

The Eighth Meeting of the Community Care Fund Task Force
15 July 2014

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its eighth meeting on 15 July 2014. A summary of discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress report of current assistance programmes under the CCF. Among others, they noted that the Hong Kong Dental Association, in light of the extension proposal for the “Elderly dental assistance programme” under consideration, is now preparing for the development of a computer system to handle dental appointments made by the elderly persons.
2. Members noted the assessment results of application proposals submitted under the “After-school care pilot scheme” for the 2014/15 school year. Funding had been granted to more than half of the submissions made by schools/organisations. The estimated number of students benefited and the budget ceiling of \$40 million for the scheme were similar to the arrangement of last year.
3. Members noted that the “Special care subsidy for the severely disabled” programme would not be incorporated into the Government’s regular assistance programme. Some members pointed out that the existing services provided to those severely disabled could meet most of their needs. If the existing services were not comprehensive enough to meet certain needs, a review should be conducted to consider if a new assistance programme should be introduced to address such needs. However, some other members took the view that a further extension of the existing programme should be considered.
4. Regarding the “Subsidy for owners’ corporations of old buildings” programme, members noted that the Home Affairs Department had continuously reminded the owners’ corporations, which had indicated intention to make applications, of submitting relevant invoices or receipts for reimbursement before the end of the implementation period so as to encourage more owners’ corporations to apply and benefit. A mid-term review was now underway and the relevant report would be submitted to the CCF Task Force in due course.
5. Members noted the evaluation report on the “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients living in rented private housing” programme, and supported the third launch of the programme and the submission of the proposal to the CoP for consideration.
6. Members noted the evaluation report on the “One-off living subsidy for low-income

households not living in public housing and not receiving CSSA” programme, and discussed different issues relating to the programme, including the eligibility criteria and possible enhancements for the programme. Members supported the relaunch of the programme and agreed to consult non-government organisations/service units on the implementation details.