THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 1998

PARAGRAPH

Healthy Living into the 21st Century

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Some 870 000 publicity leaflets have been distributed to domestic households of Housing Authority properties and

5 000 posters put up on the notice boards of all HA properties.

Two professionals, one from a property management agent and one from a cleaning association, have been invited to join as members of the lean Neighborhood Committee' (CNC) chaired by Director of Housing. They shared their expertise and advice on cleansing matters at the CNC meeting held on 12 August 1998.

The Department will revisit the tendering and monitoring systems to find out if there is any relationship between these systems and the problems arising from estate design and facilities. Housing Department, Urban Services Department and Regional Services Department will work together for the improvement of designs for refuse collection stations and markets.

As prosecution of \(\frac{1}{2}\) itter bugs" by estate staff will affect the landlord/tenant relationship, it has been proposed that a tactical non estate-based squad of prosecutors will be mobilized to different estates to prosecute \(\frac{1}{2}\) itter bugs".

The Department will mobilize its volunteer corps and Estate Management Advisory Committee volunteers to carry out household cleaning for the elderly, the disabled and singletons in need.

Impact on Private Sector Participation Scheme as a result of suspension of land sales

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The Department has liaised with Housing Bureau on the Land Sales Programme and the likely production programme for Private Sector Participation Scheme (PSPS). Preliminary assessment indicates that although the suspension of land sales will defer the development of six PSPS sites (about 20 700 flats), this will have only a marginal impact on long-term flat production. Therefore, we are still confident of meeting the target of reducing the average waiting time for public rental housing to five years by 2001, to four years by 2003 and to three years by 2005. Upon finalization of the programme for PSPS, detailed assessment will be made and reported to the relevant Committees of the Authority.

The Department will explore the possibility of increasing the development density of public housing on individual projects basis.

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