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**Islands District Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of**  
**Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee**

Date : 13 October 2025 (Monday)  
Time : 2:30 p.m.  
Venue : Islands District Council Conference Room,  
14/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

**Present**

**Chairman**

Mr HO Siu-kei

**Vice-Chairman**

Mr LAU Chin-pang

**Members**

Mr YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP  
Mr NG Man-kit  
Mr HUI Chun-lung, MH  
Ms KWOK Wai-man, Mealoha  
Mr WAN Yeung-kin  
Mr WONG Man-hon, MH  
Ms WONG Chau-ping, MH  
Mr WONG Hon-kuen, Ken  
Mr YIP Pui-kei  
Ms LAU Shun-ting  
Mr LUO Chenghuan, MH

**Co-opted Member**

Mr CHUK Hing-toi, MH

**In Attendance**

Mr MOK Mong-chan	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
Mr FUNG Wai-nok	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Islands), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms NGO Mei-ling	Chief Health Inspector (Islands)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms CHU Po-yin, Christine	Chief Health Inspector (Islands)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YAU Pak-lun, Esmond	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)5, Environmental Protection Department

**Secretary**

Ms LAM Long-ching, Christine

Executive Officer (District Council)2, Islands District Office



Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed representatives of government departments and Members to the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 August 2025

2. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had incorporated the amendments proposed by government departments and had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

3. Members did not have any further amendment proposals, and the minutes were confirmed unanimously.

II. Question on the impact of aircraft noise during early-morning hours on Tung Chung residents

(FEHC Paper No. 15/2025)

4. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 15/2025, and welcomed the guest who attended the meeting to respond to the question: Mr YAU Pak-lun, Esmond, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South)5 of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). The written replies of the EPD, the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting.

5. Mr YIP Pui-kei briefly presented the question.

6. Mr Esmond YAU elaborated on the written reply of the EPD.

7. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) The AAHK had previously stated that, under the operation of the Three-runway System, the South Runway would be placed on standby mode as far as possible. However, without conducting comprehensive consultations, the AAHK had extended the operating hours of the South Runway until 2:00 a.m. in early August this year. Subsequently, Members had received numerous complaints from residents of Tung

Chung North, reporting a high volume of freighter movements and the resulting noise disturbance that had affected their daily lives. Residents had provided relevant videos and audio recordings as evidence and expressed concern over the matter, stating that they would closely follow the discussion at this meeting. Members therefore expressed regret that neither the AAHK nor the CAD, as the main responsible authorities, had sent representatives to attend the meeting. They urged the relevant departments to seriously address the above-mentioned noise issue.

- (b) Members enquired about: (i) the volume of freighter movements since the extension of the South Runway's operating hours (such as the average number and frequency of flights) and the number of aircraft noise complaints received; (ii) the number and locations of outdoor noise monitoring terminals set up by the CAD in Tung Chung; and (iii) any additional noise mitigation measures introduced in response to the extension of the South Runway's operating hours.
- (c) Villages located along the hillside of Tung Chung (including Mok Ka Village, Ngau Au Village, Pa Mei Village and areas around Chek Lap Kok) were particularly affected by aircraft noise.
- (d) There was noise disturbance caused by helicopters flying at low altitude over Mui Wo, particularly during evening rescue operations.
- (e) In view of the impact of aircraft noise on residents, it was considered that representatives of the AAHK should attend the meeting to provide a detailed explanation of the causes of the noise issue and the relevant noise mitigation measures, so that Members could report to the public.
- (f) Members suggested that the matter be followed up at the next meeting and that representatives of the AAHK and the CAD be invited again to attend the meeting and give a response.

8. The Chairman noted that the Secretariat had proactively assisted in contacting the AAHK and the CAD prior to the meeting. However, neither party had sent representatives to attend the meeting, and he expressed regret in this regard. On the other hand, he thanked the EPD for sending a representative to attend the meeting and respond to the enquiries. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to write to the AAHK and the CAD to convey Members' concerns and views raised at the meeting on the captioned issue, and to arrange a follow-up meeting between the relevant Members and representatives of the AAHK and the CAD after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat wrote to the AAHK and the CAD on 21 October 2025, and arranged a follow-up meeting between Members and representatives of the above authorities on 24 October. The content of discussion of the meeting, as well as the follow-up actions by the AAHK and/or the CAD, would be reported at the next meeting of the Committee.)

### III. Any Other Business

9. Members expressed their views as follows:

- (a) Members thanked the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) for the anti-mosquito measures and publicity work implemented in response to chikungunya fever. To date, no related cases had been recorded in the Islands District, demonstrating the effectiveness of the measures. The public had also commended the Committee for its effective promotion of anti-mosquito work in the district. Members requested the FEHD to continue its anti-mosquito efforts to guard against the spread of virus.
- (b) The improvement works for the Yung Shue Wan Public Toilet on Lamma Island were originally scheduled for completion in December this year, but there had been no construction progress over the past two months. The contractor concerned indicated that the delay was due to outstanding payment of workers' wages. Members therefore questioned whether there was insufficient departmental supervision and expressed concern that the works might not be completed on schedule. Given the high usage of the public toilet, the delay in works would affect nearby villagers. In addition, about ten days earlier, a traffic collision had occurred at a blind spot near the construction site. Members had immediately conducted a site inspection together with staff of the FEHD and the contractor concerned, during which multiple safety non-compliance issues had been identified (such as exposed wiring of lighting tubes). In addition, Members had previously reminded the contractor to install reflective mirrors and lighting facilities at the blind spot to prevent accidents, but there had been no follow-up action to date. Members therefore requested the FEHD to liaise with the relevant departments, such as the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), to monitor the progress of the works and to ensure that site safety measures and facilities complied with the required standards.

10. Mr FUNG Wai-nok responded that the improvement works for the Yung Shue Wan Public Toilet on Lamma Island were carried out by a contractor under the ArchSD, while the FEHD was mainly responsible for the management of the public toilet. As such, the FEHD would contact the ArchSD after the meeting and provide a response to the relevant Members in a timely manner.

11. Members enquired whether the Secretariat could assist in liaising with the ArchSD to expedite follow-up action on the matter.

12. Mr MOK Mong-chan responded that the Secretariat would, after the meeting, assist in conveying Members' views to the FEHD and the ArchSD for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat contacted the relevant departments to follow up on the above-mentioned issues. After the meeting, the FEHD followed up with the ArchSD on the progress of the improvement works for the Yung Shue Wan Public Toilet on Lamma Island and provided a reply to the relevant Members. The ArchSD indicated that it had required the contractor to submit and implement improvement proposals, strengthen resource deployment, and enhance construction efficiency. The ArchSD would step up site inspections and had appointed a consultant firm to strengthen supervision, with a view to improving the progress and quality of the works. As regards construction site safety, the contractor under the ArchSD had installed reflective mirrors and posted notices. The FEHD and the ArchSD would work closely together to follow up on the progress of the relevant works.)

IV. Date of Next Meeting

13. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 1 December 2025 (Monday).

(Post-meeting note: The next meeting had been rescheduled to 4:00 p.m. on 15 December 2025 (Monday).)

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