

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

Date : 19 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 WONG Chi-chung	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Ms LAU Suk-yin
(Chairman)		
Ms LI Lee (Vice-chairlady)	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Ms LEE Ching-har, MH	Ms CHAN Hang, MH, JP	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr LAM Tsz-hung (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr KWOK Wing-kin	
Mr LAM Wing-shing	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHAN Kwan (Co-opted Member) (absent without consent)

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
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 LAI Sau-yan, Carol	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr KO Po-wai	Chief Health Inspector (Eastern)3, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YUE Tung-sing	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Eastern District Police Community Relations Office, Hong Kong Police Force

Mr LOO Wing-tsun	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Eastern District Police Community Relations Office, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr LEE Yiu-cho, Joe	Principal 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
Mr WONG Wai-chung	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Eastern)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Government Representatives)

Dr LEE Hoi-ki, Olive	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Community Recycling)3, Environmental Protection Department
Mr YIU Shi-leung	Chief Health Inspector (Eastern)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Dr WONG Yick-him, Simon	Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Mr YEUNG Fai-fai, Felix	Fauna Conservation Officer (Operation)3, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation 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.

Handling Application for Absence

2. Mr CHAN Kwan submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting on personal grounds. The Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC) decided not to give consent to his application for absence.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 14th Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda 2. Further Digitalisation of GREEN\$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme - To Complement the Five-Year Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan to Promote Integration of Smart Recycling into Daily Life (FEHC Paper No. 8/2026)

4. The representative of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) briefed the meeting on Paper No. 8/2026.

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

- (a) Members suggested expanding the Eastern District's recycling network by providing recycling facilities in more sub-districts and housing estates, including the introduction of smart recycling bins with a compression function. Members also proposed that the department could attract more members of the public to take part in recycling by increasing the variety of GREEN\$ gifts;
- (b) Members considered that the department should retain the GREEN\$ physical card and physical gift redemption arrangements for the convenience of the elderly; and
- (c) Members enquired about the staff duty arrangements after the GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores were transformed into 24/7 self-service recycling facilities.

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

- (a) The EPD planned to appoint an operator in each district to co-ordinate recycling efforts within the district, including considering the provision of additional recycling facilities in locations currently lacking recycling support. At the same time, the EPD planned to gradually install smart

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recycling bins in more private housing estates and would also study the feasibility of installing smart recycling bins with a compression function. The EPD welcomed suggestions from Members and would inform the FEHC in due course after the operator for the Eastern District was confirmed;

- (b) To attract more members of the public to take part in recycling, the EPD was currently promoting further digitalisation of GREEN\$, but would still retain one physical gift redemption point in each district; and
- (c) The EPD would gradually transform the 82 GREEN@COMMUNITY Recycling Stores into 24/7 self-service recycling facilities. Since half a year ago, the Recycling Stores had been staff-free during the first and last two hours of operation, allowing the public to recycle independently with satisfactory outcomes. The relevant self-service recycling hours were also being gradually extended.

Agenda 3. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department - Eastern District Action Plan 2026-27 **(FEHC Paper No. 9/2026)**

7. The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) briefed the meeting on Paper No. 9/2026.

8. Members thanked the FEHD for its work, and their views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members suggested that the department should report to the bureau the proposal to introduce penalties for dog owners who failed to clean up after their dogs when they urinated in public places;
- (b) Members noted that the hygiene of public toilets in the district was poor and suggested that the department should enhance cleaning efforts;
- (c) Members recommended that the department should increase manpower to expedite the handling of water seepage cases;

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- (d) Members enquired about the approach to handling cases of dripping air-conditioners in older buildings without air-conditioner drainage pipes, and suggested that publicity efforts concerning the reporting channels for dripping air-conditioners should be intensified;
 - (e) Members proposed that the department should strengthen its efforts to address the problem of illegal refuse deposits in the Eastern District;
 - (f) Members hoped that the department would conduct cleaning work on private streets in the district where environmental hygiene was persistently poor;
 - (g) Members raised enquiries regarding the rodent and mosquito control measures in the Eastern District and their effectiveness; and
 - (h) Members opined that the department should address the cockroach problem on public streets in the Eastern District.
9. The representative of the FEHD noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:
- (a) The representative noted Members' suggestions regarding dogs urinating in public places and would step up cleaning efforts on streets affected by dog urine odour;
 - (b) FEHD staff would also regularly inspect the hygiene of public toilets in the district and check for any damage requiring repairs;
 - (c) Regarding water seepage cases, the FEHD would launch a pilot programme in mid-2026, using both electronic moisture meters and infrared thermography cameras to analyse water seepage under the new procedures. When there were reasonable grounds to believe that the water seepage originated from a flat above, a Notification Letter would be issued promptly to the owner of that flat, requiring the owner to inspect and carry out repairs on their own within a specified timeframe, thereby expediting the resolution of the problem;
 - (d) If a building was not fitted with air-conditioner drainage pipes, the owners' corporation of the building could apply to the Buildings

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Department (BD) under a subsidy scheme for the installation of such drainage pipes during building maintenance;

- (e) The FEHD would install additional closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at illegal refuse deposits black spots in the district to assist in prosecution and enhance deterrence; and
- (f) As for the hygiene of private streets, it was generally the responsibility of the owners. However, the FEHD understood that “three-nil” buildings or premises without property management companies may sometimes encounter difficulties. If the environmental hygiene of the relevant private streets and back alleys remained poor, the FEHD would consider providing cleaning services subject to resource availability. If illegal refuse deposits were found on private streets and caused environmental hygiene problems, departmental staff would take appropriate action in accordance with the law.

Agenda 4. Eastern District Office - Projects Related to Environmental Hygiene under the Eastern District District-led Actions Scheme **(FEHC Paper No. 10/2026)**

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

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

- (a) Members enquired about the mosquito control works of the District Lands Office, Hong Kong East (DLO/HKE);
- (b) Members proposed that the EDO should increase the frequency of large-scale cleaning operations for “three-nil” buildings in the district with poor sanitation; and
- (c) Members recommended that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) should step up mosquito control works in playground areas in the Eastern District.

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

DLO/HKE

- (a) The DLO/HKE had 21 plots of fenced-off land in the Eastern District. Since April this year, the DLO/HKE had been arranging for the spraying of larvicidal oil on those plots. The DLO/HKE sent personnel to inspect the fenced-off land monthly and regularly arranged for grass-cutting. If litter was found, a contractor would be arranged to clean it up; and

EDO

- (b) During the mid-term review of the Scheme, the EDO would enhance the relevant works having regard to the resources still available at the time and the actual implementation progress and effectiveness of each project.

Agenda 5. Proposals for the Optimal Use of Vacant Stalls at Quarry Bay Market **(FEHC Paper No. 11/2026)**

13. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 11/2026.

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

- (a) Members enquired about the number of vacant stalls in the nine markets under the FEHD in the Eastern District;
- (b) Members proposed providing online shopping self-pickup points/lockers and food waste recycling machines in the markets to increase footfall; and
- (c) Members suggested that the department should review the surrounding environment and facilities of the Sai Wan Ho Market to facilitate public access.

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

- (a) The FEHD would convey to its headquarters proposal regarding the effective use of vacant stalls and increasing footfall in markets. Should any new directions for market development emerge, it would also report to the FEHC and seek Members' views as appropriate; and
- (b) The FEHD would review the surrounding environment and facilities of the Sai Wan Ho Market.

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

Agenda 6. Concern over Illegal Feeding of Wild Animals in the Eastern District **(FEHC Paper No. 12/2026)**

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

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

- (a) Members enquired whether the department would apply technology (e.g. drones, infrared cameras and CCTV) to assist in patrols and evidence collection for enforcement;
- (b) Members raised questions about the reasons for the discrepancy between the number of complaints received by the department regarding the illegal feeding of wild animals and the number of prosecutions;
- (c) Members sought information on the prosecutions for illegal feeding of wild animals in public housing estates (PHEs) and private properties in the Eastern District;
- (d) Members made enquiries about the department's use of contraceptive drugs on feral pigeons;

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- (e) Members asked about the department's installation of mobile artificial intelligence monitoring systems, and proposed that notices be placed at the relevant installation locations to enhance deterrence; and
- (f) Members recommended that the department should strengthen publicity regarding the penalties and harms of illegal feeding of wild animals.

19. The representatives of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD), FEHD, LCSD and Housing Department (HD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

AFCD

- (a) The AFCD was studying the use of drones in conjunction with infrared cameras to monitor the distribution and activity of wild boars from a high altitude. This study was expected to take six to nine months;
- (b) Regarding complaints, departmental staff had to conduct on-site evidence gathering before taking any enforcement actions against those involved, hence the discrepancy between the number of complaints and the number of summonses issued / prosecutions;
- (c) The AFCD could prosecute individuals for illegal feeding of wild animals or feral pigeons on private property;
- (d) The AFCD conducted a Trial Programme of Using Contraceptive Drug on Feral Pigeons from 2021 to 2023, but it did not significantly reduce feral pigeon gatherings and nuisances. Therefore, there were currently no plans to further expand the Programme. The AFCD would step up publicity, education and enforcement to address the problem of feral pigeon nuisances;
- (e) The AFCD had commenced a trial installation of a mobile artificial intelligence monitoring system at specific locations in the territory and would continue to review its effectiveness. The AFCD had also set up street stalls to publicise the penalties and harms of illegal feeding of wild animals and feral pigeons;

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FEHD

- (f) The FEHD would take enforcement action on cases involving environmental hygiene problems caused by illegal feeding of wild birds or feral pigeons in public places;

HD

- (g) In cases where food was thrown from height to feed birds in PHEs, despite certain difficulties in adducing evidence, the HD would still allot penalty points to the tenant according to the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement for throwing objects from height, so as to enhance deterrence; and

LCSD

- (h) The LCSD would conduct investigations and inspections upon receiving relevant complaints. If illegal feeding of wild animals was found upon arrival at the scene, staff would initiate prosecutions. The LCSD would also step up cleaning work at the relevant premises, as well as publicity and education on illegal feeding of wild animals.

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

Agenda 7. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous FEHC Meetings under Eastern District Council

(FEHC Paper No. 13/2026)

- (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”***

AFCD/FEHD

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

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| | <p>(ii) <i>“Concern over Street Obstruction and Environmental Hygiene Problems caused by Loading/Unloading Activities in City Garden Road”</i></p> |
| FEHD/Hong Kong Police Force/EDO | <p>22. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.</p> |
| | <p>(iii) <i>“Suggestion for Provision of Food Waste Recycling Facilities at Refuse Collection Points Managed by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in Eastern District”</i></p> |
| FEHD/EPD | <p>23. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.</p> |
| | <p>(iv) <i>“Concern over Low Occupancy Rate and Business Environment of Quarry Bay Market”</i></p> |
| FEHD | <p>24. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.</p> |
| | <p>(v) <i>“Concern over Serious Rodent Infestation at King’s Road, North Point in Eastern District and Suggesting the Government Enhance Anti-rodent Measures”</i></p> |
| FEHD | <p>25. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.</p> |
| | <p>(vi) <i>“Concern over Environmental Hygiene Problem under Fuk Yuen Street Footbridge in Fortress Hill”</i></p> |
| FEHD/EDO/Social Welfare Department | <p>26. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.</p> |
| | <p>(vii) <i>“Suggesting the Government Set Up an Additional GREEN@NORTH POINT Recycling Store”</i></p> |
| EPD/FEHD | <p>27. The agenda item would continue to be followed up on upon further progress.</p> |

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

28. Members noted the written reply from the Department of Health (DH), and enquired about the prosecution figures from the joint enforcement operations in May.

29. The FEHD stated that during the joint enforcement operations conducted in May at the Java Road Market and Cooked Food Centre and the Sai Wan Ho Market and Cooked Food Centre, fixed penalty notices were issued to a total of four offenders. In the same month, FEHD staff also conducted several surprise inspections at public markets and cooked food centres/markets in the area, during which a fixed penalty notice was issued to one person for illegal smoking at the Chai Wan Market and Cooked Food Centre. The FEHD would continue to invite the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office of the DH to conduct joint operations as needed to combat smoking offences in markets and cooked food centres.

FEHD/DH

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

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

EPD/Progressive
Building &
Foundation Co.
Ltd

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

(x) “Concern over the Sewage Problem on the Slope at No. 60 King’s Road”

BD/Drainage
Services
Department/
Highways
Department

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

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Agenda 8. Any Other Business

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

Agenda 9. Date of Next Meeting

34. The sixteenth FEHC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 14 July 2026 (Tuesday).

35. The meeting ended at 5:30 pm.

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