Progress Report of Sai Kung District Council Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee

The first meeting (2017) of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee (HEHC) was held on 12 January 2017. The major issues discussed at the meeting were summarised as follows:

Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme

1. Members noted the above paper. Members were concerned about the environmental problems caused by the construction and operation of the relevant projects subsidised by the Funding Scheme, and enquired of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) about issues such as the content of individual application, the selection procedures of the Funding Scheme and land use, etc.

Upgrading works of disinfection facilities in the Sai Kung District

2. The HEHC supported the captioned works project so as to enhance the safety of the operation of the water treatment works and to save resources.

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<u>Port Shelter Sewerage, Stage 2 – Local Sewage Treatment Plants – Design and</u> <u>Construction</u>

3. The HEHC supported the captioned works and asked the Drainage Services Department to provide the stakeholders with more detailed information, and to conduct an in-depth consultation on the captioned works.

<u>FEHD installation of internet protocol camera at blackspots of illegal dumping of</u> refuse

4. The HEHC supported the captioned scheme, and hoped that internet protocol cameras would be installed promptly at locations where refuse dumping problem had caused concern.

FEHD Anti-rodent Campaign 2017 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District

5. Members provided the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) with rodent problematic spots in the district, and hoped that the FEHD would step up the rodent disinfestation operations.

FEHD Anti-mosquito Campaign 2017 (Phase I) in Sai Kung District

6. Members noted the above paper.

Working Groups under the HEHC

7. Members endorsed the Progress Report of the Working Group on "Green Stall" at the Hong Kong Flower Show 2017, seeking funding approval from the Finance and Administration Committee, extending the term of office of the "Community Involvement in Environmental Protection Working Group" and retaining the current convener of the working group.

<u>Request to promptly install noise barriers or pave low noise surfacing material</u> for the busy road sections that are close to the estates in Tseung Kwan O

8. Members noted the reply from the Highways Department (Hy D). A Member requested the EPD to install noise barrier at the Tseung Kwan O Tunnel Road to mitigate the noise nuisance caused to the residents in the vicinity, in particular the residents of the Serenity Place and the Verbena Heights.

<u>Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area</u> 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill

9. Members noted the operation reports of the landfill and the fill bank, the reply from the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), and the joint reply form the EPD, CEDD, Hong Kong Police Force and FEHD on the request for setting up a telephone hotline for residents to reports incidents of objects falling from heavy goods vehicles. A Member enquired about the operation modes of the telephone hotlines of the landfill and the fill bank, and the complaint handling procedures of the relevant departments.

Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service in Sai Kung District

10. Members noted the statistical report on environmental hygiene service and the statistics on the enforcement actions against illegal hawkers carried out by the Hawker Control Team of the Sai Kung District for the period from November to December 2016 submitted by the FEHD. As the agenda item involved both environmental hygiene service and hawker issues, Members endorsed updating the item to "Statistical reports on environmental hygiene service and hawker issues in Sai Kung District".

<u>Strongly request to provide an exact relocation date of the waste recycling yards</u> <u>at Wan Po Road which has been causing nuisance to residents</u>

11. Members noted the joint reply from the EPD and the Lands Department. However, some Members pointed out that the above joint reply could not fully explain why the relevant departments still had not levelled off the uneven ground surfaces, removed the accumulated water, and named the streets concerned to facilitate the public to complain about fly-tipping activities.

Refuse collection arrangements for Tseung Kwan O South

12. The HEHC endorsed keeping the above issue so as to follow up on the captioned refuse collection arrangements.

<u>Request the Government to step up clearing and management on the open space</u> <u>at Choi Ming Street (near the opposite side of Shin Ming Estate)</u>

13. Members noted the replies from the FEHD and the District Lands Office, Sai Kung. Members also noted that the issues related to the open space at Choi Ming Street (near the opposite side of Shin Ming Estate) had been discussed at the meetings of the Sai Kung District Council and the District Facilities Management Committee held on 3 January and 10 January 2017 respectively, and that the FEHD and the District Lands Office, Sai Kung had strengthened the clearing and management of the open space mentioned above. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

<u>Request to promptly solve the congestion problem of the access at Kin Ming</u> Estate and to install elevator or escalator at an appropriate location

14. Members noted the statistics report on pedestrian flow submitted by the Housing Department (HD), and asked the HD to follow up on the accumulation of dust on the cross beam at the above location.

<u>Request to install digital monitoring system ("sky eye") at Shin Ming Estate,</u> <u>Sheung Tak Estate and Kin Ming Estate</u>

15. Members noted the report submitted by the HD regarding objects dropped from height.

Situation Report on Itinerant Hawkers

<u>Urge government departments to coordinate in solving the problem of itinerant</u> hawkers in Tseung Kwan O

16. Members noted the situation report on illegal hawkers in public housing estates of Tseung Kwan O submitted by the HD for the period from November to December 2016.

Suggest the Housing Department to seriously consider residents' views and make arrangements that can suit residents' needs before the implementation of the "Laundry Rack Installation Programme" at Kin Ming Estate 17. Members noted the reply from the Hong Kong Housing Authority. Some Members considered that the "Laundry Rack Installation Programme" was unclear and the installation positions were unsatisfactory. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

<u>Request the Housing Department to step up prosecution against persons causing</u> <u>nuisance at public housing estates in Sai Kung District</u>

18. Members noted the reply from the Hong Kong Housing Authority. A Member hoped that the HD would step up prosecution against persons causing nuisance at public housing estates in Sai Kung District, in particular those non-public housing tenants. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

<u>Request the Link REIT's shopping centres and car parks to step up their</u> <u>managment</u>

19. Some Members were concerned about the problems of electrical barrier failure of car park C and the ageing of lifts in car parks of Sheung Tak Estate, the spalling of concrete from ceiling in the Kin Ming Estate Car Park, the cleaning of lift lobbies in buildings of Kin Ming Estate, and the toilets, lifts and storeys in shopping centres under the Link Asset Management Limited, and requested the Link Asset Management Limited to follow up. The HEHC endorsed the above motion.

Request the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to send representatives to the meeting to address what members of the public should do when disturbed by wild pigs

20. Members noted the reply from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). The district was frequented by wild pigs, in particular the emergency vehicular access from Tsui Lam Estate to Hong Sing Garden, and the area in the vicinity of Hang Hau Road near the Hang Hau Rural Committee. In view of this, the HEHC would write to the AFCD to request the department to send representatives to attend the next meeting of HEHC, and explained the existing practice in handling wild pig nuisance.

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