

Minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date : 18 December 2018 (Tuesday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Eastern District Council Conference Room

| <u>Present</u> | <u>Time of Arrival</u> <u>(pm)</u> | <u>Time of Departure</u> <u>(pm)</u> |
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| Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr WONG Chi-chung, Dominic | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr WONG Chun-sing, Patrick | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH | 2:30 | 4:30 |
| Mr KU Kwai-yiu | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Ms LI Chun-chau | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LEE Chun-keung | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LAM Sum-lim | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LAM Kei-tung, George | 2:45 | end of meeting |
| Mr SHIU Ka-fai | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH | 4:10 | end of meeting |
| Mr CHUI Chi-kin | 2:45 | end of meeting |
| Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LEUNG Siu-sun, Patrick | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, David | 2:30 | 3:30 |
| Ms LEUNG Wing-man, Bonnie | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr HUI Lam-hing | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr HUI Ching-on | 2:30 | 3:30 |
| Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron, JP | 2:30 | 5:01 |
| Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr WONG Kin-pan, BBS, MH, JP (Chairman) | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr WONG Kin-hing | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr YEUNG Sze-chun | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Dr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr CHIU Chi-keung, BBS (Vice-chairman) | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LAU Hing-yeung | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Ms CHOY So-yuk, BBS, JP | 3:00 | 4:30 |

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| Mr CHENG Chi-sing | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr CHENG Tat-hung | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph | 3:20 | end of meeting |
| Mr NGAN Chun-lim, MH | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr LO Wing-kwan, Frankie, MH | 2:30 | end of meeting |
| Mr KUNG Pak-cheung, MH | 2:30 | end of meeting |

Absent with Apologies

Mr MAK Tak-ching

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

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| Mr CHAN Sheung-man, Simon, JP | District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office |
| Miss NGAI Lai-ying, Angora | Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 1, Eastern District Office |
| Mr LO Cheuk-lun, Rayson | Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 2, Eastern District Office |
| Mr Rupert Timothy Alan DOVER | District Commander (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Ms LAU Tak-yi | Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District), Hong Kong Police Force |
| Miss CHAN Wai-lin, Rose | Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 1), Housing Department |
| Mr LAU Kin-kwok | Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong, Transport Department |
| Mr TSANG Wing-lok, Gabriel | District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department |
| Mr LUK Chi-kwong | Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Ms TAM Shiu-mei | District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department |
| Mr CHAO Ka-man, Stanley | Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office |

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| Ms WONG Sze-man, Queenie | Senior Liaison Officer (2), Eastern District Office |
| Mr KWAN Yu-keung | Senior Liaison Officer (3), Eastern District Office |
| Ms KONG Kei-kei, Hayley | Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office |

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government and Organisations)

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| Mr LO Wai-chung, Stephen, PDSM, PMSM | Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Police Force |
| Ms Carol YIP, JP | Director of Social Welfare, Social Welfare Department |
| Miss YIP Hau-yu, Hannah | District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern & Wan Chai), Social Welfare Department |
| Ms POON Hau-yuk | Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/Wan Chai)1, Social Welfare Department |
| Ms LAM Yee-mui, Vivian | Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/Wan Chai)2, Social Welfare Department |

Secretary

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| Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie | Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office |
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and government representatives to the meeting, particularly Mr Stephen LO, Commissioner of Police, Mr Rupert DOVER, District Commander (Eastern District), and Ms LAU Tak-yi, Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF). He also extended his welcome to Miss Rose CHAN, Senior Housing Manager (Hong Kong Island and Islands 1) of the Housing Department (HD) who attended the meeting on behalf of Mrs Helen CHEUNG, Chief

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Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and Islands).

2. The Chairman reminded Councillors to declare interests where necessary in accordance with Section 48 of the Standing Orders of the Eastern District Council (EDC).

I. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the Fifteenth Eastern District Council Meeting

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

II. Commissioner of Police to Meet Eastern District Council Members

4. Mr Stephen LO, Commissioner of Police, briefed Councillors on the work of the HKPF.

5. 26 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarised below:

(a) Mr SHIU Ka-fai expressed his gratitude to the Commissioner of Police and all frontline staff. Thanks to their efforts, the crime rate in Hong Kong continued to decrease and the figures marked a 46-year low. He also commended the staff members of Police Community Relations Office (PCRO) of Eastern District for their high working efficiency and for maintaining close contacts with him. In addition, he hoped the HKPF could deploy more manpower to combat taxi malpractices and step up enforcement actions, as taxi malpractices not only affected Hong Kong people, but also damaged Hong Kong's international reputation and dampened the tourism. Therefore, he hoped the HKPF would step up enforcement by conducting decoy operations to arrest law-breaking taxi drivers and increasing the penalties so as to enhance deterrent effect.

(b) Mr Patrick WONG thanked the HKPF, particularly the staff of PCRO and officers of Chai Wan and North Point Divisions, for working closely with him all along and for their high working efficiency. On another note, some members of the public had relayed to him that they did not know whether they could call the "Anti-Scam Helpline 18222" hotline of the Anti-Deception Coordination Centre (ADCC) for

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enquiries related to Loco London gold (LLG) scams. As such, he suggested the ADCC include some common types of scams in its scope of services, and suggested the HKPF step up publicity efforts so that members of the public would know that they could call the aforementioned hotline for assistance related to all types of scams. In addition, some residents of Taikoo Shing suspected that some tourists were begging passers-by and residents for money for food or transport outside the HSBC branch on Taikoo Shing Road. He asked the HKPF whether this type of behaviour constituted fraud. He also indicated that previously there had been wide media coverage about similar incidents in other areas. Therefore, he hoped the HKPF would take follow-up actions. Lastly, he noted that some drivers in the area failed to comply with traffic rules and did not stop the vehicle when pedestrians were crossing the zebra crossing. He hoped the HKPF would take follow-up actions.

- (c) Mr WONG Kwok-hing thanked the Commissioner of Police for combating LLG scams and commended the HKPF for the effective crackdown on a LLG scam syndicate under the recent operation Splitflash. He suggested the HKPF and its Mainland counterparts strengthen co-operation, particularly in combating online scams. He hoped the HKPF would continue to smash LLG scam syndicates and suggested the HKPF raise public awareness of LLG scams. In addition, he asked the authorities to introduce legislation on the regulation of over-the-counter trading of precious metals apart from LLG, including silver, Renminbi-denominated gold bullion and other products, to uphold Hong Kong's reputation as an international financial centre.
- (d) Mr KU Kwai-yiu remarked that online scams came in many guises and requested the HKPF to step up publicity efforts to alert the public to the issue. He also asked the HKPF to provide the statistics on drug-related crimes committed by juveniles in Eastern District. Besides, he had received complaints about bullying at school from members of the public and pointed out that the problem of bullying of ethnic minorities at school was serious, as such, he hoped the HKPF would take follow-up actions. In addition, he expressed concern that many taxi drivers were operating several mobile phones while driving and had no regard for the safety of other motorists, passengers and

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pedestrians. Therefore, he urged the HKPF to step up enforcement actions in this regard. Lastly, he commended the police officers of Chai Wan Division for maintaining close contacts with him and hoped that the harmonious relationship would continue.

- (e) Mr Stanley HO opined that the problem of illegal parking was serious in various districts and urged the HKPF to recruit additional frontline officers to step up enforcement actions. He also thanked PCRO and the Community Liaison Teams of Eastern District, and the Patrol Sub-units of Chai Wan Division for maintaining close contacts with him in handling community issues. In addition, he noted that some heavy vehicles, such as coach buses and dump trucks, changed lanes carelessly on highways and undermined road safety. Therefore, he urged the police officers at the Traffic Branch Headquarters to step up enforcement to improve the driving attitude of motorists.
- (f) Ms LI Chun-chau praised the HKPF for their efforts, which brought the crime rate in Hong Kong to a new low in 46 years. Also, under the leadership of the District Commander (Eastern District), the police officers in the district had maintained a good relationship with the public. Nevertheless, she believed that there was room for improvement in law enforcement by the HKPF. She cited the illegal parking situation at Lee Chung Street, Chai Wan as an example to illustrate that the problem remained serious in spite of the significant manpower resources devoted by the HKPF, and asked whether the HKPF could make use of technologies to facilitate law enforcement, such as recording information of the vehicle of offenders by scanning two-dimensional barcodes or photographing for the issuance of fixed penalty tickets to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement.
- (g) Mr LEE Chun-keung thanked the Commissioner of Police for visiting Eastern District, and commended the staff at PCRO of Chai Wan Division for discharging their duties conscientiously and maintaining close contacts with him. He pointed out that many motorists would park their vehicles on double yellow lines illegally for the sake of convenience without regard to pedestrian safety. He knew that the HKPF had introduced video-assisted enforcement and hoped the HKPF would apply the aforementioned technology in Chai Wan.

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- (h) Ms Bonnie LEUNG thanked the staff of District Traffic Team and PCRO for their assistance in handling the problem of illegal parking. However, she opined that although Hong On Street, Hong Shing Street and Hong Yue Street in Kornhill were not busy streets, they had become congested due to the serious problem of illegal parking. As such, she urged the HKPF to enhance education of motorists and assist them in developing good parking practices. She also pointed out that from time to time there was a queue of vehicles waiting to enter the car park of the shopping mall for parking, which caused traffic congestion. She hoped the HKPF would educate the management staff of the private premises on the relevant professional knowledge to assist them in effectively easing the traffic flow. In addition, as the public was concerned about excessive power of the HKPF, she believed that police officers should comply with the law and internal guidelines, and the power of the HKPF should be monitored. As regards the installation of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras inside police vehicles and the provision of relevant training to police officers as recommended by the Coroner's Court for the case of taxi driver Chan Fai-wong, she asked about the timetable for implementing the recommendations and whether the HKPF would institute prosecution against the police officer involved. Lastly, a concern group indicated that some police officers had followed and filmed individual protestors for up to 39 minutes during a massive demonstration. She asked whether the aforementioned action constituted a violation of the guidelines of the HKPF and whether the HKPF would conduct a review in this regard.
- (i) Mr Patrick LEUNG praised the staff at PCRO of Eastern District for working with him closely to address the law and order issues and day-to-day problems in Eastern District. In addition, he expressed concern about shop theft in Eastern District and pointed out that many shopping malls had a relatively high rate of theft. However, he also believed that many of these shop theft cases were committed by elderly people who were mentally unsound at that time, and hoped the HKPF could handle such cases in a fair, reasonable and legal manner. He also mentioned that many young people gathered at Kornhill Road to beg for travel money or to busk, causing nuisance to the community. He asked whether these types of behaviour constituted fraud and hoped the HKPF would assist in handling the issue to prevent the

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problem from worsening. Lastly, he hoped the HKPF would pay attention to domestic violence and introduce preventive measures.

- (j) Mr Howard CHEUNG believed that the relationship between the police and the community in Eastern District was harmonious. He cited that the HKPF had promptly handled the several criminal cases that took place at Mount Parker Lodge in recent years, which demonstrated that the HKPF had followed up and handled cases promptly, and had effectively safeguarded the law and order of the community. However, he was concerned that Mount Parker Lodge and other buildings in Quarry Bay often had access facilities in place for slope maintenance, which might allow thieves to get into the housing estates and commit crimes through these access facilities. Therefore, he hoped the HKPF would step up patrols. In addition, he expressed concern about the case of taxi driver Chan Fai-wong, and asked about the follow-up efforts of the HKPF on the installation of CCTV cameras inside police vehicles as recommended by the Jury of the Coroner's Court.
- (k) Mr CHUI Chi-kin agreed to the installation of CCTV cameras inside police vehicles as he believed it would prevent disputes between police and members of the public. He also recognised the efforts of the HKPF in maintaining good law and order in the district. However, he expressed concern about scams and stated that some of the frontline staff refused to accept cases where they could not determine whether fraud was involved, leaving the victims unable to redress their grievances. Therefore, he hoped the HKPF would make improvements in this regard. He also requested the HKPF to investigate whether the people taking their hands out and begging for money on streets were manipulated by syndicates. Lastly, he urged the HKPF to deploy additional manpower to tackle the serious problem of illegal parking at Chai Wan Road during night-time.
- (l) Mr LAM Sum-lim believed that the contributions of the HKPF were evident to all and thanked the staff at PCRO for their efforts. However, he pointed out that the loopholes in the relevant legislation often prevented the frontline staff from conducting effective enforcement actions. He said that for example, when roads or pavements in markets were obstructed, the departments concerned had

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to wait for 24 hours before they could remove the relevant items, as such, the frontline staff could not address the issue at an early stage. Hence, he urged the HKPF to review the relevant legislation to plug the loopholes. In addition, he referred to the practice in Macau where mobile phones were used to assist in the prosecution against the owners of illegally parked vehicles, and believed that Hong Kong should follow the example of Macau to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement. He also stated that after the installation of CCTV surveillance systems at various hygiene blackspots by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in recent years, the hygiene level at these blackspots had successfully returned to normal. He believed the HKPF could follow the practice and install CCTV systems at various illegal parking blackspots to record the information of the illegally parked vehicles for future prosecutions against the motorists concerned.

- (m) Mr HUI Lam-hing praised the District Commander (Eastern District) as the crime rate in Eastern District had dropped under his leadership. He also mentioned that a woman station sergeant of Chai Wan Division was commended by a resident of Hing Tung area, as she not only assisted the victim(s) by passing the case to the relevant unit for follow-up actions, but also called the victim(s) to show her sympathy afterwards. He considered the practice worthy of commendation and believed PCRO was a high quality team.
- (n) Ms Elaine CHIK thanked the HKPF for maintaining the law and order in the area all along. She found the staff at PCRO proactive in making prompt response, which enabled law and order to be maintained in Siu Sai Wan area. Nevertheless, she expressed concern about juvenile delinquency and said that as Christmas and New Year were approaching, she believed young people would have more chances to gather, which gave rise to worries about drug abuse among young people. She hoped the HKPF would deploy additional manpower for patrol duties. In addition, she noticed the emergence of various defrauding tricks and mentioned that there were people asking for money on streets in Siu Sai Wan area recently. Therefore, she hoped the HKPF would deploy additional manpower for patrol duties.

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- (o) Mr YEUNG Sze-chun commended the HKPF for maintaining regular contacts with him and hoped to maintain close liaison with the HKPF. Besides, he expressed concern about the illegal parking situation in the area and believed that it would be inefficient to solely rely on manual enforcement by police officers or traffic wardens. As such, he urged the HKPF to make use of technologies, such as the installation of CCTV, to address the illegal parking problem. He also noticed that illegal motor racing often occurred on Island Eastern Corridor, creating serious noise nuisances and posing a risk to road safety. He hoped the HKPF would set up more roadblocks and install video cameras along the Corridor to prevent the recurrence of the above problem.
- (p) Mr Andrew CHIU praised the police work in the community of Eastern District under the leadership of the District Commander (Eastern District), and gave special thanks to the officers of District Traffic Team, PCRO, and the Patrol Sub-units responsible for Taikoo Shing area. In addition, he requested the HKPF to introduce new technologies to enhance the effectiveness of instituting prosecutions against illegal parking by way of summons and to recruit additional traffic wardens. He stated that since Taikoo Shing was a large housing estate, illegal parking by taxi drivers was common and the situation remained serious even though traffic wardens were there to drive them away. Also, the issuance of fixed penalty tickets was time-consuming and affected the effectiveness of law enforcement. He suggested the HKPF provide handheld computing devices with global positioning system to frontline staff to enable them to upload relevant information, including the time and venue of the illegal parking, the relevant legislation for illegal parking and the relevant photos, to the central system of the HKPF immediately when an illegal parking event took place, and to print out the fixed penalty ticket immediately so as to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement. He knew that the Traffic Branch Headquarters of the HKPF had looked into the introduction of relevant devices, however, the measure had not materialised as the Transport Department (TD) had not amended the relevant legislation. He hoped the Commissioner of Police would address the relevant issues squarely and recruit additional traffic wardens to solve the problem of illegal parking which had plagued residents for years.

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- (q) Mr LAU Hing-yeung remarked that the Eastern Police District had all along maintained good communication with Councillors and good relationship with the public. As Hing Man Commercial Centre in Hing Man area required renovations and there were often security problems, he specifically required the HKPF, including the staff of PCRO to enhance publicity efforts in the housing estate and step up patrols to raise the efficiency in case detection. He recalled that the HKPF had demonstrated high efficiency in solving a case of convenience store theft that took place during the renovation in late October 2018 within one day. In addition, he noted that during the current term of EDC, the HKPF had met with Councillors regularly to discuss the situation in the district and believed the practice was commendable. He also expressed concern about the increasing number of fraudulent cases and hoped the HKPF would produce more announcements in the public interest for public broadcasting to step up publicity efforts. He also noticed that there was an upward trend in the number of juvenile crimes and suggested the HKPF develop more mobile applications to enhance the law-abiding awareness among young people.
- (r) Mr KUNG Pak-cheung praised PCRO for maintaining close ties and co-operation with the current term of EDC, as well as stepping up the dissemination of messages on telephone scams to the elderly to jointly reduce crime. Nevertheless, as the illegal parking problem at Lin Shing Road, Chai Wan remained unresolved, he hoped the HKPF would pay more attention to the issue.
- (s) Mr Frankie LO pointed out that the credit for the good relationship between the HKPF and the community in Eastern District, and the generally outstanding performance of frontline liaison officers and other staff at various divisions went to District Commander (Eastern District). Besides, he noticed that from time to time some people would deposit a huge sum of Renminbi cash into banks through automated teller machines and suspected that such behaviour was related to money laundering activities, hence he hoped the HKPF would pay more attention to such type of potential crimes. In addition, he also asked whether it was illegal for foreigners to play music on the street and open their instrument cases for collecting tips

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from the passers-by, and asked the HKPF to follow up on the issue.

- (t) Mr NGAN Chun-lim said that the problem of illegal parking was caused by the insufficiency of parking spaces or the motorists' mind-set of seeking temporary convenience. He believed parking the vehicles at access roads for fire engines, entrances of housing estates or bus stops at night would pose a great risk to pedestrians. Therefore, he hoped the HKPF would step up enforcement. On the other hand, he also hoped that the HKPF would strengthen publicity efforts for motorists and passengers, such as education for passengers on wearing seat belts to reduce injuries during accidents, the correct handling procedures for motorists when vehicle breakdown occurred on highways, which he believed would avoid causing heavy casualties during traffic accidents.

- (u) Mr CHENG Tat-hung said some residents had relayed to him that sometimes they could not reach the Report Room of North Point Division by telephone, and they might not want to call the 999 hotline, as such, some minor cases of illegal parking could not be handled promptly. He hoped the Commissioner of Police would make sure that there were officers at the Report Room of North Point Division to receive calls. Also, he noted that various task forces on traffic had launched investigation into the car crash at Cheung Hong Street. He hoped the Commissioner of Police would order the search unit or task forces to give an account of the preliminary observations of the investigation and corresponding measures to Councillors at the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC) under EDC to be held in early January. He also expressed concern over the illegal parking problem in the area and suggested the HKPF recruit additional traffic wardens for issuing summons for prosecution, so as to lessen the workload of police constables and traffic police officers. In addition, he indicated that the Central-Wan Chai Bypass (CWB) entrance at Tsing Fung Street flyover and the CWB entrance at Tong Shui Road, North Point were traffic blackspots, and urged the HKPF to pay attention to the traffic there after the commissioning of the CWB. Lastly, he mentioned that the number of scams related to fitness centres was increasing and hoped that the HKPF would form a task force dedicated to the issue.

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- (v) Mr CHENG Chi-sing praised the staff of PCRO for maintaining close contacts with him and performing their duties diligently. Besides, he expressed concern about the illegal parking problem in the area and pointed out that member(s) of the public had once called the police to report that a driver had parked the vehicle illegally on the double yellow lines at Hoi Yu Street and used water pump to wash the vehicle at the said location, which had seriously affected the passers-by. However, upon arrival, the police officer(s) merely told the driver about the complaints and asked the driver to drive away the vehicle, and no prosecution by way of summons had been made. Therefore, he believed the HKPF should take rigorous enforcement actions.

- (w) Mr Dominic WONG thanked the District Commander (Eastern District) and the staff at PCRO for maintaining communication between the HKPF and the public and preventing crimes to ensure the safety of the public. In particular, the HKPF had done a great job in different follow-up work after the Typhoon Mangkhut. Besides, he understood that crimes came in many guises in modern-day society, and suggested the HKPF make use of technologies, such as the installation of CCTV at crime blackspots or remote areas, to reduce crimes. He also hoped that the HKPF would review the loopholes in legislation and deter criminal activities from the source.

- (x) Ms CHOY So-yuk praised the work of the HKPF and cited that the staff at PCRO had proactively contacted and invited her to conduct publicity campaigns to enhance the safety awareness of the residents in light of a recent burglary of a building in the area during maintenance. In addition, as the illegal parking problem and insufficiency of parking spaces in Eastern District fell within the purview of the HKPF and TD, she suggested making reference to the establishment of the Joint Office by the HD and Buildings Department for handling water seepage problems, and setting up a standing working group comprising the Eastern District Office, the HKPF and the TD to handle the relevant complaints from the district effectively.

- (y) The Vice-chairman remarked that the police in Eastern District had maintained close contacts and performed well in liaising with Councillors of EDC under the leadership of the District Commander (Eastern District). He mentioned that recently he had been given a

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video clip about an illegal parking case, which he had passed to the HKPF for follow-up actions. The HKPF had immediately instituted a prosecution against the offender(s). He believed that video-assisted enforcement could explain the problem of illegal parking more effectively, and urged the HKPF to step up publicity efforts on video-assisted enforcement. In addition, he also opined that when telephone scams prevailed in 2017, the staff at PCRO had worked with him and other district organisations to step up the dissemination of telephone scam prevention messages to the public during public activities, and the outcome was satisfactory.

- (z) The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the Commissioner of Police for the hard work of the HKPF under his leadership as crime figures hit a new low. He was concerned that online scams saw a general growth of 30%. This type of scams involved a huge sum of money and was mainly related to syndicates in the Mainland, as such, he suggested the HKPF or the Immigration Department deploy additional resources to the development of mobile applications for smartphones to disseminate anti-scam messages to more people for their early detection. He also mentioned that the delegation of EDC had paid a duty visit to Shandong previously and had observed the approach of the local police in handling traffic issues. He believed Hong Kong could follow the example of the Mainland and introduce relevant technologies, which he believed would lessen the workload of the police effectively.

6. Mr Stephen LO, Commissioner of Police, thanked Councillors for their views and their recognition of the efforts of the HKPF, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) As for the enhancement of publicity on scam prevention, members of the public might dial 18222 to contact the ADCC for enquiries on any suspected deception cases. In case of suspected street deceptions, online scams, online romance scams, employment scams and LLG scams, the ADCC would provide support and advise members of the public to call the police for assistance when necessary.
- (b) The HKPF placed great emphasis on the problem of illegal parking. Over the past few years, the number of fixed penalty tickets issued

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increased year on year. Up to 2018, over 2 million fixed penalty tickets had been issued. The HKPF would deploy additional resources to step up enforcement at serious illegal parking blackspots.

- (c) He was aware that many Councillors suggested the use of technologies to facilitate enforcement actions. He indicated that the HKPF had implemented a two-month pilot scheme in Kowloon East and New Territories North in 2017 which focused on enforcement actions against vehicles entering yellow box marking and other offences. The HKPF would record the relevant illegal acts with video cameras before instituting a prosecution against the motorists concerned. He believed that the scheme was successful as it saved manpower and strengthened enforcement. Therefore, in August 2018, the HKPF had extended the scheme to all districts in Hong Kong on a pilot basis for six months. If the scheme was believed to be effective after review, the HKPF would regularise the scheme to facilitate enforcement.

- (d) As regards the use of video cameras to record illegal parking, the HKPF had visited the Mainland and other places and knew that they were also using CCTV to facilitate prosecution. However, currently the biggest problem faced by the HKPF came from Hong Kong legislation which required the law enforcement officers to take immediate prosecution actions against anyone who had parked illegally by handing out a fixed penalty ticket to the offender concerned or affixing the ticket to the front windscreen of the vehicle concerned, which meant that the prosecution had no retrospective effect. The relevant legislation should be amended as a precondition for using CCTV to handle the problem of illegal parking. The HKPF was proactively discussing with the TD and hoped that the TD would review the relevant legislation as soon as possible. In addition, the HKPF would soon implement the trial scheme of Electronic Fixed Penalty Tickets, under which the scanning of the two-dimensional barcode on vehicle licences would replace the practice of writing fixed penalty tickets manually. As regards the deployment of additional traffic wardens, the allocation of funding for the creation of 49 Traffic Warden posts had been approved in 2017. The HKPF would continue to bid for more resources to recruit additional manpower when necessary.

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- (e) He noted Councillors' concerns about the recommendations made by the Coroner's Court for the case of a taxi driver who died after being put into headlock during his arrest. The HKPF was actively considering the relevant recommendations, including enhancing the training of frontline enforcement officers and studying the feasibility of installing CCTV cameras inside police vehicles. However, since police vehicles were used for many purposes, the installation of CCTV cameras might give rise to privacy issues, as such, the HKPF had to consider the feasibility of such recommendations carefully.
- (f) As regards the car crash at Cheung Hong Street, the HKPF was conducting a comprehensive investigation. The HKPF would not let go any clue and would proactively follow up on the case if someone was liable for the incident. Initial investigation revealed that the braking system of the vehicle concerned was in order. The HKPF would provide further details to Councillors at the meeting of the TTC under EDC to be held in January.
- (g) He noted that Councillors hoped the HKPF would expand its workforce. He indicated that over the past few years, the Government had allocated additional resources for the HKPF to increase manpower to enhance its capability in counter-terrorism, patrols in districts and other duties. The HKPF would continue to bid for more resources from the Government when necessary.
- (h) Lastly, he thanked Councillors again for their valuable views to the HKPF, including the tightening of co-operation with the Mainland, enhancement of publicity efforts, review on legislation, introduction of technologies and concerns over begging and other issues. The District Commander (Eastern District) would take appropriate follow-up actions on issues related to Eastern District.

7. The Chairman thanked Mr Stephen LO, Commissioner of Police and his colleagues for attending the meeting, and invited them to note Councillors' views.

III. Director of Social Welfare to Meet Eastern District Council Members

8. The Chairman welcomed Ms Carol YIP, JP, Director of Social Welfare, Miss Hannah YIP, District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern & Wan Chai), Ms POON

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Hau-yuk, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/Wan Chai)¹ and Ms Vivian LAM, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/Wan Chai)² of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) for attending the meeting of EDC.

9. Ms Carol YIP, JP, Director of Social Welfare, briefed Councillors on the work of the SWD.

10. 18 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarised below:

- (a) Mr NGAN Chun-lim expressed concern over residential care services for the elderly. He often received complaints from residents of the area about the inadequacy of places of residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), the long waiting time, and the huge variation in the service quality of various RCHEs, especially the poor service quality of private RCHEs. Recently, the Office of the Ombudsman also criticised the SWD for its inadequate supervision of services provided by RCHEs and being too lenient in assessing the service level of RCHEs and processing licence renewal applications. As the problem of ageing population in Hong Kong was worsening, there was a keen demand for elderly services. Therefore, in addition to the construction of more RCHEs, he suggested the SWD also strengthen home care services for the elderly and provide technical guidance and professional advice to persons caring for elderly people at home.
- (b) Ms Bonnie LEUNG praised the Director of Social Welfare for thinking out of the box to help Hong Kong people. She hoped the Director of Social Welfare would introduce gerontechnology, such as high-tech wheelchairs, to assist people with paralysis or reduced mobility to climb the stairs, use the toilet and take a bath. She also suggested the Government provide subsidies for RCHEs to purchase relevant technological products, or assist elderly people at home to rent these products at a lower price, so as to improve their living standards. She also hoped that the Budget would provide the public with relevant subsidies.
- (c) Mr Patrick LEUNG suggested the SWD step up its support for families caring for elderly people and people with disabilities or reduced mobility, such as providing more day respite places to ensure

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that the carers would have time to rest. As regards ethnic minorities, he opined that many people from ethnic minority groups did not know how to seek help when facing domestic violence or difficulties in seeking employment. He asked when and how the outreach services to ethnic minorities as mentioned in the Policy Address would be implemented.

- (d) Mr Howard CHEUNG commended the Director of Social Welfare for her detailed work report. He asked whether elderly persons aged 65 or above could receive the Disability Allowance and Old Age Allowance concurrently. He suggested the SWD increase the subsidies for RCHEs to raise the income of nursing staff, and subsidise carers and elderly service units in renewing their technological facilities to lessen their financial burden and at the same time expedite the application of innovative gerontechnologies. He also suggested increasing the rate of Disability Allowance, revising the definition of disability, and strengthening employment support for persons with disabilities. In addition, he hoped the employment quota for persons with disabilities in government departments and large private institutions would be increased to boost the employment rate of persons with disabilities. He also hoped that the Government would review the Work Orientation and Placement Scheme to improve the short-lived employment of persons with disabilities. Lastly, some residents had relayed to him that they had encountered financial difficulties when seeking medical advice at the psychiatric department of Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital. He hoped the SWD would strengthen the support for medical social workers at hospitals to provide appropriate assistance to patients.
- (e) Mr CHUI Chi-kin opined that the premises of the former TWGHs Lui's Brothers Home for the Elderly had remained vacant since it moved out of Yue Wan Estate three years ago in 2016. He believed it was a waste of public resources and deemed it highly undesirable. He also stated that the Director of Social Welfare had mentioned that while 1 200 RCHEs were required in Hong Kong, the construction might not be completed even 80 years later. As such, he asked the Director of Social Welfare how the SWD would solve the problem of long waiting time for RCHEs. He also noticed media reports about elderly abuse, which reflected the SWD's inadequate supervision of

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RCHEs, and urged the SWD to step up supervision. Besides, as Shine Skills Centre was forced to be closed, the training opportunities for students would be reduced and their employment prospects would be undermined. As such, he asked about the remedial measures of the SWD in this regard. In addition, he indicated that the Government had not established a universal retirement protection system but instead had provided the Higher Old Age Living Allowance (Higher OALA) to the elderly; however, there were cases where people obtained the Higher OALA by deception. He asked whether the SWD had underestimated the number of recipients of the Higher OALA, and whether the SWD had sufficient financial capacity to continue the provision of the Higher OALA to the elderly.

- (f) Mr George LAM pointed out that the Government had reserved many spaces for the elderly in Ming Wah Dai Ha project, a redevelopment project in A Kung Ngam area. However, the project alone would provide 4 000-odd flats, an increase of 2 000-odd flats. With such increase and the redevelopment project of the market at Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, he believed the population of A Kung Ngam area would be rejuvenated. As such, he hoped the SWD would provide more facilities and services for young people, in particular academic support for new immigrants, in its development plan for the area in the next 10 years.
- (g) Mr LAM Sum-lim urged the SWD to endeavour to provide facilities for the elderly in Shau Kei Wan area. In addition, he also expressed concern about the accumulation limit of \$5,000 for Health Care Vouchers. He pointed out that as the accumulation limit for each voucher account was set at \$5,000, if an elderly person had not used the Health Care Vouchers within one year, the Health Care Vouchers issued in the next year would not be deposited into the account. Therefore, many elderly people would purchase unnecessary items in order to receive the Health Care Vouchers in the next year. He believed that if there was no accumulation limit on the Health Care Vouchers, the elderly could continue to accumulate the unspent voucher amount for future use when they had genuine need.
- (h) Mr Patrick WONG said that as there was no universal retirement protection system, the public could only rely on the one-off financial

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assistance scheme proposed in the Policy Address and the Budget, or various subvented services provided by the SWD and non-governmental organisations. However, as the eligibility criteria and the target recipients of various financial assistance schemes were different, members of the public might find them confusing. Therefore, he suggested the SWD provide one-stop services to handle the enquiries from members of the public. In addition, he also hoped that the SWD would strengthen support to the hidden elderly. Lastly, he urged the SWD to step up supervision of RCHEs.

- (i) Mr KU Kwai-yiu thanked the Social Welfare Officers of Eastern and Wan Chai Districts for their assistance in referring cases to other departments for follow-up actions. He said that as mentioned by the Director of Social Welfare, 5 000 additional RCHE places were required for Eastern District in the future, hence he asked about the existing number of RCHE places in Eastern District and also requested the SWD to provide further details. In addition, he believed that the SWD's support for patients with mental illness was inadequate. The outreach services provided were merely assistance in reporting to the HKPF and sending the patients to a psychiatric hospital on most occasions. He believed that these services were not what the patients and their family members hoped for, and asked whether the SWD had other better solutions or any designated officers to handle such cases. Lastly, he suggested the SWD step up inspection of various RCHEs proactively, instead of handling the cases only after complaints were received.
- (j) Ms LI Chun-chau expressed concern about the problem of street sleeping and vagrancy in Eastern District. She discovered that recently there were a few street sleepers outside Shell Industrial Building at Lee Chung Street, Chai Wan. She asked whether the SWD could provide more support for them to improve their current living conditions. Besides, she was very concerned about the problems related to elderly doubletons and stated that if one of the elderly was sick, the other one might face huge mental and psychological pressure. Therefore, she hoped the SWD could provide more support for these families. In addition, she mentioned that nowadays children also faced huge pressure and hoped that the SWD would provide support to children and their parents as well in

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addition to elderly care.

- (k) Mr LEE Chun-keung said that the hidden elderly who needed help might not take the initiative to seek help. He suggested the SWD enquire with Councillors to find out whether there were hidden elders who needed help. In addition, as the Government had been promoting the revitalisation of industrial buildings, he asked whether the industrial buildings in the district could be converted into RCHEs. Lastly, he noticed that some elderly people scavenged on the streets not because of financial difficulties, but because they found spiritual comfort in scavenging due to mental problems. He hoped the SWD would provide support to them.
- (l) Mr CHENG Tat-hung said that as indicated by the Office of the Ombudsman, in the past four years, the number of prosecutions instituted against RCHEs was low, cases of non-renewal, revocation or suspension of licences were even rarer. In most cases, the SWD merely issued advisory or warning letters, or written directions on remedial measures to the RCHEs concerned. He urged the SWD to step up supervision of RCHEs. In addition, he noticed that the SWD had not imposed serious penalties, such as non-renewal or suspension of licences, on RCHEs operated by chain groups. He criticised that it failed to improve the service quality of these RCHEs and requested the SWD to conduct reviews.
- (m) Mr Eddie TING mentioned that many elderly people had limited income after retirement at 65 and they had a keen demand for the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme. He suggested lowering the eligible age for the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme from 70 to 65. In addition, although the Government had provided diversified support services or programmes to the elderly, many elderly people failed to distinguish between various services or programmes. He suggested the SWD set up a hotline to answer enquiries from the elderly and refer the cases to relevant departments for follow-up actions when necessary.
- (n) Mr Dominic WONG thanked the SWD for its efforts. He expressed concern about the problem of ageing population and issues related to singletons with mental illness. He knew that social workers would

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visit patients once a month, but he worried that if a patient failed to take medication according to schedule, it would cause great nuisance to the neighbours. Therefore, he hoped the SWD would strengthen the support for patients. In addition, he also suggested the SWD make use of various technologies to tackle the problem of manpower shortage in RCHEs and provide assistance in caring for elderly persons with dementia.

- (o) Mr LAU Hing-yeung praised the Social Welfare Officers of Eastern and Wan Chai Districts for their follow-up efforts and hoped the SWD would continue to work closely with Councillors to tackle community issues in a concerted manner. In addition, he expressed concern about the insufficient places of RCHEs and urged the Government and the SWD to think out of the box and adopt methods such as converting industrial buildings into RCHEs to provide a large number of places of RCHEs as soon as possible.
- (p) Mr Andrew CHIU clarified that the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme was managed by the Department of Health but not the SWD. He expressed concern about the problems identified by the Office of the Ombudsman on the supervision of RCHEs and believed that the poor service quality of private RCHEs was caused by three major issues, namely location, human resources and supervision. Firstly, he suggested the SWD designate some sites for the operation of private RCHEs through tender. With a stable location for operation, the RCHEs could allocate more resources in caring the elderly after deducting the expenses. Secondly, he noticed that many of the nursing staff were not professionally qualified, and believed that the SWD should provide assistance to the industry for enhancing their relevant skills. He knew the Haven of Hope Christian Service had relevant programmes but the effectiveness was limited. Thirdly, with respect to supervision, he suggested the SWD convert the voluntary Residential Aged Care Accreditation Scheme developed by Hong Kong Association of Gerontology (HKAG) into a statutory mechanism to supervise the RCHEs.
- (q) The Vice-chairman hoped to strengthen communication with the SWD to promptly handle emergencies or domestic violence cases happened during the holiday in a concerted manner. In addition, he noticed that

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some unscrupulous traders, such as optical shops, would persuade the elderly to purchase eyeglasses to spend the accumulated amount in their voucher accounts. He suggested the Government lift the cap of \$5,000 on the accumulation amount of the Health Care Vouchers, so that the elderly could accumulate more money for future use when they had genuine need for medical consultation.

- (r) The Chairman was highly concerned about the joint user complex for the elderly in Eastern District, and asked the Director of Social Welfare when the construction for the project would commence. He also pointed out that there were 100 000-odd elderly people in Eastern District who had urgent need for the complex. In addition, he suggested the SWD compile the key points of various services and programmes for the elderly and publish simple leaflets for community leaders to distribute to the public, so as to facilitate publicity efforts in the community. Lastly, he expressed concern about the hidden elderly living in private housing developments and hoped that the SWD would step up support for the elderly in this respect.

11. Ms Carol YIP, JP, Director of Social Welfare, responded to the views and enquiries of Councillors as follows:

- (a) The SWD had all along been closely monitoring the demand for residential care services of the elderly. The Government had imposed land sale conditions to request the developers to construct community facilities, such as RCHEs and residential care homes for persons with disabilities, when developing the sites. Currently, there were around 10-odd government sites for sale with such conditions. In addition, the SWD also provided high-quality places of private RCHEs for the elderly through the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. She indicated that currently the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) provided around 8 000 subsidised places in Hong Kong, and the SWD would purchase an additional 5 000 places in the next five years. The private RCHEs under the EBPS had exceeded the licensing standards in terms of staffing and bed spacing. A major characteristic of the EBPS was that once a private RCHE had participated in the scheme, the same enhanced standards would apply to the entire home (including non-subsidised places), thus making the scheme an effective means of enhancing the service quality of private

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RCHEs. In general, the SWD would purchase around 50% of the places at the eligible RCHEs.

- (b) The SWD had been proactively following up on the service quality of RCHEs over the past few years. What the Ombudsman referred to was a three-year-old case. Since the incident at Cambridge Nursing Home, the SWD had conducted a comprehensive review on various aspects, including the establishment of a working group to review the relevant ordinances and codes of practices. 16 meetings had been held to date, with an aim to submit recommendations on the amendments to the relevant ordinances and codes of practices to the Labour and Welfare Bureau after discussions by mid-2019. With respect to inspection, the SWD conducted inspections on each private RCHE on an average of seven times annually, and the number of prosecutions instituted by the SWD against RCHEs had significantly increased in recent years.
- (c) Apart from prosecution and inspection, the SWD attached great importance to the training of RCHE staff, and had launched the Training Subsidy Scheme for the Staff of Residential Care Homes. Under the scheme, the entire industry, including home managers, health workers and care workers, was required to enrol in Qualifications Framework-based training courses fully subsidised by the SWD, to improve the service quality of RCHEs. The SWD was currently examining the introduction of qualification requirements for home managers to the relevant ordinances. It was proposed that only professionals or personnel with relevant training would be appointed as home managers, in the hope of significantly enhancing the service quality of RCHEs. The SWD was aware that the misconduct of any worker in the industry would greatly affect public confidence on all RCHEs and undermine the reputation of RCHEs. Therefore, the SWD called for fellow workers to be mindful of their conduct and behaviours at all times no matter how stressful the work was.
- (d) The SWD had set up Service Quality Groups in various districts and invited community leaders, especially Councillors, to conduct visits to homes in the district and provide their views, which would help to improve the quality of the homes. The SWD would provide full subsidies for all private RCHEs to join the accreditation scheme in the

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next five years to encourage private RCHEs to further enhance their service quality. In addition, during the past two years, the SWD had engaged the HKAG to provide training and on-site coaching for more than 600 RCHEs. The SWD welcomed any suggestions on improving the quality of RCHEs and hoped that Councillors of various districts would respond proactively.

- (e) As regards the use of technology in RCHEs, the SWD had implemented the \$1 billion Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to subsidise elderly and rehabilitation service units to procure, rent and try technology products, so as to improve the quality of life of service users as well as reduce the burden and pressure of nursing staff and carers. Apart from the procurement and rental of new technology products, the SWD also welcomed applicant organisations to try the newly developed technology products designed specifically for the nursing and rehabilitation needs of elderly persons or persons with disabilities.
- (f) The SWD would kick-start the all-new outreach services for ethnic minorities in the next financial year. Compared with the extensive approach adopted by the SWD in providing assistance to ethnic minorities in the past, the future provision of outreach services would focus on the follow-up of specific cases, and activities for small groups and major groups would also be organised in the hope of providing effective assistance to ethnic minorities.
- (g) Concerning the employment situation of persons with disabilities, the SWD had been working with the Labour Department to encourage employers to offer more job vacancies for persons with disabilities by increasing the subsidies to employers.
- (h) In respect of the manpower of medical social workers at hospitals, the SWD would deploy additional resources for recruiting more medical social workers to provide patients and their families with appropriate support.
- (i) As regards the premises of the former TWGHs Lui's Brothers Home for the Elderly at Yue Wan Estate, as the law had stipulated stringent requirements, including the headroom of the premises, for residential

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care homes for the elderly or persons with disabilities, after studies, the premises were confirmed to be not suitable for the operation of RCHEs.

- (j) The SWD understood that the population at Ming Wah Dai Ha would be rejuvenated after the redevelopment, therefore, it planned to continue its provision of youth services in the area. At present, a Children Centre was established at Ming Wah Dai Ha, and the SWD had applied to the Hong Kong Housing Society to reserve space for the reprovisioning of the centre. In addition, an Integrated Children and Youth Services Centre was established near Ming Wah Dai Ha. Both centres would provide appropriate services for young people in the area, including newly-arrived students, according to the needs of the community.
- (k) The SWD would relay Councillors' views on the Health Care Vouchers to the Food and Health Bureau. The Secretary for Food and Health had received views in this regard and would take them into consideration.
- (l) The SWD provided a 24-hour hotline (2343 2255), through which cases would be instantly transferred to social workers for follow-up actions. She called for Councillors' assistance in promoting the hotline service. The SWD would also maintain close liaison with Councillors.
- (m) Concerning the support services for patients with mental illness, she stated that mental rehabilitation services were among the major services provided by the SWD. Currently, there were 24 Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) across the territory. Over the past five years, the SWD had persistently increased the resources allocated to the ICCMWs. In addition to increasing the manpower of social workers, the SWD had also created clinical psychologist posts at ICCMWs to provide in-depth support to patients and their families. The SWD would adopt a new approach of deploying mobile publicity vans to enhance community education for early prevention of mental illness.
- (n) As regards the problem of street sleeping, currently the SWD provided

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subvention to three Integrated Services Team for Street Sleepers, which would co-operate with the District Offices to provide street sleepers with a package of integrated services, including day and late-night outreaching visit, emergency shelter/short-term hostel placement, emergency relief fund, personal care (e.g. bathing, hair-cut and meal), counselling, employment guidance and service referral, etc. with an aim to assist them to be self-reliant and reintegrate into the community. With the concerted efforts of the service teams from St. James' Settlement and social workers of the SWD, in recent years, they had successfully assisted various street sleepers in obtaining appropriate welfare benefits and services and reintegrating into the community. The SWD would also strengthen related services in a timely manner.

- (o) The SWD had been paying attention to the problems associated with the hidden elderly, elderly singletons and elderly doubletons over the years. Apart from the launch of Dementia Friendly Community Campaign, the SWD had also organised the Support for Carers Project, in which property management companies in Hong Kong were invited to release their frontline staff to receive training provided by the SWD, to enable them to identify the needs of elderly people and their carers and render suitable assistance, with a view to helping elderly people age in place.
- (p) In respect of the suggestion of converting industrial buildings into RCHEs, the SWD would continue to study the feasibility after taking into account factors such as the barrier-free facilities and ceiling heights of the buildings concerned.
- (q) The SWD had been closely monitoring the progress of the joint user complex at Lei King Road led by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), which would provide 200 RCHE places. The LCSD had consulted the Task Force on Harbourfront Developments on Hong Kong Island of the Harbourfront Commission on the project in November 2017. The SWD knew that the LCSD would seek funding approval from the Legislative Council for this project in the first half of 2019 and it would maintain close contacts with the LCSD.
- (r) As the services provided by the SWD were closely related

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to people's livelihood, she believed that the suggestion of publishing simple leaflets for community leaders to distribute to the public as proposed by the Chairman was useful in facilitating the public to better understand various services and programmes provided by the SWD.

12. The Chairman thanked Ms Carol YIP, JP, Director of Social Welfare, and her colleagues for attending the meeting, and invited them to note Councillors' views.

IV. Information Items

Chairman's Report on the Discussion Items of the Regular Meeting

13. The Chairman reported that the discussion items had been set out in the report of the Chairman/Vice-chairman earlier on for Councillors' reference. The regular meeting for January 2019 was scheduled on 17 January. Councillors might forward their enquiries or views to the Chairman or Vice-chairman for relaying at the regular meeting in January.

V. Financial Position of Eastern District Council Funds

(EDC Paper No. 90/18)

14. The Secretary briefed the meeting on Paper No. 90/18.
15. Councillors noted the financial position of the above funds.

VI. Report on the Sixth Meeting of District Facilities Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 91/18)

16. Councillors noted the above report.

VII. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Culture, Leisure, Community Building and Services Committee

(EDC Paper No. 92/18)

17. Councillors noted the above report.

VIII. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee

(EDC Paper No. 93/18)

18. Councillors noted the above report.

IX. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee

(EDC Paper No. 94/18)

19. Councillors noted the above report.

X. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Planning, Works and Housing Committee

(EDC Paper No. 95/18)

20. Councillors noted the above report.

XI. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Vetting Committee

(EDC Paper No. 96/18)

21. Councillors noted the above report.

XII. Report on the Seventh Meeting of Task Group on Festival Celebrations

(EDC Paper No. 97/18)

22. Councillors noted the report of the task group.

XIII. Report on the Sixth Meeting of Task Group on Publicity about the Work of Eastern District Council

(EDC Paper No. 98/18)

23. Councillors noted the report of the task group.

XIV. Report on the Third Meeting of the Steering Group on the Signature Project of Eastern District

(EDC Paper No. 99/18)

24. Councillors noted the report of the steering group and endorsed the suggestions and delegation of authority under paragraph 4 in Paper No. 99/18.

XV. Report on the 228th Meeting of the Eastern District Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 100/18)

25. Councillors noted the above report.

XVI. Any Other Business

26. The Chairman said that the Eastern District Cultural Square under the Signature Project Scheme of Eastern District would be completed by the end of 2018, and the opening ceremony cum carnival was scheduled to be held on 9 and 10 March 2019. Various principal officials of the Government had been invited to be the officiating guests of the opening ceremony. On the first day of the carnival, there would be a range of versatile cultural shows performed by students of the tertiary institutions, primary and secondary schools as well as kindergartens in the district, and on the second day, there would be performances by local organisations, booth games and Cantonese opera performances. Councillors were advised to reserve time for the event.

XVII. Date of the Next Meeting

27. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. The seventeenth EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 5 March 2019 (Tuesday).

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