

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Eastern District Council

Date: 4 October 2016 (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>
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	3:15	end of meeting
Mr WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH	2:30	4:05
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	4:30
Mr LAM Sum-lim	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAM Kei-tung, George	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LAM Chui-lin, Alice, MH	2:45	5:05
Mr SHIU Ka-fai	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUNG Lin-cham	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHUI Chi-kin	2:30	end of meeting
Mr CHEUNG Kwok-cheong, Howard	2:32	end of meeting
Mr LEUNG Siu-sun, Patrick	2:38	end of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung, David	2:30	end of meeting
Ms LEUNG Wing-man, Bonnie	4:32	end of meeting
Mr HUI Lam-hing	2:30	end of meeting
Mr HUI Ching-on	2:30	3:00
Mr KWOK Wai-keung, Aron	2:35	4:50
Mr MAK Tak-ching	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	4:30
Mr CHIU Ka-yin, Andrew	3:00	end of meeting
Mr CHIU Chi-keung (Vice-chairman)	2:30	end of meeting
Mr LAU Hing-yeung	2:30	end of meeting
Ms CHOY So-yuk, BBS, JP	2:45	end of meeting
Mr CHENG Chi-sing	2:30	end of meeting

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Mr CHENG Tat-hung	2:41	5:00
Mr LAI Chi-keong, Joseph	2:30	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

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Ms TENG Yu-yan, Anne, JP	District Officer (Eastern) Eastern District Office
Ms AU Tsz-kwan, Fiona	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 1 Eastern District Office
Miss NGAI Lai-ying, Angora	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 1 (Designate) Eastern District Office
Mr LAI Ho-chun, Samuel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 2 Eastern District Office
Mr Graham MITCHELMORE	District Commander (Eastern District) Hong Kong Police Force
Mr SIT Ka-ho	Deputy District Commander (Eastern District) Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LAM Kin-tat	Police Community Relations Officer (Eastern District) Hong Kong Police Force
Mr HSU Kam-lung, Virgil	Chief Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and Islands) Housing Department
Mr HO Kwan-hang, Albert	Chief Transport Officer/ Hong Kong Transport Department
Mr WONG Wai-leung	Acting 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 LOK Mee-mee, Mimi	District Leisure Manager (Eastern) Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LAU Wai-lun, Eddie	Senior Liaison Officer (1) Eastern District Office
Ms WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) Eastern District Office
Ms KONG Kei-kei, Hayley	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) Eastern District Office

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

Mr LI Kin-yat, Daryl	Director of Fire Services Fire Services Department
Mr YU Chung-keung	Divisional Commander (Hong Kong East) Fire Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Tsee-tuck	Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer (Hong Kong) Fire Services Department
Mr LEUNG Lung-kei	Divisional Officer (Management Group) Fire Services Department
Mr LEUNG Kin-tak, Kenneth	Executive Officer (District Management) Eastern District Office

Secretary

Miss WAH Pui-yee, Vivian	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 Daryl LI, Director of Fire Services, Mr YU Chung-keung, Divisional Commander (Hong Kong East), Mr CHEUNG Tsee-tuck, Assistant Chief Ambulance Officer (Hong Kong) and Mr LEUNG Lung-kei, Divisional Officer (Management Group) of the Fire Services Department (FSD) for attending the meeting of Eastern District Council (EDC).

2. He also welcomed Miss Angora NGAI, Assistant District Officer (Eastern) 1 designate, who would succeed Ms Fiona AU on transfer in October 2016; Mr SIT Ka-ho, Deputy District Commander (Eastern District) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF); Mr Albert HO, Chief Transport Officer/Hong Kong of Transport Department (TD), who succeeded Mr Christopher CHIU; Mr LUK Chi-kwong, Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who succeeded Mr Simon LIU; Mr Virgil HSU, Chief Manager/Management (Hong Kong Island and Islands) of the Housing Department; and Mr WONG Wai-leung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD). The Chairman, on behalf of all Councillors, thanked Ms Fiona AU, Mr Christopher CHIU and Mr Simon LIU for their contributions to Eastern District during their terms.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Fourth Eastern District Council Meeting

3. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

II. Director of Fire Services to Meet Eastern District Council Members

4. Mr Daryl LI, Director of Fire Services, briefed Councillors on the FSD's work.
5. 26 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarized below:
 - (a) Mr YEUNG Sze-chun gave recognition to firefighters' work. On the mini-storage at Tai On Building, he thanked the department for the swift follow-up in response to his enquiry. However, he expressed concerns that subsequent co-ordination work had taken over a month before further progress was noted. He urged the FSD to take measures to strengthen the regulation of fire safety of mini-storages as soon as possible. He also expressed concern about the storage of dangerous goods inside mini-storages, and enquired about the progress of amending the relevant ordinance(s) to regulate fire safety in such facilities. He further asked whether there would be a review to bring old industrial buildings under the regulatory ambit of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance.
 - (b) Mr WONG Kin-hing enquired if the FSD would allocate additional resources to cope with the increasing demand for emergency ambulance services in the district. He also asked about the information on mini-storages in Eastern District including their total number, the inspection outcome, number of non-compliance cases and their follow-up work. Separately, he pointed out that there was a dangerous goods godown in a warehouse building situated in Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan and enquired about the regulation of the fire safety of this type of godowns.
 - (c) Mr MAK Tak-ching enquired about the progress of amending the relevant ordinance(s) to regulate mini-storages. He added that difficulties were encountered in improving the fire service facilities of old buildings, especially those "three nil" buildings in complying with Fire Safety Directions (Directions). The FSD had introduced the Pilot Scheme on Improvised Hose Reel System (Scheme) last year, allowing buildings of three storeys or below to install hose reel systems with direct water supply from the government town mains on the ground floor. However, the Scheme was not applicable for buildings of more than three storeys. He hoped that the FSD could relax the policy and adopt a flexible approach in considering alternative proposals.
 - (d) Mr Aron KWOK expressed his respect for firefighters. He enquired about the follow-up work of FSD after completion of the inspection of mini-storages. He also raised concerns about the progress on reviewing the conditioned working hours and remuneration of firemen. With regard to the recent alleged bullying case reported by the media, he enquired about the follow up action to be taken by FSD and the measures to prevent recurrence of similar incidents.
 - (e) Mr HUI Lam-hing hoped that the FSD could issue guidelines for

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handling bullying cases, etc to avoid recurrence of similar incidents. He indicated that some residents living near fire stations had reflected concerns about noise nuisance caused by the sirens of fire services vehicles and ambulances during late nights, and wished the FSD could implement noise mitigation measures. Moreover, noting that aerial ladders of fire services vehicles could not be extended to higher than the 30th floor, he enquired about the relevant firefighting arrangement.

- (f) Mr CHENG Tat-hung expressed respect for firefighters. He relayed that there was a public concern on the remuneration of firemen, and enquired about the progress in following up the issue with the Security Bureau. He hoped that the FSD could enhance co-ordination with the Buildings Department (BD) to ensure that the replacement work of fire service facilities under the “Operation Building Bright” scheme could meet the fire safety standards. He added that the fire at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter reflected issues on fireboat deployment. He hoped that the FSD could review and allocate additional resources for maritime fire services, and devise contingency arrangement so as to enable a swift response to marine emergencies.
- (g) Mr Joseph LAI said that despite a surge of demand for emergency ambulance services, there was no increase in the number of ambulance depot in the district. In addition to the FSD’s proposal of reprovisioning the ambulance depot at Hing Wah Estate to the intersection of Sun Yip Street and Siu Sai Wan Road in Chai Wan, he suggested that the FSD should consider keeping the existing depot at Hing Wah Estate in order to cope with future demand. He also supported the FSD in increasing staff departmental quarters.
- (h) Mr Frankie LO appreciated the department’s effective provision of firefighting, rescue and emergency assistance services but considered that efforts on fire prevention work could be further stepped up. He pointed out that owners of old buildings faced many difficulties in installing fire service facilities in complying with the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, and hoped that the FSD and the BD could provide assistance to owners’ corporations or owners of such buildings and consider enforcing requirements on each case’s merits. Although the FSD had rolled out the Scheme, it was only applicable for old buildings of not more than three storeys. He suggested that the FSD should offer more assistance to the owners.
- (i) Mr KUNG Pak-cheung said that with the ageing population, the demand for emergency ambulance service continued to be on the rise. He hoped that the FSD could retain the ambulance depot at Hing Wah Estate.
- (j) Mr LAM Sum-lim thanked firefighters for their hard work. He pointed out that the old buildings in Kam Wa Street, Shau Kei Wan were four to ten-storeyed, and enquired whether the scope of the Scheme would be expanded to include higher than three-storeyed old buildings. He also hoped that the FSD could enhance co-ordination with the BD so as to help owners’ corporations manage the installation

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of fire service facilities.

- (k) Mr HUNG Lin-cham expressed concern about safety of the vehicle repair workshops. He pointed out that there were vehicle repair workshops along both sides of the private street of Fort Street, as well as the problem of illegal parking. In the event of a fire emergency, access of fire service vehicles would be obstructed. He hoped that the FSD could allocate more resources for strengthening the inspection of these workshops, and co-ordinate with the department(s) concerned to tackle the obstruction of access for emergency vehicles with a view to safeguarding public safety. He also thanked the firefighters for their dedication and provision of professional services to the public.
- (l) Mr CHUI Chi-kin thanked firefighters for protecting the public. He pointed out that the closely packed environment of subdivided units increased fire risks. He asked if the fire safety of subdivided units was regulated under the existing legislation. He also enquired about the FSD's measures in reducing fire risks of mini-storages, especially taking into consideration the difficulties in regulating the objects stored inside mini-storages.
- (m) Mr Howard CHEUNG said that there were two respective emergency carriageways between Block 8 and Block 9, as well as between Block 11 and Block 12 of Nan Fung Sun Chuen. Fire service vehicles could not enter the carriageways owing to the prolonged parking of vehicles. He enquired about the rescue arrangement under the circumstances when carriageways for fire service vehicles were obstructed.
- (n) Mr Patrick LEUNG expressed concerned about the fire at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter, and enquired whether the FSD had evaluated maritime fire prevention measures and rescue arrangement, reviewed the berthing arrangements of fishing vessels and enhanced fire awareness of fishermen. On the FSD's performance pledge of attaining at least 95% achievement on the response time of ambulances or fire service vehicles, he asked if the target could be further raised. He said that he had received complaints about delay in the arrival of ambulances and enquired about the parking arrangements for ambulances.
- (o) Mr David LEUNG suggested that the FSD should consider increasing the manpower to strengthen preventive education on fire safety. He also supported the proposed setting up of an ambulance depot at the intersection between Sun Yip Street and Siu Sai Wan Road in Chai Wan, and hoped that there could be more ambulance depots in the district to enhance emergency assistance services.
- (p) Ms CHOY So-yuk commended the department's work on fire-fighting and rescue. On the issue of fire safety, she hoped that the processing time for considering building maintenance plans could be shortened. She was concerned that the FSD had not taken action against some buildings which were illegally converted into commercial use with fire safety issues, and hoped that the FSD could work on such issue.

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- (q) Mr LEE Chun-keung said that the FSD should enhance work on fire prevention. He pointed out that there were many mini-storages inside factories in Lee Chung Street, Hong Man Street and Cheung Lee Street. He enquired whether the FSD had conducted comprehensive inspections on these mini-storages. As regards fire risks of subdivided units, he hoped that the FSD could conduct a full review and inspect the premises concerned.
- (r) Ms LI Chun-chau voiced safety concern about the use of oxy-acetylene cylinders in vehicle repair workshops located in residential areas, and enquired whether the FSD had conducted regular inspections of the storage of oxy-acetylene cylinders in these workshops in Hong Kong, and whether guidelines and standards had been issued in relation to their applications and storage quantities. She added that the FSD's work was recognized by the public, and hoped that the Director of Fire Services could adopt measures to avoid recurrence of any incident that might tarnish the professional image of firefighters.
- (s) Mr Stanley HO said that some emergency vehicular access was obstructed owing to illegal parking. Should there be any occurrence of accidents, ambulances or fire services vehicles would have difficulties in gaining access. Shing Hong Lane of Heng Fa Chuen was such a case. He hoped that the FSD could enhance co-operation with the department(s) concerned to resolve the issue.
- (t) Mr KU Kwai-yiu enquired about the total number, the inspection results, cases of non-compliance and the follow-up work on the mini-storages in Eastern District, especially in Chai Wan. He also pointed out that old buildings might not be able to meet fire safety requirements owing to spatial, structural or other constraints, and asked if the FSD would offer more assistance to owners. He supported the building of an ambulance depot in Sun Yip Street, and hoped that the existing ambulance depot at Hing Wah Estate could be retained.
- (u) Mr WONG Kwok-hing supported the ambulance depot at Siu Sai Wan. He was concerned about the alleged group bullying of a trainee, and hoped that the FSD could tighten up the discipline of firefighters. He further enquired about the department's measures for enhancing maritime rescue with a view to preventing recurrence of the serious fire incident at Sau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter.
- (v) Mr Patrick WONG enquired if the inspection results of mini-storages would be made public to enhance transparency and encourage service providers to make improvement as soon as possible. He also hoped that the FSD could work with the TD to implement measures to deal with the obstruction of emergency vehicular access. He further enquired about the progress of reviewing the remuneration of firemen.
- (w) Mr Eddie TING said that fire prevention in mini-storages was of great

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importance. With regard to the enhancement of fire safety in old buildings, he said that various problems were encountered including difficulties faced in installing new fire service facilities due to structural and other constraints, the lack of owners' corporations in some buildings or the owners' lack of ability to afford the relevant costs for the works. He hoped that the FSD could provide more assistance to owners and consider amending the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, and adopt a flexible approach in handling the fire safety enhancement works of old buildings.

- (x) Mr Andrew CHIU said that he and other nine other Councillors had made a statement and discussed the safety of mini-storages in Eastern District Council. He reiterated his heartfelt respect for all firefighters and urged the Government to consider drawing up specific guidelines on fire prevention in mini-storages, as well as to improve the salary and remuneration of frontline firefighters as soon as possible with a view to boosting their morale. Separately, he enquired whether the FSD would provide senior firefighters with support for attending continuing education courses, etc to pave way for their career advancement. He further pointed out that there were mini-storages in the industrial buildings near Taikoo Shing such as Wah Ha Factory Building, Cheung Wah Industrial Building, Zung Fu Industrial Building, Eastern Centre, Westlands Centre, etc and hoped that the FSD could provide information on the inspection results of these mini-storages.
- (y) The Vice-chairman enquired if the FSD would consider conducting cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training in Eastern District so that people who had received training could immediately provide assistance to persons in need in case of emergency.
- (z) The Chairman indicated that a majority of buildings in Eastern District were old and privately owned. When the FSD requested those buildings to install new fire service facilities in compliance with the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, the assistance and guidelines were not sufficient. He hoped that the FSD could offer more assistance to owners of old buildings in upgrading the fire service facilities. He was also concerned about the fire safety of subdivided units, and hoped that the FSD and BD could step up the collaboration and follow-up actions. As for maritime rescue, the FSD should review and consider the need for allocating additional resources.

6. Mr Daryl LI, Director of Fire Services responded to the views and enquiries of Councillors as follows:

- (a) He thanked Councillors for their recognition of the FSD's work. He said that the FSD attached importance to the suspected bullying recently reported by the media, and the department would not tolerate any behaviour that constituted an infringement of personal dignity or sexual harassment. According to the report, this incident in the relevant footages had happened some two years ago. After the reveal of the other incident last year, the FSD had invited the Equal

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Opportunity Commission to organize three talks, and issued guidelines informing staff on the handling of such cases. With regard to the present incident, the FSD had formed an investigation team to follow up and would deal with the case according to the established mechanism if a breach of discipline by any members of the department was confirmed. If any criminal offences were involved, the case would be referred to relevant law enforcement authorities for follow up.

- (b) As regards the safety issue of mini-storages, according to the information obtained from the Internet and provided by the department(s) concerned, there were approximately 756 mini-storages in Hong Kong, of which 148 were located in Eastern District. The FSD had inspected the said 756 mini-storages and issued over 200 Fire Hazard Abatement Notices (FHANs) to persons in charge for their taking actions to abate the fire hazards. In addition, to get hold of more accurate information of the mini-storages in Hong Kong, the FSD had launched in October 2016 a territory-wide inspection of those industrial buildings that were not confirmed in the first phase. At present, the fire danger identified in the mini-storages included undesirable arrangement of storage cubicles, sealed windows, inadequate coverage of fire service equipment such as hose reels for the entire premises, obstruction to the means of escape, etc. By the deadline as stipulated in the FHANs, the FSD would inspect those premises to examine whether the improvement to abate the fire hazards had been made. The BD would also follow up on matters under its purview including the issue of orders to widen the passages, etc. The inter-departmental working group led by the Security Bureau was exploring how to amend relevant legislation to strengthen the regulation of mini-storages and relevant premises. The working group would also consider relevant proposals on enhancing fire safety of industrial buildings.
- (c) On the fire incident at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter, he said that resources allocated to maritime emergency rescue were not solely managed by a department. The Security Bureau had formulated an inter-departmental contingency plan for maritime and aeronautical search and rescue which set out the joint use of maritime resources. To fight fire incidents at typhoon shelters, the FSD, HKPF and Marine Department (MD) had drawn up a contingency plan for joint operations. In case of a fire at Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter, the FSD would dispatch fireboats closest to the scene to fight the fire while deploying firemen from the nearest Sai Wan Ho and Shau Kei Wan Fire Stations to the shore. In addition, fire service vehicles would be loaded with newly-purchased light portable fire pumps so that firefighters could promptly bring portable fire-fighting equipment and board police launches or MD vessels to arrive at the scene for fire-fighting and rescue operations as soon as possible. In the past year, the FSD and the department(s) concerned had carried out 16 joint training sessions in this area. In addition, the FSD would send speedboats to the vicinity of typhoon shelters in the day time during the annual fishing moratorium, Ching Ming Festival and Chung Yeung

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Festival, etc to inspect and ensure no obstruction to vessel access at the typhoon shelters, as well as educate fishermen and other boat dwellers on fire prevention and enhance their overall awareness on fire safety.

- (d) On the conditioned working hours of firefighters, the FSD had in July 2016 reduced the working hours of firemen from 54 hours to 51 hours per week. FSD would closely monitor its implementation and make deployment arrangements as and when necessary. On the remuneration of firefighters, five staff associations of the FSD had made submissions to Civil Service Bureau for changing the grade to “emergency disciplined service” and improving their remuneration. The Secretary for the Civil Service had met with representatives of the five staff associations and would maintain close communication with the management and staff sides of the department and explore the suggestion of conducting a Grade Structure Review.
- (e) With regard to compliance with Directions in old buildings to meet the requirements of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance, the FSD noted that due to structural or spatial constraints of the buildings, fragmentation of ownership, and financial issues, etc, owners might not fully meet the requirements of Directions. The FSD had been working closely with the BD to provide assistance. To help owners in these old buildings to understand the requirements of fire service installations and equipment, the FSD had prepared a Guidebook for the Compliance of Fire Safety Directions. Successful cases were provided for owners’ reference. In addition, to help owners or owners’ corporations, the FSD had posted on its website the contact information of registered fire services installation contractors with interests in taking up relevant works. Noting some older buildings might be subject to spatial and structural constraints on installation of fire services water tanks and pumps, the FSD had implemented in 2015 the Scheme which allowed owners of buildings of three storeys or below to install improvised hose reel systems with direct water supply from the government town mains on the ground floor of the buildings, thereby sparing them the installation of fire services water tanks and pumps. This could reduce the work costs and resolve technical difficulties associated with the works. As for buildings of four storeys or above, the FSD and other departments concerned would explore the feasibility of alternative proposals. Generally speaking, if the relevant owners needed more time to prepare for and carry out the improvement works, the departments would consider applications for extension of time for compliance with the Directions in the light of the justifications provided and the scale of works involved. Against the overriding principle of ensuring fire safety, FSD and BD would adopt a flexible and pragmatic approach in handling individual cases.
- (f) On emergency ambulance services, the reprovisioning of the ambulance depot at Hing Wah Estate in Chai Wan was necessary to meet the needs of the growing population of the Eastern District. He thanked the EDC’s support for the reprovisioning proposal. As for retention of the ambulance depot at Hing Wah Estate, there was a need

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to evaluate the feasibility with relevant department(s) concerned as well as assessing the overall resources implications on ambulance services. The FSD would closely monitor the provision of emergency ambulance services in Eastern District, and would make timely deployment arrangements or seek additional resources under the established mechanism.

- (g) On firefighting strategy for high-rise buildings, it would mainly focus on combating fire from within. Moreover, newly-built skyscrapers had included refuge floor between the 20th floor and 50th floor to provide occupants a temporary refuge for the occupants of the building to assemble in case of fire. Meanwhile, there were specific fire service installations inside the buildings such as firefighters' lifts which provided firefighters access to one to two floors below the affected floor(s) to assist in firefighting work.
- (h) With regard to the obstruction of emergency vehicular access caused by illegal parking, in case of the occurrence of a fire, the FSD's operational considerations would be to accord priority to putting out the fire. As regards related law enforcement issue, the FSD would contact the HKPF and the TD to step up the enforcement action as appropriate.
- (i) On the issue of fire protection and safety of subdivided units, for subdivided units which were private units, unless there was obstruction to the fire services installations inside the units, the FSD could not take law enforcement actions against suspected subdivision of the units. That said, if the FSD discovered any premises with subdivided units during inspection, case(s) would be referred to other departments concerned for taking enforcement actions against breaches of use or land leases as appropriate. Separately, the inter-departmental working group led by the Security Bureau would explore the possibility of amending the legislation for handling these premises.
- (j) As for inspections of the vehicle repair workshops, after the explosion in a workshop in Wong Tai Sin, the Government had formed an inter-departmental working group for follow-up. Among others, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department would look into the repair and maintenance of the fuel tanks of liquefied petroleum gas taxis while the FSD would check for any violation of the Fire Services Ordinance or Dangerous Goods Ordinance. In addition, the FSD adopted a risk evaluation approach for vehicle repair workshop inspection, including conducting more frequent checks on workshops located on the ground floor of residential buildings. If the dangerous goods (such as oxy-acetylene or compressed gas cylinders, etc) in storage were found to exceed the respective quantities for exemption, the FSD would take immediate enforcement actions.

7. The Chairman thanked Mr Daryl LI, Director of Fire Services and his colleagues for attending the meeting, and invited him to note Councillors' views.

III. Implementation of District-led Actions Scheme in Eastern District

(EDC Paper No. 67/16)

8. The Chairman welcomed Ms Hayley KONG, Senior Executive Officer (District Management) and Mr Kenneth LEUNG, Executive Officer (District Management) of the EDO to the meeting. Ms Hayley KONG briefed the meeting on EDC Paper No. 67/16.

9. 7 Councillors expressed their views and enquiries as summarized below :

- (a) Mr KU Kwai-yiu suggested enhancing clearing of refuse/ anti-mosquito work along Wing Tai Road, Chai Wan in the second phase.
- (b) Mr Patrick LEUNG hoped that anti-mosquito work in the slope area next to Sai Wan Terrace, Quarry Bay could be strengthened in the second phase.
- (c) Ms Bonnie LEUNG suggested stepping up anti-mosquito work in the slopes and hillsides in the vicinity of residential areas in the district, such as the hillsides near Kornhill and Nan Fung Sun Chuen along Hong Yue Street.
- (d) Mr Andrew CHIU suggested enhancing anti-mosquito work in various locations of Taikoo Shing, such as Cheung Wah Industrial Building, the area of Taikoo Shing substation, and the planter(s) outside E1 exit of Quarry Bay Park.
- (e) Mr HUI Lam-hing suggested strengthening clearing of refuse/ anti-mosquito work along Yiu Hing Road and Shing On Street in the second phase. He raised that stagnant water was noted in some slopes in the neighbourhood and hoped that the department(s) concerned could step up removal of stagnant water.
- (f) Mr Eddie TING suggested that mosquito control work in the second phase should cover the back alley(s) of Pan Hoi Street and the hillside opposite to Sunway Gardens, Quarry Bay.
- (g) Mr Stanley HO enquired whether mosquito trapping devices had been installed in the locations as set out in Annex 3 of the paper.

10. Ms Hayley KONG of the EDO responded to the views and enquiries of Councillors as follows:

- (a) The EDO would explore with the department(s) concerned including the LCSD and FEHD on the suggested locations, and revise the location list as appropriate, taking into account the needs and allocated resources.
- (b) Mosquito trapping devices had been installed in the locations as set out in Annex 3.

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11. The Chairman invited the EDO and the department(s) concerned to consider the Councillors' suggestion for inclusion of the said locations in the second phase of the District-led Actions Scheme as appropriate.

IV. Information Items

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

12. The Chairman reported that the items of the regular meeting held in September 2016 had been set out in the report of Chairman/ Vice-chairman. The meeting of October 2016 was scheduled on 20 October. Councillors could send their enquiries or views to the Chairman / Vice-chairman for relaying at the regular meeting in October 2016.

V. Financial Position of Eastern District Council Funds

(EDC Paper No. 68/16)

13. The Secretary briefed the meeting on EDC Paper No. 68/16.

14. Councillors noted the financial position of the above funds.

VI. Report on the 216th Meeting of the Eastern District Management Committee

(EDC Paper No. 69/16)

15. Councillors noted the above report.

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

(EDC Paper No. 70/16)

16. Councillors noted the above report.

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

(EDC Paper No. 71/16)

17. Councillors noted the above report.

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

(EDC Paper No. 72/16)

18. Councillors noted the above report.

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X. Report on the Fourth Meeting of Vetting Committee

(EDC Paper No. 73/16)

19. Councillors noted the above report.

XI. Report on the Fourth Meeting of Task Group on Festival Celebrations

(EDC Paper No. 74/16)

20. Councillors noted the above report.

XII. Report on the Fourth Meeting of Task Group on Publicity about the Work of Eastern District Council

(EDC Paper No. 75/16)

21. Councillors noted the above report.

22. 4 Councillors expressed views on the EDC promotional posters as summarized below:

- (a) Ms Alice LAM said that the A2-sized EDC promotional posters could not fit in for display in the office and suggested printing A3-sized posters.
- (b) Mr Eddie TING said that the contractor commissioned for taking photo was not satisfactory and enquired whether another photo shooting could be arranged.
- (c) Mr Frankie LO said that the group photo edited by the contractor was not satisfactory with red-eye effect not fully eliminated. He suggested having the contractor undergone post-production work. As regards the posters, he opined that the A2-sized promotional posters were not of a size too large for display.
- (d) Mr KU Kwai-yiu opined that the contractor should remind Councillors more during the photo shooting for ensuring the quality of the group photo. He also suggested that printing of A3-sized posters could be considered.

23. The Chairman said that the Task Group on Publicity about the Work of Eastern District Council could consider the above suggestions when working on the promotional posters. He also said that consideration could be given to re-making promotional posters, having regard to the available resources.

XIII. Report on the Third Meeting of “2016 Eastern District Cultural Festival” Organizing Committee

(EDC Paper No. 76/16)

24. Councillors noted the above report.

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XIV. Any Other Business

25. Councillors raised no other issue for discussion.

XV. Date of the Next Meeting

26. The meeting ended at 5:10 pm. The 6th EDC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 6 December 2016 (Tuesday).

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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