

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the
Social Welfare Committee
under Eastern District Council

Date: 26 August 2025 (Tuesday)
Time: 2:30 pm
Venue: Eastern District Council Conference Room

Present

Mr TING Wong, Kacee	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah (Chairlady)	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Ms LAU Suk-yin
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Ms LI Lee	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Ms LEE Ching-har, MH (Vice- chairlady)	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr LU Xiaofeng, Anthony
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Mr KWOK Wing-kin	Mr CHEUNG Man-sung (Co- opted Member)
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	Ms TSOI Ka-yu (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Wing-shing	Ms TSANG Cheuk-yi	

Absent with Apologies

Mr TING Kong-ho, Eddie, MH (absent with consent)

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Mr FU Yiu-nam, Daniel	Assistant District Officer (Eastern) ² , Eastern District Office
Miss MA Siu-yee	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
Miss NGAI Ka-man, Carman	Senior Liaison Officer (4), Eastern District Office
Ms HAU Suet-fan, Iris	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Eastern/ Wan Chai) ³ , Social Welfare Department

In Attendance by Invitation (Representatives from the Government)

Mr CHOW Kwok-chu, Tony	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer, Eastern District, Hong Kong Police Force
Mr WONG Chun-tung	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator, Eastern District, Hong Kong Police Force

Secretary

Ms NG Sze-chung, May

Executive Officer I (District Council)3, Eastern District
Office

Opening Remarks

The Chairlady welcomed all Members and representatives from the government to the meeting.

Handling Application for Absence

2. Mr Eddie TING submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting on the ground of attending a meeting/activity of the Legislative Council or an advisory body or organisation appointed by the State or the Government. The Social Welfare Committee (SWC) decided to give consent to his application for absence.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Social Welfare Committee

3. The above draft minutes were confirmed by the SWC without amendment.

Agenda 2. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous SWC Meetings under Eastern District Council

(SWC Paper No. 11/2025)

(i) *“Request for Additional Residential Care Home for the Elderly in Eastern District”*

Social Welfare
Department (SWD)

4. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(ii) *“Improvement to Difficulties in Appointment Booking with General Outpatient Clinics in the Eastern District”*

Hospital
Authority (HA)

5. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

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(iii) “Suggesting the Government to Conduct Joint Operations in Stamping Out On-street Prostitutes on Chun Yeung Street in North Point to Restore Community Peace”

6. The Chairlady welcomed the representatives of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to the meeting.

7. The SWC noted the written reply from the Immigration Department (ImmD).

8. The views of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

(a) Members acknowledged that there might be certain difficulties in gathering evidence through closed-circuit television systems, and therefore considered that the crackdown operations by law enforcement agencies were indeed necessary;

(b) Members hoped that the police would step up patrols and park police vehicles in the Chun Yeung Street area to enhance the deterrent effect and curb undesirable social trends; and

(c) Members expected that the police would continue to conduct large-scale joint operations with the ImmD and relevant departments to strengthen efforts against street prostitution.

9. The representative of the HKPF noted Members’ views and indicated that the HKPF would step up enforcement efforts, including conducting more inter-departmental joint operations to maintain community security.

HKPF/ImmD

10. After discussion, the SWC agreed to follow up on the agenda item upon further progress.

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(iv) “Establishment of a Support Service Centre for Ethnic Minorities in Chai Wan for Enhancing Support for Ethnic Minorities in Eastern District”

Housing Department/
District Lands Office,
Hong Kong
East/Planning
Department/
Home Affairs
Department/
Education Bureau
(EDB)

11. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(v) “Concern over Future Development Plan of Eastern Hospital”

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12. The agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(vi) “Concerns about Ageing Population in Eastern District”

13. The SWC noted the written reply from the Primary Healthcare Commission (PHC Commission).

14. The views of Members about the agenda item were summarised as follows:

- (a) At the previous meeting, quite a number of Members were deeply concerned about the ageing population in the Eastern District, and hoped that the relevant departments would proactively address and follow up on the issue. However, only the PHC Commission provided the SWC with a written progress report. It was therefore hoped that other relevant departments would also take the initiative to provide the SWC with the latest progress to help Members obtain more information to facilitate communication with residents;
- (b) Members hoped that the authorities could arrange for personnel to brief the SWC on the primary healthcare services to be provided by the future Eastern District Health Centre; and

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- (c) Members reiterated their hope that medical institutions in Fujian could be included in the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme.

15. The SWC requested the relevant departments to note Members' views.

16. After discussion, the agenda item would be followed up on upon further progress.

(vii) "Concern over the Merger of the Hong Kong East and Hong Kong West Hospital Clusters"

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

(viii) "Concerns about Student Mental Health in Eastern District"

18. Having regard to the detailed explanation provided by the EDB and the SWD at the previous meeting concerning the mechanisms and procedures for handling suspected fatal suicide cases of students, as well as the assistance and counselling services offered to affected individuals, the SWC agreed to cease following up on the agenda item.

Agenda 3. Any Other Business

Report on meetings of other advisory bodies by Eastern District Council (EDC) representatives

19. Members had, on behalf of the EDC, attended the meeting of the Organizing Committee for International Day of Persons with Disabilities under the Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities. They subsequently reported to the SWC on the event theme and format for the 2025 International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

20. The SWC requested Members to note the information of the relevant event.

21. There was no other discussion item for the SWC.

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Agenda 4. Date of Next Meeting

22. The eleventh SWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 16 October 2025 (Thursday).

23. The meeting ended at 2:50 pm.

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