

## **THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY**

### **Memorandum for the Home Ownership Committee**

#### **Participation of Housing Society Tenants and One-Person Households in the Secondary Market**

#### **PURPOSE**

To inform Members that Housing Society (HS) tenants and 1-person households with Green Form (GF) eligibility will be allowed to participate in the Secondary Market (SM) for Home Ownership Scheme (HOS)/Private Sector Participation Scheme (PSPS) flats.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. Members will recall having endorsed vide Paper No. HOC 4/97 the mode of operation of the SM, the participation of the HS tenants in this market would however to be sorted out with HS. Meanwhile, the eligibility of 1-person households to join the SM will also need to be resolved.

#### **CONSIDERATION**

##### **HS Tenants**

3. The Department has since agreed with HS to allow HS tenants to join the scheme as they are already on par with our PRH tenants in applying for HOS/PSPS flats. Flats recovered from successful HS applicants will also continue to be used for reallocation to Waiting List applicants.

### **1-Person Households**

4. Since Phase 17B in 1995, 1-person households with GF eligibility have been allowed to purchase the smallest type of HOS flats with salable floor area of no more than 22m<sup>2</sup> in transfer blocks. With the introduction of the SM, these flats will gradually be provided for sale. In view of their small size, it is envisaged that they would be welcomed by small households.

5. However, for better utilization of public housing resources, 1-person households should be restricted to purchase the smallest type of HOS flats with salable floor area of no more than 22m<sup>2</sup>. This restriction will be stipulated in the certificate of eligibility to be issued to prospective purchasers when these flats become available for sale in the SM.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

6. The Department considers it appropriate for HS tenants and 1-person households with GF eligibility to participate in the SM for HOS/PSPS flats with a restriction on 1-person households in buying flats with salable floor area of no more than 22m<sup>2</sup>.

### **INFORMATION**

7. This paper is issued for Members' information.

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