

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Section 1 : The Electoral Affairs Commission**

1.1           The Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC”) is an independent, impartial and apolitical body established under section 3 of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Chapter 541) (“EACO”). It is responsible for conducting and supervising public elections in accordance with the electoral law to ensure that the public elections in Hong Kong are conducted in an open, honest and fair manner.

#### **Section 2 : Responsibility of the EAC**

1.2           Under section 4(a) of the EACO, one of the functions of the EAC is to consider or review the boundaries of Legislative Council (“LegCo”) geographical constituencies (“GCs”) with a view to making recommendations on the boundaries and names of GCs for a LegCo general election. Besides, under section 18 of the EACO, the EAC is required to submit a report (“Report”) to the Chief Executive (“CE”) of its recommendations on the boundaries and names of each GC in relation to a LegCo general election.

1.3 The CE-in-Council, in accordance with the requirement under section 21 of the EACO, upon CE's receipt of the Report, shall consider the Report as soon as practicable. Should the CE-in-Council adopt the boundaries and names of GCs as recommended by the EAC, the CE-in-Council will, according to section 18(2) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Chapter 542) ("LCO"), gazette the Order of the relevant boundaries and names of the GCs. After the Order has passed through the negative vetting procedure of the LegCo, the relevant boundaries and names of the GCs will come into operation for the eighth LegCo general election to be held in the end of 2025.

### **Section 3 : Scope of the Report**

1.4 The scope and content of this Report are based on the requirements stipulated under section 18 of the EACO. The Report is published in two volumes. **Volume 1** mainly describes how the proposed delineation of the boundaries of GCs was worked out; sets out the recommendations on the boundaries and names of the GCs; explains the reasons for making those recommendations; contains copies of all written representations and a summary of oral representations; and responses to the relevant representations. **Volume 2** contains descriptions of the recommended GC boundaries and maps showing the recommended boundaries and names of the GCs.