

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 December 2013.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the 33rd CSC meeting on 28 February 2014, Members discussed the following issues.

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

3. In response to a report by the Office of the Ombudsman, in June 2013 the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has implemented improvement measures on the booking and allocation mechanism for its sports and recreation facilities, and will implement further improvement measures in 2014. These include: reducing the number of sessions of the same type of facility that an individual can book during peak hours to allow more individuals to have access to the facilities; showing the block bookings taken up by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the LCSD in the block booking quotas to improve transparency; revising the penalty system for organisations for failing to take up their booked sessions; and imposing penalties on individual hirers who fail to use their booked sessions or commit other irregularities. Other improvement measures recommended by the Ombudsman such as introducing immediate payment for bookings made through telephone and computerising the booking of non-fee charging facilities will not be implemented in the near future due to cost effectiveness considerations.

5th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

4. The 5th Hong Kong Games will take place in 2015. To facilitate early preparation of the Games and the launching of publicity programmes, the 5th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee will be formed in March 2014. The committee, led by the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the CSC, will

comprise representatives from the CSC, the 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, “national sports associations”, HAB and LCSD.

“Sport for All” Day 2014

5. LCSD will organise the “Sport for All” Day 2014 on 3 August 2014. As in previous years, LCSD will organise free recreation and sports programmes at designated sports centres in the 18 districts to encourage people to try out different activities with their families. We anticipate that most fee-charging leisure facilities will be open for the public’s free use on the event day.

Review of School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme (SSPC Scheme)

6. The three-year SSPC Scheme was implemented in school year 2012-13. We have conducted a mid-term review after the first year of implementation, and have received encouraging results and positive feedback from participating schools, students and SSPCs. We will conduct a full review before the completion of the three-year pilot scheme in order to map out the way forward for developing the scheme.

KEY ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

7. The key items that the CSC will address in the coming months include –

- (a) overseeing the preparation of the 5th Hong Kong Games;
- (b) overseeing the preparation of the “Sport for All” Day 2014; and
- (c) monitoring the progress of the review of the SSPC Scheme.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note this update and the key items set out above.

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