MEMORANDUM FOR THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD

PROGRESS UPDATE OF CENTRAL POLICE STATION COMPOUND REVITALISATION PROJECT

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members of the latest position with regard to the Central Police Station (CPS) Compound revitalisation project, following the partial collapse of the Married Inspectors' Quarters (i.e. Block 4) on 29 May 2016, and seeks Members' views on the recovery options of Block 4 preliminarily proposed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC), the project proponent.

BACKGROUND

- 2. The CPS, the Central Magistracy and the Victoria Prison were declared as monuments in 1995. A Conservation Management Plan of the CPS Compound was presented to the Board in 2008. Following extensive consultation, the CPS Compound is being revitalised as a centre for heritage, contemporary art and leisure, complementing the organic development of the neighboring area as a contemporary arts zone. Revitalisation works of the CPS Compound commenced in 2012.
- 3. On 29 May 2016, Block 4 partially collapsed. Contractors of HKJC subsequently carried out urgent stabilisation works for Block 4. Separately, HKJC has set up an independent review panel to look into the cause of the incident and recommend improvement measures. In parallel, HKJC has commenced drawing up a recovery plan for Block 4 and has preliminarily proposed several recovery options which are detailed at **Annex**.

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ADVICE SOUGHT

4. Representatives from HKJC will update Members on the latest position of the CPS Compound revitalisation project. Members are also invited to offer views on the recovery options for Block 4 preliminarily proposed by HKJC.

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