ms Debby Chan, representing the Society for Protection of the Harbour presented their observations after a site visit to the Tsing Yi waterfront. Issues relating to marine accessibility, design of waterfront promenade, provision of refreshment kiosks, etc. were identified. The Task Force decided to invite relevant departments to provide information on these issues for further discussion at the next Task Force meeting.

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