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**Minutes of the 13th Meeting of
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 20 January 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 2:32 p.m. – 3:33 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Kwun Tong District Office,
Unit 05-07, 20/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road,
Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Present

Mr TAM Siu-cheuk (Chairman)	Mr HSU Yau-wai
Mr LAM Wai (Vice-chairman)	Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH
Mr YU Siu-lun	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr YU Ka-ming	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr NG Ting-fung	Ms FENG Yunsi
Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH	Mr WONG Kai-san
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia, MH	Mr LAU Kar-wah
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Mr CHENG Keung-fung
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH
Mr LAM Fung, MH	Mr KAN Ming-tung, MH
Ms KAM Kin	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Hon HUNG Kam-in, MH	Mr PANG Chi-sang
Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH	Ms CHAN Ka-man (Co-opted Member)
Mr CHEUNG Yiu-pan	Mr CAI Zi-liang (Co-opted Member)
Hon CHEUNG Pui-kong	

In Attendance

Mr CHEUNG Ka-long, Kelvin	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2
Miss YAU Huen-chi, Cally	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong)2 (Designate)
Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Miss KWOK Kam-yu, Calina	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Kwun Tong District Office
Ms LAW Kit-nor	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Kwun Tong), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr FUNG Chun-kin
Chief Health Inspector (Kwun Tong)1,
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Ms LEE Sin-ngai, Harriet
Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)3,
Environmental Protection Department

Mr LAW Hang-kong
Deputy District Leisure Manager (Kwun Tong)1,
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms TSANG Yuen-ping, Florence
Housing Manager/Kowloon East 4,
Housing Department

Secretary

Miss CHEUNG Ka-yim, Amy
Executive Officer (District Council)1,
Kwun Tong District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms TAM Chung-yan, Joanna
Chief Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector 1
Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office,
Department of Health
Item II

Absent

Mr YU Man, MH

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) and government representatives to the 13th meeting of FEHC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had received a notice of absence from Mr YU Man before the meeting. FEHC consented to the above application for absence due to its compliance with Order 64 (1) of the Kwun Tong District Council Standing Orders.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

3. Members had no further comments and the minutes of the 12th meeting were confirmed.

II. Department of Health – New phase of tobacco control measures under the Tobacco Control Legislation (Amendment) Ordinance 2025

4. The representative of the Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (“TACO”) of the Department of Health introduced the existing legislation relating to smoking offences, the new phase of tobacco control measures under the Tobacco Control Legislation (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 (“Amendment Ordinance”), and the roles of the relevant law enforcement agencies.

5. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

5.1 Members expressed concern about whether TACO had sufficient manpower to enforce the Amendment Ordinance, and enquired how TACO would crack down on the increasingly serious problem of illicit cigarettes.

5.2 Members enquired how TACO would carry out enforcement at bus stops and minibus stops where the boundaries were not clearly delineated, and were concerned about whether e-cigarettes would also be regulated under the Amendment Ordinance.

5.3 Members enquired whether TACO would issue verbal warnings first during the initial implementation of the Amendment Ordinance.

5.4 Members suggested strengthening monitoring measures (such as installing closed-circuit television cameras) or providing clearer signage in no smoking areas (“NSAs”) to reduce disputes that might arise during enforcement.

5.5 Members enquired whether the provisions on the extension of NSAs would apply to the exits of MTR stations and how TACO would coordinate with the relevant departments on enforcement matters.

5.6 Members enquired about the enforcement arrangements within Home Ownership Scheme courts and private housing estates.

5.7 Members suggested relocating litter bins away from NSAs to avoid misleading the public into thinking that smoking was permitted at those locations.

5.8 Members enquired how TACO monitored the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages to minors on online platforms, and requested the relevant enforcement figures.

6. The representative of TACO responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

6.1 TACO stated that it would, where necessary, review and increase staffing under the existing government mechanism to meet actual needs.

- 6.2 TACO indicated that the Customs and Excise Department (“C&ED”) was responsible for enforcement against illicit cigarettes. TACO would continue to maintain liaison with C&ED in accordance with the established mechanism.
- 6.3 Regarding public transport waiting areas, it was unlawful for members of the public to smoke while waiting for transport, regardless of whether signage was displayed at the location. In addition, the smoking act under the Amendment Ordinance covered both conventional smoking products (e.g. cigarettes) and alternative smoking products (e.g. e-cigarettes).
- 6.4 TACO noted that it would take corresponding enforcement action depending on individual circumstances. For offenders clearly standing and smoking within the extended NSAs, law enforcement officers would take immediate enforcement action without issuing warnings. In cases of disputes or conflicts during enforcement, law enforcement officers would handle them based on professional judgement and, where necessary, measure the three-metre NSA on site.
- 6.5 TACO indicated that statutory NSAs had been extended to areas that lay within three metres from the outer edge of openings exclusively used for access to or from specified premises, including child care centres, residential care homes, schools, hospitals, and specified clinics and health centres. MTR station entrances and exits were not included.
- 6.6 If an area was a statutory NSA as defined under the Amendment Ordinance, law enforcement officers may take enforcement action even if the area was located within a private housing estate.
- 6.7 Prior to the implementation of the Amendment Ordinance, TACO had liaised closely with relevant government departments, such as the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”), to coordinate adjustments to the locations of litter containers and cigarette butt containers within or near NSAs, thereby reducing public misunderstanding.
- 6.8 The Dutiable Commodities (Liquor) Regulations (Cap. 109B) regulated, among other things, the sale and supply of liquor to minors. Liquor licence applications, renewals, transfers and amendments were subject to the regulation and enforcement of the Liquor Licensing Board. With respect to the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors on online platforms, the law stipulated that, regardless of whether distribution was face-to-face or remote, any person selling or supplying intoxicating liquor was required to display or publish a prescribed notice in both Chinese and English, stating “Under the law of Hong Kong, intoxicating liquor must not be sold or supplied to a minor in the course of

business.”

7. The Chairman summarised Members’ views and requested that Members, after the meeting, provide the Secretariat with locations where smoking ban educational efforts needed to be strengthened, so that the relevant departments could make appropriate arrangements.

8. Members noted the matter.

III. Progress report on environmental hygiene issues by FEHD
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 03/2026)

9. The representative of FEHD presented the paper.

10. Members noted the paper.

IV. Environmental Hygiene Problems in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC FEHC Paper No. 04/2026)

11. The Secretary presented the paper.

12. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

12.1 Members pointed out that the congregation of feral pigeons on the hillside adjacent to Chun Wah Road seriously affected the daily operations and environmental hygiene of nearby schools and urged FEHD and the relevant departments to follow up.

12.2 Members suggested that FEHD install Internet Protocol (“IP”) cameras at the blackspots of illegal feeding of feral pigeons to strengthen monitoring and formulate more targeted enforcement strategies.

12.3 Members expressed concern about the illegal feeding of wild pigs in the vicinity of Pik Wan Road and urged the relevant departments to step up enforcement and follow up on the resulting environmental hygiene problems.

13. The representative of FEHD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 The department stated that it had previously taken joint action with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department against the congregation of feral pigeons on the

hillside adjacent to Chun Wah Road and would continue to monitor the situation and follow up as appropriate.

13.2 The department indicated that it was planning to install IP cameras to strengthen monitoring of illegal feeding of feral pigeons and plan more effective enforcement operations. Subject to resource allocation, the department would take forward the relevant work in due course.

14. The Chairman summarised Members' views and requested Members to provide the Secretariat with details of the above hygiene blackspots after the meeting, including the times and locations of illegal feeding of feral pigeons and wild pigs, so that the relevant departments could follow up.

15. Members noted the paper.

V. Any Other Business

16. Members did not raise any other discussion items.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

17. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 17 March 2026 (Tuesday).

18. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 17 March 2026.

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
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