

Steering Committee on Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy

Progress Report on the District Aspirations Study on Urban Renewal

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to report progress on our invitation to the seven District Councils (DCs) in the Urban Renewal Authority (URA)'s nine action areas to each conduct a District Aspirations Study (DAS) to identify the respective district's aspirations for urban renewal.

Background

2. Subsequent to the decision at the last Steering Committee meeting, the Development Bureau and the URA had briefed the seven DCs, namely, Central and Western, Wan Chai, Tsuen Wan, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City and Kwun Tong in August and September 2009 on the proposal for DAS. All seven DCs are supportive of the proposal and recognise their role in helping their own district to identify and articulate their views on urban regeneration in their own district, in line with the spirit of a more district-based approach to the subject.

Situation Report on the District Aspirations Study

3. A situation report highlighting the progress on the appointment of consultants and the setting up of special task force/working group to oversee the DAS in the respective district is attached at **Annex**. The URA will provide an update on the latest position at the meeting.

Urban Regeneration – District Aspirations Study Forum

4. To enable the DCs to share with each other the preliminary findings of their respective DAS, a cross-district forum will be organised in mid-December 2009 at Noah's Ark, Ma Wan. This forum will provide an opportunity for the DCs and their consultants to present the preliminary findings

of their own DAS to the other six DCs and to exchange views at the open discussion session after the presentations. Pending finalisation of venue at the Noah's Ark, we will extend invitations to the members of the URA's seven District Advisory Committees and the Area Committee representatives of the seven DCs for attendance.

Final Report

5. The final DAS reports are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2010 to tie in with the "Consensus Building" stage of the Urban Renewal Strategy (URS) Review. The final reports are expected to provide objective district-based views and priorities on the 4Rs of urban regeneration (redevelopment, rehabilitation, preservation and revitalisation) in the respective district, and at the same time, contribute a distinct district perspective to the URS Review.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to consider the progress with the DAS's and to participate in the "Urban Regeneration – District Aspirations Study Forum" tentatively scheduled for mid-December 2009.

**Secretariat, Steering Committee on Review of the Urban Renewal Strategy
October 2009**

**Situation Report on the District Aspirations Study to be Conducted by the Seven District Councils
(Post-meeting version updated as at 23 November 2009)**

District	Name of Consultant	Task Force/Working Group Appointed to Oversee the Study (Chairman of Task Force / Working Group)	Remarks
Central and Western	Ms. Betty Ho PlanArch Consultants Limited	Task Force on District Aspirations Study (Mr. Chan Hok-fung)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA met representatives of all the political parties of the DC on 2 September 2009.
Wan Chai	Professor Desmond Hui Culture & Development Consultancy Limited & Centre for Culture and Development, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Working Group on Wan Chai District Aspirations Study on Urban Renewal (Mr. Ng Kam-chun)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA briefed the DC on 15 September 2009.
Tsuen Wan	Ms. Tris Kee Community Project Workshop, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong	Working Group on Community Development and Planning (Mr. Chan Han-pan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA briefed the DC on 29 September 2009.
Sham Shui Po	Dr. Lee Wai-ying Centre for Environmental Policy and Resource Management,	Working Group on Urban Revitalisation and Historic Buildings (Mr. Leung Yau-fong)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA briefed the DC on 1 September 2009.

District	Name of Consultant	Task Force/Working Group Appointed to Oversee the Study (Chairman of Task Force / Working Group)	Remarks
	The Chinese University of Hong Kong and SEE Network Limited		
Yau Tsim Mong	Professor Bernard Lim Architecture Design and Research Group Ltd	Working Group on YTM District Aspirations Study on Urban Renewal (Mr. Leung Wai-kuen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA briefed the DC on 27 August 2009.
Kowloon City	Professor Ho Puay-peng Centre for Architectural Heritage Research School of Architecture The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Working Committee for Aspirations Study on Urban Renewal in Kowloon City District (Mr. Ho Hin-ming)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA briefed the DC on 17 September 2009.
Kwun Tong	Ms. Tris Kee Community Project Workshop, Faculty of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong	Kwun Tong District Development and Redevelopment Taskforce (Mr. Chan Wah-yu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEVB and URA briefed the Taskforce of the DC on 9 September 2009.