

## **Proposed Issues to be Discussed by the Family Council**

### **Purpose**

This paper invites Members' views on the proposed issues to be discussed by the Family Council.

### **Regular items of the agenda**

2. The Council is responsible for overseeing the work of the Elderly Commission, the Women's Commission and the Commission on Youth amongst other things. To enable the Council to have a better understanding of the ongoing work/plans by the three Commissions, it is suggested that the three Commissions should be invited to present their ongoing work (e.g. research, programmes, activities), and work plan at the second meeting of the Council to be held around March 2008. At subsequent meetings of the Council, the Commissions will be invited to update the Council as necessary. There will be no need for discussion unless Members have questions.

3. To keep abreast of emerging issues or incidents in the society, it is proposed that the Council will discuss topical issues/incidents since the last Council meeting, including problems and actions taken by relevant bureaux and departments.

### **Issues to be Discussed**

4. Given the broad range of issues related to the family, it is recommended that a list of issues to be discussed with priorities should be drawn up so that relevant bureaux/departments could prepare papers accordingly for discussion by the Council. The secretariat has on the basis of the suggestions from the former Steering Committee on the Study of Family Commission and written submissions by various stakeholders drawn up a preliminary list at **Annex** for Members' consideration.

## **Advice Sought**

5. Members are invited to comment on the proposed issues to be discussed, suggest any other items and if appropriate, advise on their priorities.

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**Possible Issues to be discussed by the Family Council**

- I. Identifying core family values.
- II. Ways to create a pro-family environment including work environment, e.g.
  - (a) the implanting of a family perspective in service professionals and workers;
  - (b) promotion of family-friendly employment practices;
  - (c) promotion of better work-life balance etc.
- III. Ways to enhance the effectiveness and co-ordination of family education, e.g.
  - (a) developing a more co-ordinated strategy;
  - (b) strengthening the programme of parental education;
  - (c) targeting high-risk families (particularly those parents who may not have time/interest in parental education), and focusing on the respective roles of women and men.
- IV. Conducting family-related studies, e.g.
  - (a) impact of cross-boundary marriages/ employment/ schooling on families and whether there is a need for special support services/measures from Government;
  - (b) whether special assistance is required for families with new arrivals.
- V. Fostering a family perspective among policy-makers, for example, by introducing family impact assessment in policy formulation in long run.
- VI. Future structure of the Family Council and the three Commissions.