

F.C. 18/2024 (Revised)

**Revised Minutes of the 82nd Meeting of the Finance Committee
of the Hong Kong Productivity Council
held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 19 November 2024
via Microsoft Teams**

Present: Chairman - Mr. Marvin Hsu Tsun-fai, JP

 Members - Mr. Mohamed D. Butt, MH
 Mr. Bryant Chan Wan-sing
 Mr. Desmond Hou Ka-chun, JP
 (Principal Economist, representing Mr. Adolph
 Leung, JP, Government Economist)
 Mr. Bernard Poon Che-wai
 Mr. Indiana Wong Man-chung
 (Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and
 Technology (Funding Schemes), representing
 Mr. Ivan Lee Kwok-bun, JP, Commissioner for
 Innovation and Technology)
 Ms. Jennifer Yeung Yin-chi, JP
 Ms. Zhang Li, JP

In Attendance from the Innovation and Technology Commission:

Ms. Milly Au Yeung Shan Senior Manager (Innovation and Technology Fund)
Mr. Jacky Chow Chi-hang Manager (Innovation and Technology Fund)

In Attendance from HKPC:

Dr. Lawrence Cheung Chief Innovation Officer
 Chief Technology Officer (Acting)

Mr. Edmond Lai Chief Digital Officer
Ms. Vivian Lin Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Christina Cheung Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Brian Wong Chief People & Culture Officer
Mr. Ray Ko Chief Compliance Officer
Ms. Gillian Luk Head, Council Secretariat
Ms. Bobo Cheung Manager, Council Secretariat

Mode of Meeting

The Chairman thanked Members for joining the meeting which was held via Microsoft Teams application.

Declaration of Interest

The Chairman reminded Members to declare interest should they observe any direct/pecuniary interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes (F.C. 11/2024 Revised)

1. The Revised Draft Minutes of the 81st Finance Committee meeting held on 9 July 2024 had been circulated to Members and there were no further requests for amendments. The Minutes were taken as read and confirmed. The Secretariat would arrange signing of the Minutes by the Chairman.

II. Programme and Estimates of HKPC for 2025/26 and Three-Year Forecast 2025/26 – 2027/28 of HKPC Income and Expenditure (F.C. 12/2024)

Situation Analysis

2. Invited by the Chairman to introduce the paper, first shared with Members a situation analysis underpinning the preparation of the Programme and Estimates (P&E) for 2025/26 and 3-year forecast for 2025/26 – 2027/28.

Financial Estimates

4. then explained the guiding principles and considerations (paragraphs 23 and 33 of paper) before taking Members through the financial estimates. said that the estimates did not include APAS despite its impending full integration with HKPC. This was because APAS would continue to be funded in 2025/26 by the remaining Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF) committed to support its operation until the funding exhausted.

Targets for Key Performance Indicators

5. also drew Members' attention to the targets for the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at Appendix 13 of the paper.

Staff Establishment

6. then briefed Members on the staff establishment of HKPC, including APAS, for 2025/26.

10. After discussion, Members endorsed for the Council's approval the detailed P&E of HKPC for 2025/26 and HKPC's Three-Year Forecast for 2025/26 – 2027/28.

III. Annual Review on List Price (F.C. 13/2024)

12. Invited by the Chairman, briefed Members on the proposed list price adjustment.

13. Members approved the new list price for 2025/26 for implementation from 1 April 2025.

IV. Concession to Applicant Companies of New Industrialisation Funding Scheme (NIFS) and New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme (NIAS) (F.C. 15/2024)

17. Invited by the Chairman, introduced 2 proposals for Members' consideration.

said that the proposed concessions were aimed at encouraging Hong Kong enterprises to obtain technical support from HKPC to set up smart production lines, thereby accelerating new industrialisation in the city and beyond.

18. Members endorsed the 2 proposals for the Council's approval.

V. Financial Performance for the First Half of 2024/25 (April – September 2024) (F.C. 16/2024)

19. Members noted the presentation by _____ on the financial performance of HKPC for the period from April to September 2024:

VI. Quarterly Report on HKPC's Funds (F.C. 17/2024)

20. Members noted the quarterly report on HKPC's funds as presented by , covering the cash balance position as at 30 September 2024, deposit of funds in savings and time deposit accounts of various banks and interest earned.

VII. Any Other Business

(A) AI Project on Secretariat Service for Government Funding Schemes

21. referred to the internal project to adopt Generative AI to enhance the efficiency of funding scheme operations.

22. Members noted the update on the AI project.

(C) Fund Fair Plus Tech Sourcing 2024 - Sharing Session on Tech Purchasing Needs of Quangoes

25. reported that during the Fund Fair Plus Tech Sourcing 2024 organised by HKPC and the Trade and Industry Department on 29-30 October 2024, a dedicated sharing session on the tech purchasing needs of quangoes (the session) was held for SMEs and start-ups to explore business opportunities in the public sector. The session was hosted by the finance and procurement personnel of HKPC and joined by representatives of other quangoes. The session attracted over 350 registrations from a diverse range of industry sectors, including technology, consulting, trading, education and materials, among others.

(D) Attendance Record of FC Members

26. Members noted their attendance record for 2024 as circulated together with the meeting agenda and papers by email on 12 November 2024 and shown at the meeting. The Chairman reminded Members to try their best to attend future meetings.

(E) 2025 Meeting Schedule

27. Members noted the tentative Finance Committee meeting schedule for 2025 circulated on 28 October 2024 together with the 157th Council meeting notice and shown at the meeting as follows:

Meeting	Date and Time
83 rd FC meeting	11 March 2025 (Tuesday) 5:00 pm
84 th FC meeting	15 July 2025 (Tuesday) 5:00 pm
85 th FC meeting	18 November 2025 (Tuesday) 5:00 pm

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

28. Members noted that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled on 11 March 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

29. There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 6 p.m.