

**The Fifteenth Meeting of the Second-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
1 June 2018**

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force (CCFTF) under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its fifteenth meeting on 1 June 2018. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress report of the existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF.
2. After discussion, Members supported the submission of proposals for the following assistance programmes to the CoP for consideration:
 - (a) Implementation of the Pilot scheme on subsidy for purchasing and constructing modular housing (the Pilot scheme) to facilitate the implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme - Nam Cheong Street”. The Pilot scheme, with a total provision of \$35.74 million, was expected to benefit about 90 households.
 - (b) The First phase programme of medical assistance programmes: The inclusion of two specified self-financed cancer drugs (i.e. Nivolumab and Obinutuzumab) in the programme which required no additional funding. The two proposed new drugs were expected to benefit about 25 patients in the first 12 months.
 - (c) Subsidy for eligible patients to purchase ultra-expensive drugs (including those for treating uncommon disorders) programme: The inclusion of Nusinersen, a drug for treating Spinal Muscular Atrophy, in the programme which required no additional funding. The proposed new drug was expected to benefit about 24 patients in the first 12 months.
 - (d) Subsidy for eligible patients of Hospital Authority to purchase specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures programme: Two medical devices, namely the Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator and the Percutaneous Pulmonary Valve Implantation, would be included in the programme and the total provision of the programme would be revised to \$27.015 million. The proposed new medical devices were expected to benefit about 15 patients in the first 12 months.
 - (e) Elderly dental assistance programme: The programme would be extended for

another half year (from 1 September 2018 to 28 February 2019) and a provision of \$20,000 would be earmarked for the fourth audit of the programme.

- (f) Pilot scheme on living allowance for carers of elderly persons from low-income families (Carers of elderly persons pilot scheme) and Pilot scheme on living allowance for low-income carers of persons with disabilities (PWDs) (carers of PWDs pilot scheme): Both pilot schemes would be extended for another two years. The total provision for the Carers of elderly persons pilot scheme would be revised to \$538.24 million, benefiting another 2 000 carers to make a total of 6 000 beneficiaries. As for the Carers of PWDs pilot scheme, the total provision would be revised to \$224.22 million, benefiting another 500 carers to make a total of 2 500 beneficiaries.
- (g) The programme of Enhancing the academic expenses grant for students with special educational needs and financial needs pursuing post-secondary programmes: The programme would be extended for another three academic years without additional funding and was expected to benefit about 750 cases. Members noted the evaluation report on the programme.
- (h) Subsidy for owners' corporations of old buildings scheme: Phase III of the scheme would be implemented for a period of three years without additional funding and was expected to benefit an additional number of about 2 500 owners' corporations. Members noted the evaluation report on the scheme.