

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

Date: 14 May 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

**Present**

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

**In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)**

Mr POON Cheuk-hong, Hong	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office
Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
Mr CHAO Ka-man, Stanley	Senior Liaison Officer (1), 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/6(South), 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 Chi-hong	Maintenance Surveyor/Hong Kong North and Islands, Housing Department

Mr WONG Leung-yau, Jimmy	Senior Estate Surveyor/Hong Kong East (3), District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr MOK Chan, Charles	Chief Estate Officer/Hong Kong East, District Lands Office, Hong Kong East, Lands Department
Mr TSE Chee-kiu, Kelvin	Building Surveyor/B1-1, Buildings Department
Ms LEE Wai-ming, Karvie	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 WONG Chi-weng, Lawrence	Engineer/Eastern 3, Drainage Services Department
Mr TING Chun-ming, Charles	Engineer/Hong Kong (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department
Mr KONG Wai-ho, Alex	District Engineer/North East, Highways Department

**In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Department and Organisations)**

Ms WU Lai-fan, Grace	Chief Health Inspector (Cemeteries & Crematoria)3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr HO Tak-sum	Managing Vice-President & Hon. Treasurer, The Hong Kong Buddhist Association
Dr SO Chun-hin, Albert	Managing Director, Albert So Surveyors Ltd.
Mr TANG Man-kit, Joseph	Director, Lu Tang Lai Architects Ltd.
Mr MAK Tat-shing, Horace	Director, CTA Consultants Ltd.
Mr HO Ming-hoi	Senior Engineer/Slopes, Highways Department
Mr TSE Chung-ming	Maintenance Inspector of Works/East 1, Highways Department
Mr LEE Wai-hang	Senior Geotechnical Engineer/Island 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHENG Tsz-hin, Ivan	Project Coordinator/Eastern 1, Transport Department
Mr WONG Ping-cheung, William	Senior Transportation Officer/Eastern, Transport Department
Ms CHAN Fung-ping, Inness	Engineer 9/Walkability, Transport Department
Dr LEUNG Lai-kwan, Queenie	Medical and Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations)2, Department of Health

**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 organisations to the meeting.

**Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of District Facilities and Works Committee (DFWC)**

2. The DFWC confirmed the minutes without amendment.

**Agenda 2. Application for Permission Under Section 16 of the Town Planning Ordinance (Cap. 131) For Minor Relaxation of Building Height Restriction from 2 Storeys to 4 Storeys For Proposed 4-Storey Columbarium Part of Inland Lot No. 7755 RP and Government Land sandwiched between Inland Lot Nos. 7755 RP and 7713 Cape Collinson Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong**

(DFWC Paper No. 8/2024)

3. The representative of the Hong Kong Buddhist Association (HKBA) briefed Members on Paper No. 8/2024.
4. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
  - (a) Members supported the captioned project, and opined that it would increase the number of niches and alleviate the shortage of niches. They also hoped for expeditious completion of the works to minimise the impacts on the surrounding environment.
  - (b) Members were concerned about the traffic arrangements at Cape Collinson Road as the number of worshipers would increase correspondingly with the increase in the number of niches.
  - (c) Members enquired about the application criteria, charges and interment period for the niches, and the possible priority allotment of other niches after the death of the family members of the deceased whose ashes

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were interred in the captioned columbarium.

- (d) Members enquired whether the height of the proposed columbarium would be similar to that of nearby buildings as it would be expanded from two storeys to four storeys.
- (e) Members enquired whether space would be allocated for the provision of green burial services in the captioned project.

5. The representatives of the HKBA, CTA Consultants Ltd. (the Consultant) and Lu Tang Lai Architects Ltd. (the Architects) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquires as follows:

### HKBA

- (a) The applicants for the niches must be Buddhists. The HKBA would host the Birthday of the Buddha and the Ten Thousand People Refuge Taking Ceremony activities every year. If the deceased had obtained the conversion certificates during the Ten Thousand People Refuge Taking Ceremony activities, their descendants were eligible to apply for the captioned niches on their behalf.
- (b) The number of niches would increase from 9 000-odd to 17 000-odd.
- (c) Government departments would arrange for road closure during the Ching Ming and Chung Yeung festivals to cope with pedestrian flow.
- (d) Even if the ashes of the deceased were interred at the proposed columbarium, their family members would not be given priority to niches at the captioned project after their death.

### The Consultant

- (e) A traffic assessment report would be submitted to the Town Planning Board for approval by the Transport Department (TD).
- (f) The pavement outside the proposed columbarium was wide. There were also two traffic lanes with sufficient space for three buses to stop

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and pick up/drop off passengers. It was believed that the project would not lead to traffic congestion upon commissioning.

- (g) The escalator system on San Ha Street would divert the flow of worshipers after commencement of operation. Besides, the Consultant would like the bus and minibus companies to enhance frequencies during the Ching Ming and Chung Yeung festivals, but was currently discussing with the TD about the feasibility of diverting the drop-off points of buses and minibuses to other districts to avoid the concentration of passenger flow in Chai Wan.

## The Architects

- (h) The redesigned columbarium had already taken the height of nearby buildings into consideration.

## **Agenda 3. Overview of the Projects under the District Minor Works Programme of the Eastern District Office** **(DFWC Paper No. 9/2024)**

6. The representative of the Eastern District Office (EDO) briefed Members on Paper No. 9/2024.

7. Members supported the Programme, and their views and suggestions about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members suggested that the department consider providing a project list of the works set out in Table 2 in the Paper.
- (b) Members opined that the District Minor Works (DMW) Programme had been effective in responding to the public demands and benefitting the community. They would like the department to continue to accommodate and consider the community's demands when formulating the budget next year or beyond, and provide funding to promote various minor works or construct local facilities to cater for public needs.

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- (c) Members suggested the department follow up on the design of the rain shelter to ameliorate the leaking situation.
- (d) Many members of the public had expressed their wish for the provision of seats along the Leaping Dragon Walk in Siu Sai Wan for the convenience of hikers over the years as it was heavily frequented. Members would like the department to consider doing so.

8. The representative of the EDO noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The EDO would follow up with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and provide supplementary information about the projects after the meeting.
- (b) The EDO would continue to listen to local views on DMW when considering and implementing various projects.
- (c) The EDO noted the ageing of facilities at Leaping Dragon Walk and would plan for major renovation works if resources permitted.

(Post-meeting note: The EDO and LCSD had provided the supplementary information to the DFWC on 30 May 2024.)

### **Agenda 4. The Housing Department's District Plan for Estate Management in the Eastern District in 2024/25** **(DFWC Paper No. 10/2024)**

9. The representative of the Housing Department (HD) briefed Members on Paper No. 10/2024.

10. Members supported the plan, and their views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members enquired about the coverage, priority of implementation and timetable of the Drainage Enhancement Programme (DEP), and its relevance to the Drainage Inspection Programme (DIP).

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- (b) Some residents of public housing estates (PHEs) reported that they had received letters from the department requiring tenants to reinstate the vent pipes in their flats. However, there were no vent pipes or the vent pipes had been replaced when the current tenants moved in. They opined that the responsibility should not be on the current tenants and enquired of the department about the ways to deal with the above situation.
- (c) Members would like the department to ameliorate rodent infestation in PHEs as rodent infestation was serious in summer. They also enquired about the number of PHEs installed with Mobile Surveillance System (MSS) to detect rodent activities and their effectiveness. In addition, Members enquired of the department about the approach to deal with rat holes and rodent signs in the planters in PHEs.
- (d) Members enquired whether mosquito control and drainage clearing works would be enhanced in PHEs as it was rainy in summer.
- (e) Members suggested that Hing Wah (II) Estate participate in the Lift Modernisation Programme as the residents relied on two lifts for travel. They enquired about the works duration if the lifts in Hing Wah (II) Estate were to be included in the Lift Modernisation Programme.
- (f) Members were pleased to see that the department had installed mobile digital closed-circuit television (MDCCTV) system to deal with the problem of throwing objects from height. However, they opined that it lacked deterrent effect as only few tenants who had thrown objects from height were required to move out. In addition, they enquired about the operating hours, resolution and clarity of the MDCCTV, and the availability of night vision function.
- (g) Members opined that the views of the elderly and those with lower language proficiency might be neglected if only online household surveys were promoted.
- (h) Members suggested that the department should provide Members with the information of the works implemented at various PHEs so that they

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could convey the information to the public and enhance the communication between the department and the public.

- (i) The population at Yiu Tung Estate was ageing. However, some escalators only provided upward movement, and only the stairs could be used for going down. Members enquired whether the stairs could be converted to escalators for the convenience of residents.
- (j) Members enquired about the number and effectiveness of food waste recycling facilities in PHEs. In addition, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) had stated that the public could put the plastic bags containing food waste into the smart food waste bins (SFWBs) together with the food waste. However, not all residents were aware of the arrangement and it had caused conflicts among neighbours. Members suggested that the department post the EPD information to enhance education. They also suggested that the department provide signage to the recycling stations.
- (k) Members suggested that PHEs use light/motion sensor-controlled LED lights and solar or renewable energy to save electricity.
- (l) Upon receipt of a noise complaint by the estate office, the caretaker would inspect and confirm the situation with the witnesses and the offender would be allotted points only upon the issuance of a written warning by the department. Members opined that the whole process was complicated and asked if it could be simplified to resolve conflicts among neighbours as quickly as possible.
- (m) The current design of the recreational facilities at PHEs were unattractive. Members suggested improving the design to attract residents to use them. They also suggested that the department take weather into consideration when designing outdoor facilities so that residents could still use them during inclement weather.
- (n) Regarding the management of PHEs, Members enquired of the department about the ways to combat or deal with the gambling activities in the estates, and the availability of regular pruning of the trees in the estate. In addition, some Members had received



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complaints from residents about people smoking in non-smoking areas, but the performance of caretakers in the execution of the Marking Scheme was unsatisfactory. Members asked about the statistics for complaints against caretakers.

- (o) Members were concerned about the cleanliness of PHEs. They noticed the aggravation of mosquito and rodent infestations as many PHEs had no longer provided litter bins resulting in the accumulation of litter in the planters. They enquired whether consideration would be given to slow down the removal of litter bins in PHEs to allow time for gradual adaptation by residents.

11. The representative of the HD noted Members views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The DIP and the DEP mentioned in the Paper were two different programmes. The DIP was mainly about inspecting whether the toilets of the flats were connected to vent pipes. If the buildings were built with vent pipes, every flat in the building would have been connected to vent pipes. The HD would conduct investigation if discrepancies were found in individual flats.
- (b) The DEP mainly included three categories of enhancement works: firstly, the improvement to the locations of open ends of vent pipes on roofs to address the building wake effect; secondly, the provision of additional connecting branch pipes on the exterior wall to collect used water from the wash basins to replenish the water inside the traps of floor drains; thirdly, the addition of an independent U-trap to the toilet floor drains in adjacent flats which had been connected to a common U-trap to prevent gas and odours passing from one flat to its adjacent one. In the DIP, the HD had inspected all flats in Wan Tsui Estate and found that some flats had changed the position of the water closet and disconnected the vent pipe. The HD had written to the tenants and requested them to reconnect the vent pipe at their own expenses, and explained to the tenants together with the Eastern District Care Team. As water closets not connected to vent pipes would increase health risk, the HD would issue a notification letter under the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement (Marking Scheme) if the tenant

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failed to replace the water closet not meeting the specifications. A warning letter would be issued only when the water closet was not replaced within 14 days and points would be allotted if no actions were taken according to the warning letter. There had not been any case of point allotment in the Eastern District PHEs at present.

- (c) The MSS was mainly set up at black spots of rodent sighting. The system would record objects moving in front of the camera, and designated staff would check the footage to understand rodent activities so that rodent bait, rodent traps and cage traps, etc. could be placed in appropriate places. At present, rodent control measures achieved remarkable results. For some PHEs with restaurants, the estate office would take corresponding measures according to the situation, such as hiring additional pest control companies to carry out key anti-rodent works in the estates and issuing letters to appeal to commercial tenants to keep their stores clean and hygienic. The HD would regularly issue email instructions to all estate offices to implement on-going cleansing operations and anti-rodent measures. Concerning rat holes, the office would arrange for staff to carry out regular inspection of the planters to check whether there were food residues or discarded wastes. Rat holes found in the planters would be immediately filled and rodenticides would be placed.
- (d) The MDCCTV was mainly for monitoring black spots of throwing objects from height. The system could detect various heights and angles with night vision function to capture the process of throwing objects from height, and effectively collect data for regulatory actions. Once the HD got hold of the evidence, it would allot points to tenants of the flat who had thrown objects from height under the Marking Scheme. The HD also deployed Special Operation Teams to scout the situation at the black spots of throwing objects from height in various housing estates and had successfully allotted points and taken prosecution actions.
- (e) All the 15 housing estates in the Eastern District had installed SFWBs with positive response. Covered litter bins had been placed by the side of all SFWBs to facilitate residents to dispose of plastic bags for maintaining environmental hygiene. The HD would also continue to

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communicate with the EPD and step up publicity in housing estates to educate residents on the correct use of SFWBs. Green Corners were set up in the lobbies of each PHE building to display information such as reducing waste at source, clean recycling, energy conservation and community green stations. In addition, a thematic notice board on municipal solid waste charging had also been set up to educate PHE tenants and promote the scheme and related arrangements.

- (f) The HD had piloted smart estate management. Shek Pai Wan Estate on Hong Kong Island was used as a pilot estate where various smart devices and innovative technologies, such as cleansing robots and the Internet of Things, had been introduced to assist in the daily estate management to enable frontline staff to carry out duties in a faster and more efficiently manner.

(Post-meeting note: The HD had provided the supplementary information to the DFWC on 19 June 2024.)

### **Agenda 5. Follow-up on Issues of Community Concern - Scaling Up Capability and Arrangements in Coping with Extreme Weather in Eastern District**

**(DFWC Paper No. 11/2024)**

12. The Chairman said that the agenda item and Nos. (3) and (6) under matters arising would be combined for discussion for their relevancy.

13. The representative of the EDO briefed Members on Paper No. 11/2024.

14. Members thanked the departments for their efforts in coping with extreme weather, and Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members suggested that the departments clear the drainages to prevent flooding before the Hong Kong Observatory issued early warnings that Hong Kong would be threatened by extreme weather.
- (b) Members suggested that the departments provide the contact

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information of the emergency response team to Members, so that they could contact the team before flooding worsened for the team's corresponding actions to minimise the impact on residents in the area.

- (c) Members enquired whether the traffic lanes and pavement of Yiu Hing Road could be fully reopened in June the current year, and whether the timetable for full reopening would be delayed if extreme weather occurred before June. They would also like the departments to notify them of any decision to change the reopening date as soon as possible for them to inform the public.
- (d) Members were concerned that the presence of unauthorised cultivation at Yiu Hing Road would lead to landslips and would like the departments to take deterrent measures to eradicate the problem.
- (e) Members commended the EDO, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for their efforts under the red rainstorm signal being in force on 4 May. They quoted the Quarry Bay Market as an example by saying that the flooding situation in the vicinity had substantially improved as the DSD had provided additional outfalls at locations prone to flooding and that the FEHD staff had properly removed street litter to prevent them from being washed away by rainwater and blocking the drainages.
- (f) Members would forward the information on locations in the district prone to flooding to the departments via the Secretariat for follow up. They would like the departments to clear the drainages at locations prone to flooding regularly.

15. The representatives of the DSD and Highways Department (HyD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

### DSD

- (a) The DSD had made continuous improvement to its contingency measures and enhanced its response capabilities for coping with

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rainstorms since the rainstorms of last September to allow the community to resume normal operations as soon as possible. The emergency response team would be deployed in advance to inspect locations prone to flooding when there were rainstorm forecasts. If drainages were found to be blocked, they would be cleared immediately.

- (b) The DSD had set up a 24-hour Drainage Hotline and would increase manpower under extreme weather conditions. In addition to Members, the public could also call the hotline to report flooding situations. The DSD would deploy an emergency team to clear the drainages immediately to reduce the risk of flooding.
- (c) The DSD would follow up on drainage clearing if unauthorised cultivation had led to the blockage of natural rivers and increase the risks of flooding. Members could contact the Lands Department for follow up if the unauthorised cultivation involved other situations.

## HyD

- (d) The HyD reported to Members about the details and progress of the Yiu Hing Road slope repair works in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. The HyD aimed to complete the necessary slope repair works before the end of June the current year and reopen the two traffic lanes of Yiu Hing Road.
- (e) According to the latest works progress, some public facilities (including the pavement at the bottom of the natural hillside, bus bays and roadside parking meters) would remain closed even after the reopening of the second traffic lane as some repair works had not been completed. The facilities would reopen upon the completion of the slope repair works.
- (f) In addition, when inclement weather signals (including red or black rainstorm signals or localised heavy rain advisory for the Eastern District, Hong Kong, tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above, landslide warnings or localised landslide advisory for the Eastern District, Hong Kong) were in force, the above road sections had to be

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temporarily closed to vehicular traffic to ensure the safety of road users. Appropriate traffic signs would be erected to guide motorists. Public transport passing the above road sections would also had to be temporarily diverted. The public would be advised to pay attention to the latest information released by the Hong Kong Observatory and the latest traffic news released by the TD. The relevant temporary traffic arrangements had to be continued until the completion of the slope repair works.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had forwarded the information on locations prone to flooding provided by Members to the DSD on 22 May 2024 for follow up.)

### **Agenda 6. Suggestion for Provision of Escalator beside the Staircases from Bus Stop at Yiu Wah House on Yiu Hing Road to Sai Wan Ho Street (DFWC Paper No. 12/2024)**

16. A Member briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 12/2024.

17. Members would like the department to consider providing an escalator beside the staircases at the bus stop at Yiu Wah House on Yiu Hing Road to Sai Wan Ho Street. It would provide convenience to the elderly and facilitate residents travelling to the GREEN@EASTERN for recycling, and reduce the transportation demand by residents on the hillside.

18. The representative of the TD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded that as the relevant suggestion involved the construction of pedestrian facilities to enhance the accessibility of hillside areas, the government would follow up on the suggestion under the ambit of the Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems (HELs). Taking into account the resources available, the government was pressing ahead with the suggestion selected for priority implementation under the revised assessment mechanism for HELs, including the HEL project from Sai Wan Ho Street to Holy Cross Church, and the HEL project from Healthy Street East to Pak Fuk Road. Subject to the implementation progress of those priority projects and factors such as the allocation of available resources, the government would review and follow up on the suggestions together with other proposed projects under the assessment mechanism in a timely manner.

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

**Agenda 7. Suggestion for Changing the Use of Shau Kei Wan Market to a Public Dental Clinic**  
**(DFWC Paper No. 13/2024)**

20. The Chairman said that the agenda item and Item No. (2) under matters would be combined for discussion for their relevancy.
21. A Member briefed the DFWC on Paper No. 13/2024.
22. Members were aware that the department had no plans to provide dental services after the change in the use of Shau Kei Wan Market but would like the department to give consideration to it.
23. Representatives of the Planning Department (PlanD) and Department of Health (DH) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views as follows:

PlanD

- (a) The Shau Kei Wan Market was designated as a "Government, Institution or Community" zone under the Shau Kei Wan Outline Zoning Plan. The departments concerned were studying the long-term planning of the market after it was closed. When considering the long-term use of the site, the government would consider relevant factors (including the site location, local circumstances, transportation, environment, recreational and community facilities, urban design, etc.). The government would also consult the policy bureaux and departments concerned and refer to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines on the standard of provision of community facilities. The government would continue to plan land use in a timely manner under the principle of optimising land use.

DH

- (b) The DH had no plan to construct new dental clinics in the Eastern District to provide public dental services. In addition, there was no need to reserve the site of the Shau Kei Wan Market for constructing the facility.
- (c) The prevailing dental care policy of the government aimed to encourage the public to develop good oral hygiene habits through publicity and education, and the need for dental treatment or surgery due to tooth decay and gum diseases could be greatly reduced. The government currently provided or subsidised limited dental services, which mainly included the provision of treatment for the public for emergency cases and implementation of measures catering for persons with special dental care needs, especially the elderly with financial difficulties or persons who had difficulties in accessing general dental services. Relevant services mainly included Healthy Teeth Collaboration, Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly, the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme funded by the Community Care Fund, and subsidies to cover dental treatment expenses under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme of the Social Welfare Department (SWD).
- (d) The DH allocated certain sessions each week in its 11 government dental clinics to provide free emergency dental treatment for citizens in need.
- (e) The government established the Working Group on Oral Health and Dental Care (Working Group) at the end of 2022 to comprehensively review and advise the government on various aspects of oral health and dental care services. The government adopted the Working Group's recommendations that the future development of dental services should be in line with the strategies of the Primary Healthcare Blueprint with the goal to enhance the overall level of citizens' oral health through retention of natural teeth. Looking forward, the government would strive to develop and promote primary dental care services to assist citizens to manage their own oral health and to put prevention, early identification and timely intervention of dental diseases into action.



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The government would also explore how to continue to develop appropriate and targeted dental services to the underprivileged groups defined by the Working Group.

- (f) The Chief Executive proposed in the 2023 Policy Address a series of measures to enhance dental care services for different age groups and target groups. Those measures included collaborating with non-governmental organisations within 2025 to enhance emergency dental services to the underprivileged with financial difficulties, and to expand service capacity, service points and service scope to cover all 18 districts in Hong Kong. The target was to provide dental General Public sessions with additional service capacity which would be at least two times more than the current capacity. In addition, the DH would also strengthen the special care dental services for people with disabilities or special needs currently provided by the DH and enhance the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme funded by the Community Care Fund, and lift the essential requirement of fixing removable dentures to enable eligible elderly to receive dental services such as check-ups, scaling, extraction and filling without applying for removable dentures.
- (g) Further details for the above enhancement of dental care services would be announced upon confirmation in due course.

24. The DFWC agreed that there was no need to follow up on the agenda item.

### **Agenda 8. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous DFWC Meetings under Eastern District Council**

**(DFWC Paper No. 14/2024)**

- (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  
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*”**

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EPD/HyD

25. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (ii) ***“Request to Review the Use of Shau Kei Wan Market to Provide Residents with Appropriate District Facilities  
Future Development of Shau Kei Wan Market  
Requesting a Change in Use of Shau Kei Wan Market”***

PlanD

26. The agenda items had been combined for discussion with Agenda 7 and would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (iii) ***“Urging the Government to Give an Account of the Severe Floods caused by Heavy Rain in Shau Kei Wan  
Request to Fully Review the Floods in Eastern District of Hong Kong Island  
Review of Anti-flooding Preventive Measures and their Effectiveness in Eastern District  
Drainage Improvement Works at Fei Tsui Road, Chai Wan”***

DSD/Water  
Services  
Department

27. The agenda items had been combined for discussion with Agenda 5 and would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (iv) ***“Concern over the Development Plan for the Site Next to Quarry Bay Promenade at Hoi Yu Street  
Follow 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”***

Development  
Bureau (DEVB)/  
District Lands  
Office, Hong Kong  
East  
/PlanD/Buildings  
Department/TD

28. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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- (v) ***“Strong Request to Install a Lift for Connecting Hing Man Estate Footbridge at Chai Wan Road and Tai Man Street  
Follow-up on the Provision of the Escalator at Staircases by Block 2 of Neptune Terrace”***

TD/HyD

29. The agenda items would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

- (vi) ***“Request to Study and Implement Preventive Measures along the Coast of Heng Fa Chuen  
Strong Request for the Installation of Temporary Floating Breakwater at Waters off Heng Fa Chuen  
Follow-up on the Construction Progress of Offshore Breakwaters along Heng Fa Chuen”***

DEVB/Civil  
Engineering and  
Development  
Department  
(CEDD)/DSD/EDO

30. The agenda items had been combined for discussion with Agenda 5 and would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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

LCSD/TD/PlanD

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

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

LCSD

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

- (ix) ***“Concern over the Impact of the Development of Tseung Kwan O Area 132 and 137 on Residents of Heng Fa Chuen and Siu Sai Wan”***

DEVB/PlanD/  
CEDD/EPD

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

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- (x) ***“Request for Provision of Rain Shelters at Bus Stops on Tin Hau Temple Road near Pak Fuk Road”***

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

- (xi) ***“Suggestion for Providing Bottle Filling Dispensers and Water Dispensers at Landings of Hillside Escalators Connecting San Ha Street and Cape Collinson Road”***

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

**Agenda 9. Any Other Business**

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

**Agenda 10. Date of the Next Meeting**

37. The fourth DFWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 16 July 2024 (Tuesday).

38. The meeting ended at 4:50 pm.

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