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Our Town Council's Mid-term Progress at a Glance

Infrastructure



Bukit Panjang Cycling network partnered with LTA
to connect to Bukit Panjang MRT station and all eight LRT stations

Sheltered linkways, covered walkways

36 | **15**
completed | ongoing

Drop off points
8 | **6**
completed | ongoing

Construction of **New Futsal Court**

partnered with SLA to be completed in May 2023



Downtown Line extensions

expected to be completed by 2025

Lift Upgrade Programme

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HDB block lifts are upgraded as of July 2023



All lifts are fitted with surveillance cameras



New shelters over barrier-free access ramps
as of March 2023



Zhenghua Pets Park @ Segar Road
opened in May 2022



Sustainability

Bukit Panjang is now **Fully illuminated by LED lighting, 9 years ahead** of the original 2030 goal



Rejuvenation of **Green Corridor and nature parks of green areas**

Access to Open Electricity Market

2023

427 blocks surpassing 2022 goal of 411 blocks

48 community gardens



>700 trees planted of the original 2030 goal of **1,000 trees**



Holland-Bukit Panjang is one of **Eight EV-ready towns** in Singapore



Community

Within 2 weeks, **ALL HDB block lifts** were sanitised and lift buttons coated with sdst coating.



Thx!



We recognised the labour of our workers with **Cleaners' Appreciation Day**



Tree Planting Day and Litter Picking Event



Celebrating Our Town's Improvements and Upgrades

Residents gathered to celebrate the completion of the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP) on 25 June 2023 at Blk 454 community hall. They came together and expressed their joy and gratitude for the numerous upgrades and improvements made to the town's infrastructures and amenities.



The completion of the NRP marks yet another milestone in our town's journey towards a thriving and united community, where everyone can take pride in their conducive and welcoming neighbourhood.

Our Town's Very Own Green Library



A new green library was unveiled on 1 July 2023 at Blk 413 Saujana Road at a launch event. Made up mostly of upcycled materials, including seats re-purposed from decommissioned MRT and LRT trains, this community space will be an exciting location for the family to spend quality time with books and other activities!



REVISION OF SERVICE AND CONSERVANCY CHARGES (S&CC)

1 When were S&CC fees last revised?



6 YEARS AGO IN 2 TIERS

- 1st-tier on 1 June 2017
- 2nd-tier on 1 June 2018

2 Increase for each tier is kept as low as possible

- Increase in dollar terms per month for households on subsidised rate, depending on flat type

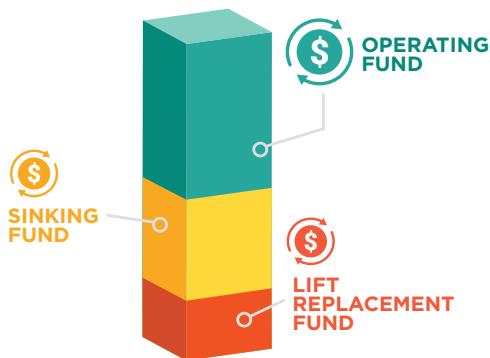


- The 1st-tier increase is between **\$0.90 to \$6.00**
- The 2nd-tier increase is between **\$1.10 to \$7.10**

3 S&CC revision will be phased over two years

- The 1st-tier increase will take effect from 1 July 2023
- The 2nd-tier increase will take effect from 1 July 2024

4 Where will the increased fees go to?



5 Why do we need to increase S&CC?



Increase in electricity tariffs

30%



17%

Increase in lift maintenance due to higher labour and material costs

Elevated construction costs and inflation rates impacting building and upgrading of amenities within the estates



Ageing properties incur high maintenance expenses



More improvement works added



6 Town Council's main cost drivers



Water and electricity



Estate cleanliness



Lift maintenance



Maintenance of buildings

7 GSTV - S&CC Rebates

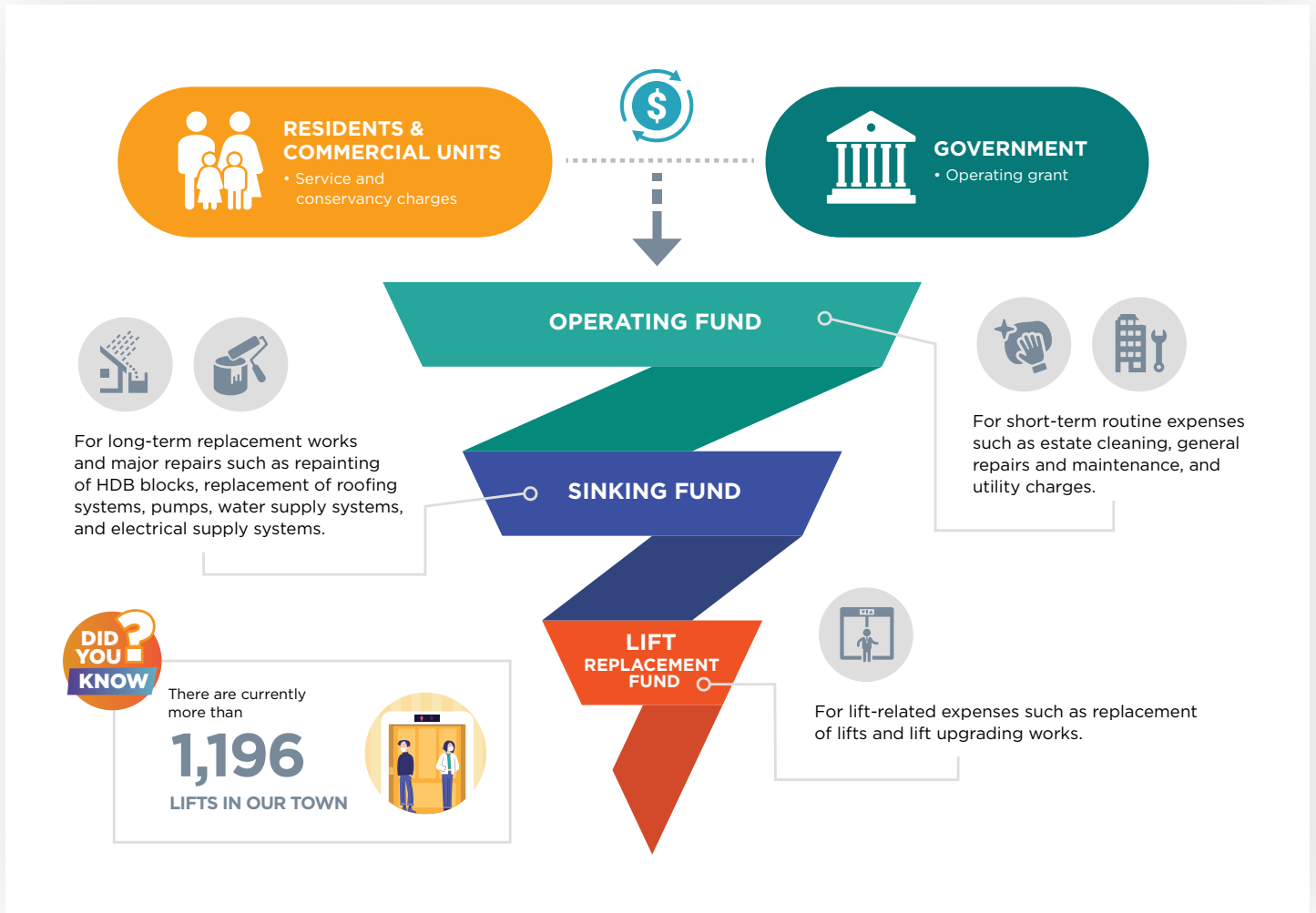
HDB FLAT TYPE	GSTV - S&CC Rebates* for FY2023				TOTAL FOR FY 2023
	APR 2023	JUL 2023	OCT 2023	JAN 2024	
1 and 2-room	1 month	1 month	1 month	0.5 month	3.5 months
3 and 4-room	1 month	0.5 month	0.5 month	0.5 month	2.5 months
5-room	0.5 month	0.5 month	0.5 month	0.5 month	2.0 months
Executive / Multi-Generation	0.5 month	0.5 month	0.5 month	—	1.5 months

Residents who require more assistance may wish to get in touch with their nearest Community Club. We will continue to monitor our expenditures prudently and explore cost-effective solutions in our estate's management. We look forward to your continued support in the upkeep and care of our estate.

UNDERSTANDING S&CC CHARGES

Understanding the Costs of Maintaining Our Town

Town Councils are primarily funded by service and conservancy charges (S&CC) collected from residents and commercial units. While Town Councils decide on the S&CC rates for their towns and receive an annual operating grant from the Government, they are required to maintain three funds: operating fund, sinking fund, and lift replacement fund.



OUR MAINTENANCE WORKS INCLUDE:



- ✓ ESTATE CLEANING
- ✓ BUILDING REPAIRS
- ✓ SANITARY / ELECTRICAL
- ✓ LIFT MAINTENANCE
- ✓ FIRE PROTECTION
- ✓ PEST CONTROL
- ✓ LANDSCAPE/ HORTICULTURE



FURKIDS SPREADING PAWSITIVITY

Senja-Cashew Community Centre was buzzing with excitement as over 200 people and their furkids turned up to celebrate Cashew Pets' Day. The vibrant event was graced by MP for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC (Cashew) Dr Vivian Balakrishnan.

Cashew Pets' Day was filled with activities galore for animals and pet lovers, with workshops, exhibits, activities and more! Dogs could get a manicure and their ears cleaned before going for a walk around Pang Sua Pond in the lovely sunny weather.

Animal lovers without a pet can also bask in the atmosphere, with free-flying birds and parrots taking to the skies and exhibits such as ant colonies available for viewing. An adoption drive was also held for those looking for a forever friend.



“ Today’s event is interesting. I think it’s quite lively, with a lot of other dogs. Quite a surprising turnout! Chanel played with a few other dogs and had much fun. I wanted to take a look around the event, and also do a little shopping for Chanel, my Pomsky. I also bought a few things to help out the animal charity. ”

- Elina

“ My friend, David, is a rescuer. I just got a rescued cat from him. I think it’s a good event to bring up awareness for adoption. Adoption is a lifelong responsibility. There are a lot of lessons to learn as you go along. Pets are like a family member and one needs to learn in order to have a very healthy relationship with them. ”

- Simon



Zhenghua's Urban Farming Journey

In our 2021 sustainability report, Holland Bukit Panjang Town Council (HBPTC) announced plans to bring food sources closer to our residents and reduce waste. One such example is the urban farms located at Blk 505A and 510A, Jelapang Road in the Zhenghua division.

These urban farms cultivate a range of local favourites including *chye sim*, *xiao bai chye*, lettuce and *kailan*. With each cycle, the urban farm yields an impressive 9,000 kg of fresh vegetables, enough to nourish up to 1,000 residents on a monthly basis.

These urban farms are not merely a source of food production; they represent a transformative step towards achieving our farm-to-fork aspirations in Zhenghua.



GOT A GREEN IDEA FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Email us at mailbox@hbptc.org.sg to share!



Be considerate towards our environment and neighbours when burning offerings.

祭祀时心存环保，关怀邻里。



Burn smaller amounts of joss paper to reduce smoke and ashes.

适量焚烧冥纸以减少烟雾和灰烬。

Please clear up your offerings after prayers.

祭祀后请记得清理香烛祭品。

Consider joining communal prayers in nearby temples.

考虑参与邻近寺庙的集体祭祀。

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谨慎焚烧，切勿乱抛。

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I would like to compliment Jeevan for resolving my case promptly and efficiently. He is hardworking, responsible, and possesses initiative. He gave me prompt updates before and after the completion of remedial works. Well done!

- Resident, Blk 115 Clementi Street 13

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The delivery of my new table was made much earlier than expected, when I hadn't made any arrangements to dispose of my old bulky study table. I immediately contacted the town council's bulky item removal service and I was pleasantly surprised by their efficiency and helpfulness as they swiftly organised their workers to do the necessary. My sincere thanks!

- Resident, Blk 503 Jelapang Road

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