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CONTENTS	<p>CPC 4/97</p> <p>THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY</p> <p>Memorandum for the Commercial Properties Committee</p> <p>Delegation of Authority</p> <p>PURPOSE</p> <p>To seek Members' approval to revise the authority delegated to officers of the Housing Department for administrative convenience and greater efficiency in commercial properties management.</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>2. The last comprehensive review of delegation of authority to departmental officers in respect of matters falling under the terms of reference of the Commercial Properties Committee was undertaken in 1994 (Paper No. CPC 22/94). The terms of reference and related delegation of power are set out in details in columns (A) to (C) of the Annex.</p> <p>NEED FOR REVIEW</p> <p>3. This review is necessary to -</p> <p>(a) consolidate the changes in delegated authority approved since 1994;</p> <p>(b) consolidate the revision of financial limits approved since 1994; and</p> <p>(c) extend the delegation of routine powers for greater administrative efficiency.</p> <p>CHANGES IN DELEGATION</p> <p>4. Relevant changes are summarized below -</p> <p>(a) Authority Delegated since 1994</p> <p>(i) (Item (A) (vii) and (viii), and B (i) (3) (a) on pages 2 and 3 of the Annex)</p> <p>Power to accept offers to lease or manage on the recommendation of the Letting Panel delegated to AD/CP except in complex or significant cases (Paper No. CPC 27/96)</p> <p>(ii) (Item (D) (xvii) on page 7 of the Annex)</p> <p>Power to let commercial premises on market rent basis to Non-government Organizations to provide employment for disabled persons on the recommendation of the Director of Social</p>

Welfare delegated as for Letting by Negotiation (Paper No. CPC 29/95).

(iii) (Item (C)(ii)(1) on page 11 of the Annex)

Power to grant rent reductions in line with the 6-monthly rent review for premises affected by the Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme in total not exceeding \$150,000 per month delegated to AD/CP (Paper No. CPC 44/95).

(vi) (Item (C)(iii) on page 11 of the Annex)

Approval of biennial rent review for graded shops delegated to AD/CP (Paper No. CPC 67/95).

(b) Revision of Financial Limits Approved since 1994

(Item (C)(i) and (ii) on page 4 of the Annex)

Increased financial limits for acceptance of the highest rental tender not below upset rent or SES/CES's assessment and the highest premium tender (Paper No. EFC 41/96).

(c) Proposed Extensions to Delegation of Authority

(i) (Item(D)(ii)(1) and (2) on page 5 of the Annex)

Authority to grant full compensation package on early surrender of medical/dental clinics affected by redevelopment in circumstances outlined in Paper No. CPC 36/91 to be delegated to AD/CP.

(ii) (Item(D)(vii) on page 6 of the Annex)

Approval of lettings of radio antennae and base stations at standard rates to be delegated to SHM/P&TS.

(iii)(Item (D)(xviii) on page 7 of the Annex)

Approval of lettings and tenancy renewals of environmental monitoring stations to be delegated to CHM/CP.

(iv) (Item (B)(iii)(3) on page 9 of the Annex)

Setting of standard rate of charge for tennis/squash courts to be delegated to CHM/CP.

(v) (Item (B)(iii)(6)(b) on page 10 of the Annex)

Adoption of reduced night time hourly rate (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) for lorries (Paper No. CPC 51/94) to be delegated to CHM/CP.

(vi) (Item (B)(iii)(7) on page 10 of the Annex)

Adoption of reduced night time hourly rate for private cars (Paper No. CPC 51/94) to be delegated to CHM/CP.

PRESUMPTION

5. It is not thought that Members will have any objection to the recommendations at paragraph 4 above. If no objection or request for discussion is received by the Committees' Secretary by noon on 27 January 1997, Members' approval will be presumed and appropriate action taken.

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