

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Executive Committee 2016/17

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Executive Committee for 2016/17 held on Monday, 29 May 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 201, 2/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present:

The Hon. Bernard Chan (Chairperson)
Ms. Maggie Chan
Ms. Susan Chan
Mr. Francis Chau
Mr. Benny Cheung
Ms. Wendy Cheung
Mr. Larry Kwok
Mr. Otto Lau
Ms. Elizabeth Law
Ms. Lilian Law
Ms. Irene Leung
Dr. CC Luk
Mrs. Cynthia Luk
Mr. Joseph Man
Mr. Ng Shui Lai
Hon. Shiu Ka Chun
Mr. Stephen Yau
Ms. Noel Yeung
Ms. Amarantha Yip
Mrs. Helina Yuk

In-Attendance:

Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive
Ms. Crystal Cheng, Business Director (Service Development)
Mr. Anthony Wong, Business Director (Policy Research and Advocacy)
Dr. John Fung, Business Director (Sector and Capacity Development)
Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director (Public Engagement and Partnership)
Ms. Grace Chan, General Manager (Innovation and Technology for Ageing)

Apologies:

Dr. Fung Cheung Tim
Mr. Andy Ho
Mr. Kwok Lit Tung
Dr. C K Law
Mr. Kennedy Liu
Mr. Suen Lai Sang
Mr. Stephen Wong
Ms. Sania Yau
Dr. Alice Yuk

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. Minutes of the last meeting dated 27 March 2017 were confirmed with no amendment.

MATTERS ARISING

2. Mr. Chua noted that recently a local Institute had been warned by Education Bureau for operating an unregistered school after receiving a public complaint against it. The case had aroused concern on the potential risk and complaint which might challenge HKCSS Institute

(HKCSSI) in using the Chinese name “社聯學院”. Members noted and after discussion, it was agreed that assessing the exposure to possible risks and benefits of promotional convenience in using the Chinese name, it would be advisable for HKCSSI to refrain from using the Chinese name until potential doubts could be cleared. Mr. Chua remarked that, together with other views from Members, like a contingency plan to use other Chinese names avoiding similar ambiguities and possible impact on other NGOs, etc., this decision of ExCo would be put forward to HKCSSI Steering Committee for further consideration and the responsible staff team would follow up to provide updates on development once available.

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 Hoi Wai has provided supplementary information and updates on below items:
 - GoodPoint@Flower Market: Social Enterprise Lifestyle Hub at URA Premise, Prince Edward Road West – Mr. Chua reported that SEBC had submitted a request for contract renewal to The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) in April and which had been approved. Mr. Chua also remarked that the contract of the past 3 years had been completed with satisfactory feedback in gathering positive efforts to build community and social impact. Members noted and endorsed that Mr. Chua, Chief Executive of the Council, be delegated and authorized to sign with URA the license agreement and other related documents in relation to URA premise at 204 Prince Edward Road West (Good Point).
 - Independent Survey on Salaries and Allowances for Heads of Subvented Social Service Agencies - Mr. Chua reported that the Hong Kong Institute of Human Resource Management (HKIHRM) had completed conducting a survey on the general profile of remuneration packages offered to heads of subvented agencies and key findings had been reported to Specialized Committee on Sector Finance. It was noted that the Council’s management would also present the report and its findings at LegCo Welfare Panel meeting and Agency Heads meeting. Mr. Chua further noted that the findings had provided a true and fair view on the general trend of remuneration of heads of subvented agencies and full details of the report would be made available to Members after the Meeting. Few Members have also shared a view that NGOs should be alert in using the terms of “bonus” and “performance reward” which usually associated with and applied to business/profit-making operation and thus would inevitably confuse the public of their perception against the expectation upon NGOs being non-profits. Mr. Chua noted and thanked Members for the comments which would be taken into consideration

To note the Position of Funds

4. Members noted the position of funds and the reserves which were limited in amount, hence with no particular usage at existing stage. No further enquiries were noted from Members.

To note and approve the Application for Agency Membership

5. Members noted and approved the application for agency membership of:
 - Dance with Depression Association Limited 與抑鬱共舞協會有限公司
 - Hong Kong Community Network Limited 香港社區網絡有限公司

To note and approve the Change of Agency Name

6. Members noted and approved the change of agency name of:
 - Junior Achievement (Hong Kong) Limited 國際成就計劃(香港)有限公司

To note and approve the Withdrawal of Agency Membership

7. Members noted and approved the change of agency name of:
 - The Hong Kong Girl Guides Association 香港女童軍總會

To note the Annual Progress Report on NGO Governance Platform Project (GPP)

8. Members noted and endorsed the annual progress report of GPP, which would also be reported to SWD as required.

To note the Annual Election Procedures and Schedule for 2017 AGM

9. Mr. Chua reported that the Council's 2017 AGM has been scheduled to be held on 1 November together with HKCSS Convention 2017 at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The AGM would commence at 9am followed by keynote address of Mrs. Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of HKSAR, who would kick-start the Convention. Members noted and endorsed the formation of Election Committee in overseeing the overall operation of the election, the appointment of Mr. Kennedy Liu and Mr. Larry Kwok serving on the Election Committee and the follow-up election arrangements of the new governance for 2017-19. Members further endorsed the revised Election Guidelines and in response to a Member's suggestion, an English version of the Guidelines would be prepared for ExCo's endorsement. Once endorsement was sought from ExCo, the Membership team would proceed with election arrangements according to the recommended schedule. *(Post-meeting note: the English version had been circulated to ExCo for endorsement by email on 23 June and had been officially endorsed on 29 June, having received no further enquiries).*

To note the presentation on GIES (16-18 June 2017)

10. Members noted the presentation on GIES which would be held from 16-18 June 2017. Mr. Chua highlighted that a welcome reception would be arranged in the evening of 15 June at CGO to be officiated by the Chief Executive-HKSAR and an opening ceremony in the morning of 16 June at HKCEC. The GIES would then be open to the public in the afternoon of 16 June. Mr. Chua noted that should Members have any enquiries in relation to GIES, Dr. John Fung and/or Ms. Grace Chan could be contacted for assistance.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2017 Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting (WAPs) List

11. Ms. Crystal Cheng, Business Director (Service Development) reported that the 2017 welfare agenda and priorities setting exercise would be held on 21 June and the preparation work has been progressing on schedule according to the workflow. Ms. Cheng further highlighted that the number of participants of the year have already exceeded that of last year, with more users, frontline workers and members of Government advisory Committees joining. The themes of 2017 would mainly include various welfare planning focusing on premises, resources on service as well as on elderly, family and community, children and youth and rehabilitation services. A draft list of service concerns had also been sent to Members for advice. Members noted and have given views in particular on the future partnership and strategy of Council in working with the New Secretary for Labour and Welfare. Noted Members' concern, Mr. Chua remarked that a meeting with the New Secretary would be arranged in early July and Members of ExCo would be invited once a date was fixed. Ms. Cheng thanked Members for the comments and would keep Members updated of further developments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Update on LSG Review

12. Mr. Chua updated that a common consensus with HKSWA, HKSWGU and LegCo office of Hon. Shiu Ka Chun had been reached to initiate an engagement process so that different views in the sector could be collected. Mr. Chua noted that the Council would also collect

further views at Agency Heads meeting. It was hoped that a higher consensus could be reached finally and thus laying ground for a more compromising environment for upcoming deliberation with the government.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13. The next meeting was scheduled for 31 July 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 201 of Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.