

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 October 2012.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the 29th CSC meeting on 27 November 2012, Members discussed the following issues.

Proposal to improve arrangements for booking and allocation of recreation and sports facilities under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

3. In response to a Direct Investigation Report by the Office of the Ombudsman (the Ombudsman) on the booking and allocation of recreation and sports facilities, LCSD has reviewed the booking and allocation mechanism and proposes to implement measures to improve the existing arrangements. Some of the improvements involve significant changes to existing booking arrangements. LCSD is seeking views from stakeholders including the District Councils and “national sports associations” (NSAs). After collecting and analysing views from various sectors, LCSD will revise the booking and allocation procedures, and modify its computerised booking system accordingly to facilitate the implementation of the improvement measures. A paper setting out the proposed improvement measures put forward by LCSD is at **Annex**.

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

4. The findings of the PFT were publicised in a press release on 5 November 2012. Representatives of LCSD, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Department of Health met in November 2012 to map out a follow-up action plan to promote sport and physical activity as a part of everyday life. The follow-up work includes wider publication of the PFT findings and recommendations to introduce these to the public; enhancing publicity and education work amongst students and their parents; organising more recreation and sports programmes suitable for different age groups, women and inactive groups; further publicising the importance of the “baseline indicator” of physical activity and encouraging people who have achieved the baseline to aim for a higher level; and raising public awareness about developing a healthy lifestyle through a balanced diet and regular participation in physical activity.

“Sport for All” Day 2012

5. “Sport for All” 2012 was held on 5 August with “the Olympics” as the theme of the event. About 186 600 people used the free facilities and some 29 400 people took part in free recreation and sports programmes.

School Sports Programme Coordinator (SSPC) Pilot Scheme

6. The pilot scheme began this (2012-13) school year and currently 13 retired athletes are working in participating schools. Representatives from HAB, EDB, LCSD and the HKSI visited the schools in October and November 2012 to collect feedback on the scheme from school principals and teachers and the retired athletes. Their general comments were that the scheme is conducive to promoting sport in schools as well as to retired athletes’ career development.

The 4th Hong Kong Games (HKG)

7. The 2nd Standing Committee and 3rd Organising Committee of the 4th HKG met in October and November 2012 respectively to discuss preparation for the games. Publicity and community involvement programmes will include a sports seminar, 18 Districts’ Pledging Ceremony, Elite Athletes Demonstration and Exchange Programmes and Cheering Team Competition. Estimated expenditure on the 4th HKG is \$25 million. We have received sponsorship of \$5.22 million in cash and \$2.83 million in kind, including cash sponsorship of \$5 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, which will be the “Principal Contributor” to the 4th HKG and the title sponsor for the athletics and futsal competitions.

KEY ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

8. The key items that the CSC will address in the coming months include -
- (a) following up on the proposed improvement measures on the booking and allocation of recreation and sports facilities of LCSD;
 - (b) following up on the findings of the PFT;
 - (c) monitoring the implementation of the SSPC Pilot Scheme; and
 - (d) overseeing the preparation and organisation of the 4th HKG.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to note the update and key action items above.

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