

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 in August 2014.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the 34th CSC meeting on 29 August 2014, Members discussed the following issues.

2014 “Sport for All” Day

3. The 2014 “Sport for All” Day was held on 3 August. Over 220 000 people participated in the event, of whom about 31 000 joined free programmes and 195 000 used leisure facilities free of charge.

Progress report on proposals to improve arrangements for booking and allocating LCSD recreation and sports facilities

4. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has implemented 17 out of the 22 improvement measures recommended by the Ombudsman with regard to the booking and allocation mechanism for its sports and recreation facilities. LCSD will keep the remaining five measures - which require more in-depth consideration and resources for implementation - under review; these are: (1) taking administrative measures to curb possible abuse of priority booking rights of bona fide organisations; (2) introducing immediate payment for telephone reservations; (3) providing a computerised system for booking non-fee charging facilities; (4) making the signing-in arrangement more flexible by allowing hirers to authorise at the time of booking another user to sign in for the booked session; and (5) adjusting the opening hours of turf soccer pitches to increase supply.

Progress report on the School Sports Tour – iSmart Fitness Scheme

5. The School Sports Tour - iSmart Fitness Scheme is a pilot scheme implemented for primary school students in the 2013-14 school year. A review conducted after the first year of implementation has found that the scheme is effective in meeting the key objectives of arousing students’ interest in sport, increasing their participation in physical activity, and enhancing parents’ awareness of their children’s

health condition. We will implement the scheme as an on-going programme under the School Sports Programme from the 2014-15 school year onwards.

The 5th Hong Kong Games

6. The 5th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC) and Standing Committee (SC) were formed in March this year and have each met twice since then. Athlete selection for the eight sports is being conducted in 18 districts and will be completed in late January 2015. A series of public participation programmes, including Elite Athletes' Demonstration and Exchange Programme, Sports Seminar cum Carnival, Vitality Run, Cheering Competition for the 18 Districts, Guess and Vote Activities and Dynamic Moments Photo Contest are taking place between June 2014 and May 2015.

KEY ITEM TO BE ADDRESSED

7. The key item that the CSC will address in the coming months is overseeing the preparation of the 5th Hong Kong Games.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note this update.

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