

The Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee on the Community Care Fund
15 May 2012

Summary of Discussion

The Executive Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) held its sixth meeting on 15 May 2012. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted that, since its establishment, the CCF had launched 15 assistance programmes, of which 12 had been implemented, and the remaining three programmes would be launched over the coming months.
2. Members supported the following proposals made by the implementing departments/agencies on existing programmes:
 - (i) The scope of the programme of “School-based Fund for Cross-boundary Learning Activities” would be expanded to subsidise students to take part in cross-boundary competitions. The expansion in the scope of subsidy would incur no additional provision or administrative costs for the CCF, and students being subsidised to take part in cross-boundary competitions might also receive subsidies for participating in cross-boundary learning activities.
 - (ii) The total budget for the First Phase Programme of the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes in its second year would be \$86.908 million, with three new specified self-financed cancer drugs added to the programme’s scope of subsidy in the second year.
 - (iii) Adjustments/additions to the implementation details of the programme of “Subsidy for Low-income Elderly Tenants in Private Housing” would be introduced.
3. Regarding proposals on incorporating CCF programmes into the regular assistance services, Members noted that:
 - (i) The Hospital Authority planned to incorporate the Second Phase Programme of the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes into the

regular assistance programme of the Samaritan Fund (SF) in the second half of 2012.

- (ii) The Social Welfare Department (SWD) would study the proposal of incorporating the programme of “Training Subsidy for Children who are on the Waiting List of Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services” into the regular assistance programme.
- (iii) SWD would consider the proposal of regularising the programme of “Subsidy for Tenant Purchase Scheme Flat Owners on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance”.
- (iv) The Education Bureau (EDB) and relevant Government departments were studying the regularisation of the programme of “Lunch Subsidy for Primary School Students from Low-income Families”.

Members supported the incorporation of the four programmes into the regular assistance programmes. In addition, Members also noted the decision of not incorporating the First Phase Programme of the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes into the SF.

- 4. Members supported continuing the programme of “Lunch Subsidy for Primary School Students from Low-income Families” in the 2012-13 school year, pending EDB’s study on the regularisation of the programme.
- 5. Members supported the proposed programme of “Subsidy for Owners’ Corporations of Old Buildings”. Members noted that the programme’s aim of enhancing building management of old buildings to ensure the safety of residents and other citizens was an overriding consideration of public interest, and that owners’ corporations (OCs) should not be prevented from carrying out relevant building management work by the few owners’ refusal to share the costs. Therefore, it was proposed that OCs would be the beneficiaries of the programme.
- 6. Members supported the proposed programme of “Subsidy for Low-income Persons who are Inadequately Housed”. Members discussed whether the programme should benefit all persons living in sub-divided units. While noting that it was difficult to distinguish some

sub-divided units (those with an individual entrance door directly leading to common areas) from some other small, self-contained units in private housing, Members supported excluding those renting sub-divided units with an individual entrance door from the programme.