

ABOUT THIS REPORT



This is the twelfth edition of the Sustainability Report published by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA), ***Sustainable Community Fostering Harmony***. This Report highlights the HA's major sustainability commitments and performance in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability, from the perspectives of the HA's governance structures, management approaches, operations, and activities and sustainability initiatives. It also summarises HA's performance and future plans to maintain and provide local public housing programmes in a sustainable manner for Hong Kong.

Report Scope

This Report highlights the annual achievements and progress of the HA's sustainability performance from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 (unless otherwise mentioned in the Report). It makes reference to the HA's sustainability objectives and targets regarding the planning and construction of new housing developments, the management and maintenance of the existing public rental housing estates, and the operation of our own office.

This Report covers all of the HA's activities and operations with no specific limitations to the reporting scope. Data and statistics presented as absolute figures have been normalised into comparable terms as far as practicable.

Criteria

This Report has been prepared in accordance with the [***Global Reporting Initiative \(GRI\) Sustainability Reporting Standard***](#) Core option. The [***GRI Content Index***](#) at the end of the report illustrates how all the sections in this Report are linked to the relevant GRI indicators.

To ensure our sustainability work is in accordance with the expectations of our stakeholders, it is critical to take their opinions into consideration. We regularly engage with our internal and external stakeholder groups such as staff and tenants through surveys. With reference to the stakeholder engagement results, the material aspects and the respective boundaries are covered in this Report.

We welcome stakeholders' comments on our operations, activities, sustainability performance and reporting process. [***A feedback form***](#) is enclosed in this Report to collect readers' valuable views and comments for our continuous improvement.

Assurance

To assure the completeness, accuracy, reliability and credibility of our Report, we have engaged an independent party to verify the claims and data quoted in the Report. The [Verification Statement](#), with the verifier's opinions and views on the Report, is presented in a later chapter.

What's New

During the reporting period, there was no significant change in the size, structure, scope of work and ownership of the HA. There were no joint ventures or subsidiaries operated by the HA.