

Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date : 30 September 2025 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

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

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr Henry LAI, JP	District Officer (Eastern), Eastern District Office
Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) ² , Eastern District Office
Ms TO Kit-ling, Caroline	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Eastern District Office
Mr LAU Chi-kan, Kenneth	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Eastern District Office
Miss WONG Hoi-kiu, Salina	Executive Officer (District Management) ¹ , Eastern District Office
Ms CHU Sui-yin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YIU Shi-leung	Chief Health Inspector(Eastern) ² , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KO Po-wai	Chief Health Inspector(Eastern) ³ , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHOW Kwok-chu, Tony	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Eastern District, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHOW Man-kit, Emil	Principal Estate Officer/Hong Kong East/Land Control (District Lands Office, Hong Kong East) (Ag.), Lands Department
Ms CHENG Yin-yin, Emily	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)2, Environmental Protection Department
Mr KONG Wai-ho, Alex	District Engineer/ North East, Highways Department
Ms LEE Wai-leung, Carol	Assistant Housing Manager/Yue Wan (2), Housing Department

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

Mr Wesley CHEUNG	Senior Officer, Public Affairs, Link Asset Management Limited
Mr Patrick CHAN	Senior Manager, Public Affairs, Link Asset Management Limited

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 10th Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda 2. Concerns over Nuisance from Illegal Leaflets (Cheap Whites) Distributed in Public Housing Estates (FEHC Paper No. 18/2025)

3. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 18/2025.

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

- (a) Members urged the department to expedite the installation of a mobile digital closed circuit television system to enhance the monitoring of illicit cigarette activities;

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- (b) Members enquired whether the department would allot penalty points to residents found distributing leaflets within the estate under the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement (Marking Scheme), so as to strengthen deterrence;
- (c) Members considered that the department should enhance the monitoring system of public housing estates (PHEs), for example by stepping up patrols and providing relevant training for security personnel;
- (d) Members suggested that the department could provide a reporting hotline for residents to report improper behaviour involving the distribution of illegal leaflets;
- (e) Members indicated that the department should strengthen their efforts to combat illicit cigarettes at source;
- (f) Members proposed that the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) should collaborate with relevant departments and Care Teams to conduct interdepartmental anti-illicit cigarette publicity activities;
- (g) Members hoped that the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and the Housing Department (HD) would explore ways to curb improper behaviour of distributing illegal leaflets through publicity campaigns; and
- (h) Members enquired whether distributing illicit cigarette leaflets was an offence.

5. The representatives of the HD and HKPF noted Members' views and suggestions, and gave a consolidated reply to their views and enquiries as follows:

HD

- (a) Distribution of leaflets was not included in the Marking Scheme. In case any resident was convicted of possessing or engaging in commercial activities including selling illicit cigarettes in their PHE unit, the HD would consider recovering the unit;

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- (b) The HD had posted the illicit cigarette reporting hotline and email address on bulletin boards within PHEs;
- (c) Security personnel would remove any persons found distributing leaflets;
- (d) The HD was currently unable to provide a timeline for the installation of the mobile digital closed circuit television system; and

HKPF

- (e) Regarding the distribution of illicit cigarette leaflets, upon receiving a report from the public, the Police would first seize the leaflets and then consult the C&ED on further handling. In addition, if police officers witnessed someone distributing illicit cigarette leaflets, they would check whether the person was in possession of illicit cigarettes. If any were found, police officers would make an immediate arrest. If not, they would record the person's particulars and ask him/her for an explanation, and refer the case to the C&ED for follow-up action.

6. The agenda item would be followed up on at the next meeting.

Agenda 3. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous FEHC Meetings under Eastern District Council

(FEHC Paper No. 19/2025)

- (i) ***“Requesting the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for Expeditious Adoption of Humane and Technological Approach for Controlling Feral Pigeons
Requesting Government Departments to Follow Up on Feral Pigeon Nuisance in Braemar Hill”***

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Agriculture,
Fisheries and
Conservation
Department
(AFCD)/Food and
Environmental
Hygiene
Department (FEHD)

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

(ii) ***“Concern over Street Obstruction and Environmental Hygiene Problems caused by Loading/Unloading Activities in City Garden Road”***

FEHD/HKPF/
Eastern
District Office
(EDO)

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

(iii) ***“Suggestion for Provision of Food Waste Recycling Facilities at Refuse Collection Points Managed by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Eastern District”***

FEHD/
Environmental
Protection
Department (EPD)

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

(iv) ***“Concern over Low Occupancy Rate and Business Environment of Quarry Bay Market”***

FEHD

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

(v) ***“Disposal of Domestic Waste on Shau Kei Wan Road”***

11. Members noted the written reply from the FEHD and thanked the FEHD for their efforts.

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12. The FEHC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

(vi) ***“Concern over Serious Rodent Infestation at King’s Road, North Point in Eastern District and Suggesting the Government Enhance Anti-rodent Measures”***

FEHD

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

(vii) ***“Concern over Environmental Hygiene Problem under Fuk Yuen Street Footbridge in Fortress Hill”***

FEHD/EDO/
Social Welfare
Department

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

(viii) ***“Concern over Illegal Cultivation on Government Land in Eastern District”***

15. Members noted the written replies from the District Lands Office, Hong Kong East (DLO/HKE) and the HD.

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

(a) Thanks to the department’s efforts, the illegal cultivation at Yiu Tung Estate had improved, and no instances of illegal cultivation were found in Heng Fa Chuen in recent months. Members hoped that the department would continue to monitor the situation; and

(b) Members learnt from residents that naked individuals were still seen wandering the streets, and hoped that the HKPF would follow up on the situation.

17. The representative of the DLO/HKE noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

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- (a) The DLO/HKE would continue to inspect the government land opposite Heng Fa Chuen and take appropriate action in light of the circumstances.

18. The FEHC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

(ix) ***“Environmental Hygiene Issues on the Slope in the Vicinity of the Former Nga Choy Hang Village in Braemar Hill”***

19. Members noted the written replies from the EDO and AFCD.

20. The representative of the EDO briefed the meeting on the follow-up work coordinated by the EDO with relevant departments at the captioned site over the past few months, as well as the interdepartmental joint clearance operations conducted.

21. Members thanked the EDO for their assistance in coordinating relevant departments to address the environmental hygiene issues at the captioned site.

22. The FEHC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

(x) ***“Suggesting the Government Set Up an Additional GREEN@NORTH POINT Recycling Store”***

EPD/FEHD

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

(xi) ***“Concern over Illegal Bicycle Parking on King’s Road”***

24. Members noted the written replies from the DLO/HKE and FEHD.

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

- (a) The situation regarding illegal bicycle parking on Kam Ping Street had

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improved, but the problem still persisted; and

- (b) While recognising that the problem could not be resolved entirely, Members observed some improvements to the situation. They expressed appreciation for the department's efforts and hoped that the department would continue to follow up on relevant matters.

26. The representatives of the DLO/HKE and FEHD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

DLO/HKE

- (a) The DLO/HKE would continue to collaborate with the FEHD and take appropriate action according to the circumstances; and

FEHD

- (b) The FEHD would deploy officers to inspect Kam Ping Street.

27. The FEHC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

(xii) ***“Improvement Plan for Illegal Smoking Problem in Cooked Food Markets in Eastern District”***

FEHD/Department
of Health

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

(xiii) ***“Mitigation Measures for Redevelopment Site at 56-76 Kai Yuen Street, North Point”***

29. Members noted the written reply from Progressive Building & Foundation Co. Ltd.

30. Members noted that related complaints from Braemar Hill had decreased over the past month and requested Progressive Building & Foundation Co. Ltd to report the effectiveness of noise mitigation measures at the next meeting.

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EPD/Progressive
Building &
Foundation Co.
Ltd

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

(xiv) “Proposal for Housing Department and Link REIT to Enhance Collaboration for Improving the Living Environment and Services of Yiu Tung Estate”

32. Members noted the written replies from the HD and Link Asset Management Limited (the Link).

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

- (a) Members thanked the HD and the Link for their close cooperation in promptly improving the local environment, and hoped that both parties would continue to strengthen collaboration and maintain communication;
- (b) Members hoped that the Link would post notices to inform residents of the reasons whenever it was necessary to suspend escalator service; and
- (c) Members enquired whether there was a mechanism specifying the facilities and areas managed by the HD and the Link respectively.

34. The representative of the Link noted Members’ views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) The Link had been maintaining close contact with the HD and had clearly defined the respective management responsibilities of both parties.

35. The FEHC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

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Agenda 4. Any Other Business

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

Agenda 5. Date of Next Meeting

37. The twelfth FEHC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 18 November 2025 (Tuesday).

38. The meeting ended at 3:30 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat
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