

**Seventh Meeting of
the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee**

Agenda Item 3 : Report on the work of the Task Forces

Purpose

This paper reports on the work of the four business facilitation task forces since the last Business Facilitation Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting on 1 November 2007.

Background

2. The **BFAC** was set up in January 2006 to further take forward the business facilitation work of the dissolved Economic and Employment Council. The BFAC provides steering to four Task Forces (Pre-construction, Town Planning, Retail and Food Business).

3. The **Pre-construction Task Force (PCTF)** is tasked to review the regulatory framework relating to pre-construction property development activities and to recommend measures to remove regulatory barriers affecting these activities. The Convener is Mr Leung Kam-leung, BFAC member.

4. The **Town Planning Task Force (TPTF)** aims to review the town planning issues encountered during the planning stage of a development and to recommend measures to improve the operational efficiency of the processes involved. The Convener is Ms Iris Tam, a Town Planner.

5. The **Retail Task Force (RTF)** aims to review the regulatory activities affecting the retail sector. The Convener is Mr Yu Pang-chun, BFAC member.

6. The **Food Business Task Force (FBTF)** aims to review the regulatory activities affecting the food business with a view to cutting red tape and creating a more business-friendly environment. The Convener is Hon Tommy Cheung.

Progress reports of the work of the Task Forces

7. The progress reports of the work of the four Task Forces are provided vide the following sub-papers –

- (a) PCTF – BFAC Paper 1/08(1);
- (b) TPTF – BFAC Paper 1/08(2);
- (c) RTF – BFAC Paper 1/08(3); and
- (d) FBTF – BFAC Paper 1/08(4).

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