

SPORTS COMMISSION

Progress Report of the Elite Sports Committee

INTRODUCTION

This paper reports on the work of the Elite Sports Committee (ESC) since the last update to the Sports Commission (SC) in August 2018.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the meeting held on 7 March 2019, the ESC discussed the following issues.

Introduction of Elite Vote Support System and Full-time Athlete System for Disability Sports

3. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) reviewed the Pilot Scheme for Elite Vote Support System for Disability Sports (Pilot Scheme) launched in December 2017 with the 2018 Asian Para Games (APG). The Pilot Scheme was effective in enhancing athletes' performance. The HAB proposed to introduce a long-term Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) and full-time athlete system for disability sports. The ESC endorsed the HAB's proposal and recommended its submission to the SC for consideration. Details are set out in Paper No. SC 2/2019.

Evaluation of Sports Achievements under Elite Vote Support System for the 2017-18 Review Period

4. Pursuant to the EVSS endorsed by the SC in September 2017, the Board of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) endorsed its results of the evaluation of sports' achievements under the EVSS for the 2017-18 review period. Details are set out in Paper No. SC 3/2019. In gist, it is recommended for the 2019-23 support cycle –

- (a) to include equestrian as a Tier A sport; and
- (b) to include contract bridge as a Tier B sport.

5. The ESC endorsed the evaluation results and recommended its submission to the SC for consideration.

Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited (HKSIL) 2019-20 Annual Plan and Budget

6. Having considered the operational needs and requirements of the HKSI in the financial year of 2019-20, the ESC endorsed the HKSIL's 2019-20 Annual Plan and Budget and recommended its submission to the SC for consideration. Details are set out in Paper No. SC 4/2019.

Progress Report on the Five-Year Development Programme for Team Sports (the Programme)

7. The HAB met with each of the eight “national sports association” and Hong Kong team members concerned in end of 2018 to review their performance in the 2018 AG, their implementation of the Programme and their 2019 training and competition plans. Having considered their needs on strengthen and conditioning, sports science and sports medicine, the HAB proposed to enhance the programme funding as detailed in Paper No. SC 5/2019. The ESC endorsed the HAB's proposal and recommended its submission to the SC for consideration.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to note the progress reported above.

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