

THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY**Memorandum for the Commercial Properties Committee****Revision to Delegation of Authority****PURPOSE**

To seek Members' approval to revise the delegation of authority following the reorganisation of Departmental staff.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT REORGANISATION

2. As part of the recent reorganisation of the Department with effect from 15 April 1997, the former Management and Maintenance Divisions were re-grouped under the new Management Branch. To further integrate the management and maintenance functions in the Branch, the Department launched a Pilot Scheme in estates of the New Territories (West) Region with effect from 1 June 1997, whereby the affected estates were grouped under two management regions. The management and maintenance teams in each region were combined under one chief professional whose general post title is Chief Manager/Management (CM/M). The CM/M may be either a Chief Housing Manager, a Chief Maintenance Surveyor, a Chief Building Services Engineer or a Chief Structural Engineer. Subject to a successful pilot run, this Scheme will be extended to all other estates in the Management Branch.

3. To enable the CMs/M in the Management Branch to exercise the authority delegated under Paper No. CPC 4/97, it is necessary to replace the existing delegations to RCHMs with corresponding delegations to CM/M. Members' approval on this revised delegation is requested.

PRESUMPTION

4. It is not thought that Members will have any objection to the recommendation at paragraph 3 above. If no objection or request for discussion is received by the Committees' Secretary **by noon on 5 August 1997**, Members' approval will be presumed.

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