

**The Eleventh Meeting of the Second-term  
Community Care Fund Task Force  
7 March 2017**

**Summary of Discussion**

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its eleventh meeting on 7 March 2017. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress report of existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF.
2. Members discussed the views or suggestions received by the CCF during the two public consultation sessions held this year; some of them that were worth examination and deemed feasible would be followed-up by relevant bureaux and departments.
3. Members supported the proposal to renew the CCF's arrangement of placing the deposit of \$5 billion with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority for investment in mid-June this year. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
4. Members supported the list of new drugs under the "First phase programme of the Medical assistance programmes" (the Programme) and the proposed budget for the seventh year up to March 2019 (20 months). The total provision of the Programme was \$371.835 million (including an administration cost of \$17.48 million). The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
5. Members supported the implementation of the "Subsidy for eligible patients to purchase ultra-expensive drugs" programme. The 20-month programme, with a total provision of \$117.348 million (including an administration cost of \$2.783 million), was expected to benefit about 10 to 16 patients in the first 12 months. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
6. Members supported the implementation of the "Subsidy for eligible patients of Hospital Authority to purchase specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures" programme. The 20-month programme, with a total provision of \$17.331 million (including an administration cost of \$0.825 million), was expected to benefit about 42 patients in the first 12 months. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
7. Members noted the evaluation reports of the "Providing hostel subsidy for needy undergraduate students" programme and the "Increasing the academic expenses grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students" programme. They supported the extension of the two programmes for two more years up to the 2018/19 school year. The proposal would be submitted to

the CoP for consideration.