

SPORTS COMMISSION

Progress Report of the Community Sports Committee

INTRODUCTION

This paper reports on the work of the Community Sports Committee (CSC) since the last update to the Sports Commission (SC) in August 2013.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the CSC meeting on 14 November, Members discussed the following issues.

Follow-up Action on the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (PFT)

3. To follow up the recommendations of the PFT, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), in collaboration with other stakeholders continues to organise diverse recreation and sports programmes to meet the specific needs of different target groups. A mobile phone application on “Fitness Walking” was launched in August 2013 to promote the activity and encourage people to participate regularly in sport and other physical activities.

Sport For All Day 2013

4. The Sport For All Day 2013 was held on 4 August. A total of 220 000 people participated in the event, of whom 29 000 joined free programmes and 198 000 used leisure facilities free of charge.

Progress Report on Proposals to improve the Arrangements for the Booking and Allocation of Recreation and Sports Facilities under the LCSD

5. In response to a report on the booking and allocation of leisure facilities by the Ombudsman, since June 2013, LCSD has implemented measures, such as: shortening the advance booking period of individual hires from 30 days to 10 days, shortening the reallocation period for cancelled bookings from 60 days to 15 days, cancelling the “stand-by” arrangement for football pitches on a trial basis, and withdrawing concessionary booking arrangements for minders. Since the implementation of the measures, an initial assessment shows that the operation of leisure facilities has been smooth with usage rates steady. LCSD will formally cancel the “stand-by” arrangement for football pitches upon completion of the trial in December 2013.

Report on Establishment of Sports Training Bases

6. In 2008, LCSD introduced a pilot scheme to convert two relatively less utilised public sports venues, namely the Kowloon Tsai Park Tennis and Squash Courts and the Jockey Club Kwai Shing Public Squash Courts into dedicated sports training bases for tennis and shooting respectively for operation by non-profit making sports organisations. Whilst the training bases are used primarily for structured training programmes for athletes, the facilities are also made available for hire by members of the public at certain hours. After several years of operation, LCSD has found that the two training bases are conducive to sports development and the arrangement is also helping to maximise use of the facilities. Accordingly, LCSD will continue to contract out the two venues to relevant non-profit making sports organisations to operate training bases.

KEY ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

7. The items that the CSC will address in the coming months include -
- (a) overseeing the preparation of the 5th Hong Kong Games and the setting up of the Organizing Committee; and
 - (b) implementation of the School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note this report.

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