

Composition

- Individuals who are patriotic and have an affection for Hong Kong can participate in the work of DCs through multiple channels; **more people with professional knowledge, various experiences and good calibre can enter DCs to serve the community**
- Gauging opinions from various channels can enable the Government to look at problems through different lens and **facilitate the formulation of appropriate policies**
- **More capable DC members possessing different experiences can provide assistance to residents who solicit help**
- **Enlargement of geographical constituencies facilitates a holistic perspective and encourages the consideration of the bigger picture**

Eligibility review mechanism

- The principle of “**patriots administering Hong Kong**” can be implemented; DCs will no longer be a platform advocating the so-called “independence” of Hong Kong and undermining national security, but **resume to focus on the livelihood of the people**

Designating DOs as DC Chairmen

- **DOs can better coordinate** DCs, “the three committees” (the District Fight Crime Committee, District Fire Safety Committee and Area Committees of each district) and “Care Teams” to **create synergy and better serve the people**

Remuneration package

- DC members can continue to work at the district level and serve the people

Performance monitoring mechanism

- **Members of the public can monitor** the performance of DC members on an **on-going basis**, so as to **ensure DC members duly discharge their duties**

Strengthening the district governance structure

- The policies and measures formulated by the various parties in the district governance structure are well coordinated and complementary with each other. These policies and measures can be implemented promptly to **address the demands of the people in an effective and timely manner**



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Improve District Administration

Build a Better Community





Proposals on Improving Governance at the District Level



This leaflet introduces the proposals on improving governance at the district level

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Necessity of Improving Governance at the District Level

- According to **Article 97 of the Basic Law**, the District Councils (DCs) are district **advisory** and **service** organisations which are **not organs of political power**
- Since the beginning of the sixth-term DCs, there had been acts that were in serious violation of the functions of DCs. Some DC members undermined national security, advocated the so-called “independence” of Hong Kong, supported the black-clad violence, and opposed the National Security Law. They unscrupulously disrupted and obstructed the administration of the Government, deliberately created division and confrontation within the society, ignored people’s livelihood, and harmed the well-being of the people
- We have to institutionally restore the DCs back to the right track:
 - 1 DCs resuming their positioning under the Basic Law**
 - 2 Strengthening the district governance structure**



Three Guiding Principles

- **National security** must be accorded the top priority. The “one country, two systems” principle must be fully and faithfully implemented
- The principle of “**patriots administering Hong Kong**” must be fully implemented
- “**Executive-led**” governance must be manifested



Major Initiatives

- 1 The composition of reformed DCs**; appointed, District Committees Constituency and District Council Geographical Constituency members account for about 40%, 40% and 20% of the total number of members respectively, plus 27 ex-officio members, resulting in a total of 470 seats
- Introduction of an **eligibility review mechanism** to fully implement the principle of “patriots administering Hong Kong”
- District Officers (DOs) designated as DC Chairmen** to manifest “executive-led” governance and coordinate district governance work more effectively so as to better serve the people
- Remuneration package** of DC members generally maintained at the current level
- Introduction of a **monitoring mechanism for DC members’ performance** to provide for investigations on DC members whose behaviour has allegedly failed to meet the public expectation so as to further strengthen the accountability of DC members and transparency of their work
- Strengthened district governance structure**:
 - Establishing the “**Steering Committee on District Governance**” which will be chaired by the **Chief Secretary for Administration** to take a **leading role** on the overall strategies, policies and measures of district governance
 - Repositioning the “**Task Force on District Governance**” which will be chaired by the **Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration** to **coordinate and steer** the district work of various policy bureaux and departments



Benefits of the Proposals Brought to the Public

- **The reformed DCs will resume their positioning under the Basic Law and no longer be a platform advocating the so-called “independence” of Hong Kong**
- **The strengthened district governance structure can better serve the people**