

**The Thirteenth Meeting of the Second-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
8 November 2017**

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its thirteenth meeting on 8 November 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. Among others, Members agreed to relax the funding ceiling of the audit fees in relation to three existing assistance programmes.
2. There were views that the CCF should proactively step up its efforts to raise funds from the business sector. Members agreed to send a letter of appreciation to donors of the CCF, in which the work of the CCF and the effectiveness of its assistance programmes should be stated and promoted. In the letter, it should also indicate that the CCF would always welcome more donations.
3. In respect of the views that the CCF should enhance its arrangement of public consultation sessions, Members agreed that, in addition to a public consultation session held on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon respectively, an extra session should be arranged in both the New Territories East and the New Territories West to facilitate the general public to express their views.
4. Members supported the proposal of, starting from April 2018, expanding the coverage of the Free cervical cancer vaccination pilot scheme to more target beneficiary groups and renaming it as the Cervical cancer vaccination pilot scheme. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
5. Members supported the proposed relaxation of the clinical application of the drug “eculizumab” currently covered by the Subsidy for eligible patients to purchase ultra-expensive drugs (including those for treating uncommon disorders) programme. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
6. Members supported the proposed implementation of the Pilot scheme on relocation allowance for beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement”. The three-year pilot scheme, with a total provision of \$7.22 million (including

an administration cost of \$340,000), was expected to benefit about 1 000 households. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.

7. Members supported the relaunch of the Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients living in rented private housing programme for two years with adjustment to the mechanism for calculating and disbursing subsidy. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
8. Members noted the evaluation report on the effectiveness of the Relocation allowance for eligible residents of sub-divided units in industrial buildings who have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action programme and supported some of the recommendations for programme enhancement, including expanding the target beneficiaries of the programme to cover Hong Kong residents under the age of 18 and the introduction of a mechanism to adjust the amount of allowance automatically. They also supported the proposal of renaming the programme as the Relocation allowance for residents of illegal domestic premises in industrial buildings who have to move out as a result of the Buildings Department's enforcement action. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.