

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the
District Facilities and Works Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date: 12 May 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi
Mr TING Wong, Kacee	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny (Vice-chairman)	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Ms LAU Suk-yin
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP (Chairman)	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Ms LI Lee	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr LIANG Li	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Ms LEE Ching-har, MH	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP	Mr LU Xiaofeng, Anthony
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr QIU Jianxin (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr KWOK Wing-kin	Ms WU Bi-yen, Joyce (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Wing-shing	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	Mr CHAU Kai-hong (Co-opted Member)

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr Henry LAI, JP	District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office
Mr WONG Tsz-wai, Adrian	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office
Ms TO Kit-ling, Caroline	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office
Ms CHENG Lai-yin, Daisy	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Eastern District Office
Mr LAU Chi-kan, Kenneth	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office
Mr CHEUNG Ki-lun, Alan	Executive Officer (District Management)2, Eastern District Office
Mr YEUNG Sze-cheung, Terence	Senior Engineer/10 (South and Sustainable Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHUNG Ho-ting, Elton	Senior Town Planner/Hong Kong (2), Planning Department

Ms LEE Ka-yee, Eva	Senior Housing Manager/Hong Kong Island and Islands 1, Housing Department
Mr CHAN Chui-ying	Maintenance Surveyor/Hong Kong Island and Islands, Housing Department
Mr MOK Chan, Charles	Chief Estate Officer/Hong Kong East, District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr WONG Leung-yau, Jimmy	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East (3), District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Ms WONG Suet-ching, Grace	Building Surveyor/B1-2, Buildings Department
Ms NG Sau-ling, Steffi	Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong East), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHEUK Wai-ming, Roxana	District Leisure Manager (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Sosanna	Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support) Eastern, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr LEUNG Siu-lok, Kenny	Engineer/Eastern 3, Drainage Services Department
Mr FUNG Yat-ching	Engineer/Hong Kong & Islands Region (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Mr KONG Wai-ho, Alex	District Engineer/North East, Highways Department
Mr LEUNG Kam-hon	Chief Health Inspector (Eastern)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

Ms WU Wing-yue, Phoebe	Senior Engineer (Harbour)1, Development Bureau
Ms POON Siu-la, Lisa	Senior Leisure Manager (Camps), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms LEE Lai-fan	Manager (Lei Yue Mun Park), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms SUNG Lai-ping, Maggie	Senior Librarian (Eastern), Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms WONG Wing-yee, Jessie	Senior Executive Officer (Planning)11, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TO Yeuk-sze, Jenny	Executive Assistant (Planning)11B, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NG Tsz-chuen, Dixon	Property Services Manager/Shau Kei Wan & Islands South, Architectural Services Department
Mr WONG Fuk-ling	Senior Engineer/Transport Services D, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Mr NG Chun-chuen	Engineer/Design 9, Water Supplies Department
YIP Shing-lam, Javier	Resident Engineer, Works Consultancy Firm

Secretary

Ms LEUNG Mun-chee, Charlie Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Eastern District
Office

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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members, representatives from the government and organisation to the meeting.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 14th Meeting of District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendment.

Agenda 2. Reinstallation Project at Lei Yue Mun Park (DFWC Paper No. 9/2026)

3. The captioned agenda item and item (xii) of DFWC Paper No. 16/2026 were combined for discussion for their relevancy.
4. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) briefed Members on Paper No. 9/2026.
5. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members enquired about the feasibility of providing additional parking spaces for visitors in the short term;
 - (b) Members proposed improving the ancillary transport facilities, as well as preserving and revitalising historical buildings; and
 - (c) Members suggested providing facilities such as electric vehicle charging equipment and venues for new sports to attract more visitors.

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6. The representative of the LCSD responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

- (a) Lei Yue Mun Park (the Park) did not currently provide public parking facilities. If individual hirers or pre-booked organisations required temporary parking, they could apply to the Park Management Office in advance; and
- (b) The LCSD was currently inviting commercial entities and non-profit organisations to submit proposals on the operation of the holiday camp, covering camp promotion plans, publicity strategies for events, preservation of historical buildings, synergy with nearby tourist attractions and other operational views, so as to attract more members of the public and visitors to the Park. The LCSD expected to finalise the relevant operation details and tender terms by the end of 2026.

Agenda 3. The Housing Department's District Plan for Estate Management in the Eastern District in 2026/27 **(DFWC Paper No. 10/2026)**

7. The representative of the Housing Department (HD) briefed Members on Paper No. 10/2026.

8. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members suggested that the department should step up efforts to address issues relating to environmental hygiene, illegal feeding of wild animals and illegal distribution of illicit cigarette leaflets within public rental housing (PRH) estates in the Eastern District, as well as improve the arrangements for the burning of paper offerings and designated smoking areas, thereby reducing environmental pollution and the impact on residents;
- (b) Members proposed erecting covers for benches in PRH estates to provide shelter from the sun and rain;

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- (c) Members recommended providing additional barrier-free facilities to facilitate access by persons with disabilities and installing smart elderly home care equipment (e.g. stand-alone fire detectors, life detectors, etc.) inside residential units;
- (d) Members reminded the department to step up inspections and clearance of drainage channels prior to the typhoon season to ensure that they functioned properly; and
- (e) Members enquired about the department's application of technology (including the mobile digital closed-circuit television (CCTV) system) and the relevant figures in prosecutions for throwing objects from height and illegal parking, rodent trace detection and combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons, as well as the progress of installing smart access control systems in PRH estates in the Eastern District.

9. The representative of the HD responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

The HD was committed to maintaining environmental hygiene in PRH estates, including:

- (a) To eliminate mosquito breeding, the HD would regularly carry out fogging, apply temephos sand granules, and thoroughly clear drains, flower beds and other areas prone to holding water, so as to prevent water accumulation;
- (b) As for rodent prevention and control, the HD had stepped up cleansing efforts at hygiene blackspots in PRH estates and adopted a multi-pronged approach to rodent control. Measures included placing additional rodenticides, rodent bait boxes and new types of rodent traps at locations with severe rodent infestation, as well as regularly pruning plants and clearing clutter and waste to eliminate potential hiding places for rodents;
- (c) The HD had reminded cleansing workers to step up cleaning of the areas around food waste bins and to increase the frequency of replacing the interior food waste bins to at least three times a day;
- (d) In response to hygiene issues such as urinating in public places and illegal feeding of stray dogs identified at individual PRH estates, the

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estate offices had installed additional fish-eye mirrors and CCTV systems at the locations concerned to enhance surveillance, and had erected additional fences on slopes where stray dogs frequently appeared to prevent their intrusion;

- (e) To combat the illegal distribution of illicit cigarette leaflets within PRH estates, estate offices had stepped up patrols, displayed posters at lobbies and distributed pamphlets to residents. If security guards recovered leaflets advertising the sale of illicit cigarettes, the estate offices would notify the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department;
- (f) Estate offices generally set up metal containers at appropriate locations within PRH estates for residents to burn paper offerings. Where metal containers were not available in individual estates, the offices concerned would actively explore and identify suitable locations within the estates for such facilities; and
- (g) Regarding designated smoking areas situated next to bus stops at individual PRH estates, the estate offices were currently conducting reviews to mitigate the impact of smoke on passengers waiting at the bus stops.

As for Members' other suggestions and enquiries, the HD also responded as follows:

- (h) The HD would conduct a feasibility study on Members' suggestion to erect covers for benches in PRH estates and would further enhance the recreational areas in PRH estates;
- (i) Regarding ageing in place, the HD launched the pilot scheme of "IoT Door Sensor System Installation for Elderly Households" in April 2025. Elderly households who voluntarily participated in the scheme were equipped with sensors at their entrance doors, allowing designated relatives or friends to keep track of the elderly's movement in and out of their flats. If the doors had not been opened within a specified period, the system would send a mobile notification to the designated contact person(s) so that appropriate assistance could be provided in a timely manner. The scheme had been implemented in

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two PRH estates with a relatively high proportion of elderly residents, and two additional similar estates would be selected in 2026 for further implementation, after which its effectiveness would be reviewed and the way forward decided. In addition, the HD had selected 10 PRH estates across the territory as pilot sites for smart estates and had installed smart fall-detection systems in accessible toilets in one of the pilot estates to detect falls or fainting immediately so that prompt assistance could be provided;

- (j) To mitigate the risk of flooding, prior to the rainy season every year, estate offices would arrange for the cleansing of underground drains and pipes at blockage black spots with high-pressure water jetting units to thoroughly remove any deposits in the drains. They would also step up the clearing of drainage channels, water troughs and storm water drains to ensure smooth drainage;
- (k) As for the application of technology in law enforcement, the HD had currently deployed fixed and mobile surveillance systems for the prevention of falling objects from height. In particular, the mobile systems could be flexibly deployed to meet the actual requirements of each PRH estate. In addition to deterring potential offences, these surveillance systems could assist estate management staff in gathering evidence to facilitate subsequent law enforcement actions. In recent years, the HD had introduced artificial intelligence video analytic systems and applied them to the surveillance systems to effectively tackle issues including throwing objects from height, illegal parking and illegal dumping of waste. Moreover, the HD adopted mobile digital CCTV systems with built-in motion detector to detect rodent activities, thereby assisting management staff in identifying the sources of rodent infestation and evaluating the effectiveness of rodent control. In the past six months (i.e. from December 2025 to May 2026), the HD had allotted penalty points to six offending tenants of the PRH estates in the Eastern District for throwing objects from height, and had successfully issued Fixed Penalty Notices on two occasions to offenders who illegally fed feral pigeons; and
- (l) To promote smart estate management, the HD had recently introduced a smart contactless access control system compatible with both “iAM

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Smart - Personal Code” and Octopus Card officially in two PRH estates across the territory, providing residents with a more convenient and secure building security system. The HD was actively exploring the extension of the system to additional estates to benefit more residents.

Agenda 4. Overview of the Projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Eastern District Office **(DFWC Paper No. 11/2026)**

10. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 11/2026.

11. The DFWC noted the captioned paper and Members requested that the relevant beautification works be implemented as soon as possible.

Agenda 5. Proposal to Provide Additional Public Study Rooms in North Point District **(DFWC Paper No. 12/2026)**

12. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 12/2026.

13. Members’ views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members proposed that the department allow holders of valid student identity cards priority access to study rooms during examination seasons, and consider providing additional public study rooms in districts with a higher concentration of old buildings and subdivided units;
- (b) Members enquired about the department’s method of calculating the average hourly utilisation rate of student study rooms in public libraries, as well as the opening hours and utilisation rates of the two study rooms located in North Point, while recommending that publicity be stepped up to increase the utilisation rate; and

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- (c) In the long term, Members suggested that the department should consider changing the land use of markets with high stall vacancy rates.

14. The representatives of the LCSD and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

LCSD

- (a) Student study rooms were provided in most of the major and district libraries under the LCSD as one of the ancillary facilities of libraries. Apart from the LCSD, other government departments and non-governmental organisations also provided study room facilities. According to the information on study rooms collected annually by the Education Bureau (EDB) from relevant organisations, there were currently a total of 11 study rooms in the Eastern District, two of which were located in North Point;
- (b) For student study rooms in public libraries, the average hourly utilisation rate was calculated by dividing the hourly number of persons seated by the average number of seats. The peak utilisation session was from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm;
- (c) During examination seasons, users of study rooms were required to apply for admission cards for specific sessions. Candidates sitting for public examinations or professional examinations would be given priority in the allocation of seats. Unsuccessful applicants would be issued with standby cards, which gave them priority in taking up any seats available in a specific session;
- (d) The LCSD would follow up on Members' suggestion to step up publicity for study room facilities; and

FEHD

- (e) In view of the functions of public markets and their compatibility with existing venues, the FEHD had no plan to set up study rooms at vacant market stalls. Nevertheless, the FEHD would maintain an open mind and consider how to let out vacant stalls for uses that aligned with the positioning of public markets.

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15. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent the supplementary information provided by the EDB to the DFWC for reference on 28 May 2026.)

Agenda 6. Repeated Escalator Breakdowns in Fortress Garden **(DFWC Paper No. 13/2026)**

16. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 13/2026.

17. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Given that the captioned escalator was frequently out of service due to component replacement, which caused inconvenience to residents, Members suggested that the department should consider replacing the entire escalator; and
- (b) Members proposed displaying notices nearby to explain the reasons for service suspension whenever the escalator was out of service;

18. The representative of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

- (a) The EMSD had progressively replaced the escalator components from September last year to March this year, and the number of service suspensions caused by mechanical faults had decreased since then. From December last year to April this year, the escalator service was suspended twice due to mechanical faults. Nevertheless, the escalator service had also been suspended due to external factors, including voltage dips from the Hongkong Electric Company Limited affecting the power supply, refuse being jammed in the steps, and the implementation of the aforementioned component replacement works;

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- (b) The EMSD maintained close liaison with the Highways Department (HyD) and would remind the HyD to clear refuse at gullies before the rainy season to prevent refuse from blocking the gullies and causing water damage to components. The EMSD would also review the ageing condition of the escalator; and
 - (c) The EMSD would display notices prior to major maintenance of the escalator to inform residents of the dates and times of the suspension.
19. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item at the next meeting.

Agenda 7. Enhancement of Fu Hong Street Pet Garden and Installation of Pet Interaction Facilities to Create a Pet-friendly Environment **(DFWC Paper No. 14/2026)**

20. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 14/2026.
21. The DFWC noted the written reply from the department.
22. The DFWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

Agenda 8. Issues Concerning the Safe Use of the “Shared Path” on the East Coast Boardwalk **(DFWC Paper No. 15/2026)**

23. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 15/2026.
24. Members’ views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
- (a) Members suggested that the department should add clear signage to inform the public of the location of the “Shared Path” and review its capacity to ensure the safety of pedestrians, pets and cyclists;
 - (b) Members enquired whether the bicycle service contractor regularly inspected and maintained the bicycles;

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- (c) Members sought information on the number of security guards patrolling the Boardwalk and the circumstances under which they would proactively advise cyclists; and
- (d) Members asked whether the department would restrict the number of bicycles on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays when visitor numbers were high, and whether there was any regulation of bicycle equipment on the East Coast Boardwalk, including a requirement for users to wear helmets.

25. The representative of the Development Bureau (DEVB) responded to Members' enquiries as follows:

- (a) There were approximately 20 bicycles in the shared bicycle parking spots available for use by visitors within the management area of the DEVB's contract. The contractor concerned also provided bicycle rental services at North Point Ferry Pier outside the scope of the contract. The DEVB would examine the utilisation of bicycles on the East Coast Boardwalk and review the number of shared bicycles in due course;
- (b) The DEVB would also consider adding speed reduction facilities for bicycles on the East Coast Boardwalk and stepping up the promotion of cycling safety awareness; and
- (c) The Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) was applicable to the East Coast Boardwalk. Users of the "Shared Path" were required to comply with the relevant ordinances and regulations. If management staff found bicycles on the East Coast Boardwalk that were not fitted with the equipment required by the ordinances (such as reflectors), they could notify the departments concerned for enforcement action. Under the current legislation, cyclists were not required to wear helmets, but the DEVB would discuss with the bicycle service contractor the provision of ancillary equipment.

Agenda 9. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council
(DFWC Paper No. 16/2026)

- (i) ***“Request to Follow Up the Matters Concerning the Noise Barriers for Blocks 16 and 17 of Heng Fa Chuen Immediately
Suggestion on Substituting Existing Noise Barrier Superstructures on Highways with Solar Panels
Progress on Retrofitting Additional Noise Barriers on Road in Eastern District
Request for Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Chai Wan Road from Road Section of Neptune Terrace
Proposal for Retrofitting Noise Barriers on Existing Roads in the Eastern District”***

Environmental
Protection
Department/
HyD

26. The agenda items would be followed up on upon further progress.

- (ii) ***“Concern over the Development Plan for the Site Next to Quarry Bay Promenade at Hoi Yu Street
Following Up on the Proposed Construction of a 25-storey Industrial Building at the Quarry Bay Promenade near the Exit of the Pet Garden at Hoi Yu Street
Proposal on Enhanced Harbourfront Development at Hoi Yu Street, Quarry Bay”***

DEVB/
District Lands
Office, Hong Kong
East/Planning
Department
(PlanD)/
Buildings
Department/
Transport
Department (TD)

27. The agenda items would be followed up on upon further progress.

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(iii) “Scope of Development for the Proposed Works of the Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay”

LCSD/TD/
PlanD

28. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(iv) “Concern over the Facilities and Services Provided by the District Library in the Joint User Complex at Lei King Road”

29. Members noted the written reply from the LCSD and hoped that the department would arrange a site visit for Members prior to the opening of the library, or provide them with relevant information about the library (such as opening hours and the book collection), so that they could brief the public.

30. The LCSD noted Members’ views.

LCSD

31. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(v) “Request for Provision of Seats along Leaping Dragon Walk”

EDO

32. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(vi) “Suggestion for Comprehensive Inspection of Ageing Water Pipes in Public Housing Estates in Eastern District”

HD

33. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(vii) “Concern about Ageing Water Mains and Enhancement of Water Supply Arrangement during Emergency Water Suspension in Braemar Hill Area”

Water Services
Department
(WSD)

34. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

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(viii) “Suggestion for Enhancement to Tourism Resources of Shau Kei Wan Main Street East to Develop a Quality and Highly Visited Tourist Attraction in Eastern District”

TD/HyD

35. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(ix) “Suggestion for Installation of Light Sensors in Public Housing Estates in Eastern District to Activate Public Lightings”

HD

36. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(x) “Requesting the Housing Authority to Implement and Prioritise the Installation of Smart Access Control Systems in Public Housing Estates in the Eastern District to Enhance Building Security”

HD

37. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(xi) “Promoting the Prompt Implementation of the A Kung Ngam-to-Big Wave Bay Section of the “Round-the-Island Trail” to Foster Tourism and Community Development in the Eastern Coast of Hong Kong Island”

DEVB/Civil
Engineering and
Development
Department

38. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(xii) “Proposed Enhancements and Revitalisation of Lei Yue Mun Park to Strengthen Local Characteristics and Boost Local Economy”

LCSD

39. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

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(xiii) “Proposal to Install Seating at the Yiu Tung Estate Minibus Stop near Yiu Wah House towards Shau Kei Wan”

EDO

40. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(xiv) “Matters Relating to the Comprehensive Replacement Works for Existing Water Pipes in the Tanner Sub- district, North Point”

41. Members noted the written reply from the WSD.

WSD/TD/
Hong Kong
Police Force

42. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

Agenda 10. Any Other Business

43. There was no other discussion item for the DFWC.

Agenda 11. Date of Next Meeting

44. The sixteenth DFWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 9 July 2026 (Thursday).

45. The meeting ended at 4:50 pm.

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