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Terms of Reference and Proposed Work Plan

Purpose

This paper outlines the proposed work plan of the Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum (“Kowloon City DURF”) for Members’ consideration.

Terms of Reference

2. To formulate holistic and integrated urban renewal plans for Kowloon City District, the Development Bureau has laid down the functions of the Kowloon City DURF in accordance with the guidelines under the “Urban Renewal Strategy”. The functions of the Kowloon City DURF are outlined below for Members’ information:

- (a) to advise the Government through the Secretary for Development on urban renewal plans within the Kowloon City area from a holistic and integrated perspective, having regard to the “Urban Renewal Strategy” promulgated in 2011, including advice on redevelopment and rehabilitation areas in tandem with the Urban Renewal Authority's core business, plus preservation and revitalization initiatives contributing to a quality city environment;
- (b) to conduct and oversee, with funding support from the Urban Renewal Trust Fund, broad-based public engagement exercises,

planning studies, social impact assessments and other related studies, in the process;

- (c) to monitor progress of implementation of the identified redevelopment, rehabilitation, preservation and revitalization projects to be taken forward; and
 - (d) to assume a public education role through an outreach programme to all the relevant stakeholders with a view to fostering district partnership in urban renewal work.
3. The ambit of the Kowloon City DURF falls within the boundary of Kowloon City District Council (**Annex**).

Proposed Work Plan

4. In order to assist Members of the Kowloon City DURF in formulating district urban renewal plans during their period of appointment, major tasks formulated on the basis of the terms of reference of the Kowloon City DURF are as follows:

- (a) to conduct site visit and hold sharing sessions with members of the District Council and Area Committees, etc.;
- (b) Stage One Public Engagement – To ascertain local aspirations on urban renewal and collect further views;
- (c) to conduct preliminary technical and social impact assessments (e.g. on private streets, vehicle repair workshops and ethnic minorities, etc.) and formulate preliminary proposals on urban renewal and action area;
- (d) to formulate short-term urban renewal implementation plans;
- (e) Stage Two Public Engagement – To build up consensus on the preliminary urban renewal proposals;
- (f) to undertake further technical and social impact assessments

(including 2011 demographic data analysis) and formulate proposed urban renewal plans and action area plans;

- (g) to submit to the Government the recommended urban renewal plans and action area plans;
- (h) to launch public education/outreach programmes (e.g. to launch the Stage One and Stage Two public engagement exercises in collaboration with stakeholders and devise new projects from time to time); and
- (i) to monitor progress of implementation of the identified redevelopment, rehabilitation, preservation and revitalization projects.

5. Since DURF is a pioneering initiative and its work is still in the initial start-up phase with experiences yet to be accumulated, the proposed work plan is broad and preliminary. Members are requested to comment on the abovementioned tasks and discuss their priorities and timeframe for implementation. Following Members' discussion, the Secretariat will consolidate Members' views and collate a work plan for Members' consideration and confirmation in the next meeting. Members may from time to time review and adjust the work plan having regard to the operational experience of DURF and the views on urban renewal expressed by locals during the public engagement process, so as to realize fully the "People First, District-based and Public Participatory" approach.

Views Sought

6. Members are requested to comment on the proposed work programme and endorse the proposals mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5.

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