

THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY

Memorandum for the Home Ownership Committee and the Management and Operations Committee

Long Term Housing Strategy Review

Promotion of Home Ownership Among Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme Tenants

PURPOSE

This paper informs Members of the present position of the proposed mortgage subsidy scheme for promoting home ownership among Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme (CRP) tenants.

BACKGROUND

2. In the Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) Review completed early last year, the Housing Authority (HA) endorsed the review proposal to grant a monthly mortgage subsidy during the first three years to CRP tenants who choose to buy, rather than rent, new flats in reception estates. The HA, nevertheless, recommended in the review report that the proposals on promotion of home ownership among CRP tenants be incorporated in the Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS) Review, the result of which will be the subject of an extensive public consultation exercise. The relevant chapter of the Report on the Review of Home Ownership Scheme is at **Annex** for
..... Members' reference.

LTHS REVIEW PROPOSAL

3. The Government has recently completed the LTHS Review and published a consultative document in January 1997 for public consultation. The proposed mortgage subsidy scheme for CRP tenants is supported by the Review as an initiative to provide more opportunities for home purchase among PRH tenants.

4. In our response to the LTHS Review, we will welcome its support to our proposed mortgage subsidy scheme for CRP tenants which is one of our initiatives to promote home ownership in the HOS Review.

INFORMATION

5. This paper is for Members' information.

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