

**MEMORADUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE
ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**REVIEW OF THE REVITALISING HISTORIC BUILDINGS
THROUGH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME**

PURPOSE

To inform Members of the initial review outcome by the Advisory Committee on the Revitalisation of Historic Buildings (AC) on the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (the Revitalisation Scheme).

BACKGROUND

2. The Revitalisation Scheme invites non-profit making organisations (NPOs) with charitable status under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance to apply for adaptive re-use of selected government-owned historic buildings in the form of social enterprise. On 25 February 2009, we presented to the Board the selection results of Batch I of the Revitalisation Scheme. We advised the Board that taking into account the experience of Batch I, a review of the Scheme would be carried out and improvements incorporated before launching Batch II in mid-2009. This paper summarises the comments received so far from various stakeholders and the initial assessment made by the AC.

SCOPE OF REVIEW AND INITIAL ASSESSMENT

3. Based on comments received so far from LegCo, District Councils (DCs), participating NPOs, etc., the AC has conducted an initial assessment. There are 3 main areas:

- (a) the vetting criteria in general;
- (b) terminology and explanation of the individual vetting criterion; and
- (c) modus operandi.

The existing five vetting criteria and their weightings are attached at **Annex 1**. A summary of comments collected and the initial assessment made by AC are at **Annex 2**.

FORUM ON 5 MAY 2009

4. Based on the initial assessment made by AC, DEVB and AC will organise a forum on 5 May 2009 to brief stakeholders the experience in Batch I as well as give an introduction on Batch II. Stakeholders such as previous applicants of Batch I, professional institutes, etc will be invited. Organisations interested in participating in Batch II are strongly advised to attend to know more about the latest of the Scheme. After the Forum, all comments received will be considered/incorporated and we aim to officially invite applications to Batch II in June 2009.

ADVICE SOUGHT

5. Board Members are invited to note the initial assessment made by the AC on the Revitalisation Scheme and offer their comments at the meeting.

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