

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

Date: 25 February 2025 (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 TING Wong, Kacee	Mr LAM Wing-cheung	Mr CHENG Chi-sing, MH
Mr WONG Chi-chung	Mr CHAU Chi-yan, Benny	Ms LAU Suk-yin
Ms HO Sau-yin, Zareenah (Chairlady)	Ms LIN Cai-ying	Ms LAU Dana Sing-she
Mr YUEN Kin-chung, Kenny	Mr HUNG Chi-kit	Mr LAU Hing-yeung, MH
Ms LI Lee	Mr HUNG Lin-cham, MH, JP	Mr LAI Nuen-san
Ms NG Ching-ching	Mr HUNG Chiu-kwan	Mr LU Xiaofeng, Anthony
Ms LEE Ching-har (Vice-chairlady)	Mr KWOK Ho-king, Calvin	Mr CHEUNG Man-sung (Co-opted Member)
Mr HO Ngai-kam, Stanley	Mr KWOK Wing-kin	Ms TSOI Ka-yu (Co-opted Member)
Mr LAM Sum-lim, MH	Mr CHAN Hoi-wing, Joseph	

Absent with Apologies

Ms CHIK Kit-ling, Elaine (absent with consent)

In Regular Attendance (Government Representatives)

Ms CHIU Man-nga, Jasmine	Assistant District Officer (Eastern)1, Eastern District Office
Ms NG Yan-mei, Monie	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Eastern District Office
Miss MA Siu-yee	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Des.), 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)

Miss CHAN Fung-po	Social Work Officer (Planning & Coordinating)(Eastern/Wan Chai)2, Social Welfare Department
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. Ms Elaine CHIK submitted notification of absence from meeting before the meeting on the ground of sickness. The Social Welfare Committee (SWC) decided to give consent to her application for absence.

Agenda 1. Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 6th Meeting of Social Welfare Committee

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

Agenda 2. Social Welfare Department “Services and Community Care Teams - Pilot Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers”
(SWC Paper No. 1/2025)

4. The Chairlady welcomed the representative of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the meeting.

5. The representative of the SWD briefed the meeting on Paper No. 1/2025.

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

(a) Members hoped that the SWD would arrange for social workers and

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non-governmental organisations to provide liaison support and direct contact information to the 35 Sub-district Care Teams in the Eastern District, so as to simplify the service referral process and enable more urgent or serious cases to be followed up on by the relevant departments and social service units as soon as possible.

- (b) Members expressed appreciation for the expansion of support work and service referrals under the Scheme (e.g. assisting the elderly and disabled persons in need to install and use the indoor emergency alarm system (commonly known as “Safety Bell”)).
- (c) Members hoped that the SWD would allocate more resources to the Scheme in the future to cope with an ageing society, and to introduce or refer more citizens in need to the appropriate services.
- (d) Members expected that the Scheme would be more effective in responding to the needs of the public under the collaboration of District Council Members and the Care Teams.

7. The representative of the SWD responded to the views and enquiries of Members as follows:

- (a) The SWD thanked the Eastern District Care Teams for their enthusiastic participation in the Scheme with a 100% support rate, and pointed out that the Department had already responded to the questions related to key performance indicators (KPIs) and liaison supporting services at the Eastern District Care Team briefing session held earlier.
- (b) The SWD announced that it was currently organising two training courses, including the use of relevant applications and services (such as the “Safety Bell”), so that the Care Teams could grasp more information on social welfare services.
- (c) The Eastern and Wan Chai District Social Welfare Office of the SWD had arranged for dedicated social workers for each Care Team and district-specific referral forms for each Sub-district. The SWD would also assist the Care Teams in rationalising the work focuses of their KPIs.
- (d) The SWD encouraged Members and the relevant Care Teams to consult

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and seek assistance from dedicated social workers at any time through the established WhatsApp group when necessary.

SWD

8. The SWC asked the SWD to note Members' views and suggestions.

Agenda 3. Progress Report of Matters Arising from Previous SWC Meetings under Eastern District Council
(SWC Paper No. 2/2025)

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

SWD

9. 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)

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

- (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”*

11. The Chairlady welcomed the representative of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to the meeting.

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

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

- (a) Members thanked the HKPF for joining District Council Members in promoting Project SAFE on Chun Yeung Street on multiple occasions to encourage and assist commercial tenants in identifying the locations for installing closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras for the purpose of crime prevention and detection of criminal activities, and considered that

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such efforts had been quite effective.

- (b) Members expressed gratitude to the Hong Kong Eastern District Community Association for sponsoring the installation of CCTV cameras for commercial tenants, promoting the use of technology to enhance collaborative efforts in preventing and combating crime.
- (c) Members proposed to include in publicity leaflets the message that Mainland residents who had committed an offence relating to illegal prostitution would be prohibited from revisiting Hong Kong for two years, with a view to enhancing the deterrent effect.
- (d) Members enquired about the number of CCTV systems currently installed outside shops.
- (e) Members hoped that the HKPF would report on the latest progress of installing CCTV systems outside shops at the next meeting.

14. The representative of the HKPF noted Members' views and suggestions, and responded that eight CCTV cameras had been installed in the Chun Yeung Street area. The HKPF would also continue to explore the installation of more cameras at the above premises and report the latest situation to the SWC in due course.

HKPF/ImmD

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

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

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District Lands
Office, Hong
Kong
East/Planning
Department/
Home Affairs
Department/
Education Bureau

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

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

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

(vi) *“Concern over the Problem of Street Sleepers in Eastern District”*

SWD/Eastern
District Office

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

Agenda 4. Any Other Business

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

Agenda 5. Date of Next Meeting

20. The eighth SWC meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 8 April 2025 (Tuesday).

21. The meeting ended at 2:59 pm.

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