

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

25 Municipal Projects Proposed for Priority Treatment in the 2005 Policy Address

PURPOSE

The Chief Executive stated in his 2005 Policy Address that the Government has reviewed individually the projects involving the leisure and cultural services (LCS) facilities left by the two ex-Municipal Councils (ex-MCs) and initially identified 25 projects for priority treatment. It is expected that these projects will start work over the next few years. The purpose of this paper is to brief Members on these proposed priority projects.

BACKGROUND

2. In response to the concerns of the public, members of the District Councils (DCs) and the Legislative Council over the projects left by the two ex-MCs, we have recently carried out a review on these projects. During the process, we have fully considered DCs' views on the provision of LCS facilities in respect of the needs of the district and the expectation of the local community. At the same time, we have taken into account some objective factors including the overall resource allocation, the pressing needs for LCS facilities in the new towns with significant population growth and the distribution of LCS facilities in the territory and their utilization.

3. Following the review, we initially proposed to take forward 21 ex-MC projects, mainly comprising parks, soccer pitches, playgrounds, libraries, sports centres, swimming pools, promenades, etc. We also proposed to take forward four non ex-MC projects including the improvement works to the two existing facilities and the provision of two new recreational facilities. These projects are expected to meet the demands for LCS facilities in urban districts, and address such needs in the New Territories, especially the new towns, with significant population growth.

25 Projects

4. The cost of these 25 LCS projects (see the annex) is estimated to be \$4,407M. Most of the projects are still in the initial stage of planning, many of which will provide community sports facilities. We will report the outcome of the review to the relevant panel of the Legislative Council shortly, and then discuss and follow up the implementation of these projects with various DCs, consulting them on the scope, design and implementation schedule of these projects.

PROJECTS INVOLVING SPORTS FACILITIES

5. In light of the initial scope of development of the 25 projects (the final scope of projects is subject to the consultation results of DCs) proposed for implementation, projects involving new sports facilities are as follows:

- (1) Siu Sai Wan Complex
- (2) Improvement works to Victoria Park Tennis Centre
- (3) Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park
- (4) Ngau Chi Wan Recreation Ground
- (5) 'DO' Development at Po Kong Village Road
- (6) Provision of an Ecological Park and other Recreational Facilities on Jordan Valley former Landfill
- (7) Leisure Centre, Area 33, Tai Po
- (8) District Open Space, Area 107, Tin Shui Wai
- (9) Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre
- (10) Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre, Area 3, Yuen Long
- (11) Swimming Pool Complex, Area 1 (San Wai Court), Tuen Mun
- (12) Local Open Space, Area 28, Fanling/Sheung Shui
- (13) Indoor Recreation Centre, Area 28A, Fanling/Sheung Shui
- (14) District Open Space, Area 9, Tsing Yi
- (15) Swimming Pool Complex, Area 2, Tung Chung, Lantau
- (16) District Open Space, Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau
- (17) Tseung Kwan O Complex, Area 44, Tseung Kwan O
- (18) Local Open Space, Sham Tseng, Area 50, Tsuen Wan

(Details are at Annex.)

THE WAY FORWARD

6. In the years ahead, we will carry out the planning work of these 25 projects, consult relevant DCs on their scope of development, design and schedule of implementation. We will also apply for funding for the implementation of these projects in accordance with the established procedures.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
February 2005