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CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE TOWN PLANNING WHITE BILL

Introduction

This paper is to brief Members on the Town Planning White Bill which was published in the Gazette on 26 July 1996.

Background

2. A consultation paper on the Comprehensive Review of the Town Planning Ordinance was published in July 1991 to solicit public views for a period of about six months. At the same time, a Special Committee (SCCB) was also appointed to consider the issues of compensation and betterment arising from planning action. The Special Committee submitted its final Report to the Administration in March 1992.

3. Since then, the Administration has given careful consideration to the public comments received and the recommendations of the SCCB Report in finalising proposals for the new planning legislation. The Administration has now consolidated the proposals in the form of a White Bill for public consultation.

4. A copy of the White Bill together with a consultation paper which explains the major proposals in the White Bill is attached.

Advice Sought

5. The consultation period on the White Bill will end on 31 December 1996. Any written comments on the White Bill can be sent to the Planning Department, 16/F, Murray Building, Garden Road. The Bill will be revised as necessary taking into account the public comments received before it is introduced into the Legislative Council.

6. Members are invited to comment on the proposals in the Town Planning White Bill.

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