## The Seventh Meeting of the Second-term Community Care Fund Task Force 4 March 2016

## **Summary of Discussion**

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its seventh meeting on 4 March 2016. A summary of discussion is as follows:

- 1. Members noted the progress report of existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF. Among others, Members supported the proposal on the second phase funding arrangements for the After-school care pilot scheme.
- 2. Members noted the implementation of the Pilot scheme on living allowance for carers of elderly persons from low income families and supported the proposal of extending the pilot scheme to October 2018. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
- 3. Members supported the "Provision of a one-off grant for school-related expenses to kindergarten students" programme and recommended that a one-off grant for school-related expenses be provided in the 2016/17 school year to eligible students attending local non-profit-making kindergartens/kindergarten-cum-child care centres under the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme. This programme, with a total funding amount of about \$157 million, was expected to benefit around 50 000 kindergarten students. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration after consultation with Subcommittee on Poverty of the Legislative Council.