

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

Date : 23 July 2024 (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	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 Sum-lim, MH	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	

**In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)**

Mr POON Cheuk-hong, Hong	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2, Eastern District Office
Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2 (Designate), 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
Miss WONG Hoi-kiu, Salina	Executive Officer (District Management)1, Eastern District Office
Ms CHAN Kit-man	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern) (Ag.), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YEUNG Ping-chung	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Eastern 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LOO Wing-tsun	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office, Eastern District, Hong Kong Police Force
Ms LIN So-kuen, Debbie	Principal Estate Officer/Hong Kong East/Land Control (District Lands Office, Hong Kong East), Lands Department

Mr WONG Kwan-chun, Paul	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)2, Environmental Protection Department
Ms DENG Shinuo, Snow	District Engineer/North Point, Highways Department
Mr WONG Chun-lung	Assistant Housing Manager/Yue Wan (2) (Ag.), Housing Department

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

Ms CHAN Sze-man	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, particularly welcomed to the meeting Mr Daniel FU who would succeed Mr Hong POON as the Assistant District Officer (Eastern)2 of the Eastern District Office (EDO).

**Agenda Item 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)**

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

**Agenda Item 2. Installation of Internet Protocol Cameras at Illegal Refuse Deposit Blackspots**  
**(FEHC Paper No. 11/2024)**

3. The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) briefed Members on Paper No. 11/2024.

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4. Members were supportive of the FEHD's installation of internet protocol (IP) cameras at illegal refuse deposit blackspots, and their views and enquiries about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) Members viewed that the installation of IP cameras at the illegal refuse deposit blackspots would help reduce littering at the blackspots and would like the department to install IP cameras at more blackspots.
- (b) Members enquired of the department about the criteria for determining the locations for installation of IP cameras. They cited the pavement off the public toilet on Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan as an example by saying that there was a very large number of prosecutions instituted in the past year but it was only put in the waiting list. However, 216 Tin Hau Temple Road and the area alongside 126 Tin Hau Temple Road, North Point were retained as the sites for the installation of IP cameras though there were no prosecutions instituted in the past year.
- (c) Members enquired about the criteria for the order of the locations of IP cameras in the Annex to the Paper.
- (d) Members enquired of the department about the use of the video footages captured by IP cameras in enforcement.
- (e) Members were concerned whether the installation of IP cameras would give rise to privacy issues and about the time limit for keeping the video footages captured by IP cameras.

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

- (a) The FEHD kept track of illegal refuse deposit through analysis of the video footages captured by the IP cameras. The IP cameras captured video footages of the vehicles that illegally deposited the refuse so that the FEHD could identify and prosecute the registered owners of the vehicles, and plan for more precise and effective enforcement actions based on the time and mode of such offences for better deterrent effect.
- (b) In respect of ensuring the protection of public privacy after the

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installation of IP cameras, the FEHD would post notices within the areas covered by the IP cameras to inform the public that IP cameras were in operation. Video footages without suspected cases being captured would normally be deleted forthwith after random checking (approximately within one month). For cases that prosecution might be instituted, FEHD staff might take some time to conduct investigation basing on the video footages captured. Since the statutory time limit for prosecution was generally six months from the date of the incident, the video footages might be retained for a maximum period of six months or until the completion of investigation. In the event that the video footages had to be produced as evidence in court, the FEHD was required to retain them until the conclusion of the case.

- (c) The IP cameras were mainly used to assist the FEHD in prosecuting offences of illegal deposit of large junk, bagged refuse and littering from vehicles. The number of prosecutions instituted at the pavement off the public toilet on Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan in the past year was not based on the video footages captured by the IP camera, but was the number of prosecutions instituted by the plainclothes enforcement teams of the FEHD during enforcement actions carried out on the scene, with the majority of cases involving littering of cigarette butts. The figure in brackets in the table at Annex 2 were the number of prosecutions instituted based on the video footages captured by the IP camera. The pavement off the public toilet on Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan was put on the waiting list as there was no prosecution case based on the video footages captured by the IP cameras in the past year. Besides, littering from vehicles on 216 and the area alongside 126 Tin Hau Temple Road had used to be serious but had improved after the installation of the IP cameras. The FEHD would review the information every three months to re-prioritise the continued retention of the IP cameras and the locations on the waiting list.
- (d) The order of the IP camera locations in the Annex of the Paper was based on the duration of the IP cameras installed. The longer the duration, the smaller the serial number of the location was.
- (e) Members might provide the locations considered suitable for installation of IP cameras to the Eastern District Council Secretariat. Upon receipt

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of the information, the FEHD would draw up a new waiting list of IP camera locations.

- (f) The FEHD would draw up the waiting list of IP camera locations based on the statistics on existing complaint and past enforcement and the feasibility of installing network equipment at the locations.
- (g) The FEHD noted Members' expectation to increase the quantity and the number of locations of IP cameras in the Eastern District and would further follow up on them.

- (Post-meeting note: (i) The Secretariat had passed Members' suggestion of the locations for the installation of IP cameras to the FEHD on 5 August 2024 for follow-up.
- (ii) The FEHD had provided supplementary information to the FEHC on 4 September 2024.)

### **Agenda Item 3. Concern over Low Occupancy Rate and Business Environment of Quarry Bay Market** **(FEHC Paper No. 12/2024)**

- 6. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 12/2024.
- 7. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
  - (a) According to the department's written reply, the stall occupancy rate of the Quarry Bay Market was 52%. Members enquired whether the remaining 48% of the stalls were reserved for the relocation of tenants affected by Market Modernisation Programme (MMP), market closure/consolidation plans or market improvement works, etc.
  - (b) Members remarked that they had conducted a field survey at the Quarry Bay Market and viewed that the stall occupancy rate of the Market was below 50%. They suggested the department install an air-conditioning system in the Market and urge the contractor to complete the escalator works as soon as possible.

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- (c) Members suggested retrofitting air-conditioning systems at the Electric Road Market and Java Road Market in North Point to improve the business environment.
- (d) Members remarked that there was also the problem of vacant stalls in the Aldrich Bay Market.
- (e) Members suggested the department consider changing the operation mode of the markets, such as making them a place for young people to start up their own business, shortening the tenancy period of stalls, increasing the diversity of products, and at the same time improving the environmental hygiene and retrofitting air-conditioning systems so as to enable the public to shop in comfort, thereby attracting more patronage. Members also suggested the department consider engaging a private consultancy firm to provide advice on changing the operation mode of markets.

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

- (a) The FEHD would include retrofitting of air-conditioning systems in the overhaul or redevelopment of markets under the MMP, which was more cost-effective than carrying out separate project solely for retrofitting air-conditioning systems. In the past, some markets had gained support from tenants and reached the support threshold for retrofitting air-conditioning systems. As their tenants were, to a certain extent, ready for the improvement works, the markets concerned had more potential to be accorded priority for inclusion in the MMP. Besides implementing the MMP, the FEHD would, depending on the circumstances and needs, improve the ventilation facilities of individual markets as far as practicable, for example, replacing the exhaust air-ducts, and installing mechanical fans and air-coolers, etc.
- (b) Considering the actual situation of the Quarry Bay Market and the views of various stakeholders, the FEHD would gradually put up vacant or frozen stalls in the Market for open auction in the third quarter of 2024. The FEHD would continue to review the situation of vacant stalls in the

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markets in the district and put up suitable vacant stalls for open auction in a timely manner.

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

### **Agenda Item 4. Amelioration of Dripping Air-conditioner Problems in North Point** **(FEHC Paper No. 13/2024)**

10. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 13/2024.

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

- (a) Members would like the department to proactively tackle the dripping air-conditioner problems in the Eastern District so as to prevent the public from the nuisance of water dripping in the streets.
- (b) Members viewed that the dripping air-conditioner problems were due to the lack of drainage pipes for air-conditioners in buildings and would like the department to provide support and subsidies to the buildings.
- (c) Members suggested the department step up enforcement and publicity on the penalties for dripping air-conditioners.

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

#### **FEHD**

- (a) The FEHD had stepped up public education and publicity through operation codenamed "CLEARSKY", which included advertisements on public transport and radio, dissemination of information on online platforms, display of posters and banners, distribution of leaflets, launch of a thematic webpage, as well as publicity activities in collaboration with property management companies and local communities, and launching of kick-off ceremonies in various districts, with a view to

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raising the public awareness of the dripping air-conditioner problems.

- (b) Regarding the installation of drainage pipes in buildings, owners of private buildings (including domestic, composite, commercial and industrial building) might apply to the Building Safety Loan Scheme (BSLS) of the Buildings Department (BD) for the installation. Details were available from the BSLS Unit of the BD.

## EDO

- (c) The EDO would refer Members' views to the departments concerned.

13. The FEHC agreed that there was no need to follow up on the agenda item.

(Post-meeting note: The EDO had referred Members' views to the BD to note/follow-up on 25 July 2024.)

## **Agenda Item 5. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous FEHC Meetings under Eastern District Council** (FEHC Paper No. 14/2024)

- (i) ***“Request to Improve the Noise Pollution Arising from the Arrivals of Trains at and their Departures from Heng Fa Chuen MTR Station Requesting the MTRC to Retrofit a Noise Shelter to the Section between Heng Fa Chuen Station and Chai Wan Station to Reduce Noise Pollution”***

Environmental  
Protection  
Department  
(EPD)/MTR  
Corporation  
Limited

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

- (ii) ***“Request the Government for a Complete Advancement of the Services and Responsibilities of the ‘Joint Offices’ so as to Enhance Support of Citizens for Handling Water Seepage in Buildings***



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### ***Requesting the Joint Office to Improve the Source-identification Success Rate of Water Seepage***

### ***Requesting the Joint Offices for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints to Resume Services Immediately in Full Swing to Assist Members of the Public in Dealing with Hygiene Problems Caused by Water Seepage”***

Joint Offices for  
Investigation of  
Water Seepage  
Complaints

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

### ***(iii) “Request to Make Good Preparation before the Implementation of Municipal Solid Waste Charging”***

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

### ***(iv) “Relocation of Oil Street Refuse Collection Point and Demolition of Public Toilet”***

FEHD/Leisure  
and Cultural  
Services  
Department

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

### ***(v) “Intrusion of Wild Pigs into Residential Communities Request for Follow-Up on Wild Pig Issue in Braemar Hill”***

FEHD/  
Agriculture,  
Fisheries and  
Conservation  
Department  
(AFCD)

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

### ***(vi) “Requesting the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for Expeditious Adoption of Humane and Technological Approach for Controlling Feral Pigeons***

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### ***Requesting Government Departments to Follow Up on Feral Pigeon Nuisance in Braemar Hill***

19. The representative of the AFCD supplemented on the latest work progress.
20. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda items were summarised as follows:
- (a) Members viewed that although the final statistical analysis and evaluation of the two-year Trial Programme of Using Contraceptive Drug on Feral Pigeons (the Trial Programme) conducted by the City University of Hong Kong had yet to be completed, it was observed that the congregation of feral pigeons was still serious at Hang Hau MTR Station in Sai Kung District, one of the trial locations. The department had to consider other measures for tackling the problem.
  - (b) Members enquired about the date for publishing the findings of the Trial Programme and would like the department to report the findings to Members.
21. The representative of the AFCD noted Members' views and suggestions, and remarked that the findings were expected to be published in the current year.

AFCD/FEHD

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

#### ***(vii) "Enhancing Measures to Cope with Dog Fouling on Pavements in Braemar Hill"***

FEHD

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

#### ***(viii) "Concern over Street Obstruction and Environmental Hygiene Problems caused by Loading/Unloading Activities in City Garden Road"***

FEHD/Hong  
Kong Police  
Force/EDO

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

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

FEHD/EPD

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

**Agenda Item 6. Any Other Business**

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

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

27. The fifth FEHC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 17 September 2024 (Tuesday).

28. The meeting ended at 4:20 pm.

Eastern District Council Secretariat  
September 2024