

**THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE**  
**Executive Committee 2020/21**

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee for 2020/21 held on Monday, 25 January, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the pandemic, the meeting was held online.

Present : The Hon. Bernard Chan (Chairperson)  
Ms. Yvonne Chak Mr. Charles Chan  
Ms. Karrie Chan Ms. Queenie Chan  
Ms. Susan Chan Mr. Francis Chau  
Mr. Benny Cheung Mr. Raymond Chiu  
Mr. Larry Kwok Mr. Kwok Lit Tung  
Mr. Lai Wing Hoi Dr. Lam Ching Choi  
Ms. Josephine Lee Dr Edward Leung  
Mr. Kennedy Liu Dr. Annissa Lui  
Prof. Terry Lum Mr. Joseph Man  
Mr. Shiu Ka Chun Ms. Bonnie So  
Ms. Kathy Wong Ms. Wong Sau Wa  
Mr. Stephen Wong Ms. Noel Yeung  
Ms. Yvonne Yeung

In-Attendance : Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive  
Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director  
Ms. Grace Chan, Business Director  
Mr. Raymond Lai, Business Director  
Mr. Anthony Wong, Business Director

Apologies : Ms. Elizabeth Law Dr. CC Luk

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. Minutes of the last meeting dated 11 December 2020 were confirmed with no amendment.

**MATTERS ARISING**

2. No matters arising were noted from the minutes of the last meeting.

**MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND APPROVAL**

To note the Chief Executive's Progress Report

3. Members noted the Chief Executive's Progress Report and Mr. Chua provided supplementary information on below issues.

- COVID-19 Compulsory Testing and Vaccination for Staff / Service Users of Residential Homes

Mr. Chua highlighted that, though compulsory testing was supported, the Council had communicated to the Government regarding concerns expressed by operators of residential homes of elderly and persons with disabilities on arrangements of COVID-19 compulsory testing and press statements were also released to raise public concern. In order to better prepare for the forthcoming vaccination for staff and service users of residential homes, the Council and sector's representatives had a meeting with Civil Service Bureau and Food and Health Bureau on 13 January 2021 to discuss the arrangement.

- Release of Social Development Index (SDI) 2018  
Mr. Chua reported that SDI had been released for 11<sup>th</sup> time since 2018. It used to generate public attention but many of the indicators had become outdated and less effective in capturing the social development trend of Hong Kong. As such, the Council has been working to replace it with a new index: social well being index, targeted to be launched and released at the occasion of the Council's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022.
- Orientation Session for First Time Elected Members  
Mr. Chua reported that the new term of Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Specialized Committees officially took office in November 2020 and 43 members were elected for the first time. In order to strengthen members' understanding of business development, governance structure and work strategy of the Council, an orientation session was held in last December. Mr. Chua noted that the session was held in accordance with recommendations for improvement based on survey findings of the Council's performance in the Governance Health and positive feedback had been received from members participated in the session.
- Jockey Club "age at home" Gerontech Education and Rental Service (JCAGERS)  
Mr. Chua highlighted that the trial operation ended in December 2020 and a Gerontech Rental System would officially be implemented in January 2021. Owing to COVID-19, the JCAGERS education centre would only be opened to public through prior registration. Mr. Chua noted that Members of ExCo would also be invited to join the tour later.
- HSBC Hong Kong Community Partnership Programme (CPP)  
Mr. Chua reported that the programme would continue supporting NGOs to offer prompt assistance to disadvantaged groups impacted by the pandemic with a total sum of HK\$36 million in 2021. In addition, a new initiative "NGO Innovation Hub" to inspire cross-learning & drive social innovation among NGOs in collaboration with the academia, community & business partners would be launched.

#### To note the Position of Funds

4. The Position of Funds was noted and received by Members. Mr. Chua supplemented that due to COVID-19, many planned activities were either postponed or scaled down resulted in under-utilized program expenses, and a majority of overseas events had been replaced with new proposals in meeting social needs and addressing current social problems arising from the pandemic.

#### To note and approve Agency Membership Application

5. Members noted and approved the application of below agencies:
  - Big Silver Community Ltd 大銀力量有限公司
  - Invision Charity Foundation Limited 信願榮景慈善基金有限公司
  - Les Beatitudes Foundation Limited 愛連心基金有限公司

After deliberation, 4 agency applications were not approved by Members and the membership team would handle follow-up communication with concerned agencies in accordance with the prescribed procedures.

#### To note and approve Agency's Application for Change of Name

6. Members noted and approved the application for the change of name from below agency:
  - Youth Global Network Limited 突破匯動青年有限公司

#### To note and approve Appointment of Members for Steering and Advisory Committees

7. Members noted and approved the membership appointment of below Steering and Advisory Committees with effect from January 2021:

- HKCSS Institute Steering Committee
- Steering Committee on Gerontechnology Platform

### **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

#### **Feedback on Extended Governance Meeting on HKCSS Business Plan 2021-22**

8. Mr. Chua thanked Members for the fruitful exchange at Extended Governance meeting and the speakers were appreciated for sharing valuable insights and thoughts on the themes of post-pandemic service focus and strategy; challenges to NGO management in view of the LSG review and the way forward; NGO human resources strategies in coming years and how to work with the government effectively. Mr. Chua further invited views from Members on upcoming challenges and risks to be faced by the Council, such as the corporate role and strategy in addressing different aspects of social needs and how to foster district-collaboration and partnership within the sector and beyond. Views were shared by Members and in summary, below key points were noted:

- There was a view that the Council should discuss with the government in taking concrete actions to enhance infection control measures, providing not only additional resources but also clear and updated instructions and guidelines on the implementation of COVID-19 testing and vaccination, in particular, for elders and persons with disabilities in care homes and care services.
- Another member opined that the government should provide targeted support to ethnic minority groups who were deprived of updated information and timely resources to protect them with appropriate preventive measures against COVID-19 infection.
- There was also another opinion that the Council might consider taking on a post pandemic role to initiate collective efforts within the sector, stakeholders and corporate partners in rebuilding social trust in the community.
- A member echoed that the sector could help initiating solidarity work in districts creating sustained support in tackling adversities faced by disadvantaged groups.

Mr. Chua thanked Members for the advice and NGOs representatives who had joined the earlier program on 'Social Welfare Caring Campaign for Anti-epidemic' would be engaged to join deliberating upcoming work plans. More details to be reported to Members once available.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The next meeting was scheduled for 29 March 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.