

**Minutes of the 10th Meeting of
the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee of
the Kowloon City District Council**

Date: 10 July 2025 (Thursday)
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Kowloon City District Office

Present:

Chairman: Mr LAM Tak-shing, MH

Vice-chairman: Mr WONG Man-kong

Members: Mr CHO Wui-hung, MH

Mr LEE Chiu-yu

Mr NG Fan-kam, MH

Mr NG Po-keung, MH

Mr HE Huahan, MH

Mr LAM Pok

Ms LEUNG Yuen-ting

Mr CHAN Chi-wah

Mr CHEUNG King-fan

Mr WONG Chi

Ms FUNG Mo-kwan

Ms LAU Yuen-yin

Mr PUN Kwok-wah, JP

Mr LAI Yin-chung

Co-opted Members: Mr LO Chiu-kit

Mr YEUNG Ho-shing

Secretary: Miss SIN Hong-ying, Executive Officer (District Council)2, Kowloon City District Office
Bonnie

In Attendance: Ms SO Lai-ye, Ivy Senior Liaison Officer (District Liaison)3, Kowloon City District Office
Mr WONG Lap-yan, Ivan District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kowloon City), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

	Ms CHAN Mei-chu	Chief Health Inspector (Kowloon City) ¹ , Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
	Mr TAM Yiu-man, Jason	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East) ⁵ , Environmental Protection Department
	Ms CHAN Ling-man, Millie	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Kowloon City) ² , Leisure and Cultural Services Department
<u>Attendance by Invitation:</u>		
Item 2	Ms YAU Lai-shan, Carol	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer 2, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong District, Social Welfare Department
	Mr LI Chi-him, Samson	Executive Officer I (District Management), Kowloon City District Office
	Inspector LIU Shing-tak	Patrol Sub-unit Commander 4, Hung Hom Division, Hong Kong Police Force
Item 3	Inspector LIU Shing-tak	Patrol Sub-unit Commander 4, Hung Hom Division, Hong Kong Police Force
	Mr CHAN Chi-kin	Senior Electrical and Mechanical Engineer/Consumer Installations 1, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
	Mr WONG Pui-leung	Electrical and Mechanical Engineer/Consumer Installations 1/3, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Item 4	Mr CHAN Chi-hang	Electrical and Mechanical Engineer/Sewage Treatment 2, Drainage Services Department
	Mr CHAN Siu-keung, Keith	Marine Officer/Pollution Control Unit (1), Marine Department

Mr MA Chi-ping	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Pollution Control Unit (2), Marine Department
Ms HO Kai-ting, Angela	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Central, Marine Department

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Opening Remarks by the Chairman

1. **The Chairman of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC)** welcomed all Members and representatives of departments to the tenth meeting of the FEHC.

2. **The Chairman** reminded Members to register their interests in accordance with the stipulation of Order 22 of the Kowloon City District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders) and stated that, if the matters to be discussed had any connection or potential conflict of interests with their personal interests such as property rights, profession or investment, they should make a declaration proactively at the meeting so that he could make a decision in accordance with the Standing Orders.

3. **The Chairman** stated that in accordance with Order 80(1) of the Standing Orders, the quorum at any meeting of a committee should be half of the total number of members of the committee provided that District Council members must constitute half or more of the members attending the meeting. If the quorum was not present at the commencement of the meeting or in the course of the meeting, he would direct the Secretary to summon the absentees. If the quorum was still not present 15 minutes thereafter, he would adjourn the meeting. According to the stipulation of Order 13 of the Standing Orders, he then set out that each attendee was allowed to make a maximum of three speeches during a discussion on the same agenda item and the time limit for each speech was two minutes. He also reminded the attendees to switch off their mobile phones or turn the ringers to vibration notifications to avoid causing disturbances to the meeting.

Item 1

Confirmation of Minutes of the 9th Meeting

4. **The Chairman** announced that the minutes of the ninth meeting were unanimously endorsed by the committee without amendments.

Item 2**Follow-up on the Environmental Hygiene Problems Caused by Street Sleepers in Kowloon City District**

(FEHC Paper No. 32/2025)

5. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

6. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Kowloon City District Office (KCDO), the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF), the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), i.e. Documents No. 2, 5, 10 and 18 tabled.

7. **The representative of the KCDO** replied with the main points as follows:
 - (i) over the past 12 months, the Office coordinated with the FEHD, the HKPF and the SWD to conduct 12 and six inter-departmental joint operations (joint operations) regarding cases at the junction of Station Lane and Kun Yam Street in Hung Hom and the junction of Lok Shan Road and Kowloon City Road in To Kwa Wan respectively; and
 - (ii) the Office, in collaboration with various related departments, would continue to closely monitor the situation of street sleepers in the district and increase the frequency of joint operations as required to address various problems arising from street sleeping, thereby minimising the impact on local residents.

8. **The representative of the SWD** replied with the main points as follows:
 - (i) in addition to actively participating in joint operations coordinated by the KCDO, the Department would also follow up on the welfare needs of street sleepers in the district through social workers of the services team of The Salvation Army and the Hung Hom Integrated Family Services Centre of Hong Kong Children and Youth Services; and
 - (ii) the Department would continue to collaborate with other related departments, hoping to strike a balance between meeting the welfare needs of street sleepers and maintaining environmental hygiene in the community.

9. **The representative of the HKPF** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) with regard to the problem of street obstruction by miscellaneous articles of street sleepers, the Police had always conducted joint operations with the FEHD and removed miscellaneous articles accumulated by street sleepers to keep streets and roads clear; and
 - (ii) during patrols, police officers would proactively reach out to street sleepers and advise them to remove miscellaneous articles.
10. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the Department had been paying attention to the environmental hygiene problems caused by street sleepers occupying public places at the two locations mentioned in the Paper. Apart from strengthening regular street cleansing services at the related locations, the Department also participated in joint operations and would clear items voluntarily discarded by street sleepers according to the established mechanism;
 - (ii) the Department had conducted 52 street cleansing operations and pest control work. Over the past six months, a total of ten fixed penalty notices (FPNs) and nine Notices to Remove Obstruction were issued to individuals who committed public cleanliness offences at the relevant locations. Three kilograms of items were seized there; and
 - (iii) the Department would continue to cooperate with other related departments and actively participate in joint operations so as to maintain the environmental hygiene in public places in the district.
11. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:
- (i) the two street sleepers mentioned in the Paper had been sleeping at the relevant locations for over six months. Members enquired about their reasons for extended periods of street sleeping;
 - (ii) Kwun Yam Temple in Hung Hom was a famous tourist attraction in Hong Kong, while the vicinity of To Kwa Wan Market was also one of the most crowded areas with heavy pedestrian flow in the district.

Street sleepers not only caused environmental hygiene problems, but also affected visitors' impressions on Kowloon City District and even Hong Kong as a whole. Members would like the related departments to actively follow up on the relevant cases;

- (iii) enquired about the frequency of joint operations conducted in the past and after increasing its number in the future; and
- (iv) street sleepers mentioned in the Paper always placed miscellaneous articles such as electric wheelchairs on roads, occupying roads and parking spaces. Members requested the Police to follow up on the relevant situation.

12. **The representative of the KCDO** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) over the past 12 months, the frequencies of joint operations conducted by the Office at Station Lane and Lok Shan Road were once a month and once every two months respectively;
- (ii) the Office planned to increase the frequency of joint operations conducted at Lok Shan Road from once every two months to once a month or once every one and a half month, while maintaining the frequency of joint operations at Station Lane at once a month. By increasing the frequency of joint operations, the Office anticipated to further alleviate the environmental hygiene problems caused by street sleepers at the said locations; and
- (iii) the Office would actively explore the feasibility of using new approaches to address the problems of street sleepers.

13. **The representative of the HKPF** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Police, in collaboration with the FEHD, conducted eight joint operations at Lok Shan Road every month. To ensure smooth traffic, the Police would remove the miscellaneous articles placed on the road by street sleepers;
- (ii) over the past three months, the Police conducted a joint operation with the FEHD at Station Lane once a month; and

- (iii) the Police would continue to maintain communication with other related departments to explore whether it was necessary to further increase the frequency of joint operations.

14. **The representative of the SWD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers under the Department's purview and the staff of the Hung Hom Integrated Family Service Centre would proactively reach out to street sleepers to understand their needs and provide various types of assistance according to their preferences; and
- (ii) the Department would continue to cooperate with other departments and actively participate in joint operations.

15. **The Chairman** made a conclusion. He would like various related departments to continue to actively follow up on the problems of street sleepers so as to improve the environmental hygiene in the district.

Item 3

Concern about the Problems of Shop Front Extensions and Indiscriminate Placement of Handcarts in the Old Areas of Hung Hom

(FEHC Paper No. 33/2025)

16. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

17. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), the Transport Department, the HKPF and the FEHD, i.e. Documents No. 3, 11, 12 and 13 tabled.

18. **The representative of the EMSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) upon receipt of the Paper, the Department deployed staff to conduct an electricity safety inspection at the street-level shop at 165-167 Bulkeley Street on 27 June this year. An electric wire was found to have extended to public places outside the shop at the said location;
- (ii) during the inspection, the Department discovered that the said electric wire was not connected to any device. Upon verification, it was

confirmed that the said electric wire was used to supply power to mobile devices inside a goods vehicle. The staff of the Department had checked the said electric wire and its supply circuit, confirming the presence of appropriate overload and leakage protection devices. No electricity safety issues or violations of the Electricity Ordinance were found;

- (iii) the Department had issued an advisory letter to the person(s)-in-charge of the shop, suggesting that the person(s)-in-charge of the shop should arrange for a registered electrical contractor to conduct regular inspections and maintenance of the fixed electrical installations in the shop, as well as monitor whether abnormalities (including a damaged electric wire, a loose plug, etc.) were observed on the extended electric wire. To ensure electricity safety, the electric wire must be immediately replaced if any abnormalities were found; and
- (iv) the Department subsequently sent staff to re-inspect the said location, during which abnormalities were not found on the said electric wire.

19. **The representative of the HKPF** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) over the past three months, the Police and the FEHD conducted three joint operations and issued FPNs to offenders on matters such as illegal parking and traffic obstruction; and
- (ii) to combat the situations of vehicles occupying roads and metered parking spaces, the Police would deploy additional manpower to patrol the relevant location.

20. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department had been paying attention to the problems of shop front extensions and miscellaneous article placement. If the staff of the Department found items which were involved in illegal hawking activities, placed on footpaths or caused obstruction to street scavenging operations, enforcement actions would be taken based on actual circumstances;

- (ii) over the past six months, the Department issued a total of 16 FPNs to individuals who committed public cleanliness offences and caused obstruction by placing items at the location mentioned in the Paper. The Department also took out three prosecutions against miscellaneous articles obstructing street scavenging operations, issued 82 Notices to Remove Obstruction and seized two discarded items; and
- (iii) the Department, in collaboration with the HKPF, would continue to conduct joint operations and alleviate relevant problems by strengthening enforcement.

21. **The Chairman** raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) the street-level shop at 165-167 Bulkeley Street occupied the road as a mobile studio and indiscriminately placed miscellaneous articles and sharp objects, occupying public places. Sharp objects would also pose potential dangers to nearby residents. He was concerned that other shops might follow suit and the problem would further be exacerbated;
- (ii) enquired if sufficient waterproof measures were available for the electric wire used by the relevant shop to prevent accidents from happening during inclement weather; and
- (iii) the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2024 would come into effect on 17 August this year. He enquired about the methods adopted by the FEHD and the HKPF to combat shop front extensions in the area after the amendment came into effect.

22. **The representative of the EMSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) residual current devices and waterproof joints were available for the electric wire used by the street-level shop at 165-167 Bulkeley Street; and
- (ii) since the said electric wire was connected via an external plug rather than being a fixed electrical installation, the Department could only remind the relevant shop through an advisory approach that it had to

be aware of any abnormalities on the electric wire and to unplug the relevant electric wire when not in use.

23. **The representative of the HKPF** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the Police understood that the said shop had no criminal intent. However, placing sharp objects on the roadside might make the public felt threatened. The Police would remind the relevant shop to put away knives and sharp objects to raise its safety awareness; and
 - (ii) in addition to the locations mentioned in the Paper, shops or vehicle workshops at other locations in the area also occupied metered parking spaces. To combat the relevant situation, the Police would proactively advise the relevant shops and conduct enforcement actions when necessary.
24. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) after the Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill 2024 came into effect, the Department would conduct more enforcement actions to step up efforts to combat the situation of miscellaneous articles occupying public places; and
 - (ii) in respect of the situation of shop fronts extending onto the road, the Department would continue to negotiate with the Police on the details of joint operations.

25. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and would like the related departments to continue to actively follow up on this matter.

Item 4

Concern about the Odour Situation along the Seashore of Kowloon City District

(FEHC Paper No. 34/2025)

26. **A Member** introduced the Paper.

27. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the Marine Department (MD), the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Drainage Services Department (DSD), i.e. Documents No. 1, 6 and 19 tabled.

28. **A Member** stated that the odour situation along the seashore of Kowloon City District had persisted for over a decade. In addition to rehabilitating sewer misconnections, the related departments had also adopted technologies such as Malodour Control (MOC) Hydrogel and dry weather flow interceptors (DWFIs) in recent years to improve water quality. The Member enquired if the relevant technologies were still in use at present and suggested the related departments to study other new measures to improve the water quality of the waterfront in the district.

29. **The representative of the EPD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) to prevent sewage from entering the rainwater harvesting system, the Department had proactively conducted inspections and tracking on source of pollution in the district, striving to control and intercept discharge of pollutants into the stormwater drainage system at source, thereby improving the near-shore odour situation. When the Department found sewer misconnections in buildings, it would refer the situation to the Buildings Department (BD) for follow-up and supervision of the relevant duty holders to rectify the misconnections. Suspected cases of public sewer misconnections or leakage of sewage into stormwater drains, if found, would be referred to the DSD for follow-up;
- (ii) from 2022 to 2024, the Department found a total of 40 cases of misconnection of sewers to stormwater drains in To Kwa Wan and Hung Hom areas (including the upper catchment areas of Hoi Sham Park, Drainy Garden and the waterfront in Whampoa). The related department had rectified 31 misconnection cases. The rectification works of the remaining nine misconnection cases were expected to be completed this year;
- (iii) the Department had considered constructing a large-scale DWFI near Hung Hom harbourfront, which was being discussed in the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs of the Legislative Council. However, during the meeting, Legislative Council Members expressed concern on the construction cost, recurrent expenditure, construction time and cost-effectiveness of the relevant works. Therefore, the Department would not construct DWFIs along the waterfront in the district at this stage; and

- (iv) the Department would continue to monitor and follow up on the sewer misconnection cases with a view to further improving the odour situation along the waterfront in the district.

30. **The representative of the MD** stated that the main duty of the Department was to remove floating refuse and oil spill. The marine cleansing contractor of the Department would arrange for approximately three work boats daily to remove floating refuse in the vicinity of Hung Hom and To Kwa Wan. Locations prone to floating refuse accumulation would also be monitored, while the removal frequency would be increased or additional boats would be deployed for clearing as required.

31. **The representative of the DSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the To Kwa Wan Preliminary Treatment Works collected and treated sewage round-the-clock generated from areas such as Kowloon City, Whampoa and Kai Tak West. Upon the removal of large solids and grit in the preliminary treatment, the sewage would be directly conveyed to Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works via deep tunnels for further treatment. Therefore, the sewage would not be directly discharged from the To Kwa Wan Preliminary Treatment Works to the shores near Kowloon City and the waterfront in Whampoa;
- (ii) upon an on-site inspection in mid-May 2024, the Department had installed additional deodourising units for the sand traps and fine screening equipment at the To Kwa Wan Preliminary Treatment Works in December of the same year. The Department would also conduct regular inspections on the related deodourising units to ensure their effective operation. To minimise the impact on the public nearby during the operation of the To Kwa Wan Preliminary Treatment Works, gas testing meters were also installed in the sewage treatment works to monitor the accumulation of odour in the sewage; and
- (iii) the MOC Hydrogel was a new technology developed by the Department in collaboration with The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. As the MOC Hydrogel was still at the testing stage at present, the Department had no plans to adopt the MOC Hydrogel for the time being.

32. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:

- (i) if the EPD had formulated measures to address the remaining nine cases of sewer misconnection that the related departments were unable to handle this year;
- (ii) if there were other reasons causing seawater odour to spread to other areas of the district as odour were also detected in the vicinity of Sung Ping Street and Bailey Street at present;
- (iii) if the gas testing meters mentioned by the DSD could be used to detect the odour of underground pipes in the district;
- (iv) taking advantage of the opportunities arose from the redevelopment of To Kwa Wan Waterfront Promenade by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA), various related departments were suggested to review the conditions of sewers in the district and conduct corresponding improvement works;
- (v) refuse often accumulated on the sea surface near Fishtail Rock of Hoi Sham Park. The MD was enquired if a hotline was available for the public for reporting purpose;
- (vi) enquired about the DSD's reasons for not adopting the MOC Hydrogel; and
- (vii) harbourfront development was one of the highlights of the district's future planning. Various related departments should shortly introduce measures to enhance seawater quality as soon as possible.

33. **The representative of the DSD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) gas testing meters in the sewage treatment works would monitor the level of hydrogen sulphide that generated odour. The Department would study the feasibility of installing deodourising units in different pipes in the district; and
- (ii) the Department earlier used the MOC Hydrogel at multiple pilot areas to test its effectiveness. However, the decision on whether to

officially adopt the MOC Hydrogel would depend on its effectiveness when used in combination with deodourising agents or chemicals.

34. **The representative of the MD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the public could report cases of refuse on the sea surface to the Department through the 1823 hotline. Upon receipt of complaints, the Department would contact the contractor to remove the refuse in the relevant waters; and
 - (ii) the contractor would arrange the removal of the refuse in the vicinity of Fishtail Rock of Hoi Sham Park according to the tidal cycle.
35. **The representative of the EPD** stated that the timetable for handling sewer misconnection cases was provided by the BD. Corresponding legislation was also in place to follow up on cases that could not be resolved.

Item 5

Strengthening Anti-Mosquito Measures at Redevelopment Sites in Summer for Preventive Purpose

(FEHC Paper No. 35/2025)

36. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
37. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the URA and the FEHD, i.e. Documents No. 4 and 14 tabled.
38. **Members** raise the following views and enquiries:
- (i) a total of two redevelopment projects were currently underway in the old areas of Kowloon City District, involving seven streets. In addition to mosquito infestation, the problem of rodent infestation was also found in the construction sites. To prevent the breeding of mosquitoes and the generation of odour, it was suggested that the Department should request the works contractors to properly cover the holes in the construction sites and remove stagnant water; and
 - (ii) suggested the works contractors to provide a hotline and post it at suitable locations outside the construction sites for residents to report

problems such as refuse accumulation, as well as mosquito and rodent infestations.

39. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department implemented the Anti-mosquito Campaign in three phases every year to strengthen prevention and control measures in various hotspots of mosquito infestation and raise public awareness of mosquito prevention. Phase I and Phase II of the Anti-mosquito Campaign concluded on 14 March and 13 June this year respectively. To continue to step up mosquito control work in the district, Phase III would run for 12 consecutive weeks from 4 August to 24 October. The key places also included construction sites. To reduce the risk of transmitting diseases such as dengue fever, the Department would like to continue to collaborate with the general public and various sectors to step up mosquito control work;
- (ii) the Department regularly deployed staff to inspect construction sites and conduct mosquito control work at public places, including carrying out fogging operations to eradicate adult mosquitoes, as well as removing stagnant water and refuse so as to eliminate potential mosquito breeding grounds. The Department had also taken out five prosecutions with regard to the mosquito breeding situation in Kowloon City District this year;
- (iii) upon receipt of the Paper, the Department had deployed staff to inspect the construction sites in the district, during which no mosquito breeding situation was found. To enhance the awareness of site staff on mosquito control, the Department had provided persons-in-charge of various construction sites with suggestions on mosquito prevention and control, as well as personal protection measures and distributed promotional leaflets; and
- (iv) the Department had also arranged for contractors to strengthen mosquito prevention and control measures near public places, including clearing potential mosquito breeding grounds such as refuse and miscellaneous articles on the streets daily, applying larvicides and larvicidal oil at gullies at least once a week, and carrying out work such as fogging operations at suitable locations

nearby to eradicate adult mosquitoes.

40. **The Chairman** made a conclusion. He would like the FEHD and the URA to continue to maintain communication regarding the problem of mosquito infestation at construction sites and ensure the effective implementation of various mosquito control measures.

Item 6

Establishing the “GREEN@HO MAN TIN” Community Recycling Network

(FEHC Paper No. 36/2025)

41. **A Member** introduced the Paper and suggested the provision of additional self-service recycling machines in government buildings in the area such as Kowloon Public Library, Man Wan Road Refuse Collection Point or parks, and the setting up of additional Recycling Spots at other locations in the area to facilitate recycling by residents in Ho Man Tin area.

42. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the EPD, i.e. Document No. 7 tabled.

43. **The representative of the EPD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department had no plans to provide additional community recycling facilities in Ho Man Tin area for the time being. Nevertheless, the Department had noted Members' views and would relay them to the related sections to explore ways to improve the existing community recycling facilities in Ho Man Tin area, thereby further facilitating recycling by residents in Ho Man Tin area; and
- (ii) the Department would continue to review the operational effectiveness, overall layout of various community recycling facilities and specific needs of individual communities. Subject to availability of resources, community recycling services would be adjusted or enhanced with a view to helping the public to practise waste separation and recycling properly.

44. **Members** raised the following views and enquiries:
- (i) enquired if the Department would set key performance indicators for Recycling Spots; and
 - (ii) the pedestrian flow on the footpath at Fat Kwong Street off Ko Fai House of Kwun Fai Court mainly consisted of commuters, with fewer residents passing through. The Department was suggested to consider searching another location near Ho Man Tin Estate to establish Recycling Spots so as to facilitate recycling by residents in the vicinity of Ho Man Tin Estate.

45. **The representative of the EPD** stated that the Department had set indicators for the opening frequency and recovery amount of Recycling Spots. If the recovery amount of some Recycling Spots failed to meet the target for an extended period, the Department would adjust their locations with a view to covering more residents and enhancing recycling effectiveness.

46. **The Chairman** urged the Department to further improve the recycling facilities in the area. He suggested the Department to consider inviting Members to inspect the recycling facilities so that they could learn more about the recycling work in the area.

[Post-meeting note: The EPD had invited Members to inspect “GREEN@TAK LONG” on 19 August.]

Item 7

Proposal for Increasing the Cleaning Frequency of Hygiene Black Spots of Dog Excreta and Feeding of Feral Pigeons in Kowloon City District and Strengthening Education, Publicity and Enforcement

(FEHC Paper No. 37/2025)

47. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
48. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written reply furnished by the FEHD, i.e. Document No. 15 tabled.

49. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) upon receipt of the Paper, the Department had deployed staff to inspect the vicinity of Whampoa Estate, Whampoa Garden, Hunghom Bay Centre and Royal Peninsula. No individuals were found allowing their dogs to foul and dirty the streets, as well as illegally feeding feral pigeons/ wild birds. During the inspection, two individuals were found littering and FPNs were issued to offenders;
 - (ii) over the past three months, the Department issued a total of 20 FPNs to individuals who committed public cleanliness offences at the aforementioned locations. After the Wild Animals Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 came into effect on 1 August 2024, the Department issued a total of ten FPNs to offenders who illegally fed wild birds in Kowloon City District and requested the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department to issue one summons to an offender; and
 - (iii) the Department had hung large banners at hotspots of dog walking and hygiene black spots of feeding feral pigeons in the district as publicity and education, reminding the public to properly clean up the excreta of their dogs, as well as not to feed feral pigeons and dirty public places, otherwise they might be prosecuted. In addition, the Department had also stepped up the cleansing work at the related streets so as to maintain environmental hygiene.
50. **Members** stated that many individuals cleaned up the excreta of their dogs with water or newspapers after their dogs fouled at present. The Department was suggested to step up publicity to educate the public on the correct ways of handling dog excreta.
51. **The representative of the FEHD** had noted Members' views and would relay them to the related sections. The Department would raise awareness among dog owners about the use of pet latrines and dog excreta collection bins through publicity and education.
52. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and suggested the Department to strengthen enforcement, publicity and education work at black spots, as well as invite Members to assist in publicity when necessary to alleviate the relevant problem.

Item 8**Feedback from Residents on Hygiene Issues in the Vicinity of Man Tai Street and Dock Street**

(FEHC Paper No. 38/2025)

53. **A Member** introduced the Paper.
54. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the EPD and the FEHD, i.e. Documents No. 8 and 16 tabled.
55. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the Department would take out prosecutions against recycling shops which indiscriminately placed miscellaneous articles and individuals who illegally fed feral pigeons in accordance with the related legislations; and
 - (ii) the Department would review the locations for installing Internet Protocol (IP) cameras from time to time. Subject to availability of resources, the Department would adjust the locations based on the actual needs so as to plan enforcement actions more effectively and enhance the deterrent effect, thereby improving environmental hygiene.
56. **The representative of the EPD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) the Department had strategically set up six food waste recycling spots in Kowloon City District in the form of kerbside collection booths at fixed time and locations, providing night-time food waste collection services for street-level restaurants, residents of single-block buildings and “three-nil buildings”. Among which, two food waste recycling spots were located in the vicinity of Man Tai Street and Dock Street; and
 - (ii) the Department had been monitoring the usage situation of various collection points, as well as making timely reviews and adjustments with an aim to further enhance the food waste recycling network in the district.

57. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and would like the Department to continue to maintain communication with Members regarding the problems at the locations mentioned in the Paper and take timely measures to alleviate the relevant problems.

Item 9

Enhancing and Making Good Use of Resources on Internet Protocol Camera to Tackle Environmental Problems

(FEHC Paper No. 39/2025)

58. **A Member** introduced the Paper and expressed that he would like the Department to timely adjust the locations, increase the number and enhance the equipment of IP cameras, including the provision of an additional night vision function so as to enhance enforcement effectiveness.

59. **The Chairman** invited Members to refer to the written replies furnished by the EPD and the FEHD, i.e. Documents No. 9 and 17 tabled.

60. **The representative of the FEHD** replied with the main points as follows:

- (i) the Department had been making good use of technology to monitor cleanliness. At present, a total of 29 IP cameras were installed in the district, four of which were installed on roads with central dividers, and the rest were installed at black spots of illegal refuse deposit. The Department would review the locations for installing IP cameras from time to time. Subject to availability of resources, the Department would adjust the locations based on the actual needs with a view to making good use of resources;
- (ii) the Department had established an imaging sharing mechanism with the EPD to utilise the images collected by IP cameras that were installed by the EPD at black spots of illegal deposits of construction wastes. Research and analysis, as well as follow-up actions would be conducted and carried out in a consolidated manner, thereby enhancing the effectiveness in enforcement; and
- (iii) the Department currently adopted a thermal camera monitoring system with artificial intelligence analytical function to detect rodent activities. The Department assessed the situation of rodent

infestation at individual monitoring points, identified the locations and times of rodent activities and tracked rodent activities through the image data detected by the thermal camera monitoring system. The Department could thus deploy anti-rodent operations, including placing rodenticides, rodent traps and other rodent proofing measures more precisely based on locations where frequent rodent activities were found, thereby achieving a better rodent control result.

61. **The representative of the EPD** replied with the main points as follows:
- (i) to step up efforts in combatting illegal deposits of construction wastes, the Department had progressively installed surveillance camera systems at locations where illegal deposits of construction wastes were more frequently found across the territory. The systems operated round-the-clock, making use of technologies to assist in enforcement and enhance the deterrent effect. The Department would change the locations covered by the surveillance camera systems based on actual circumstances, including flexibly deploying surveillance cameras so as to maximise the enforcement effectiveness and the deterrent effect. Making use of the information obtained from the camera systems, the Department would continue to monitor the situations of illegal deposits of constructions wastes in various districts and formulate corresponding enforcement strategies;
 - (ii) the Department and the FEHD would decide the locations for installing surveillance camera systems based on their respective enforcement priorities. To utilise government resources more effectively, the two departments had all along maintained close liaison and interaction and checked the locations of each other's camera systems prior to the installation of additional surveillance camera systems, thereby maximising the effectiveness in terms of installation locations. To jointly address the problem of illegal waste deposits, the two departments would also share information obtained from the surveillance camera systems, such as the environmental hygiene conditions of the relevant locations; and
 - (iii) to utilise government resources more effectively, the Department and the FEHD would further exchange intelligence and share information involving illegal deposits of wastes through inter-departmental

coordination mechanisms and regular liaison meetings.

62. **The Chairman** made a conclusion and would like the Department to maintain close liaison with the committee in respect of the situations of the environmental hygiene black spots in the district, as well as timely adjust or install additional cameras based on Members' views and the latest situations of various black spots.

Item 10

Any Other Business

63. No items were further raised by **Members**.

Item 11

Date of Next Meeting

64. **The Chairman** announced that the next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 16 September 2025 and the closing date for submission of papers would be 1 September 2025.

65. **The Chairman** announced the adjournment of the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed on 16 September 2025.

The Chairman

The Secretary