Multi-purpose Sports Complex at Kai Tak

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the proposed scope of development of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) at Kai Tak and seeks Members' views in this regard.

Background

2. The Government's strategy for developing sport in Hong Kong is threefold: to promote sport in the community, to support elite sport, and to make Hong Kong a centre for major international sports events. The Government provides sports facilities in accordance with our policy objectives for sports development and to address the needs of residents in individual districts. The South East Kowloon Development Plan includes an MPSC that will be suitable for hosting major international events and that will have facilities for regular public use.

3. According to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, there will still be a shortfall of three sports centres and one standard sports ground in East Kowloon (including Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Districts) by 2021. Moreover, our existing venues for staging international sports events have insufficient seating capacity and lack appropriate supporting facilities. The planned MPSC will include high quality sports facilities that will help alleviate Hong Kong's shortage of venues suitable for hosting major international sports events as well as public sports facilities.

4. After studying various procurement and financing options, we consider that the Public Works Programme (PWP) procurement model, together with the involvement of private sector in the long-term operation, is the best option to ensure the compliance of the Government regulations

as appropriate whilst also harnessing the expertise and creativity of the private sector. In engaging the private sector, we are mindful of the need to ensure that the public facilities at the MPSC are run primarily for the benefit of the local community.

Site location

5. The site plan of the MPSC is at <u>Annex 1</u>. The site is zoned as "Other Specified Uses (Stadium)" (marked in red in Annex 1) and "Open Space (1)" (marked in orange in Annex 1) in the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan. As regards the adjoining site zoned as "Open Space" (marked in blue in Annex 1), the Bureau hopes that it can be developed along with the MPSC.

Proposed scope of development

6. The MPSC will provide high quality sports facilities as well as sports venues and open space for the community. With a mixture of sports facilities, open space, park features and retail and dining outlets, the MPSC will be open to the public throughout the day, seven days a week.

- 7. The proposed MPSC development will include:
 - a 50 000-seat stadium with a retractable roof to allow the hosting of major international sports and entertainment events under all weather conditions;
 - a public sports ground with permanent seating for 5 000 spectators. The ground will be a venue for jogging, athletics training and competition, and football and rugby matches;
 - an indoor sports arena with a main arena with permanent seating for 4 000 spectators and a secondary arena with seating for 400 spectators to accommodate sports such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and wushu;
 - office space of at least 10 000 square metres;

- commercial space of at least 31 500 square metres to accommodate retail and food and beverage outlets;
- park features suitable for use by people of all ages, such as children's play areas, tai chi areas and fitness stations;
- a landscaped garden with extensive planting, as well as rain shelters cum pavilions with benches;
- a grass area with shades and seating; and
- other ancillary facilities, including meter rooms, lavatories, baby care rooms and store rooms, etc.

The master layout plan is at <u>Annex 2</u>.

Follow-up action

8. The Architectural Services Department will soon commence the pre-construction works of the MPSC project, which include engaging consultants for the relevant technical studies, quantity surveying consultants for preparing the main contract for the construction works, as well as specialist contractors for ground investigations. The Administration will continue to seek advice from the District Council, sports sector and the community regarding the MPSC development.

Advice sought

9. Members are invited to give their views on the proposed scope of development set out in paragraph 7 above.

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