

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

Date : 20 January 2026 (Tuesday)  
Time : 2:30 pm  
Venue : Eastern District Council Conference Room

**Present**

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	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 (Chairman)	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Ms LI Lee (Vice-chairlady)	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Ms LEE Ching-har, MH	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr LAM Tsz-hung (Co-opted Member)
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Mr KWOK Wing-kin	Mr CHAN Kwan (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	
Mr LAM Wing-shing	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi	

**In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)**

Mr WONG Tsz-wai, Adrian	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) <sup>2</sup> , 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) <sup>1</sup> , Eastern District Office
Ms CHU Sui-yin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KO Po-wai	Chief Health Inspector (Eastern) <sup>3</sup> , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHOW Kwok-chu, Tony	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Eastern District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LOO Wing-tsun	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Eastern District Police Community Relation Office, Hong Kong Police Force

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

**In Attendance by Invitation (Government Representatives)**

Ms CHOW Siu-yin, Kennis	Senior Building Surveyor/B4, Buildings Department
Mr WONG Kwan-nang	Building Surveyor/B4-2, Buildings Department

**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 and government representatives to the meeting.

**Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 12th Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)**

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

**Agenda 2. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department - First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2026 in Eastern District (FEHC Paper No. 1/2026)**

3. The captioned agenda and item (v) of Paper No. 4/2026 were combined for discussion for their relevancy.
4. The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) briefed Members on Paper No. 1/2026.

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5. Members thanked and recognised the work of the FEHD, and their views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members enquired whether the department had increased resource allocation for rodent control and suggested introducing new technologies to assist in rodent control efforts, as well as increasing manpower for the overnight rodent control roving teams;
- (b) Members enquired about the change in the Rodent Absence Rate (RAR) in the Eastern District compared with the previous year;
- (c) Members suggested that the department should step up publicity and education on rodent control to raise awareness among stakeholders; and
- (d) Members enquired how the department provided assistance to private buildings on rodent control.

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

- (a) Data showed that the situation of rodent infestation in the Eastern District had improved substantially, while the results of the Rodent Activity Survey (RAR) for the second half of 2025 for Hong Kong as a whole and for individual districts had yet to be released;
- (b) The FEHD would employ a multi-pronged strategy, focusing on eliminating the fundamental survival conditions of rodents, namely food, harbourage and passages, so as to enhance the effectiveness of the anti-rodent campaign;
- (c) The FEHD would arrange for more staff to carry out patrols in the community to promote rodent control;
- (d) The FEHD hoped that Members would encourage property management companies and owners' corporations (OCs) to sign the Anti-rodent Charter. After signing the Charter, property management companies or OCs would be required to appoint anti-rodent liaison ambassadors to co-ordinate rodent control efforts within their

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residential estates/buildings. The FEHD would also deploy staff to provide on-site technical advice to assist private buildings in rodent control. Furthermore, the FEHD would step up publicity and education on rodent control and invite the OCs of buildings to participate. If any restaurants or private buildings failed to rectify poor hygiene conditions that had contributed to rodent infestations despite repeated warnings, the FEHD would take appropriate action; and

- (e) The FEHD had recently increased the number of overnight rodent control roving teams based on available resources.

### **Agenda 3. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department - Eastern District 2026 Year-end Clean-up (FEHC Paper No. 2/2026)**

- 7. The representative of the FEHD briefed Members on Paper No. 2/2026.
- 8. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
  - (a) Members enquired how the department addressed the situation of unlicensed hawkers selling New Year flowers;
  - (b) Members hoped that the department would monitor the hygiene conditions of "three nil" buildings;
  - (c) Members suggested that the department should step up education for dog owners on proper disposal of dog excreta; and
  - (d) Members enquired about the locations of the 12 refuse collection points and the 12 temporary mobile refuse collection points, and hoped that the department could provide the relevant information to facilitate Members' publicity efforts.

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9. The representatives of the FEHD and the Eastern District Office (EDO) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

### FEHD

- (a) Where unlicensed hawkers were found selling New Year flowers, the authorities responsible for the area would take appropriate enforcement action;
- (b) Regarding the locations of the 12 refuse collection points and the 12 temporary mobile refuse collection points, the FEHD would distribute the relevant leaflets to Members after the meeting so that they could assist with publicity efforts in the district;
- (c) Government guidelines clearly stipulated that dog owners should bring sufficient paper to properly wrap dog excreta before disposing of it in the dog excreta collection bin, and should also bring sufficient clean water to clean up after their dogs had defecated. The FEHD would also step up street cleaning efforts subject to actual circumstances; and

### EDO

- (d) Through the District-led Actions Scheme, the EDO would provide a one-off year-end cleaning service for public areas of "three-nil" buildings in the district between mid-January and mid-February 2026, and would also place T-shaped bait boxes in suitable locations to strengthen rodent control measures.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat submitted the leaflet provided by the FEHD containing the addresses of public refuse collection points and temporary mobile refuse collection points in the Eastern District to the FEHC for reference on 21 January 2026.)

**Agenda 4. Concern over the Sewage Problem on the Slope at No. 60 King's Road**  
**(FEHC Paper No. 3/2026)**

10. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 3/2026.
11. Members' views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
  - (a) Members opined that the department's temporary measures had effectively reduced the odour problem;
  - (b) Members hoped that the department would assist in cleaning up the accumulated sewage to improve environmental hygiene; and
  - (c) Members requested that the department assist the building's OC in actively following up on the works.
12. The representative of the Buildings Department (BD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

BD

- (a) In mid-December 2025, the relevant OC informed the BD that, due to the complexity of the works and its inability to engage a suitable contractor, it sought the department's assistance in handling the repair order. The BD would arrange the necessary survey and works after considering the circumstances, with the costs to be borne by the relevant OC. The BD also sought the assistance of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) for the survey works. As the drain pipes were located on a private slope belonging to another building, permission must be obtained from that building for the works to proceed. The BD had contacted the relevant property management office and had been granted permission to carry out the survey works on the private slope. On 12 January, the BD conducted a site inspect with the DSD. The current plan was to erect a temporary scaffold on the slope for the survey. The BD would finalise the plan in light of the survey results.

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13. The FEHC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

**Agenda 5. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous FEHC Meetings under Eastern District Council**  
**(FEHC Paper No. 4/2026)**

- (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”***

Agriculture,  
Fisheries and  
Conservation  
Department/  
FEHD

14. 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/Hong  
Kong Police  
Force (HKPF)/  
EDO

15. 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)

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

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

FEHD 17. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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

FEHD 18. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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

FEHD/EDO/  
Social Welfare  
Department 19. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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

EPD/FEHD 20. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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

FEHD/Department  
of Health 21. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.

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

EPD/Progressive  
Building &  
Foundation  
Company Limited

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

(x) ***“Concerns over Nuisance from Illegal Leaflets (Cheap Whites) Distributed in Public Housing Estates”***

23. Members noted the written reply from the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department (C&ED).

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

- (a) Members thanked the department for arranging joint anti-illicit cigarette publicity activities in public housing estates (PHEs) in the Eastern District to help alleviate the nuisance caused by illegal leaflets (cheap whites). In addition, Members hoped that the department could provide information on the locations and dates of joint anti-illicit cigarette publicity activities conducted in PHEs in the Eastern District;
- (b) Members noted that some members of the public were still reporting the presence of illegal leaflets (cheap whites) on the metal gates of their units, and hoped that the department would follow up on and improve the situation; and
- (c) Members suggested that the department should step up its efforts to combat illicit cigarettes at the source.

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

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat submitted the supplementary information provided by the C&ED to the FEHC for reference on 3 February 2026.)

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### **Agenda 6. Any Other Business**

26. Members stated that a large number of fishing vessels were expected to return to port for Chinese New Year, which would lead to a significant increase in the number of vessels moored at the Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter and the Chai Wan Public Cargo Working Area in the Eastern District. In this connection, Members requested the Secretariat to notify the Marine Department (MD) in writing to arrange for contractors to step up the collection of fishing vessel waste during the Chinese New Year period.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat forwarded the above suggestion to the MD on 26 January 2026, and submitted the supplementary information provided by the MD to the FEHC for reference on 28 January 2026.)

### **Agenda 7. Date of Next Meeting**

27. The fourteenth FEHC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 24 March 2026 (Tuesday)

28. The meeting ended at 3:45 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat  
March 2026