

Family Council

**Youth Development Strategy for Hong Kong:
Public Engagement Report**

PURPOSE

This paper aims to brief members on the Youth Development Strategy for Hong Kong: Public Engagement Report (“the Public Engagement Report”) issued by the Commission on Youth (“CoY”).

BACKGROUND

2. On the invitation of the Government, CoY conducted the Public Engagement on Youth Development Policy (“the Public Engagement”) from May to October 2017. As part of the Public Engagement, views and comments from Members of the Family Council on youth development work were sought at the 33rd meeting held on 6 June 2017. CoY completed the Public Engagement in end October 2017 and released the Public Engagement Report on 7 March 2018.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

3. The Public Engagement Report consolidates opinions collected from four Public Engagement Sessions and 101 Focus Group Meetings, which were attended by young people of different backgrounds, as well as a wide range of stakeholders involved in youth development work, e.g. parents, secondary school principals and teachers, representatives from tertiary institutions, uniformed groups, non-governmental organisations, corporations, start-ups, social enterprises, other entities serving or working with youth, etc.

4. Having regard to the comments collected during the Public

Engagement and in view of the impending establishment of the Youth Development Commission (“YDC”), CoY recommends that YDC should adopt a holistic **Youth Development Strategy** as the basis of its work and as an overarching framework to ensure that all policy bureaux and stakeholders should uphold the same principles in fostering youth development.

5. The Strategy comprises the following elements: a **vision, guiding principles, building blocks** forming the key areas of youth development and recommended **actions**. With a view to providing an enabling environment for youth so that they can realise their full potential in different areas, the Strategy comprises the following building blocks: education, career pursuit, housing and financial independence, health, civic participation and whole-person development, plus an additional building block on equal opportunities which permeates the Strategy and ensures that the development of young people will not be hindered owing to their backgrounds.

6. CoY recommends that YDC should give priority to discussing issues that have cross-bureau implications to give effect to its role as a cross-bureau and inter-departmental steering committee. Besides, YDC should continue to engage young people and various stakeholders throughout the policy formulation and discussion process, with a view to fostering territory-wide support, so that the society can work towards the vision of the Strategy and ensure that the Strategy itself is a living document.

WAY FORWARD

7. As announced in the Chief Executive’s 2017 Policy Address, the YDC, to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, will be set up in the first half of 2018 to enhance policy coordination within the Government and enable holistic and more effective examination of, and discussion on, issues of concern to young people. The existing CoY under HAB will be incorporated into the higher-level YDC. The Government and the future YDC will study the findings and recommendations of the Public Engagement Report in detail with a view to formulating the work plan of the future YDC.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note the Public Engagement Report released by CoY.

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