

## **The First Meeting of the Community Care Fund Task Force**

### **26 February 2013**

#### **Summary of Discussion**

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force held its first meeting on 26 February 2013. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the administrative, financial, funding monitoring and other arrangements for the CCF, and agreed to the proposed terms of reference of the CCF Task Force.
2. Members agreed to the arrangement of work interaction between the CCF Task Force and other task forces under the Commission on Poverty (CoP). If a proposed programme being discussed by the CCF Task Force was related to any policy under discussion by another task force, the CCF Secretariat would consult, through the CoP Secretariat, the chairperson of the task force concerned on whether the relevant task force should first discuss the impact of the proposed programme on the policy, the focus and objective of the proposed programme, for the consideration of the bureaux/departments and the CCF Task Force.
3. Members noted the progress of various CCF assistance programmes and agreed to revise the funding provision of some programmes. In addition, Members agreed to the following suggestions:
  - (i) To increase the estimated total administrative expenses for the programme of “School-based fund (Cross Boundary Learning Activities)”.
  - (ii) To provide \$216.9 million for extending the programme of “Subsidy to meet lunch expenses at whole-day primary schools for students from low-income families” in the 2013-14 school year and additional administrative expenses for the participating schools.
  - (iii) To increase this year’s administrative expenses for the

programme of “After-school care pilot scheme” and provide \$40 million for extending the programme in the 2013-14 school year.

- (iv) To add an “over-commitment arrangement” for the First Phase Programme of the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes, and provide an additional provision of \$11.87 million in the second year.
  - (v) To set up a working group for the “Elderly dental assistance programme” and review the eligibility criteria of the programme.
  - (vi) To conduct an evaluation for the two programmes of “Subsidy for low-income persons who are inadequately housed” and “Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing” together as soon as possible.
4. Members noted the evaluation reports on the three assistance programmes implemented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) (i.e. “Special care subsidy for the severely disabled”, “Subsidy for elders from low-income families for household cleaning and escorting services for medical consultations” and “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients living in rented private housing”).
5. In respect of the collision of vessels near Lamma Island, Members noted the latest progress of the support given and follow-up actions taken by SWD for the victims and their families, and agreed that SWD could raise the issue for discussion again as and when the affected families had additional financial needs in future.
6. Members considered the preliminary proposal put forward by the Education Bureau (EDB) on the new assistance programme of “Extra travel subsidy for needy special school students”, and agreed in principle that the programme should be launched. Members asked EDB to submit a detailed proposal on the programme at the next meeting.