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

Date : 27 April 2026 (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 CHOW Yuen-kuk, Jonathan
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 Suk-han
Ms LAU Shun-ting
Mr LUO Chenghuan, MH

Co-opted Member
Mr CHUK Hing-toi, MH

Attendance by Invitation

Mr LAM Wun-piu, Bill	Transport Officer/Islands 1, Transport Department
Mr PUN Min-hang, Ashley	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Community Recycling)8, Environmental Protection Department

In Attendance

Mr MOK Mong-chan	Assistant District Officer (Islands)1, Islands District Office
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

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6. Mr Bill LAM elaborated on the consolidated written reply of the TD, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the ArchSD.

7. Ms NGO Mei-ling elaborated on the FEHD's written reply.

8. Members expressed their views as follows:

(a) The Tung Chung Station Bus Terminus was a transport hub for Tung Chung. As many residents and tourists used this facility, the Department should improve the hygiene conditions there (including removing stains from the walls) to enhance Hong Kong's image. Furthermore, Members suggested displaying information such as Tung Chung's tourism, history and culture on the walls in the bus terminus, as well as displaying a QR code for the digital Tourist Map in Islands District produced by the Working Group on Boosting Local Economy under the purview of the Islands District Council.

(b) Some residents of Discovery Bay reported that their clothes had been stained by the walls of the bus terminus. Members understood that the use of strong cleaning agents might damage the wall finish, for which some stains could not be thoroughly removed. However, the relevant departments should explore other effective methods for removing the stains.

(c) Members had to remind the relevant departments every year to clean the fans inside the captioned bus terminus, but the efficiency of the cleaning work had been unsatisfactory. Furthermore, the stains on the walls inside the terminus had been present for many years. The TD had once stated that the wall surfaces were finished with a baked enamel coating, which was easily damaged by cleaning agents and was costly to repair. As such, the Department was currently only able to arrange for cleaning on a case-by-case basis as resources permitted, but the results had been unsatisfactory. In this regard, Members suggested that the TD and the ArchSD should consider replacing the wall surfaces with materials that were easier to clean. The relevant departments should also clean the captioned bus terminus on a regular basis (e.g. once every three months).

(d) Members noted that the departments had respective responsibilities for the management of the captioned bus terminus, but hoped that they would co-ordinate with one another and carry out large-scale clean-up operations. With regard to improving the appearance of the walls, the ArchSD should give advice on cleaning the wall surfaces, while the relevant departments might consider measures such as using wallpaper or displaying transport information to cover the stains on the walls.

(e) The dust accumulated on the walls contained fine suspended particulates, which might affect human health. Therefore, the relevant

departments should thoroughly clean the walls and fans within the bus terminus, rather than simply using wallpaper to cover the stains.

9. Mr Bill LAM responded that the TD noted Members' views and would, together with the ArchSD, consider the relevant suggestions (including displaying various information on the walls of the bus terminus and cleaning the terminus regularly) after the meeting.

10. Members said that cleaning the bus terminus was not a complicated task and that the relevant departments should address it as soon as possible. In this regard, they suggested convening a follow-up meeting or listing this agenda item as a follow-up item for the next meeting, in order to further discuss short-, medium- and long-term solutions to improve the environmental hygiene of the captioned bus terminus.

11. The Chairman asked the relevant departments to clarify their respective areas of responsibility regarding the captioned bus terminus, and requested the TD to co-ordinate with the relevant departments to clean the terminus as soon as possible, prior to exploring long-term beautification measures (e.g. painting murals). In addition, he asked the Secretariat to list this agenda item as a follow-up item for the next meeting, and requested the TD and/or relevant departments to report on the progress made at that time.

III. Further Digitalisation of GREEN$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme - To complement the Five-Year Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan to promote integration of smart recycling into daily life
(FEHC Paper No. 5/2026)

12. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 5/2026, and invited Mr PUN Min-hang, Ashley, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Community Recycling)8 of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to present the paper.

13. Mr Ashley PUN presented the paper with the aid of PowerPoint slides as follows:

(a) To achieve the goal of "Zero Landfill" by 2035, the Government was actively promoting waste reduction at source, expanding the recycling network, enhancing recycling infrastructure and stepping up publicity efforts. Data showed that the quantity of municipal solid waste disposed of had fallen by 7.5% between 2021 and 2024, while the recycling rate had risen from 28% in 2020 to 34% in 2024.

(b) At present, the community recycling network GREEN@COMMUNITY comprised over 800 public collection points (including 12 Recycling Stations, 82 Recycling Stores, approximately 600 Recycling Spots and around 140 smart recycling bins). Combined with the Programme on Source Separation of Waste and approximately 850 sets of kerbside

recycling bins in rural areas, the entire community recycling network now covered over 90% of Hong Kong's population. Existing recycling facilities in the Islands District included GREEN@ISLANDS, GREEN@MUI WO, GREEN@YING TUNG and GREEN@YAT TUNG, as well as 30 Recycling Spots that were spread across Tung Chung, Discovery Bay, Tai O, Peng Chau, Cheung Chau, Lamma Island and South Lantau.

(c) In The 2026-27 Budget, the Government proposed earmarking resources for launching a five-year plan to enhance and upgrade recycling infrastructure, which included:

(i) expanding the recycling network, including extending the network of smart recycling bins to more public housing estates and private residential developments. In addition, the EPD would gradually transform the 82 Recycling Stores under the GREEN@COMMUNITY into round-the-clock self-service recycling facilities. Between September 2025 and March 2026, 32 Recycling Stores had begun piloting the self-service recycling mode;

(Post-meeting note: The 50 Recycling Stores located in public housing estates had also begun piloting the self-service recycling mode.)

(ii) consolidating and enhancing the services of the community recycling network, with a view to reorganising it into a regional community recycling network. At present, the GREEN@COMMUNITY recycling facilities in each district were managed by different operators. In future, they would be gradually consolidated, leaving a single operator responsible for recycling operations in each district. In 2026-27, the EPD would consult relevant stakeholders, including existing operators and the recycling industry, and prepare the relevant tender documents. The specific implementation schedule for these new measures would depend on when operators' contracts expired in each district;

(iii) turning waste into valuable resources: extracting valuable materials from waste and turning them into raw materials for making green products through the use of technology; and

(iv) building a smart recycling network logistics system to enhance the cost-effectiveness and efficiency. GREEN@COMMUNITY operators could plan their daily recycling processes and logistics arrangements based on real-time data. The EPD would also monitor the operation of recycling facilities and the recovery quantities of waste in real time, making adjustments as appropriate (for example, by installing more smart recycling facilities in areas

with high recycling rates).

(d) The registered users of the GREEN$ Electronic Participation Incentive Scheme (GREEN$ ePIS) currently exceeded over 1.2 million, of whom more than 90% used the GREEN$ mobile application. The cumulative volume of general recyclables and food waste collected under GREEN$ ePIS had exceeded 160 000 tonnes. The aforementioned application had been updated to include a real-time display of the fill levels of smart recycling bins and food waste smart recycling bins, in order to facilitate recycling by the public.

(e) The EPD promoted the digitalisation of GREEN$ ePIS on a continuous basis by introducing more e-reward platforms, offering the public a wider range of reward options and the ability to redeem rewards anytime and anywhere. Starting from 4 May 2026, GREEN$ would be linked to the AlipayHK electronic payment platform. GREEN$ points earned through recycling could be instantly converted into AlipayHK points, which could be used as cash or to redeem coupons. In the future, users would be able to exchange GREEN$ Points for points on the AlipayHK, Carbon Wallet and MoneyBack platforms, and spend them at over 150 000 partnered merchants, covering a wide range of everyday scenarios, including online shopping, bill payments, transportation, retail, and dining. The EPD would also continue to further identify suitable e-reward platforms in the future to expand the range of reward options.

(f) One GREEN@COMMUNITY physical gift redemption point would be retained in each of the 18 districts across Hong Kong, where members of the public could redeem $50 physical supermarket coupons. In addition, residents of the outlying islands (including Cheung Chau, Peng Chau and Lamma Island) could continue to redeem physical gifts at the Recycling Spots on their respective islands.

(g) Existing GREEN$ users who wished to retain the point-earning function with their physical cards must complete real-name registration by 31 August 2027. Unregistered physical cards would no longer be able to earn new points starting from 4 May 2026, but existing points could still be redeemed for gifts by 31 August 2027.

(h) While promoting digital transformation, the EPD had formulated a series of people-first support measures to ensure a smooth transition to digitalisation for different user groups. In addition to assisting the public with real-name registration and downloading the GREEN$ mobile application at 700 recycling points under GREEN@COMMUNITY, the EPD would also set up temporary service counters at major public rental housing estates during peak recycling hours, where dedicated staff would provide on-site registration and demonstration of the GREEN$ mobile application for elderly persons and those in need.

14. Members expressed their views as follows:

(a) Members acknowledged the effectiveness of GREEN$ ePIS and suggested that the EPD should continue to strengthen its educational efforts on waste separation and recycling. Members also noted that some recycling bins were not kept sufficiently clean and urged the Department to consider stepping up the maintenance and cleaning of these bins.

(b) A Member declared an interest, stating that he currently served as an executive committee member of the Outlying Islands Women's Association Limited (OIWA), the operator of GREEN@ISLANDS. He pointed out that the logistical costs of carrying out recycling operations in the Islands District (such as Peng Chau and Cheung Chau) were higher than in urban areas, and therefore urged the EPD to consider assisting the organisation in reducing such costs.

(c) A Member declared an interest, stating that her organisation had been operating community food waste recycling services on Cheung Chau since 2011. The weekly recovery quantity of Cheung Chau was sufficient to fill an entire container, reflecting the strong demand for recycling services among residents. In view of this, she suggested that the EPD should consider providing additional self-service recycling facilities on Cheung Chau.

(d) A Member declared an interest, stating that she currently served as the Chairperson of the OIWA. She pointed out that the OIWA was facing escalating pressure in providing recycling services due to the EPD's stricter recycling targets for GREEN@COMMUNITY operators, reduced staffing levels and funding from the Department, as well as rising land and sea transport costs driven by recent increases in fuel costs. In this regard, the EPD should provide more support, for example by assisting organisations in compacting recyclables (e.g. plastic bottles and aluminium cans) prior to further processing, in order to reduce logistics costs. The Department could consider applying to the Lands Department for land to facilitate the compaction of recyclables.

(e) Staff of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department generally did not collect the regulated electrical equipment (REE) discarded at refuse collection points. Those wishing to properly recycle such waste electrical and electronic appliances must book a free collection service provided by government-appointed contractors. Given the longer waiting times for such service in the Islands District, some residents, for the sake of convenience, chose to dispose of the REE directly at refuse collection points. In this regard, Members suggested that the EPD should consider providing more convenient recycling arrangements, such as setting up fixed collection points in each area and arranging for

staff to collect the items regularly, so as to prevent improper disposal of such waste.

15. Mr Ashley PUN noted Members' views (including stepping up the cleaning of recycling bins, enhancing publicity and education on environmental protection, assisting GREEN@COMMUNITY operators in reducing costs, and improving the recycling arrangements for the REE). He said that the Department would consider such views and aimed to enhance existing recycling services through the captioned five-year plan. This would include utilising a smart recycling network logistics system to enable operators to access real-time information on various recycling points, thereby allowing them to plan their recycling routes and frequencies more effectively.

16. The Chairman suggested that the EPD should consider transporting recyclables from the Islands District to the Integrated Waste Management Facility at Shek Kwu Chau for processing, in order to enhance cost-effectiveness and efficiency.

(Post-meeting note: GREEN@COMMUNITY operators would deliver the collected recyclables to downstream recyclers approved by the EPD for proper processing. The Department would closely monitor developments in the local recycling market to review the arrangements for the processing of recyclables.)

IV. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Achievements of Islands District 2026 Year-end Clean-up
(FEHC Paper No. 6/2026)

17. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 6/2026, and invited the representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to present the paper.

18. Ms NGO Mei-ling presented the paper.

19. Members expressed their views as follows:

(a) Members had raised concerns about the environmental hygiene conditions of the two bicycle parking areas near Mun Tung Estate at the meeting on 15 December 2025. Subsequently, the FEHD had promptly arranged for staff to clean up the sites in question. Furthermore, relevant departments, including the Transport Department, arranged a joint-departmental bicycle clearance operation on 30 April this year.

(b) Members thanked staff of the FEHD's Pest Control Section for providing the property management companies and cleaning contractors in Discovery Bay with professional advice on rodent control measures on 6 February this year. The situation of rodent infestation in the area had now improved significantly.

V. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Anti-mosquito Campaign 2026 (Phase I&II) in Islands District
(FEHC Paper No. 7/2026)

20. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 7/2026, and invited the representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to present the paper.

21. Ms NGO Mei-ling presented the paper.

22. Members expressed their views as follows:

(a) Members acknowledged the remarkable results achieved in Phase I of the Anti-mosquito Campaign. As it was currently the rainy season, Members expressed the hope that Phase II of the campaign would further consolidate the FEHD's achievements in mosquito control. They also indicated that they would submit their suggestions on other target locations that could be included in the Anti-mosquito Campaign to the Departments after the meeting.

(b) Some residents of Discovery Bay had reported a severe infestation of biting midges during the summer, noting that the conventional way of spraying larvicidal oil was of relatively limited effectiveness. In this regard, Members hoped to discuss more effective midge control measures with the FEHD after the meeting.

(c) Members commended the FEHD's mosquito control efforts in 2025, which had effectively prevented the spread of chikungunya fever. Given that Hong Kong recently recorded its first local case of dengue fever this year, and that the patient concerned had worked at a construction site in Penny's Bay, Members expressed particular concern about the situation of mosquito infestation near the site. Furthermore, they suggested that the target locations for the Anti-mosquito Campaign should include the new development areas of Tung Chung East and Tung Chung West (such as Mun Tung Estate and other new intake estates).

(d) As it was currently the rainy season, weeds were growing rampantly on Lamma Island, creating conditions conducive to the breeding of mosquitoes. In this regard, Members had requested the relevant departments to step up weed clearance efforts and hoped that the FEHD would assist in following up on the matter. Members also expressed concern about the potential impact on pets in the area posed by spraying larvicidal oil on shrubs.

(e) The joint anti-mosquito operation carried out last year by the FEHD and the Housing Department had proved highly effective. However, the spraying of larvicidal oil had failed to eradicate the infestations of biting midges. It was therefore hoped that the relevant departments would

explore and implement more targeted measures against biting midges.

23. Ms NGO Mei-ling gave a consolidated response as follows:

(a) The FEHD would follow up on Members' suggestions on the target locations for the Anti-mosquito Campaign and explore more effective methods for controlling biting midge infestations after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Infestations at target locations not covered by the Anti-mosquito Campaign would be followed up as planned through regular pest control works by the district's pest control roving team.

Biting midge activities usually occurred in scrubby areas with lots of decaying vegetation. Targeted environmental control measures in such areas could reduce the breeding of midges and effectively control infestations. The FEHD would implement environmental improvement measures in public areas, such as clearing muddy soil and other chocking matter, fallen leaves and other decaying vegetation in sand-traps and surface drainage channels. Such measures aimed to reduce the number of breeding places for midges, which would help control infestation to a certain extent. Where necessary, fogging would be conducted at the infested areas in order to minimise the nuisance.)

(b) Regarding the issue raised by Members concerning the proliferation of weeds and mosquitoes on Lamma Island, the FEHD would, depending on the specific location, consider referring the matter to the relevant departments for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD would, through meetings of the inter-departmental task forces on anti-mosquito work, remind various departments to implement mosquito prevention and control measures at their premises and venues, and to arrange for the regular clearance of weeds on the roads under their purview to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.)

(c) In response to a recent case in which a man working at a road construction site near Long Yan Road in Penny's Bay on Lantau Island had tested positive for dengue fever, the FEHD had undertaken follow-up actions on 21 and 23 April this year, carrying out mosquito control operations within a 250-metre radius of the relevant locations. These measures included fogging, spraying larvicidal oil in drainage channels, clearing stagnant water, and stepping up inspections at high-risk locations in the surrounding areas.

24. The Chairman was concerned about the infestations of mosquito and biting midges at the vicinity of the mangrove stand in Tai O during the rainy season. In this regard, he requested the FEHD and relevant departments to step up efforts on weed clearance and mosquito control, and to explore effective methods for controlling biting

midge infestations.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD had already stepped up efforts on mosquito and biting midge control in the mangrove stand in Tai O, including removing stagnant water, unblocking drains, clearing dead leaves and applying insecticides at suitable locations. Furthermore, fogging operations were carried out at suitable locations at the vicinity on 1 June this year to enhance the effectiveness of mosquito control and reduce the nuisance caused by biting midges. In addition, the FEHD had referred the matter to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up pruning and clearance work at the mangrove stand, with a view to further improving the environmental hygiene there.)

VI. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Refurbishment of Shek Tsai Po (near ferry pier) Public Toilet
(FEHC Paper No. 8/2026)

25. The Chairman asked Members to refer to FEHC Paper No. 8/2026, and invited the representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to present the paper.

26. Ms NGO Mei-ling presented the paper.

27. The Chairman asked how the FEHD would dispose of the sewage from the temporary portable toilet situated at the vicinity of the captioned toilet while the refurbishment works were underway.

28. Ms NGO Mei-ling responded that the FEHD would arrange for staff to manually remove the sewage from the portable toilet on a regular basis.

VII. Any Other Business

29. No further business was raised by Members.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting

30. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 23 June 2026 (Tuesday).

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