

**The Eighth Meeting of the Second-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
6 May 2016**

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its eighth meeting on 6 May 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, in order to expedite the approval of lowering the age limit of targeted beneficiaries under the Elderly dental assistance expanded programme (Expanded Programme) to cover Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged under 80, Members agreed in principle that the Food and Health Bureau should submit the proposal directly to the CoP for consideration, taking account of the implementation progress of the Expanded Programme.
2. Members supported the implementation of a pilot scheme on dementia through medical-social collaboration, so as to strengthen the supporting services for dementia at community level by providing appropriate services for elderly persons with mild or moderate dementia at District Elderly Community Centres. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
3. Members endorsed the list of new drugs (including the introduction of four specified self-financed cancer drugs) and the sixth year funding of about \$171.67 million under the First phase programme of the Medical assistance programmes. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
4. Members supported the implementation of the Free cervical cancer vaccination pilot scheme (Pilot Scheme) for teenage girls from eligible low-income families to receive free cervical cancer vaccinations. The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong had been commissioned as the implementing agent of the Pilot Scheme. The total provision of the Pilot Scheme would be around \$98.75 million and it was expected to benefit about 31 100 persons. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
5. Members supported the introduction of the following three pilot schemes for persons with disabilities (PWDs) so as strengthen support for their carers and

further promote employment of PWDs:

- (a) the Pilot scheme on raising the maximum level of disregarded earnings for disabled Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients with a total provision of about \$47.25 million. It is expected to benefit about 3 000 people;
- (b) the Pilot scheme of providing subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance recipients in paid employment to hire carers with a total provision of about \$18.9 million. It is expected to benefit about 100 people; and
- (c) the Pilot scheme on living allowance for low-income carers of PWDS with a total provision of about \$125.58 million. It is expected to benefit about 2 000 people.

The above proposals would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.