

PART FIVE: RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 In view of the foregoing, the BVMTF recommends

- (a) That, in the context of the 2019-22 funding triennium, UGC's support be given to CityU's proposal to introduce a publicly-funded six-year BVM programme with an intake of 30 students per year commencing the 2019/20 academic year. The University should also be permitted to redeploy UGC funding of up to HK\$32 million per year by the time it reaches the "steady-state" in year 2024/25, with initial funding arrangement as already mutually agreed between UGC Secretariat and CityU as described in paragraph 3.25 above;
- (b) That UGC reviews and discusses with CityU again the funding and financial arrangements for the BVM programme in the context of the 2022-25 triennium funding;
- (c) That UGC follows up with the VSBHK on accreditation regarding the criteria and timelines for provisional, conditional and full accreditation of CityU's BVM programme, and with CityU on the exit plan to ensure the welfare of veterinary college graduates;
- (d) That CityU should submit a progress report to the UGC on an annual basis, until its BVM programme is fully accredited. The report must include progress made in accreditation, intake, enrolment and progression of undergraduate or research graduate students, cooperation with external bodies on education and training of BVM students, research involving the veterinary college, faculty and student, funding by donation or redeployment of UGC resources, and events and incidents of special importance during the year; and
- (e) That BVMTF should continue to assist the UGC in the review of CityU's annual report on the BVM programme and advise CityU through the UGC on any major teething problems arising from the implementation of the BVM programme.