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**Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
Traffic and Transport Committee,
the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council**

Date: 16 May 2024 (Thursday)

Time: 2:35 p.m. – 3:42 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 KAN Ming-tung, MH (Chairman)	Ms LEUNG Sze-wan
Mr HUNG Kam-in, MH (Vice-chairman)	Ms FU Pik-chun, MH
Mr YU Siu-lun	Mr HSU Yau-wai
Mr YU Man, MH	Mr CHAN Yiu-hung, Jimmy, MH
Mr NG Sing-wah	Mr TSANG Wing-fai
Mr NG Ting-fung	Ms CHING Hoi-yan
Mr LUI Tung-hai, MH	Ms FENG Yunsi
Ms LEE Shuk-woon, Sophia	Mr WONG Kai-san
Mr LEE Ka-hang	Ms YU Juliana
Mr FONG Yat-kwan	Ms CHU Lok-wai
Mr LAM Fung, MH	Mr CHENG Keung-fung
Mr LAM Wai	Mr LAI Wing-chun, MH
Ms KAM Kin	Mr TAM Siu-cheuk
Mr MA Yat-chiu, MH	Mr KWAN Kin-wing
Mr CHEUNG Pui-kong	Mr PANG Chi-sang

In Attendance

Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Regina	Assistant District Officer (Kwun Tong) 1
Mr CHOW Lap-kan, Douglas	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Kwun Tong District Office
Mr LEUNG Pak-fung, Kazaf	Senior Transport Officer/Kwun Tong 1, Transport Department
Mr CHU Cheuk-king	Senior Transport Officer/Kwun Tong 2, Transport Department
Mr SZE Chung-ming, Thomson	Engineer/Ngau Tau Kok,

Mr CHAN Chin-yeung, Edwin	Transport Department Engineer/Sau Mau Ping, Transport Department
Mr YIP Yuk-tsang, Steven	District Engineer/Kwun Tong, Highways Department
Mr CHAN Wai-keung, Stanley	Engineer 2, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr HO Chi-kin	Officer-in-charge, District Traffic Team (Kwun Tong), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHU Chi-wai, Boris	Officer-in-charge, District Traffic Team (Sau Mau Ping), Hong Kong Police Force

Secretary

Mr HEUNG Sai-yau, Calvin	Executive Officer (District Council) 4, Kwun Tong District Office
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members of the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) and government representatives to the 3rd meeting of TTC under the 7th Term Kwun Tong District Council (“KTDC”).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. Members had no further comments and the minutes of the second meeting were confirmed.

II. Members’ and Area Committees’ Views on Public Transport Services and Road Works Projects in Kwun Tong District
(KTDC TTC Paper No. 10/2024)

3. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

3.1 Members enquired about how many motorcycle parking spaces would be provided by the Transport Department (“TD”) beside the eastern pavement of Sau Mau Ping Road near Sau Lok House and the footbridge (structure no.: KF144) in the vicinity of On Tat

Estate. They also enquired about the reason for the delay in project commencement until June.

3.2 Members hoped that TD would provide a specific timetable for the installation of signs at the crossing at On Yan Street.

3.3 Members supported the provision of motorcycle parking spaces on Pik Wan Road and pointed out that the vacant site beside the substation of the CLP Power Company Limited (“CLP”) near Tak Yan House in Tak Tin Estate was also suitable for the provision of parking spaces. They welcomed TD to inspect the site together with local District Council (“DC”) members.

3.4 Members enquired about the insufficient morning departures of green minibus route (“GMB”) no. 48, saying that even though TD had discussed with the operator, the situation had not significantly improved. They hoped that TD could provide a detailed response.

4. The representative of TD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

4.1 TD indicated that 13 motorcycle parking spaces would be provided beside the eastern pavement of Sau Mau Ping Road near Sau Lok House and the footbridge (structure no.: KF144).

4.2 To moderately increase the supply of motorcycle parking spaces in the district in response to the keen demand from residents, TD was considering the provision of on-street motorcycle parking spaces on the eastern pavement of Pik Wan Road near Tak Shing House (i.e. near the CLP substation), which received support during consultation with district personalities. Since the pavement was located on New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6326, which was granted to the Incorporated Owners of Tak Tin Estate, TD, after consultation with the Housing Department (“HD”), was seeking consent from the Incorporated Owners of Tak Tin Estate to remove the relevant area from the estate site. TD would inform the Members concerned if there were further updates.

4.3 Regarding the crossing at On Yan Street, TD stated that it could arrange an inspection of the crossing with Members.

4.4 As for the issues with GMB route no. 48, TD indicated that it had enquired with the operator. To address the manpower shortage, the operator said that it would improve

the remuneration for frontline staff to retain existing drivers and attract new ones. It had also applied for the latest round of the Labour Importation Scheme to increase operational manpower, thereby providing stable services. Regarding the current status of the fleet, TD mentioned that some vehicles on this route had not yet been upgraded to 19-seat vehicles, and the operator had agreed to replace these vehicles to enhance carrying capacity.

5. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

5.1 The Chairman hoped that TD would continue to follow up on the issue of transport services to and from the United Christian Hospital area, such as increasing the service frequencies of GMB route nos. 76A and 76B and KMB bus route no. 14H to ensure that the waiting time for the public was not too long. He also enquired about the progress of TD's communication with the minibus operator and the bus company.

5.2 Members enquired whether TD had set a deadline for the operator to implement the improvement measures for GMB route no. 48.

5.3 Members enquired about the problem of illegal motor racing on Wai Yip Street in Kowloon Bay, hoping that the relevant department would report the latest progress to Members. TD stated that it had referred the issue to the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF").

5.4 Members believed that some items in the paper required long-term follow-up and the department concerned should report the progress at each meeting so that Members could understand the department's follow-up work and its effectiveness.

6. The representative of TD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

6.1 Regarding the services of GMB route nos. 76A and 76B and KMB bus route no. 14H, TD indicated that it had closely reviewed the service levels of the above routes and reminded the operator and bus company to flexibly increase service frequencies based on passenger demand to ease passenger flow. TD mentioned that the minibus company had applied for the latest round of the Labour Importation Scheme for Transport Sector to alleviate manpower pressure. The department was working with the bus company to study the details of enhancing the service level of the route. If there were any updates, TD would report to Members again.

6.2 As for the specific timetable for implementing the improvement plan for GMB route no. 48, TD indicated that it would follow up with the minibus company.

7. The representative of HKPF responded to the problem of illegal motor racing on Wai Yip Street in Kowloon Bay. He stated that HKPF had been concerned about this issue and had taken stringent enforcement actions against speeding and other dangerous driving behaviours to ensure the safety of road users. Additionally, it was concerned about the noise problem caused by vehicles driving on the road and would take enforcement action against non-compliant vehicles by sending them to the vehicle examination centres of TD for examination. Regarding the suggestion to install speed enforcement cameras, HKPF would provide TD with advice and relevant data and would assess the locations and priorities for camera installation according to the existing mechanism.

8. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

8.1 Members requested HKPF to provide enforcement figures regarding the illegal motor racing road sections in Kowloon Bay.

8.2 Members questioned whether TD had seriously handled the issues of GMB route nos. 23 and 36A in Laguna City, pointing out that the Estate Owners' Committees of Laguna City had been relaying the quality issue of the minibus services to the department for 20 years, but the situation had not improved. Members enquired whether TD would re-tender the minibus routes.

8.3 Members indicated that the crossing on Sau Mau Ping Road near the Po Tat Estate footbridge was a downhill section where vehicles drove at high speeds. They suggested installing speed enforcement cameras there to serve as a deterrent.

9. The representative of TD responded to the issue of Laguna City's GMBs. TD stated that it had been closely monitoring the service level and stability of the operator through various means, such as on-site and on-board surveys. It had also used mid-term reviews to assess its operational status. If the service levels did not meet the requirements, TD would take appropriate follow-up action and request the operator to improve its service arrangements while at the same time giving due consideration to the renewal of its Passenger Service License.

10. The representative of HKPF stated that it would relay Members' views to the relevant departments.

11. The Chairman concluded the agenda by stating that the traffic and transport issues needed continuous follow-up. Therefore, he suggested that the Secretariat list different traffic issues as separate items with the dates on which updates were made included in each revision to facilitate Members' understanding of the progress.

12. Members noted the paper.

III. Progress Report on Road Projects in Kwun Tong District (KTDC TTC Paper No. 11/2024)

13. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

13.1 Members wished to include the traffic light project outside Kam Tai House on On Sau Road in the paper.

13.2 Members enquired about when the tender evaluation for the project of the subway across Pik Wan Road connecting Kwong Tin Estate Bus Terminus and Hong Pak Court (structure no.: KT01) would be completed and whether the project could commence as scheduled, as well as what measures would be taken during the construction period to minimise the impact on the public. Members also hoped for the expeditious completion of the project.

13.3 Members enquired about the reason for the anticipated completion date of the project of the footbridge across Lee On Road connecting Lee Yip House in Shun Lee Estate and Shun Chi Court (structure no.: SL04) being delayed by approximately one year, as well as the difficulties encountered in the project.

13.4 Members requested TD to provide more motorcycle parking spaces on Sau Mau Ping Road near Sau Lok House and the footbridge (structure no.: KF144), in the vicinity of On Tat Estate.

13.5 Members enquired about when the pedestrian connectivity facilities (works no.: 7818CL) at the Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site would be officially put into use after completion in the middle of this year. They also enquired about the actual completion date of the remaining works (works no.: 7765CL).

- 13.6 Members enquired about the tendering progress of the project of the subway across Chun Wah Road near Lok Wah South Estate (structure no.: KS43).
 - 13.7 Members enquired about the progress of the project of the footbridge across Chun Wah Road near Jordan Valley Playground (structure no.: KT05).
 - 13.8 Members urged the bus company to promptly repair the bus arrival information display panel at the bus stop near the community hall in Lok Wah South Estate, which had been out of order for a long time.
 - 13.9 Members pointed out that the cover outside Cheerful Court on Choi Ha Road was far from the bus stop, which was inconvenient for the public waiting for buses.
 - 13.10 Members enquired about the remaining works of the Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site (works no.: 7765CL), saying the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) had stated that it would widen a section of Sau Mau Ping Road near the Po Tat Estate footbridge, so that buses would not obstruct traffic while picking up and dropping off passengers there. Members enquired whether the relevant department would carry out the works or discuss and report on it at future meetings.
 - 13.11 Members raised the issue of the crossing near Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground on Cha Kwo Ling Road leading to Yau Tong Centre. They praised TD for promptly addressing the road safety issue at that location by reducing two traffic lanes to one. However, this measure resulted in traffic queues extending to Lei Yue Mun, causing severe traffic congestion in the area. Members suggested that TD should provide a zebra crossing there to divert traffic flow. Members added that one of TD’s driving test centres was located at Yau Tong Centre, and learner vehicles there also contributed to traffic congestion. They suggested that the department relocate the test centre away from Yau Tong Centre.
 - 13.12 Members hoped that the Highways Department (“HyD”) would provide the final design drawing for the project of the subway across Choi Wing Road near Choi Tak Shopping Centre (structure no.: KS62) and other projects under the Universal Accessibility (“UA”) Programme for their reference and reporting to residents after the meeting.
14. The representative of HyD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:

- 14.1 Regarding the traffic light project outside Kam Tai House on On Sau Road, HyD stated that the crossing was being laid.
- 14.2 Concerning the project of the subway across Pik Wan Road connecting Kwong Tin Estate Bus Terminus and Hong Pak Court (structure no.: KT01), HyD indicated that the tender evaluation procedures were expected to be completed in the middle of this year. Additionally, the department would require the contractor to implement various mitigation measures according to the works contract and relevant legislation to minimise the impact of the works on nearby residents.
- 14.3 As for the project of the footbridge across Lee On Road connecting Lee Yip House in Shun Lee Estate and Shun Chi Court (structure no.: SL04), HyD explained that the project team discovered drainage pipes, underground water mains, telecommunications company cables and gas pipes at the project site. Therefore, time was needed for carrying out underground utilities diversion works to free up space for the retrofitting of lifts. The department stated that part of the diversion works for rain water pipes and related manholes had been completed. The contractor was currently preparing for the diversion works of the gas pipes and telecommunication cables and would continue to discuss the details of the underground utilities diversion works with HD, the management company and underground utility companies.
- 14.4 Concerning the provision of motorcycle parking spaces on Sau Mau Ping Road, HyD stated that the commencement date of the project had been rescheduled to June this year to facilitate the pipe laying works by the Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (“Towngas”) at that road section. Towngas had completed part of the underground investigation works and expected to complete the pipe-laying works in June. Once the pipe laying works was completed, the contractor would start providing motorcycle parking spaces.
- 14.5 With regard to the project of the subway across Chun Wah Road near Lok Wah South Estate (structure no.: KS43), HyD stated that tender evaluation was in progress.
15. The representative of TD responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
- 15.1 TD noted Members’ suggestion to further increase motorcycle parking spaces on Sau Mau Ping Road near Sau Lok House and the footbridge (structure no.: KF144) and would study its feasibility. The department would respond to the Members concerned later.

15.2 As for the pedestrian crossing near Sam Ka Tsuen Recreation Ground on Cha Kwo Ling Road leading to Yau Tong Centre, TD had sent staff to the site for inspection after the widening of the pavement. Since the pedestrian crossing distance had been shortened and the pedestrian sightline had improved, the design could meet its original intent and enhance road safety. However, the department was also aware of traffic congestion on Cha Kwo Ling Road northbound and was studying relevant improvement plans, including modifying road markings such as removing yellow box markings, to improve the flow of northbound traffic.

16. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

16.1 Members expressed dissatisfaction with the response from HyD regarding Project SL04. They pointed out that the department should have been aware of the existence of underground utilities at the project site during the investigation phase and when setting the completion date. Therefore, Members questioned whether HyD had taken the project seriously and demanded that the department provide an explanation to the public.

16.2 The Chairman suggested that TD increase the number of motorcycle parking spaces as far as possible to meet public demand.

16.3 Members enquired when the tender evaluation results for Project KS43 would be available and when the new contractor could officially commence the project.

16.4 Members enquired about the progress of Project KT05.

16.5 Members enquired whether the relevant department would widen the section of Sau Mau Ping Road near the Po Tat Estate footbridge.

17. The representative of HyD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

17.1 HyD stated that it would request more information on Project SL04 from the project team after the meeting, in order to provide a detailed account of the reasons for project delays caused by the relocation of underground utilities.

(Post-meeting note: To implement the lift retrofitting works at the footbridge across Lee On Road connecting Lee Yip House in Shun Lee Estate and Shun Chi Court (structure no.: SL04), the contractor started excavating trial pits in mid-August 2023 and

ascertained the presence of fresh water pipes, flushing water pipes, fire service mains, rain water pipes and related manholes, gas pipes, telecommunications company cables and three unidentified pipes at the proposed lift sites. The contractor needed to carry out underground utilities diversion works first to free up space for the lift retrofitting works.

In mid-October 2023, the contractor held an on-site meeting with HD to ascertain that the fresh water pipes, flushing water pipes, fire service mains, and rain water pipes with related manholes fell under the purview of HD. The diversion plan for these utilities was confirmed in mid-November 2023. In late October 2023, the contractor also held an on-site meeting with Towngas and HKBN Limited to finalise the diversion plan for the gas pipes and telecommunications company cables. Since HD and other underground utility companies could not ascertain the ownership of the remaining three pipes on-site, the project team of HyD was currently revising the lift design to avoid these pipes.)

17.2 HyD stated that the tender evaluation for KS43 was expected to be completed between June and July. It was anticipated that the remaining works for the provision of the two lifts at subway no. KS43 would be completed within 12 months after the commencement of the above new works contract.

17.3 HyD pointed out that the contractor of Project KT05 was handling the advance works, such as traffic diversion measures and trial pit excavation, as well as drafting a deed of easement concerning such details as the future management and maintenance responsibilities of the lifts.

18. The representative of TD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

18.1 TD pointed out that the road widening works on Sau Mau Ping Road near the Po Tat Estate footbridge was the ancillary works of the Development of Anderson Road Quarry Site and would refer the matter to CEDD for follow-up and response.

18.2 TD indicated that the bus company would be requested to follow up on the issue of the malfunctioning display panel at the bus stop in Lok Wah South Estate.

18.3 Regarding the bus stop shelter near Cheerful Court on Choi Ha Road, TD explained that the bus stop shelter mentioned in the paper was located on Choi Ha Road eastbound (Jordan Valley bound), while the cover referred to by Members was on the westbound

lane (Ping Shek Estate bound), built by the Kwun Tong District Office (“KTDO”). The department would convey the suggestion to the bus company about the provision of a shelter at the westbound lane bus stop.

19. The Chairman suggested to KTDO that a shelter and seats be installed at the Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre on Kai Tin Road to provide convenience for the public waiting for buses.
20. Members noted the paper.

IV. List and Timetable of Major Traffic Improvement Works Completed, Being Implemented or Planned by the Transport Department / Highways Department in the Last Two Months (KTDC TTC Paper No. 12/2024)

21. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:
 - 21.1 Members enquired about the utilisation of free motorcycle parking spaces in the district. They asked how HKPF enforced the law against the prolonged parking of motorcycles in free parking spaces, stating that the prolonged occupation of free parking spaces by “dead vehicles” was a waste of resources. They also mentioned that the issue of insufficient parking spaces could not be resolved solely by increasing the number of parking spaces.
 - 21.2 Members pointed out that there were cases where two motorcycles were parked in the same parking space, preventing private vehicles from using adjacent metered parking spaces. They enquired about how the police would enforce the law in such cases.
22. The representative of HKPF responded to Members’ views and enquiries as follows:
 - 22.1 HKPF stated that vehicles must not be parked in the same parking space for more than 24 hours. As for prosecution, HKPF would issue summonses after gathering evidence.
 - 22.2 HKPF responded to the issue of the parking of multiple motorcycles in the same parking space, indicating that there were difficulties in enforcement as it was hard to differentiate the order in which the motorcycles were parked.
23. Members raised follow-up views and enquiries as follows:

- 23.1 Members enquired how many motorcycle parking spaces would be provided respectively on Yau Tong Road close to Yau Tong Lane and on Lei Yue Mun Road near St. Antonius Primary School.
- 23.2 Members enquired about how HKPF monitored whether motorcycles were parked in the same parking space for more than 24 hours.
- 23.3 Members enquired about the details of providing overnight on-street parking spaces for commercial vehicles on Choi Hing Road, including the number of parking spaces, whether the parking spaces would be converted to all-day use, and whether stricter enforcement would be taken against private vehicles parked in commercial parking spaces. Members indicated that the residents of Choi Tak Estate, Choi Fook Estate and Choi Ying Estate had no choice but to use commercial parking spaces due to insufficient parking spaces.
- 23.4 Members pointed out that the motorcycle parking spaces on Sau Mau Ping Road under Lin Tak Road Flyover were often occupied by abandoned motorcycles. Although KTDO had earlier conducted a joint operation with the police and TD to handle abandoned vehicles, the situation relapsed. Members hoped that the relevant departments would expedite the handling of abandoned vehicles and take regular action in blackspots for abandoned vehicles. The Chairman added that the motorcycle parking spaces on Ping Tin Street were also a blackspot for abandoned vehicles and requested the relevant departments to follow up.
- 23.5 Members suggested that TD, together with local DC members, conduct site inspections of the parking space works near Choi Ha Road, Choi Hing Road and Choi Wing Road and requested the department to strengthen communication with local DC members on various projects.
24. The representative of TD responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:
- 24.1 Regarding the parking space works near Choi Ha Road, Choi Hing Road and Choi Wing Road, TD indicated that it would arrange site inspections with the concerned DC members after the meeting.
- 24.2 Concerning the project of provision of overnight on-street parking spaces for commercial vehicles on Choi Hing Road, TD stated that there was about 80 metres of space available for commercial parking, but the exact number of parking spaces

depended on the type of vehicles. Additionally, the department mentioned that as this location was a school area, parking spaces needed to be reserved for school pick-ups and drop-offs during the day. Therefore, these spaces could only be used for commercial parking at night.

24.3 TD indicated that it would add about 39 on-street motorcycle parking spaces on Yau Tong Road near Yau Tong Lane. For Lei Yue Mun Road near St. Antonius Primary School, up to about 33 on-street motorcycle parking spaces could be provided, depending on the investigation results.

25. The representative of HKPF responded to Members' views and enquiries as follows:

25.1 Regarding the enquiry about the prolonged occupation of parking spaces, HKPF explained that to prove that a vehicle had not moved for more than 24 hours, law enforcement officers would make a mark near the vehicle's tyres and check the mark again after 24 hours to see if there had been any changes. If there had been no changes, HKPF would apply for a summons to prosecute the vehicle owner.

25.2 Concerning the suggestion to expedite the handling of abandoned vehicles, HKPF stated that there were difficulties in execution because whenever abandoned vehicles were removed, other vehicles would be parked in their place. HKPF could only restart the process of handling abandoned vehicles and observe for a period of time before removing the vehicles. HKPF had been regularly handling the issue of abandoned vehicles on Ping Tin Street.

26. Members added that if abandoned vehicles had already had their engines removed or did not have vehicle licenses, they should be removed immediately. Therefore, they suggested that the relevant department expedite the handling process.

27. Members noted the paper.

V. Any Other Business

28. The Chairman stated that the issue of poor road conditions on Ko Chiu Road and Kai Tin Road had been raised at the previous meeting, but the situation had not improved in the past two months. Therefore, the representative of CEDD was specially invited to attend the meeting to report on the latest situation.

29. The representative of CEDD responded that the works near Ko Chiu Road was expected to be completed in June. Currently, resurfacing works had commenced in the affected road sections near the works area. Additionally, depending on the weather conditions, the department would gradually resurface a section of Ko Chiu Road with poor conditions near the works area between May and June, aiming for completion by June to early July.

30. The representative of HyD responded to the road conditions on Kai Tin Road, saying that the department had resurfaced the road at the end of last year and in April this year. As for other locations with poor conditions, the department would provide the Chairman with specific arrangements after the meeting.

31. Members raised views and enquiries as follows:

31.1 Members enquired whether TD would consider converting the New Territories taxi stand at Shun Lee Bus Terminus into other uses.

31.2 Members requested HyD to properly repair the pavement outside Hong Tin Court on Kai Tin Road to ensure pedestrian safety.

31.3 Members suggested providing motorcycle parking spaces at the bend in Lei Yue Mun Plaza, near the community hall.

(Post-meeting note: HyD completed the resurfacing works on the northbound lane of Kai Tin Road (near Hong Tin Court) in late June. Arrangements for repair works at other locations on Kai Tin Road were as follows:

1. Repair works on the southbound lane of Kai Tin Road (in the downhill direction near FDBWA Szeto Ho Secondary School) was expected to commence in late September;
2. Repair works on the northbound lane of Kai Tin Road (near the community hall) was expected to commence in the fourth quarter of this year;
3. Regarding the southbound lane of Kai Tin Road near the community hall area, due to the presence of a car park run-in/run-out and a bus stop, HyD would discuss repair arrangements with the management office and the bus company, with the works expected to commence in the first quarter of next year.)

32. TD expressed willingness to review whether to retain the New Territories taxi stand at Shun Lee Bus Terminus.

VI. Date of Next Meeting

33. The next meeting was scheduled to be held on 18 July 2024 (Thursday).

34. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 18 July 2024

Kwun Tong District Council Secretariat
July 2024