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**Islands District Council
Minutes of Meeting of
Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee**

Date : 26 November 2018 (Monday)
Time : 2:00 p.m
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms LEE Kwai-chun (Chairman)
Ms FU Hiu-lam, Sammi (Vice-Chairman)
Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, SBS
Mr YU Hon-kwan, Randy, JP
Mr YUNG Chi-ming, BBS
Mr CHAN Lin-wai
Mr CHEUNG Fu
Mr FAN Chi-ping
Mr LOU Cheuk-wing
Mr WONG Man-hon
Ms YU Lai-fan
Ms YUNG Wing-sheung, Amy
Mr KWONG Koon-wan
Mr CHOW Ho-ding, Holden
Ms TSANG Sau-ho, Josephine
Mr WONG King-chuen
Mr CHAN Ngai-chung

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEE Pak-ho	Senior Health Inspector (Administration & Development)SD, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHEN Lan	Senior Engineer/Consultants Management 1, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHAN Chi-kwong	Engineer/Consultants Management 6, Drainage Services Department
Ms XIAO Ying	Technical Director, Atkins China Ltd.
Ms Fancy CAI	Engineer, Atkins China Ltd.
Mr OR Yan-kin	Engineer/Consultants Management 3, Drainage Services Department
Ms Christina KO	Associate Vice President & Director of Projects, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited

Mr Summer CHOW
Mr Barton LEUNG
Mr LIN Wing-kit

Mr Glen SHUM

Technical Director, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited
Engineer, Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited
Engineer/Consultants Management 10,
Drainage Services Department
Senior Engineer, AECOM Asia Company Ltd.

In Attendance

Ms YEUNG Cin-man, Winnie
Mr LI Ming-yau
Mr KWAN Yau-kee

Mr KWOK Chi-hang

Mr YUNG King-ho, Vic

Mr HO Siu-tong

Ms SIN Kai-wai, Marie
Mr LI Kim-man

Mr IP Ka-lok, Kelvin

Ms WOO On-ting, Amy

Mr Benny CHAN
Ms NG Chun-wai, Sarah

Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, Islands District Office
Senior Inspector of Works, Islands District Office
District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands),
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Administrative Assistant/Lands
(District Lands Office, Islands), Lands Department
Police Community Relations Officer
(Marine Port District), Hong Kong Police Force
Lantau District Police Community Relations Team
Community Liaison Officer, Hong Kong Police Force
Senior Transport Officer/Islands 2, Transport Department
Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)5,
Environmental Protection Department
Conservation Officer/1 (Lantau),
Civil Engineering and Development Department
Agricultural Officer (Agricultural Extension),
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Representative, New Lantao Bus Co., (1973) Ltd
Representative, New World First Ferry Services Limited

Secretary

Ms TANG Yuen-shan, Serena

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office

Absent with Apology

Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken
Mr KWOK Ping, Eric
Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, MH, JP
Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin
Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice

Ms Cardi CHUNG

Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Senior Fisheries Superintendent (Enforcement) 1,
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Representative, Hong Kong Tourism Board

Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives from government departments and organisations as well as Members to the meeting. She then introduced the following representatives from government departments in attendance to the meeting:

- (a) Mr HO Siu-tong, Lantau District Police Community Relations Team Community Liaison Officer of Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) who stood in for Mr YAU Siu-sing;
- (b) Mr IP Ka-lok, Kelvin, Conservation Officer/1 (Lantau) of Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) who stood in for Miss TONG Yee-fun, Pauline; and
- (c) Ms NG Chun-wai, Sarah, Representative of New World First Ferry Services Limited who stood in for Ms Sonja CHAN.

2. Members noted that Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken, Mr KWOK Ping, Eric, Mr KWONG Kwok-kam, Mr AU Sheung-man, Benjamin, Ms LUN Chui-yuen, Janice and Ms Cardi CHUNG, Representative of Hong Kong Tourism Board were unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

I. Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 24.9.2018

3. The captioned minutes were confirmed unanimously without amendments.

II. Introduction of green burial (Paper TAFEHC 53/2018)

4. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Pak-ho, Senior Health Inspector (Administration & Development)SD of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to the meeting to present the paper.

5. Mr LEE Pak-ho presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

6. Mr YUNG Chi-ming enquired FEHD about the data on usage since opening and the actual area of Cheung Chau Garden of Remembrance. As there were no railings erected for enclosing purpose, he was concerned that dogs could enter the Garden of Remembrance (GoR) freely. He therefore requested FEHD to consider providing the relevant facilities.

7. Mr LEE Pak-ho said that the data on scattering of cremains at individual venues was not available at present but he could provide the relevant data after the meeting. GoRs were all located inside the public columbaria managed by FEHD at

present. Owing to venue constraint, the turfed areas in GoRs were not large. FEHD and Architectural Services Department would study ways for alteration and expansion of GoRs. FEHD had been looking for appropriate places for construction of new public columbaria, and would reserve more space where possible for GoRs in drawing up the design. Taking the public columbarium at Tsang Tsui, Tuen Mun to be open in the second half of 2019 as an example, 10 000 commemorative plaques could be provided at the GoR therein. A large area would also be reserved for GoR in the new public columbarium at Shek Mun, Sha Tin in the future to meet public demand. Staff of cemeteries and crematoria offices would closely monitor the venues and the turfed areas every day, and would clean up immediately if dog and other animal fouling were found.

8. Ms Josephine TSANG said that Peng Chau Columbarium was only available for use by eligible Peng Chau residents. She enquired FEHD whether application for scattering of cremains at Peng Chau GoR was also open for eligible Peng Chau residents only.

9. Mr LEE Pak-ho said that according to the existing policy of FEHD, the public columbaria in Islands District only provided service to residents of the district and would not be open for use by people from other districts. Anyone intended to use the green burial service had to obtain the proof of one's identity as an indigenous villager of Islands District from the respective Rural Committee (RC), while people from other districts could use Diamond Hill GoR and Wo Hop Shek GoR etc.

10. Mr YUNG Chi-ming supported the provision of commemorative plaques and opined that the plaques possessed commemorative value and were affordable. He enquired when the commemorative plaque service would be extended to Cheung Chau.

11. Ms Amy YUNG enquired FEHD whether the public columbaria in Islands District would provide service for "indigenous villagers of Islands District" only or also for "residents of Islands District" whose identity were confirmed by RCs.

12. Mr LEE Pak-ho made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) Adequate space was required for the provision of commemorative plaque service. In case a GoR was fully occupied, commemorative plaque service could not be provided thereat.
- (b) Regarding the arrangement for scattering of cremains at public columbaria in Islands District, he would provide Members with supplementary information after the meeting.

13. Mr KWONG Koon-wan learnt that commemorative plaques were provided at Cheung Chau GoR and some burials were conducted through scattering of cremains.

14. Mr LEE Pak-ho said that scattering of cremains in turfed areas was free of charge, and family members of the deceased would decide whether mounting of commemorative plaque was required. If so, FEHD would charge \$90 as administrative expenses and the family members had to order commemorative plaques from among the designated masons on their own.

15. Mr CHEUNG Fu opined that “residents of Islands District” was different from “indigenous villagers of Islands District”. He requested FEHD to clarify the eligibility requirement for using the public columbaria and their GoRs in Islands District.

16. Mr LEE Pak-ho undertook to provide Members with supplementary information after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Supplementary Information: Regarding application for scattering of cremains of the deceased at GoRs in the columbaria in Islands District, applicants had to submit basic information (such as “Permit to Take Away Cremated Ashes”) as well as the following:

- A) the original and a copy of the supporting documents issued by the respective RC certifying that the deceased was an indigenous villager of Islands District, bona fide local resident for a long period of time or their minor children; and
- B) the original and a copy of the statutory declaration by the legal personal representative or next of kin of the deceased, or the duly authorised agent of such legal personal representative or next of kin, certifying that the deceased was an indigenous villager of Islands District, bona fide local resident or their minor children.

Approval would normally be granted by FEHD within 5 working days after the receipt of a completed application form.)

17. The Chairman said that to her understanding, the eligibility criteria for using the public columbaria varied from one to another in Islands District. Some columbaria were restricted for use by indigenous villagers only while Cheung Chau Columbarium was available for use by people residing in the area for at least 10 years. She asked whether the GoRs were used in compliance with the original policy.

18. Mr LEE Pak-ho said that no change had been made to the policy.

III. PWP Item No. 4354DS - Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 - upgrading of Cheung Chau and Tai O sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities
(Paper TAFEHC 55/2018)

19. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHEN Lan, Senior Engineer/Consultants Management 1 and Mr CHAN Chi-kwong, Engineer/Consultants Management 6 of Drainage Services Department (DSD); as well as Ms XIAO Ying, Technical Director and Ms Fancy CAI, Engineer of Atkins China Ltd. to the meeting to present the paper.

20. Mr CHEN Lan briefly presented the paper.

21. Ms Fancy CAI briefly presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

22. Mr KWONG Koon-wan raised his views as follows:

- (a) To his understanding, the works (PWP Item No. 4354DS-2), when presented to Islands District Council (IsDC) in 2014, was said to be merged with “CEDD PWP Item No. 7197CL” as PWP Item No. 4415DS, and a study on the implementation procedures of merging the 2 works would also be conducted. He asked why the study had not been completed yet.
- (b) The figure provided by DSD was not clear and did not show the scope of works of PWP Item No. 4415DS. Therefore, Members were not clear about the exact locations of the marked facilities and found it difficult to assess the impact on the area. He requested DSD to provide a clearer and more accurate layout plan.
- (c) The works was expected to be completed in 2019-20 but the study on merging had not even been completed yet. He was discontented with the delay.
- (d) As shown in the figure, a sewer would be constructed near Ko Shan Tsuen. However, some residents had connected sewers at their own expense. He urged DSD to review the plans and discuss with Members to avoid wasting public fund.

23. Mr Holden CHOW said that the paper stated that DSD would lay public sewers connecting to locations closest to the boundary of private land where village houses were situated. DSD would also notify the households concerned to connect the sewers of their village houses to the public sewers within a specified period of time, and the construction and maintenance costs would be borne by the households. After completion of the works, the households had to pay sewerage charge calculated based on water consumption. He would like to know the latest works progress and enquired whether the consultation exercise had been completed.

24. Mr FAN Chi-ping supported the PWP Item, but was discontented with DSD for not providing sewers for the old villages in Tung Chung. As more than 10 villages in the area were not connected with sewers except Ma Wan Village, he urged the department to address the needs of the residents and follow up on the matter as soon as possible.

25. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing raised his views as follows:

- (a) Residents of Tai O supported DSD's sewage treatment plan. He enquired whether the new sewer to be constructed by DSD from Hang Mei to San Ki would cover the entire San Ki. The stone houses in Fan Kwai Tong, Nam Chung and Leung Uk Tsuen currently used septic tanks for sewage treatment, but the sewage of the stilt houses between Hang Mei and San Ki would be directly discharged into the sea. He suggested that DSD should properly handle the sewage discharged from the stilt houses.
- (b) The households of stilt houses had to connect sewers of their village houses to public sewers within a specified period of time and bear the construction and maintenance costs, but he was worried that the households might not be willing to do so if the sewers were too long that more than \$100,000 would be incurred for connection. They might continue to directly discharge sewage into the sea as a result. He enquired whether connection to public sewers was a mandatory requirement and opined that DSD should take the affordability of residents into account. He recommended provision of manholes at the entrance of the village houses so that it would be easier to persuade the residents to connect their sewers to the public sewers. He proposed DSD to explain the proposal in detail to the residents at the RC.

26. Mr CHEN Lan made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) DSD and CEDD simultaneously planned to carry out sewerage works in Cheung Chau and therefore would merge the 2 projects and this plan was confirmed recently. The merged project involved acquisition of a large amount of private land, and it took time for land resumption and gazettal. DSD would adopt a multi-pronged approach to cope with future population growth and district development. The treatment capacity of the existing sewage treatment works (STW) would be upgraded in the first phase to facilitate proper sewage treatment in future.
- (b) DSD visited Cheung Chau RC in 2011 for consultation and gained support from Members and the residents. Regarding the unclear sewerage system layout in the figure, DSD would follow up on it with Mr KWONG Koon-wan to provide a well printed preliminary alignment plan of the sewerage systems in Cheung Chau and Tai O.

- (c) The households of the village houses would need to connect their sewers to the Government's sewerage systems on their own because connection works carried out on private land would involve the issue of land ownership. DSD was only authorised to implement works on government land or land acquired through resumption. The system design would facilitate connection by the residents as far as possible and manholes would be provided for connection. After the sewerage works undertaken by DSD had been completed, EPD would issue letters to the households, asking them to implement connection works as the existing legislation stipulated. During construction, DSD would form a liaison group to discuss with the households the layout and connection of the sewerage systems so that they could tie in with arrangements in an expeditious manner.
- (d) Regarding Mr FAN Chi-ping's request for providing sewers for the old villages in Tung Chung, DSD would relay it to the department concerned for follow-up.
- (e) He thanked Mr LOU Cheuk-wing for supporting the project. The new sewer to be constructed between Hang Mei and San Ki would cover part of the sewerage system in San Ki. As for the remaining part, DSD had pointed out the problems of implementation during its visit to Tai O RC in 2017, including land resumption and technical difficulties in connection with some stilt houses in San Ki. DSD and representatives of Tai O RC conducted a site inspection and explored solutions last month, while the consultants had carried out a preliminary study on the connection of stilt houses to the sewerage system. Sewerage systems could generally be categorised as "land-based sewage system" or "water-based sewage system". A "land-based sewage system" was relatively stable, especially in arrangements regarding construction and maintenance. A "water-based sewage system" was relatively more suitable for stilt houses constructed above water. However, maintenance of such system would be more difficult if problems arose, and it would involve the rights and responsibilities of the stilt houses concerned. Therefore, the consultants proposed that the connection works of the "water-based sewage system" should be implemented by the households, while for works of the "land-based sewage system", DSD would construct manholes at locations closest to the stilt houses to facilitate connection by the households. The department would continue to follow up on the arrangements with Tai O RC and Members.

27. Mr Randy YU raised his views as follows:

- (a) He considered it incomprehensible that many villages in Tung Chung were still not provided with sewage disposal system as DSD had started consultations on such system many years ago. He urged DSD to

promptly carry out the relevant works, and timely report the progress and works schedules.

- (b) He had conducted a site inspection with CEDD and DSD earlier and identified that a section of a footpath in San Ki could be raised for laying sewers underneath. Stilt houses built on both sides of the footpath could then be directly connected to the sewerage system. The risk of stilt houses being flooded could also be reduced after the road surface was raised. He suggested that the departments should consider extending the sewer to be constructed between Hang Mei and San Ki to cover the entire San Ki area. The coverage of the sewerage system could be extended upon completion of the sewage pumping station and sewer. He requested the departments to study ways to tackle the flooding and sewerage problems in Tai O to a certain extent soon.
- (c) It was anticipated that tendering of the sewerage works for Cheung Chau could be carried out in 2019 and that for Tai O had to be conducted in 2020. He enquired why the tendering exercise for the works in Tai O would be delayed for a year. He considered it acceptable if the delay was due to the sewer extension in San Ki and enhancement of treatment capacity of the sewage pumping station.
- (d) To his understanding, some pollutants would be removed in sewage after primary treatment but the processed sewage would still cause pollution, while sewage having received tertiary treatment would become potable water. He enquired DSD about the cleanliness of sewage having received secondary treatment. Chinese white dolphins reappeared in the waters off the STW after the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge had been completed. Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department had also planned to release fish fry to increase fish stock and species in waters nearby. He was concerned about the negative impact of the new submarine outfall on the local ecology.

28. Mr CHEN Lan made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) DSD was responsible for implementing works for projects initiated. In case any works could not be implemented according to public opinions, DSD would hand it over to the departments concerned for follow-up. He would relay the problems of sewerage infrastructure in the old villages in Tung Chung to the departments concerned after the meeting.
- (b) He reiterated that technical difficulties in providing a sewerage system for most stilt houses in San Ki existed and land problems had to be solved. He emphasised that the proposed sewage pumping station

could meet the needs arising from the development of the entire Tai O area in future including the increase in population.

- (c) Regarding the flood protection scheme of Tai O, he would check with CEDD after the meeting, and explore the feasibility of merging the sewerage and flood control works if necessary. DSD would maintain communication with Tai O RC and report the latest works progress to Members as appropriate.
- (d) The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports for the works in Tai O and Cheung Chau had been approved and preparation for construction arrangements was underway. As the expansion works of Tai O STW involved the upgrading of the existing Tai O STW and construction of a new submarine outfall, DSD had to go through the procedures of gazettal and consultation, such as with environmental groups, as required by law and it would take time to complete them all. DSD would promptly launch the works when everything was ready.

(Post-meeting note: It was understood that the proposed upgrading works in San Ki to be implemented by CEDD only included construction of 2 pedestrian footbridges connecting San Ki to the other side, and that the road level of the entire footpath in San Ki would not be raised. As the stilt houses on both sides of San Ki were built at a lower ground level, the preliminary study showed that it was unnecessary to raise the footpath for a smooth connection of the sewerage systems of the stilt houses and the proposed public sewerage system which would be constructed underneath the pedestrian footbridge. On the contrary, it was necessary to construct the sewerage system deeper underground in order to ensure that the sewage collected from the stilt houses on both sides of San Ki would not flow back. DSD would maintain close liaison with CEDD to facilitate smooth implementation of the 2 works.)

29. Mr FAN Chi-ping pointed out that DSD had previously consulted the RC on the construction of the second rising main from Tung Chung New Town to Siu Ho Wan STW and gained support from the RC. He hoped that the department could promptly provide the old villages in Tung Chung with sewers. He also requested the department to explain why the works on provision of a rising main could be carried out quickly while that on provision of sewerage systems for the old villages in Tung Chung had been repeatedly delayed.

30. The Chairman requested DSD to follow up on the sewage pipe laying works in the old villages in Tung Chung as soon as possible.

31. Mr KWONG Koon-wan raised his views as follows:

- (a) Regarding the layout plan to be submitted, he requested DSD to make

reference to the format of Lands Department's Lot Index Plan by separately indicating the locations of different areas and showing the road sections involving construction of the 2 projects on the same layout plan which enabled Members to have a better understanding of the situation.

- (b) To his understanding, the households of Tinford Garden had constructed a sewer of over 100 metres in length running to Cheung Chau Peak Road West at their own expense. He hoped that DSD could provide more relevant information such as the sewer's location. He proposed that DSD should explain to the owners' committee the necessity of road excavation for sewer laying works and study the feasibility of connecting the existing sewers to a sewerage system of the Government.

(Post-meeting note: DSD understood that some residents in the vicinity of Tinford Garden had connected their sewers to a public sewerage system with pipes and sewage pumps at their own arrangement to which a formal approval might not have been granted. In addition, the facilities concerned were operated and maintained by private owners, and therefore their reliability in the long run was open to question. In this connection, DSD would actively liaise with the relevant stakeholders to reach the most suitable solution.)

32. The Chairman learnt that abundant manholes would generally be reserved when laying sewers to facilitate alteration and maintenance of septic tanks and clearance of sewers in future.

33. Mr Randy YU said that as DSD could not follow up on the sewerage works in the old villages in Tung Chung at the meeting, he suggested the Secretariat write to DSD to reflect Members' views and request for a written reply before the next meeting on the follow-up actions regarding the sewerage works in the old villages in Tung Chung as well as the progress of the joint study with CEDD on the flood protection and sewerage works in San Ki. He would decide whether it was necessary to raise a question at the next meeting for follow-up depending on the reply of DSD. He also enquired about information on submarine outfalls and secondary treatment of sewage.

(Post-meeting note: The IsDC Secretariat had relayed Members' views to DSD. The written replies of DSD and EPD had been distributed to Members for perusal.)

34. The Chairman enquired about the completion date of the works in Cheung Chau.

35. Mr CHEN Lan made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) According to the prevailing environmental legislation and discharge

standard, secondary treatment of sewage was in compliance with the statutory requirements and adequate protection for the ecological environment was provided when it was used. DSD therefore opined that upgrading the project for tertiary treatment of sewage was not necessary. Regarding the impact of the new submarine outfall on the ecological environment (including dolphins), the EIA report had pointed out that the impact of the works on the environment and dolphins had been minimised and was deemed acceptable. DSD would gazette the project and conduct public consultation pursuant to the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance.

- (b) DSD would like to carry out the entire PWP Item in 2 phases: to enhance the treatment capacity of the STWs and Pak She Sewage Pumping Station in phase 1, while the works left would be merged with the remaining part of CEDD's sewerage works (that is, PWP Item No. 4415DS) for implementation in phase 2. At present, DSD targeted at works commencement in 2020 and completion in 2025.

36. The Chairman enquired about the number of households of unsewered village houses in Cheung Chau and the number of manholes completed.

37. Mr CHEN Lan replied that the detailed information was not available at present. However, he was informed that there were 10 unsewered villages in Cheung Chau, and that phase 3 of CEDD's project would involve construction of public sewers of about 4 kilometres long in total for 4 villages.

(Mr WONG King-chuen left the meeting at around 2:45 p.m. Mr Holden CHOW left the meeting at around 3:05 p.m.)

IV. PWP Item No. 4331DS - Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 - South Lantau Sewerage Works
(Paper TAFEHC 54/2018)

38. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHEN Lan, Senior Engineer/Consultants Management 1, and Mr OR Yan-kin, Engineer/Consultants Management 3 of DSD; as well as Mr Summer CHOW, Technical Director, Mr Barton LEUNG, Engineer and Ms Christina KO, Associate Vice President & Director of Projects of Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited to the meeting to respond to the question.

39. Mr CHEN Lan briefly presented the paper.

40. Mr Summer CHOW briefly presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.

41. Mr CHEUNG Fu commended DSD for the design of the sewerage treatment facility and supported DSD's sewerage works. He enquired whether the works could commence in 2019 as scheduled. Regarding the construction of San Shek Wan

STW, he was concerned about the impact of the discharged treated sewage, if not dispersed timely, on the water quality of the beaches nearby. He therefore requested DSD to consider extending the submarine outfall of the STW.

42. Mr CHEN Lan responded as follows:

- (a) He thanked Mr CHEUNG Fu for supporting the sewerage works. DSD would complete the preparatory work for the works as quickly as possible. The works would commence in 2019 as scheduled if the funding application submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council was approved in 2019.
- (b) Regarding Mr CHEUNG Fu's proposed extension of the submarine outfall under the San Shek Wan STW project, DSD had to take into account the cost-effectiveness and technical feasibility. The length of the proposed pipeline was more than 1 kilometre and had been approved by the EIA. He stressed that sewage discharged after secondary treatment would not have any negative impact on the beaches in the vicinity according to the EIA report as it had gone through a robust treatment process.

43. Mr Randy YU raised his views as follows:

- (a) He asked why the consultation exercise of the project was carried out in August 2010 but the works did not commence until 2019. He also urged DSD to promptly follow up on the sewerage works in the old villages in Tung Chung.
- (b) The submarine outfall under the project exceeded 1 kilometre in length, but that in Tai O was only 130 metres. He queried whether the submarine outfall in Tai O was long enough and requested DSD to give further explanation.
- (c) The entire project would be implemented on South Lantau Road where the vehicular traffic was not heavy. As the use of temporary traffic lights for traffic control would lengthen the waiting time of vehicles, he suggested DSD implement manual traffic control using hand signals during construction to ensure smooth vehicular flow.

44. Mr WONG Man-hon said that, as stated in the paper, a trunk sewer of about 7.5 kilometres long would be constructed along South Lantau Road and Chi Ma Wan Road under the project. In view of the development of more than 100 buildings in Shap Long Tsuen in the future, he enquired whether the trunk sewer would cover the village.

45. Mr FAN Chi-ping was discontented with DSD for not connecting the sewers of the old villages in Tung Chung to the public sewerage system.

46. Mr CHEN Lan made a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) The length of a sewage outfall depended on the actual need. As the sea off Tai O was a deep-water zone of rapid water currents, the EIA report opined that a 130-metre-long outfall had sufficient dispersion capacity so that the water quality of sewage flowing through it would be up to standard before disposal. The water off Pui O was relatively shallow so it was necessary to construct a very long outfall to reach the deep-water zone. He stressed that the department formulated the existing proposal after balancing various factors such as cost and requirement of water quality.
- (b) The Police and the Transport Departments had formulated strict restrictions on the arrangements to be implemented during the construction on South Lantau Road. DSD would direct traffic with appropriate signs, including doing so manually if needed, and would closely monitor the traffic condition on South Lantau Road for adoption of traffic diversion measures when necessary to reduce the impacts of construction.
- (c) DSD would relay the issue on the public sewerage for Shap Long Tsuen to Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for exploring feasible solutions.
- (d) Regarding the issue on the public sewerage for the old villages in Tung Chung, DSD would relay the problems to EPD for exploring feasible solutions.

47. The Chairman urged DSD to follow up on the sewerage works in the old villages in Tung Chung as soon as possible.

48. Mr FAN Chi-ping said that he had supported DSD's PWP Items all along and urged the department to address squarely the sewerage works for the old village in Tung Chung and take follow-up actions promptly.

(Post-meeting note: DSD and EPD had submitted written replies regarding the issue of sewerage works for the old village in Tung Chung to the Committee in December 2018 and January 2019 respectively.)

V. PWP Item No. 4353DS-1 - Village Sewerage for Luk Tei Tong and Ma Po Tsuen, Mui Wo
(Paper TAFEHC 56/2018)

49. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHEN Lan, Senior Engineer/Consultants Management 1 and Mr LIN Wing-kit, Engineer/Consultants Management 10 of DSD as well as Mr Glen SHUM, Senior Engineer of AECOM Asia Company Ltd. to the meeting to respond to the question.

50. Mr CHEN Lan briefly presented the paper.
51. Mr Glen SHUM briefly presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint presentation.
52. Mr WONG Man-hon was pleased to know that the sewerage works might commence shortly. It was learnt that the sewerage works carried out beside Yuen's Mansion had been hindered by the damaged bicycles on the road. The riverwall in front of the watchtower had been completed but the sewer works were delayed. He hoped that DSD could expedite the works.
53. Mr CHEN Lan thanked Mr WONG Man-hon for supporting the project. He said that the riverwall works in front of the watchtower had been completed and only a small part of the sewerage works was yet to complete. With the assistance of the Islands District Office (IsDO), DSD had held meetings with the owner of the Yuen's Mansion for discussion on the arrangements for the remaining works earlier. The department would continue to assume the coordinating role for expeditious completion of the remaining works. He noted Mr WONG Man-hon's views and would discuss with him the arrangements when appropriate.
54. The Chairman suggested DSD hold meetings with Mr WONG Man-hon for discussion on arrangements during construction where necessary.

VI. Question on "Lantau Tomorrow" project
(Paper TAFEHC 57/2018)

55. The Chairman welcomed Mr LI Kim-man, Senior Environment Protection Officer (Regional South)5 of EPD to the meeting to respond to the question. The written replies of EPD and Development Bureau (DEVB) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.
56. Ms Amy YUNG presented the question.
57. Mr LI Kim-man presented the written reply of EPD.
58. Ms Josephine TSANG regarded the implementation of "Lantau Tomorrow" project imperative. However, Peng Chau would be the first area to suffer so she hoped that the department could be considerate of the residents of the area affected by the works by connecting Peng Chau to the reclamation area. She would like DEVB to visit the district for explaining the project to the residents who could give comments in return.
59. Mr Randy YU said that the department had carried out consultation exercises for "Lantau Space for All", "Blueprint for Lantau Development" and "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" (HK2030+ Planning) since 2016, which set out reclamation proposals for connecting the

highways and railways in South Lantau, West of Mui Wo and Tung Chung. He opined the reclamation area was expanded in the current proposal without covering the above highways, thus falling short of the public expectation. He hoped that the department would put forward the programmes on which public consultation had been conducted.

60. Ms Amy YUNG expressed regret over DEVB's failure to send representatives to the meeting. The area of the proposed artificial island under "Lantau Tomorrow" was 1 700 hectares, which was larger than that proposed in "Blueprint for Lantau Development" and HK2030+ Planning. In her opinion, although development of an artificial island would greatly increase the land supply, it would take 20 to 30 years to complete and therefore would not effectively address the immediate housing needs. As such, she recommended development of the existing brownfield sites, golf courses and barracks to address the housing problems. Without any public consultations, "Lantau Tomorrow" could not solve the problems but had also aroused social controversy. She objected to the "Lantau Tomorrow" project.

61. Mr LOU Cheuk-wing expressed dissatisfaction with the omission of the development of South Lantau and Tai O in "Lantau Tomorrow" although the project was closely related to Lantau Island. He supported the "Lantau Tomorrow" project as it was conducive to the development of Hong Kong, and opined that the development of the artificial island should include enhancement of the transport ancillary facilities travelling to and from the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to tie in with the busy operation of HKIA. In addition to the link road of the artificial island under "Lantau Tomorrow" which could shorten the journey time between Hong Kong Island and HKIA, the department should consider constructing bridges connecting other areas on Lantau Island to Peng Chau, Mui Wo, South Lantau and Cheung Chau. He requested the department for expeditious implementation of "Lantau Tomorrow".

62. The Chairman said that DEVB should seriously consider connecting Lantau Island to various outlying islands and promoting development of areas outside Islands District.

63. Mr LI Kim-man said that the works would be carried out by DEVB or the respective departments. To his understanding, the department was preparing to launch consultation exercises for District Councils and related organisations etc. It was inappropriate for Environment Bureau (ENB) to assume the leading role in the consultation exercises as it was not the project proponent. However, ENB would provide support when necessary.

64. Ms Amy YUNG raised her views as follows:

- (a) She was confused at Mr LI Kim-man's response about the provision of support by ENB for the project proponent. She also queried about the independence of EPD in examination of EIA reports and requested EPD to clarify this.

(b) She requested DEVB to send representatives to the meeting to respond to Members' enquiries and to arrange a consultation exercise on "Lantau Tomorrow" as soon as possible.

(c) A huge discrepancy existed between the contents of the study report of Task Force on Land Supply and the proposal of the Policy Address so she queried whether it was necessary to have the task force. She was discontented with the department for not conducting proper studies and consultations regarding policy implementation.

65. Ms Josephine TSANG invited DEVB to attend the IsDC meetings so that members of the community could express their aspirations and understand the programme details. When compared with the previous proposals for consultation, there were additions and deletions regarding the contents of "Lantau Tomorrow", causing confusion for Members and making it difficult for them to explain the project to the residents.

66. The Chairman said that Secretary for Development (SDEV) and Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) would visit IsDC to meet Members on 7 December 2018.

67. Mr Randy YU said that, as just confirmed with Mr CHOW Yuk-tong, the Committee had requested DEVB and the departments concerned to send representatives to IsDC meetings as quickly as possible to respond to Members' enquiries regarding "Lantau Tomorrow".

68. Mr CHEUNG Fu also asked about the current progress of "Lantau Tomorrow" and urged the department to respond to the enquiries of Members and exchange views with them.

69. Mr LI Kim-man reiterated that EPD would study EIA reports in a fair and impartial manner according to law. A government department would generally consult or seek the support or advice of other departments in the course of formulating a proposal. This was what he meant by EPD's provision of support to "Lantau Tomorrow" when required. He stressed again that EPD would fairly examine EIA reports according to law.

70. Ms Amy YUNG queried about the independence of EPD which simultaneously assumed the roles of giving support and conducting examinations.

71. Mr LI Kim-man supplemented that owing to division of labour in EPD, examination of EIA reports and giving comments were the work of 2 specialist sections.

72. Ms Amy YUNG pointed out that the 2 specialist sections were accountable to the same secretary of bureau.

73. The Chairman reiterated that SDEV and SHA would visit IsDC on 7 December 2018 and Members could raise enquiries to the secretaries of the bureaux then.

VII. Progress report on DC-funded District Minor Works Projects
(Paper TAFEHC 58/2018)

74. The Chairman welcomed Ms Winnie YEUNG, Assistant District Officer (Islands)2, and Mr LI Ming-yau, Senior Inspector of Works of IsDO to the meeting to present the paper. The schedule of the major restoration works carried out due to the passage of typhoon “Mangkut” had been tabled for Members’ perusal.

75. Ms Winnie YEUNG presented the paper.

76. Members’ discussion on the restoration works were consolidated as follows:

Helipad and access to helipad (Annex-Table 3)

77. The Chairman said that the restoration works were originally scheduled for completion in February 2019, and therefore enquired why they could not be completed as scheduled.

78. Ms Winnie YEUNG said that the works were jointly implemented by HyD and CEDD. HyD had indicated that it would maintain communication with CEDD about the feasibility of implementation of work concurrently, and IsDO was trying to know in detail the causes of the project being behind schedule.

79. Mr YUNG Chi-ming was strongly discontented with the deferral of the completion of the rehabilitation works to May 2019. Re-provisioning of the temporary helipad at the soccer pitch at the peak of Cheung Chau had caused inconvenience to the residents and some had lodged complaints about incessant noise nuisance. As the helipad was situated at the peak, it was inconvenient for people to accompany their sick or injured relatives onboard. The restoration works could have been completed within 1 or 2 months. In his opinion, as the cost incurred was entirely borne by Hospital Authority (HA), the 2 departments concerned should simultaneously implement the works to shorten the construction time. He urged these departments to promptly confirm and implement the restoration works with a view to completing the works before the Chinese New Year.

80. The Chairman urged IsDO to expeditiously follow up on the issue.

81. Ms Winnie YEUNG undertook to relay the above views to the departments concerned and look into the solutions with them.

(Post-meeting note: IsDO, together with the representatives of CEDD, HyD, Fire Services Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Government Flying Service (GFS) and HA as well as Mr YUNG

Chi-ming, Ms LEE Kwai-chun and Mr KWONG Koon-wan held an interdepartmental meeting for discussion on the works progress. The works departments had undertaken to complete the works as quickly as possible. However, owing to safety concerns, it was not appropriate to open part of the road for helicopter landing and take-off. As noted, CEDD could carry out the works with HyD together from late January 2019 and would jointly conduct a gravity test with GFS in late January 2019. The whole project was expected to be completed in April 2019.)

82. Mr KWONG Koon-wan said that HyD could only pave the road with bricks and lay wires after CEDD finished laying rock mounds. As the road was wide, he suggested opening half of the road for public use while continuing maintenance works on the other half of the road. If half of the road was available for vehicular traffic, the helipad could be immediately reopened. Although the concrete structure of the helipad had been damaged and some dolosse were washed away, he reckoned that helicopters could still land on and take off from the helipad. As to whether barges in operation would pose a danger to the helicopters, these departments could consult GFS when necessary. He also proposed that the contractors could extend their working hours and work on public holidays to shorten the construction time. He requested IsDO to promptly relay the views to the departments concerned so that the restoration works could be expeditiously confirmed and implemented.

83. Ms Winnie YEUNG undertook to relay the above views to the departments concerned for follow up.

84. The Chairman said that re-provisioning of the temporary helipad at the peak of Cheung Chau would pose a danger to the residents as the site was close to residential buildings. As winter was about to come and the number of assistance requests from the elderly would increase, she urged the departments to take follow-up actions and expedite the works for early reopening of the helipad.

85. Ms YU Lai-fan opined that helipad was a facility which concerned life and death and urged IsDO to promptly follow up on it.

86. Members endorsed the paper and the report of IsDO.

VIII. Report by Working Group

(i) Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environmental Hygiene Committee Activities Working Group

87. The Chairman said that the report of the Working Group (please refer to Reference 1 for details) had been sent to Members for perusal by fax or by email before the meeting. Members were welcome to give comments.

88. Members had no comment and endorsed the above working group report.

(ii) Islands Healthy City and Age-friendly Community Working Group

89. Mr Randy YU said that the report of the Working Group (please refer to Reference 2 for details) had been distributed to Members for perusal by fax or by email before the meeting. Members were welcome to give comments.

90. Members had no comment and endorsed the above working group report.

IX. Any Other Business

91. There was no other business.

X. Date of Next Meeting

92. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:00 p.m. on 28 January 2019 (Monday).

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