

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

Date : 17 September 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 Tsz-hung (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	Mr CHAN Kwan (Co-opted Member)

Absent with Apologies

Mr LOO Wing-tsun	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Police Community Relations Office, Eastern District, Hong Kong Police Force
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In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel	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
Ms CHU Sui-yin	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Eastern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms CHAN Kit-man	Chief Health Inspector (Eastern) ³ , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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
Mr KONG Wai-ho, Alex	District Engineer/North East, Highways Department
Ms LEE Wai-leung, Carol	Assistant Housing Manager/Yue Wan (2), Housing 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 Item 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 4th Meeting of Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)

2. The above draft minutes were confirmed without amendments.

Agenda Item 2. Disposal of Domestic Waste on Shau Kei Wan Road (FEHC Paper No. 15/2024)

3. A Member briefed the meeting on Paper No. 15/2024.
4. The views and enquiries of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:
 - (a) Members enquired whether the department would consider designating specific timeslots for private waste collectors to deposit waste to be removed in the street but taking enforcement action only when the waste was still deposited in the street beyond the specific timeslots.
 - (b) Members suggested the department liaise with the managers of “three-nil buildings”, owners’ corporations (OCs) of buildings and private waste collectors on the arrangements for waste collection, install Internet Protocol cameras at littering blackspots, display banners to publicise the penalties for littering in public places and step up prosecution to achieve a deterrent effect so as to avoid waste disposal in public places.

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- (c) Members viewed that the provision of large-size waste containers in the street would require consideration of district planning and possible hygiene problems.
- (d) Members enquired about the number of housing estates and single-block buildings in the Eastern District using on-site domestic waste collection service.

5. The representative of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded to their views and enquiries as follows:

- (a) Given that a permanent public refuse collection point (RCP) was already provided in the vicinity of the captioned location, the FEHD had to give careful consideration at the environmental hygiene perspective to the suggestion of providing additional temporary large-size waste containers in the street.
- (b) The FEHD was not empowered to set a time period for allowing deposition of waste in the street. However, the relevant legislation already stipulated that no receptacle containing waste should remain in the street for a long time whilst awaiting the arrival of the waste collection vehicle.
- (c) The FEHD had displayed banners and put up posters at the captioned littering blackspot in July to publicise the penalties for littering in public places. In addition, the FEHD would enhance communication with the managers of "three-nil buildings", OCs of buildings and private waste collectors to remind all stakeholders to make proper arrangements, and invite District Council members to assist in publicity and education.
- (d) Buildings applying for on-site domestic waste collection service should be equipped with a suitable refuse storage chamber and provide a wide access road for refuse collection vehicles. However, most single-block buildings might fail to meet the eligibility criteria for the service as they might not have a suitable refuse storage chamber. Households of single-block buildings could either engage private waste collectors or transport their refuse to public RCPs managed by the FEHD on their

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

Agenda Item 3. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous FEHC Meetings under Eastern District Council
(FEHC Paper No. 16/2024)

- (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

7. 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 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

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

FEHD/Leisure
and Cultural
Services
Department

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

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

10. The Chairman thanked the department for its efforts in tackling illegal feeding of wild pigs and remarked that its enforcement actions had curbed the illegal feeding of wild pigs by the public, thereby mitigating the problem of wild pigs getting into the community.

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

(v) ***“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

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

(vi) ***“Enhancing Measures to Cope with Dog Fouling on Pavements in Braemar Hill”***

FEHD

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

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

FEHD/Hong
Kong Police
Force/Eastern
District Office

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

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

FEHD/EPD

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

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

FEHD

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

Agenda Item 4. Any Other Business

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

Agenda Item 5. Date of Next Meeting

18. The sixth FEHC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 19 November 2024 (Tuesday).

19. The meeting ended at 3:15 pm.

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