**Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum** 

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Kowloon City District Urban Renewal Forum – Work Review

**Purpose** 

This paper aims at reporting to Members the major views and proposals

put forward at the work review undertaken by the Kowloon City District Urban

Renewal Forum (DURF), the Study Steering Groups and the Education Working

Group.

**Background** 

2. At the DURF meeting on 17 December 2013, Members agreed that a

review on their past work and experience be undertaken by the Study Steering

Groups and the Education Working Group. Subsequently, the Study Steering Groups

and the Education Working Group conducted meetings on 12 and 18 February 2014

respectively to discuss the matters arising from their operation. Members of DURF

also conducted a workshop to conclude from its operational experience on 17 March

2014.

**Work Review** 

3. At the meetings of the Study Steering Groups and the Education Working

Group and at the workshop, Members conducted in-depth discussions on the various

areas relating to the operation of DURF including the composition of its members,

tenure of membership, terms of reference, structure, public education role, study

steering work, public engagement, resources/funding, Secretariat support (please

refer to the Annex for details). Joining Hong Kong's first DURF, Members, after

reviewing its work, are generally of the view that the work of DURF would facilitate

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the promotion of the "People First, District-Based and Public Participatory" urban

renewal approach under the 2011 Urban Renewal Strategy. They also opined that

DURF would enable the integration of local and professional views for the

formulation of an urban renewal blueprint for reference by the Government, different

organisations and members of the public. On the other hand, DURF has gained

plenty of valuable experience in the process of its operation.

**Advice Sought** 

4. Members are invited to provide comment on the content of the work

review report. If deemed appropriate, Members are invited to accept the report. The

Secretariat would then submit the report to the Development Bureau so that the

Government may make reference to the experience gained and decide on the way

forward for the future of DURF.

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