

Sai Kung District Council
Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
Minutes of the Fourth Meeting in 2024

Date : 11 July 2024 (Thursday)
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Venue : Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr WONG Wang-to, MH (Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken (Vice-Chairman)	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WANG Wen	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Shui-sang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Tin-chi	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LI Ka-leung, Philip, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms LI Ka-yan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAU Ka-lok	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAM Chun-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KI Lai-mei, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr YAU Ho-lun	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms YU Natasha	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms SZE Pan-pan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms WU Suet-lin	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHEUNG Man-tim	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms CHONG Nga-ting, Angel	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kwong-fai	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr TSANG Kwok-ka	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WAN Kai-ming	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr WONG Yuen-hong	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms KAN Tung-tung	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr LAU Kai-hong, MH	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Mr CHENG Yu-hei	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Ms TAM Chuk-kwan	Member of Sai Kung District Council
Miss LIEN Sze-ying, Cecilia (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss LAM I-ching	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)1, Sai Kung District Office	
Miss CHENG Suet-ching, Lacus	Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, Sai Kung District Office	
Mr CHENG Chi-wing, Ken	Senior Liaison Officer (1), Sai Kung District Office	
Ms LAM Yee-mang, Dawn	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Sai Kung District Office	
Mr NG Wai-ming	Senior Liaison Officer (3), Sai Kung District Office	
Mr CHUNG Kai-yin	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Sai Kung District Office	
Mr HUI Chun-kwan, Simon	Senior Executive Officer (District Management), Sai Kung District Office	
Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Ms CHOW Yuk-chu	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Mr HO Yiu-ming	Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	
Dr HUNG Chi-ho	Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)44, Environmental Protection Department	
Mr TSANG Hin-kei, Nicholas	Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)42, Environmental Protection Department	
Mr CHAN Tat-ming, Neil	Principal Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector, Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office, Department of Health	For agenda item V(A)2
Mr CHENG Shiu-kin, Simon	Chief Inspector of Police (Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office), Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office, Department of Health	
Ms LAI Hiu-wa	Property Service Manager/Service (Kowloon West & Sai Kung) 6, Housing Department	For agenda items IV(A) to V(A)2
Ms LAM Sze-ki, Adonia	Fauna Conservation Officer (Operation)4, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	
Mr CHOW Kin-keung	Administrative Assistant/Lands, District Lands Office, Sai Kung	

Welcome Remarks

The Chairman said a quorum was present and the meeting commenced officially.

2. The Chairman welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular:

- Mr Neil CHAN, Principal Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector, and Mr Simon CHENG, Chief Inspector of Police (Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office (TACO)), TACO, Department of Health (DH);
- Ms Adonia LAM, Fauna Conservation Officer (Operation)4, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD);
- Ms LAI Hiu-wa, Property Service Manager/Service (Kowloon West & Sai Kung) 6, Housing Department (HD), who attended this meeting on behalf of Mr YEUNG Wong-pan; and
- Dr HUNG Chi-ho, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)44, and Mr Nicholas TSANG, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)42, Environmental Protection Department (EPD), both of whom attended this meeting on behalf of Miss WONG Ho-ying, Connie.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Food, Environment and Health Committee (FEHC) Meeting in 2024 held on 16 May 2024

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had not received any proposed amendment before the meeting. There being no proposed amendment at the meeting, the Chairman declared that the above minutes were confirmed.

II. New Items

(A) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's Anti-rodent Campaign 2024 (Phase II) in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 47/24)

4. The Chairman asked the representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to brief Members on the paper.

5. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD introduced the paper.

6. Members noted the paper.

III. Matters Arising

(A) Item referred by the Sai Kung District Council: Summary of District Consultation on the "Issues of Concern to Sai Kung District – Environmental Hygiene"
(SKDC(M) Paper No. 13/24)

7. As there were multiple environmental hygiene issues that required follow-up, and there being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that this FEHC meeting would focus on discussing the issues related to wild pigs and illegally parked bicycles. The remaining environmental hygiene issues would be followed up in the subsequent FEHC meetings.

8. Members noted the written replies from AFCD, FEHD, the District Lands Office, Sai Kung (DLO/SK), the Transport Department (TD) and the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 60/24, 61/24, 62/24, 70/24, 72/24 and 73/24).

9. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that TD should provide additional road markings to indicate the public bicycle parking areas, impose a parking time limit for the parking areas and remove the guard rails thereat, so as to prevent prolonged occupation of the bicycle parking spaces. Moreover, they enquired about the measures that TD would take to tackle the problem of illegally parked shared bicycles in the district.
- They enquired about AFCD's work arrangements for the sterilisation of wild pigs, the difficulties encountered and its effectiveness. They also enquired about details of the prosecution of persons feeding wild pigs and the method for calculating the population of wild pigs. Furthermore, they suggested that sterilisation or biotechnology should be adopted in place of humane dispatch as far as possible.
- They asked AFCD to provide supplementary information on the measures against the nuisance caused by feral monkeys in residential areas of the district and the relevant figures, as well as details of the publicity and education campaign "All For No Feeding".
- They recommended that FEHD should fortify or relocate the orange litter containers around areas where wild pigs were spotted, and increase the frequency of refuse collection at night to prevent wild pigs from tipping over the litter containers while foraging.

10. Ms Adonia LAM, Fauna Conservation Officer (Operation)4, AFCD responded as follows:

- As wild pigs had a high reproduction rate, it was difficult to catch up with their breeding rate using methods such as contraception or sterilisation. In addition, wild pigs that were relocated to the countryside after being captured and sterilised returned to the urban areas repeatedly to forage. Hence, AFCD had conducted operations to capture and humanely dispatch wild pigs since November 2021 to replace the Capture and Contraception/Relocation Programme piloted in 2017. Last year, AFCD captured and humanely dispatched 83 wild pigs at wild pig nuisance black spots in Sai Kung District. AFCD would monitor wild pig activities and carry out work on capturing and humanely dispatching wild pigs all year round. The effectiveness of these measures would be reviewed in a timely manner.
- With effect from 31 December 2023, the feeding of wild animals (including wild pigs) in the entire territory of Hong Kong was prohibited by the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170). With effect from 1 August 2024,

the penalty for illegal feeding under the Wild Animals Protection (Amendment) Bill 2023 would be increased. AFCD had been taking enforcement actions after the amended ordinance came into effect. Members and the public were welcome to provide relevant information to AFCD if they had identified persons who fed wild pigs illegally. AFCD would also conduct regular patrols and mount special operations at illegal feeding black spots from 1 August onwards.

- If litter containers were found tipped over by wild pigs, AFCD would review the situation and consider carrying out wild pig capture operations. Additionally, AFCD would refer the cases to relevant departments to fortify the litter containers.
- AFCD had launched the publicity and education campaign “All For No Feeding” since early 2024. Relevant efforts included putting advertisements on public transport, setting up street counters at feeding black spots and places with high pedestrian flow, and displaying promotional leaflets and banners at housing estates. Furthermore, AFCD would distribute promotional leaflets and explain the new ordinance to the public in various districts.
- Regarding the difficulty of sterilising wild pigs, as wild pigs were relatively large in size, conducting endoscopic sterilisation surgery in the countryside would require a large team of veterinarians and nurses, as well as relevant ancillary support. Moreover, pregnant and young wild pigs were not suitable for undergoing sterilisation surgery.
- As for how the population of wild pigs was calculated, AFCD had set up nearly 100 infrared cameras for taking photos of wild pigs in country parks. The data collected would then be sent to the experts from New Zealand to calculate the population of wild pigs in the territory.

11. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)¹, FEHD said FEHD had been carrying out improvement works at the existing refuse collection points in rural areas of the district progressively, as well as maintaining communication with members of the Sai Kung District Council to review the facilities of the refuse collection points. Members were welcome to contact FEHD direct to offer their views. As regards the proposed increase in the frequency of refuse collection at night, since this suggestion required additional resources, FEHD would review the situation and the feasibility in detail.

12. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)², SKDO said the suggestions concerning public bicycle parking areas had previously been discussed in the meetings of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC). Members could refer to the relevant post-meeting reply from TD and follow up the matters in the subsequent TTC meetings.

13. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD added that before 1 August 2024, FEHD would only instigate prosecution when a person had fouled the ground due to feeding of animals, but the act of feeding itself was

not the reason for instigating prosecution. With effect from 1 August 2024, FEHD and other departments would be authorised to instigate prosecution against persons feeding wild animals illegally at the specified premises. At the current stage, the prosecution details were not available. Regarding the orange litter containers, 20 orange litter containers with an improved design featuring smaller openings and lockable doors were currently being tried out in the district. The new design was intended for facilitating the implementation of the municipal solid waste charging and improving the occupational safety and health of cleansing workers. If the results of the trial scheme indicated that the orange litter containers with the improved design were suitable for use, FEHD would discuss with Members the provision of these new orange litter containers at black spots of illegal feeding activities.

- (B) Request the Environmental Protection Department to exercise stringent control over the vetting and approval process of construction noise permits for engineering works, carry out more random checks and monitor the traffic noise from the tunnel next to Ocean Shores, and ask the departments concerned to resolve the noise problem at the relevant road section in the long run
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 48/24)

14. Members noted the written reply from EPD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 48/24).

15. Members suggested that EPD should implement concrete measures as soon as practicable to mitigate the problem of road traffic noise, including measures to alleviate the noise issue caused by the loosened metal plates of the movement joints on the Tseung Kwan O Cross Bay Bridge.

16. Mr Nicholas TSANG, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴², EPD said Members' suggestions had been relayed to the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) for its consideration after the previous FEHC meeting. Regarding Members' suggestion on the movement joints, EPD could relay it to CEDD again for its follow-up.

17. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the above item would be deleted at the next meeting.

- (C) Request for improvement to the telephone appointment service of the institutions under the Hospital Authority
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 49/24)

18. Members noted the written reply from the Hospital Authority (HA) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 49/24).

19. Members enquired about the reasons why the psychiatric patients of Tseung Kwan O Hospital could only schedule their follow-up appointments in Kowloon area.

20. The Chairman said since no HA representatives were sent to attend this FEHC meeting, the Secretariat could relay the enquiry to HA after the meeting for its direct follow-up and liaison with Members.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed Members' views to HA on 19 July 2024.]

21. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the above item would be deleted at the next meeting.

IV. Report Items

- (A) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 50/24 to 53/24)

22. Members asked FEHD about the effectiveness of and subsequent arrangements for the installation of thermal imaging cameras for monitoring rodent infestation. Additionally, they suggested stepping up efforts in curbing street obstruction caused by tents, as well as suspected use of open flame for cooking inside tents and the related noise problems.

23. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said FEHD had fully adopted thermal imaging cameras for conducting the Rodent Activity Survey (RAS) from 2024 onwards. In comparison with the previous Rodent Infestation Survey, the new technologies adopted in RAS had better sensitivity and precision, with a more comprehensive coverage and a lower risk of interference by environmental factors. Currently, FEHD had already set up around 200 thermal imaging cameras in the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung. The thermal imaging cameras would capture thermal images at every two-minute interval from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. of the following day for three consecutive nights. Artificial intelligence technology would then be used to assist in analysing the images and identifying the presence of rodents. FEHD would consolidate the analysis results for every individual district and enumerate a Rodent Absence Rate for each district. After collating and analysing the statistics, the respective divisions of FEHD would publish the findings as soon as practicable. FEHD would also take into account a basket of factors, including rodent-related complaint figures, numbers of live and dead rodents caught, inspection results, the views from local communities, etc., to review and decide the locations for installing thermal imaging cameras to conduct RAS.

24. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said the problem of tents was regarded as a street management issue and thus had not been dealt with by FEHD solely. She would like to take this opportunity to thank SKDO for lining up inter-departmental joint operations on a regular basis. She believed that the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) would follow up the suspected illegal activities inside tents. FEHD had also participated in the special operations mounted by the

Immigration Department earlier and no illegal cooked food hawking activities were found. FEHD would continue to actively participate in the inter-departmental joint operations organised by various departments in the future.

25. Members noted the above reports.

- (B) Issues related to the operation of Temporary Fill Bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 54/24 and 55/24)

26. Members noted the above reports.

V. **Motions Raised by Members**

- (A) The four motions raised by Members

- (1) Request for installing more solar cooling kiosks in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 56/24)

27. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr CHENG Yu-hei and seconded by Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WANG Wen, Ms Natasha YU, Ms Christine FONG, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr Philip LI, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr WONG Wang-to, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr LAU Kai-hong, Mr YAU Ho-lun and Mr WAN Kai-ming.

28. Members noted the written reply from FEHD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 66/24).

29. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that FEHD should display signs at appropriate spots of the solar cooling kiosks, so as to avoid public misunderstanding when workers were taking short breaks therein.
- They asked FEHD to provide supplementary information about the locations of the 17 existing solar cooling kiosks, to strengthen communication with village representatives and stakeholders on the proposed locations of the kiosks, and to set up additional kiosks at convenient locations in villages.
- They enquired about the permitted rest breaks of FEHD's frontline workers.
- They recommended that FEHD should provide more heat stroke prevention equipment for workers, e.g. cooling towels, cooling arm sleeves, and water-cooling pitchers for making cold drinks.
- They recommended that FEHD should enhance the design of the solar cooling kiosks such that they could serve as cold shelters during winter, for instance.
- They suggested that the Labour Department (LD) should draw reference from the Mainland's practice of suspending all outdoor work at certain temperatures.

30. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO added that LD had launched the revised “Guidance Notes on Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work” and implemented the optimised Heat Stress at Work Warning system in May 2024. The Secretariat could relay Members’ views to LD after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed Members’ views to LD on 19 July 2024.]

31. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said when the Amber Heat Stress at Work Warning was in force, no rest breaks would be arranged for workers as they had been provided with portable fans. However, discretion would be exercised based on the actual weather conditions.

[Post-meeting note: For cleansing workers who were tasked with cleansing streets outdoors with moderate physical workload, when the Amber Heat Stress at Work Warning was in force, they should take a 15-minute rest break hourly if no relevant control measures were adopted. If equipment that could enhance heat dissipation such as portable fans had been provided, the adjusted hourly rest break would be zero minutes.]

32. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked FEHD to follow up.

33. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

(2) Request for stepping up the tobacco control and smoking ban in the district (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 57/24)

34. The Chairman said that the motion was moved by Mr WONG Wang-to and seconded by Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WANG Wen, Ms Natasha YU, Ms Christine FONG, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang, Mr WONG Yuen-hong and Mr WAN Kai-ming.

35. Members noted the written replies from HD and TACO (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 68/24 and 69/24).

36. Members’ views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that TACO should step up its efforts in tackling smoking black spots in the district, and put up notices with prominent warning text in the no smoking areas. These black spots included the entrances/exits of the LOHAS Park shopping mall, the roundabout near Shin Ming Estate in Tiu Keng Leng, the vicinity of the betting branch in Tseung Kwan O, large

passageways connecting to MTR stations, entrances/exits of large shopping malls in the district, etc.

- They suggested that TACO should coordinate with relevant departments to step up efforts in curbing the distribution of promotional leaflets of illicit cigarettes at public housing estates in the district (e.g. Sheung Mei House, Sheung Lai House and Sheung Shun House of Sheung Tak Estate).
- They recommended that TACO should draw reference from the activities co-organised by DH and other organisations, and organise activities offering breath tests to promote awareness of the harmful effects of smoking and second-hand smoke on health.
- They asked whether TACO had prosecuted any smoking tourists, and how it would follow up if the tourists left Hong Kong without paying the fines. In addition, they suggested that TACO should designate smoking areas for tourists or citizens in areas with relatively high pedestrian flow, so as to prevent smokers from smoking indiscriminately on the streets.
- They suggested that HD should put up prominent notices in the no smoking areas in public housing estates, so as to prevent the public from contravening the law inadvertently.
- They suggested that FEHD should step up prosecutions against tourists who were found smoking or spitting.

37. Mr Neil CHAN, Principal Tobacco and Alcohol Control Inspector, TACO responded as follows:

- In 2023, TACO received a total of 18 300 complaints, conducted 27 300 inspections and issued 10 200 fixed penalty notices (FPNs). The number of FPNs issued was about 40% higher compared to 6 700 in 2022. As for Sai Kung District, TACO received a total of about 700 complaints, conducted more than 900 inspections and issued 370 FPNs in 2023. Between January and June 2024, TACO issued an average of more than 1 100 FPNs per month across the territory. The reason why the figure was higher than that of 2023 was that TACO had switched to plainclothes patrols, which enhanced the effectiveness of enforcement actions.
- Regarding the advertising of duty-not-paid cigarettes (commonly known as “cheap whites”), TACO had established a cooperation mechanism with HD last year. If the security guards of the housing estates under HD spotted anyone distributing promotional leaflets of “cheap whites”, they could contact HKPF direct and ask the Police to conduct on-site interceptions and obtain information about that person. The case would then be referred to TACO for follow-up. The Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department and HD had also conducted more than 100 ambush operations, during which two persons were arrested for distributing leaflets of “cheap whites”. TACO would continue to strengthen cooperation with HD and step up patrols at housing estates in the future.

- TACO would continue to step up patrols at smoking black spots. Members could relay their suggestions to TACO concerning locations which had a roof with less than 50% of the area of all sides enclosed and were yet to be designated as statutory no smoking areas. Moreover, TACO would propose legislative amendments to expand the no smoking areas in 2024.
- Concerning Members' suggestion on the provision of smoking areas, DH's stance was always to encourage smokers to quit smoking and protect non-smokers from being affected by second-hand smoke. Therefore, DH took the view that it was inadvisable to provide designated smoking areas, and that smokers should find suitable places for smoking on their own.
- TACO had prosecuted tourists for smoking in no smoking areas or carrying alternative smoking products into Hong Kong. If the tourists concerned left Hong Kong without paying the fines, TACO would, depending on their frequency of entry to and exit from Hong Kong, consider applying for issuance of warrants from the Court. Upon re-entry to Hong Kong, if the tourists concerned could be intercepted by the Police, the department would continue to instigate prosecution against them.

38. Ms LAI Hiu-wa, Property Service Manager/Service (Kowloon West & Sai Kung) 6, HD said the security guards of the housing estates under HD would regularly inspect the statutory no smoking areas within the precincts of housing estates. If residents were found smoking in the statutory no smoking areas, penalty points would be allotted immediately under the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates. The public officers of HD could also issue FPNs to smokers. Furthermore, HD had put up posters on the notice boards and distributed leaflets at the lobbies of housing estates, in a bid to remind residents that smoking was prohibited within the precincts of housing estates. As for the distribution of promotional leaflets of "cheap whites" in housing estates, the security guards thereof would usually stop non-residents from entering and request them to register as visitors, so as not to give non-residents the chance to enter the buildings to distribute promotional leaflets of "cheap whites". If management companies discovered any promotional leaflets of "cheap whites" during patrols, they would refer these cases to the relevant departments for follow-up.

39. The Chairman asked FEHD to note Members' views on tourists spitting.

40. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked TACO and HD to follow up.

41. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

- (3) Request for improving the method of distributing discs at Mona Fong Dental Clinic and increasing the quota for general public sessions offered by government dental clinics as soon as possible
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 58/24)

42. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr WANG Wen, Ms Natasha YU, Ms Christine FONG, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr Philip LI, Ms KI Lai-mei, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr CHAN Kai-wai and Mr WONG Shui-sang.

43. Members noted the written reply from DH (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 63/24).

44. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that DH should arrange for more dental graduates to undergo internships at Mona Fong Dental Clinic, and improve the remuneration of government dental officers to retain talents.
- They suggested that DH should step up publicity efforts and offer tutorials on the use of the online electronic disc distribution and registration system in collaboration with the Sai Kung District Council and other local organisations, with a view to rendering assistance to the elderly and persons in need in using the new system properly.
- They asked DH to provide details of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Greater Bay Area Pilot Scheme, including the expected date of implementation, the monitoring of incidents, the mechanism for handling complaints, etc.

45. The Chairman said since no DH representatives were sent to attend this FEHC meeting, the Secretariat could relay Members' views to DH after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had relayed Members' views to DH on 19 July 2024.]

46. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed and asked DH to follow up.

47. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

- (4) Request for stepping up efforts against indiscriminate placement of skips in the vicinity of Wan Po Road
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 59/24)

48. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr YAU Ho-lun and seconded by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms KI Lai-mei, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr WANG Wen, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms Angel CHONG and Mr CHONG Yuen-tung.

49. Members noted the written replies from EPD, DLO/SK, FEHD, HKPF and SKDO (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 64/24, 65/24, 67/24, 71/24 and 74/24).

50. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They asked EPD to provide the details and progress of the skips registration system, as well as the difficulties encountered in relation to the system.
- They suggested that EPD and DLO/SK should conduct reviews of the current operator who rented the site adjacent to the fill bank in Tseung Kwan O Area 137 to store skips, as well as its operation. If the utilisation of the land was found unsatisfactory, the departments could consider resuming the land for further planning.
- They suggested that HKPF should consider installing closed-circuit television cameras at black spots of unauthorised placement of skips, so as to monitor such malpractice.
- They asked SKDO and DLO/SK to provide information about the six inter-departmental joint operations, including the dates, the number of notices issued and the specified deadlines for the removal of skips. They also suggested that SKDO should adjust the operation schedules appropriately, so as to prevent the operators concerned from removing the skips prior to the operations to avoid inspections.
- They suggested that EPD, DLO/SK, FEHD, HKPF and SKDO should step up inter-departmental cooperation to combat unauthorised placement of skips and tackle the relevant environmental hygiene problems at the following locations:
 - Tseung Kwan O InnoPark (in the vicinity of Chun Cheong Street and Chun Yat Street)
 - Wan Po Road
 - Pak Shing Kok
 - Shek Kok Road

51. Dr HUNG Chi-ho, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴⁴, EPD said the problem of skips involved road obstruction and unlawful occupation of government land. It was mainly followed up by HKPF and DLO/SK, whereas SKDO was responsible for coordinating joint operations. EPD had also arranged for staff to inspect the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O InnoPark and Wan Po Road from time to time, but no contraventions of the pollution control ordinances had been found during the previous inspections. He could provide information about the skips registration system after the meeting.

52. Mr CHOW Kin-keung, Administrative Assistant/Lands, DLO/SK said DLO/SK had been actively participating in the departmental joint operations coordinated by SKDO. DLO/SK would also post statutory notices on skips occupying government land unlawfully (the shortest period allowed was one whole day) pursuant to the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance.

53. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)², SKDO said since multiple departments were involved in tackling the problem of unauthorised placement of skips, SKDO had been proactively taking forward the District-led Actions Scheme and coordinating with different departments to conduct inter-departmental joint operations. Generally, during operations DLO/SK would post statutory notices on skips occupying roads unlawfully, and request the occupiers to cease occupation of government land before the specified deadlines. Otherwise, the skips would be taken possession of and removed in accordance with the law. Between January and 30 June 2024, the dates of the six joint operations and the number of notices posted were as follows:

- 10 January 2024, 101 notices
- 7 February 2024, 70 notices
- 13 March 2024, 83 notices
- 10 April 2024, 79 notices
- 8 May 2024, 99 notices
- 5 June 2024, 93 notices

During the six joint operations, a total of 525 notices had been posted and no non-compliant skips had been seized.

54. The Chairman suggested that EPD should coordinate with relevant departments and establish a skips registration system to facilitate future enforcement actions. In addition, he suggested referring the item to the District Management Committee (DMC) to continue the follow-up work.

[Post-meeting note: The traffic and environmental hygiene problems arising from the placement of skips in the vicinity of Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate and Wan Po Road had been discussed at the DMC meeting on 23 July 2024.]

55. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed, and asked EPD, DLO/SK, FEHD, HKPF and SKDO to follow up.

56. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the item would be deleted at the next meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

57. No other business was raised.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

58. The Chairman said the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 12 September 2024 (Thursday).

59. The meeting ended at 12:10 p.m.

Sai Kung District Council Secretariat
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