

Brief Notes of the
Fire Safety Vetting Committee Meeting 1/2013-15
(17 December 2013)

Matters Discussed

1. Introduction to Fire Safety Vetting Committee (FSVC) of FSD

An introduction to the FSVC, including the terms of reference and composition, was made at the meeting. Furthermore, members were informed of the processing procedures for loan applications on fire safety improvement works. Members were reminded to make full disclosure of interests when they considered that they might have a potential conflict of interests in the applications considered by the FSVC. Besides, members were also advised to keep all loan application information that came to their possession confidential and to protect such information from being used for purposes other than the terms of reference of the FSVC.

2. Statistics of Fire Safety Improvement Works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme

The meeting was informed of the statistics on fire safety improvement works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme.

3. Other Subsidy / Loan Scheme for Building Management and Maintenance

The meeting was informed of other subsidy/loan schemes for owners to carry out building improvement/maintenance works in Hong Kong:

- (i) Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme (樓宇維修綜合支援計劃) administered by the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority;
- (ii) Building Maintenance Grant Scheme for Elderly Owners (長者維修自住物業津貼計劃) administered by the Hong Kong Housing Society;

- (iii) Home Environment Improvement Scheme for the Elderly (長者家居環境改善計劃) administered by the Social Welfare Department; and
- (iv) Operation Building Bright (樓宇更新大行動) administered by the Buildings Department, the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority.

4. Loan Cases in 2011-2013

In 2011-2013, FSVC had circulated 14 loan cases to the non-official members for comments. The meeting thanked them for their prompt reply and valuable input on these cases despite of very tight timeframe.

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