

**Business Facilitation Advisory Committee
Task Force on Business Liaison Groups**

Concerns of recreational clubs on undertaking annual tree risk assessment

Background

The Greening, Landscape and Tree Management Section (GLTMS) of the Development Bureau has recently consulted recreational clubs on the draft “Handbook on Tree Management” (HTM) which provides private property owners with guidelines and standards of good practice on tree management.

Trade’s Concern

2. In order to reduce tree risks and protect public safety, HTM recommends recreational clubs to carry out annual tree risk assessment for trees on their properties by qualified professionals and undertake appropriate mitigation measures to reduce tree risk. The trade is concerned about the high compliance costs of conducting annual risk assessment on each and every single tree.

Administration’s Response

3. At a Business Liaison Group meeting for recreational clubs, GLTMS has clarified that the tree owners could, according to the intensity and frequency of use, identify target areas for undertaking tree group inspection and necessary mitigation measures or individual tree risk assessment for trees that require detailed assessment.

Way Forward

4. Members are invited to note the above responses and offer comments, if any.