

**The First Meeting of the Second-term  
Community Care Fund Task Force  
4 December 2014**

**Summary of Discussion**

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force (Task Force) under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its first meeting on 4 December 2014. A summary of discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the terms of reference of the Task Force, and the administrative operation, financial matters, funding control mechanism and other arrangements of the CCF.
2. Members noted and discussed the progress report of current assistance programmes under the CCF including the following:
  - The Education Bureau (EDB) would organise several focus group meetings on the “After-school care pilot scheme” to understand students’ needs and the actual operation of schools and non-governmental organisations.
  - The “Subsidy for elders who are on the waiting list of Integrated Home Care Services (Ordinary Cases) for household cleaning and escorting services for medical consultations” programme would be completed at the end of December. According to the evaluation of the services, two-thirds of elderly beneficiaries under the programme would be accorded priority to obtain regular services while the remaining one-third who had no priority need of regular services could obtain community support through other channels (e.g. volunteer services).
  - Members noted the arrangements made by the Social Welfare Department to disburse administrative fees to approved service providers under the “Pilot scheme on living allowance for carers of the elderly persons from low income families” programme.
  - Members were concerned about the participation of CSSA recipients in the “Incentive scheme to further encourage CSSA recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance to secure employment” programme. A meeting of the Incentive Scheme Working Group set up under the Task Force would be convened to discuss the matters concerned.
3. Members supported the proposal of expanding the “Elderly dental assistance programme” to include elders who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients as target beneficiaries, and its implementation details including the provision of \$805 million earmarked for the programme in the first three years.

4. Regarding the “Subsidy for owners’ corporations of old buildings” programme, Members noted the implementation progress and the findings of the mid-term evaluation. Among others, some Members opined that there might be a duplication of resources as the Government’s and other sources of funding (e.g. the Urban Renewal Authority or the Hong Kong Housing Society) were already available to support programmes related to the management and repair of old buildings. Therefore, it was suggested that the feasibility of integrating the above programme with other existing relevant programmes should be explored while considering the need of regularisation.
5. Members noted the support services currently provided by the Government to primary and secondary students with special educational needs (SEN) and discussed how the support to students with SEN could be enhanced through the CCF. After discussion, it was decided that the EDB would review school resources, teachers’ workload and the needs of the students concerned and their families before submitting a concrete proposal to the Task Force for Members’ consideration.