

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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

1.1 The Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC”) is an independent and apolitical statutory body established under section 3 of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Chapter 541) (“EACO”), with the primary objective of upholding openness, honesty and fairness in public elections.

#### **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 geographical constituencies (“GCs”) for the purpose of making recommendations on the boundaries and names of GCs for a Legislative Council (“LegCo”) general election.

1.3 The EAC is required under section 18 of the EACO to submit a report to the Chief Executive (“CE”) of its recommendations on the boundaries and names of each GC in relation to a LegCo general election within 36 months from the preceding LegCo general election. As the last LegCo general election was held on 4 September 2016, the EAC has to submit the report on the boundaries and names of the GCs for the 2020 LegCo General Election to the CE by 3 September 2019.

1.4 Under section 21 of the EACO, the CE-in-Council shall consider the EAC's report as soon as practicable after the receipt of it. Subject to the CE-in-Council's adoption of the boundaries and names as recommended by the EAC, the CE-in-Council, having regard to the EAC's final recommendations, will make and table at the LegCo the relevant Order according to sections 18(2) and 19(2) of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Chapter 542) ("LCO"). After the completion of the negative vetting procedure of the LegCo, the boundaries and names of the GCs will come into effect for the seventh LegCo general election to be held in the third quarter of 2020.

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

1.5 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 and sets out the EAC's recommendations on the boundaries and names of the GCs with the reasons for those recommendations. It also contains a summary of all written and oral representations made to the EAC and reproduces all the written representations. **Volume 2** contains the descriptions of the recommended GC boundaries and maps showing the boundaries and names of the recommended GCs.