

COUNTRY AND MARINE PARKS BOARD

Summary Report of the Country Parks Committee

1. Purpose

1.1 This paper aims to inform Members of the major issues discussed at the Country Parks Committee meeting held on 6 March 2025.

2. Co-creating the Visual Identity of Country Park Public Toilets through Collaborative Design Thinking Exercise

2.1 In order to take forward enhancements to the visual identity of public toilets in country parks (CP) and gauge opinions from stakeholders, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), initiated a collaborative design thinking exercise through organising a series of engagement workshops to co-create with stakeholders a visual identity that would align with the overall image of CP. The insights gathered from the workshops were consolidated into a set of guidelines for creating a consistent and easily recognisable visual identity design for public toilets in CP, which encompassed brand identity, illustration protocols, system and fabrication, and interior design, for implementation in existing and new public toilets.

2.2 In addition to the overall image, Members were concerned about maintenance, dehumidification and ventilation issues in public toilets. The ArchSD said that the floor design had duly taken various factors into consideration, including whether the material was slippery, as well as easy to clean and maintain. The ArchSD emphasised that these factors would be carefully considered when selecting the materials. The AFCD understood that some of the existing toilets in CP could not meet the prevailing standards in terms of functionality. The AFCD would suitably deploy government resources to enhance these toilets so as to improve their functionality and user experience, upon completion of the construction/reconstruction works for the 11 toilets.

3. Any Other Business—Report on the Provision of Po Pin Chau Viewing Platform and Revitalisation of Lin Ma Hang Lead Mine Cave Project

3.1 The AFCD reported that the Po Pin Chau Viewing Platform and the associated hiking facilities as well as the Revitalisation of Lin Ma Hang Lead Mine Cave Project had been completed by the end of 2024. Members were briefed on the usage of the facilities during the meeting.

3.2 Members noted that the two projects had been completed and understood that the AFCD would keep observing the utilisation of the facilities and take timely follow-up actions. A Member mentioned the need for passing down the craftsmanship of handmade trails. In this respect, the AFCD was nurturing new blood progressively and had employed experienced retired staff members to educate and train new colleagues with a view to passing down the trail maintenance skills. At the same time, the AFCD had also continued to expand its partnership network and co-organised trail maintenance activities with various organisations on a regular basis. In the long run, the AFCD intended to train more enthusiastic volunteers and educate the public about the proper use of trails while enhancing the quality and quantity of its trail maintenance work.

4. Presentation

4.1 This paper is prepared for Members' information.

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