

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

Date : 12 September 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
Mr CHOY Kam-ho	Co-opted Member
Miss LIEN Sze-ying, Cecilia (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)4, Sai Kung District Office

In Attendance

Miss MA King-fan, Kathy, JP	District Officer (Sai Kung), Sai Kung District Office	
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	
Miss WONG Ho-ying, Connie	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, Environmental Protection Department	
Ms CHAN Chi-shan, Joanne	Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)43, Environmental Protection Department	
Mr CHAN King-tung, Tony	Fauna Conservation Officer (Enforcement), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	For agenda item V(A)(2)
Dr WONG Yick-him, Simon	Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	
Mr CHAN Yau-yau, Leo	Senior Transport Officer/Tunnels & Tsing Ma 5, Transport Department	For agenda item V(A)(3)

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 Tony CHAN, Fauna Conservation Officer (Enforcement), and Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD); and

- Ms Joanne CHAN, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)⁴³, Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC) Meeting in 2024 held on 11 July 2024

3. The Chairman said 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-mosquito Campaign 2024 (Phase III) in Sai Kung District
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 75/24)

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' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested including new survey areas for monitoring mosquito infestation in the vicinity of the rural villages in Clear Water Bay and Hang Hau. They also proposed collecting data on the Density Index for *Aedes albopictus* and incorporating more regional statistics in the report.
- They suggested evaluating the work performance of the new contractor responsible for mosquito control in Hang Hau Village.
- They suggested adjusting the locations of placement to prevent the new mosquito traps from being damaged by wild animals.
- They suggested pruning the weeds and trees to prevent the breeding of pests at Pak Shek Terrace in Clear Water Bay (near the residential areas and bus stops).
- They proposed that the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) should coordinate with different departments to carry out inter-departmental joint operations to address the problem of mosquito infestation at Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade.
- They suggested that FEHD should pay more attention to the problem of mosquito infestation at the locations listed below. Furthermore, FEHD should consider placing additional new mosquito traps and offering professional advice on mosquito control to the relevant housing estate management offices/venue managers.
 - Hang Hau Village;
 - areas near the construction sites of LOHAS Park Phases XI and XII;

- Sai Kung town centre;
- Kin Ming Estate (upper estate);
- Ngau Liu and Muk Min Shan;
- waterfront promenades of Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung; and
- area near the staircase at Silverstrand Beach Car Park.

7. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD responded as follows:

- Annex III of the document already covered locations in the rural villages in Clear Water Bay and Hang Hau, whereas the survey areas in Annex II were decided by the Pest Control Advisory Section of FEHD. He would relay Members' suggestion to include additional survey areas in the rural villages in Clear Water Bay and Hang Hau to the relevant section for consideration.
- While FEHD had not changed the contractor responsible for mosquito control in Hang Hau Village recently, the contractor might deploy different staff members from time to time. FEHD would ask the contractor to contact the village representative of Hang Hau Village to follow up the problem of mosquito infestation.
- Regarding the mosquito infestation in LOHAS Park and Sai Kung town centre, FEHD would send colleagues of the district's Pest Control Section, or experts of the Pest Control Advisory Section to contact the management companies of the locations concerned for providing professional advice on pest control.
- FEHD would pay more attention to the mosquito infestation at Pak Shek Terrace. However, tree pruning and weed removal were not within FEHD's terms of reference. The said issue would need to be referred to relevant departments for follow-up via the Secretariat.
- As for the mosquito infestation at Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade, since the location involved areas that fell within the purview of multiple government departments, SKDO had been coordinating inter-departmental operations to address the issue. FEHD had also placed additional new mosquito trapping devices at the waterfront promenade last year and the results were satisfactory.
- FEHD inspected the construction sites in the district regularly to review their mosquito prevention measures, and whether the refuse thereat had been cleared in a timely manner.
- Annex II of the document showed a significant improvement in the situation of mosquito infestation in the survey area of "Ngau Liu and Muk Min Shan" as compared to last year, reflecting that FEHD had attached great importance to that area. As regards Members' views on the placement of the new mosquito trapping devices, the trapping devices might fall down if they were placed on trees. FEHD would review the locations of placement and would endeavour to prevent the new mosquito trapping devices from being damaged by wild animals.

- FEHD would pay more attention to the situation of mosquito infestation at Kin Ming Estate (upper estate), the staircase at Silverstrand Beach Car Park and the construction sites in Area 72. That said, FEHD was mainly responsible for handling mosquito infestation in public places that were not managed by government departments. If the concerned location was managed by a government department or a private management company, relevant stakeholders should step up their efforts in mosquito control thereat.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat relayed Members' views to the Highways Department (HyD); the District Lands Office, Sai Kung; and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on 4 October 2024.]

8. Mr Simon HUI, Senior Executive Officer (District Management), SKDO said that SKDO had been coordinating inter-departmental mosquito control operations at Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade with various departments. Moreover, SKDO would contact relevant departments regarding Members' views in respect of the waterfront promenades of Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung to address the problem of mosquito infestation.

9. Members noted the above report.

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)

10. 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 feral pigeons and street cleansing/sweeping. The remaining environmental hygiene issues would be followed up in the subsequent FEHC meetings.

11. As the following item was relevant to this item, and there being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that these items would be discussed together.

- (2) Request for installing artificial intelligence closed-circuit television cameras to step up law enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 83/24)

12. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Wang-to and seconded by Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka,

Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr WONG Yuen-hong and Mr CHAN Kwong-fai.

13. Members noted the written replies from AFCD and FEHD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 85/24 and 86/24).

14. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that AFCD should take the lead and coordinate with different departments to conduct inspections and inter-departmental operations, and step up efforts against illegal feeding of feral pigeons at the following locations:
 - open space outside Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station; and
 - the vicinity of Oscar by the Sea near the footbridge at the Waterfront Park.
- They enquired about the details of the prosecution instigated by FEHD against the fouling of public places due to feeding of feral birds between July and August 2024.
- They asked if members of the public provided photos/video clips of persons feeding feral pigeons, whether AFCD would instigate prosecution against those persons in the photos/video clips.
- They suggested that AFCD should liaise with relevant stakeholders to install additional artificial intelligence (AI) closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at the open space outside Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station, so as to prevent offenders from feeding feral birds illegally at the blind spots of the existing CCTV cameras at the MTR station. Furthermore, they proposed stepping up inspections and prosecution actions during weekends.
- They suggested that AFCD should invite members of the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) to participate in the department's publicity and educational activity "Mission P".
- They suggested that FEHD, LCSD, the Housing Department (HD), and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) should collaborate with AFCD to step up efforts in inspection and prosecution against persons who fed feral pigeons illegally within the respective areas managed by various departments.

15. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD said that AFCD had always been concerned about illegal feeding of feral pigeons outside Hang Hau Station, and had handled the problem of pigeon infestation thereat together with FEHD. AFCD would have to discuss the feasibility of utilising AI CCTV cameras with relevant departments and property owners. In view of Members' comments, AFCD would enhance inspection and prosecution efforts during weekends. As for the scope of law enforcement, the ambit of the feeding ban under the amended ordinance covered the entire territory of Hong Kong. AFCD was mainly responsible for case investigation and law enforcement in private premises. Moreover, AFCD collaborated with FEHD from time to time to handle issues related to illegal feeding of feral pigeons in public places. AFCD also worked with other departments to coordinate an inter-departmental working

group to discuss the situation of the black spots of illegal feeding. The departments would participate in law enforcement actions mainly by issuing fixed penalty notices (FPNs) in the respective venues under their purview. AFCD had been holding the publicity and educational activity “Mission P.”, and would invite SKDC members to relevant events via email in the future.

16. Mr Tony CHAN, Fauna Conservation Officer (Enforcement), AFCD said that upon receipt of complaints, AFCD would study the information provided by members of the public as reference and consider arranging prosecution actions. Nevertheless, very often the photos/videos received failed to accurately capture the exact moment when feeding took place, so they could only be regarded as reference. AFCD’s staff would still have to witness the feeding process at the scenes in person, in order to carry out law enforcement actions. At present, AFCD had taken law enforcement actions in districts including Lantau, Tsuen Wan, Sha Tin and Yuen Long. AFCD would also revisit Tsui Lam Estate, Po Lam Estate and Hang Hau Station between the end of October and early November to hold publicity and educational activities “All For No Feeding” and “Mission P.”.

17. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said that FEHD had issued FPNs to seven persons for fouling public places by feeding feral pigeons between July and August 2024. Some of them were repeated offenders. The locations involved were Tong Yin Street, Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station, Pui Shing Road and the car park of On Ning Garden.

18. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested that AFCD should take the lead and coordinate with different departments to conduct inspections and step up efforts against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Hau Tak Estate, King Lam Estate and Ming Tak Estate.
- They enquired about the number of the feral pigeon population as well as the figures related to prosecution and verbal warnings against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Tseung Kwan O in 2024.
- They enquired about the results of the report on the effectiveness of the Trial Programme of Using Contraceptive Drug on Feral Pigeons, and the latest progress of relevant follow-up actions.

19. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD responded as follows:

- AFCD had received complaints about the feral pigeon nuisance in King Lam Estate and Sheung Tak Estate. In response to these complaints, AFCD visited the housing estates to offer assistance and held relevant publicity activities in the district.
- AFCD had taken a census on the feral pigeon population a few years ago, and would carry out a new round of census in the second half of this year.

- The City University of Hong Kong was conducting the final stage of evaluation of the effectiveness of the Trial Programme of Using Contraceptive Drug on Feral Pigeons. AFCD would publish the results as soon as possible.
- AFCD's scope of law enforcement covered private housing estates. Upon receipt of complaints, AFCD would obtain information from the complainants, the relevant management offices and owners' corporations for investigation and monitoring. AFCD's staff could only carry out law enforcement actions if they witnessed the feeding activities in person. If difficulties were encountered during investigation or enforcement, AFCD might write to the relevant households to request a meeting.
- AFCD would collaborate with FEHD to conduct law enforcement actions at Hang Hau MTR Station. The two departments had also discussed the division of work to avoid overlapping of resources.
- So far AFCD had not instigated prosecution against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Sai Kung District. AFCD did not keep records of figures related to advice or verbal warnings given to offenders either.

20. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)¹, FEHD said that FEHD was mainly responsible for maintaining street cleanliness and hygiene, whereas the regulation of the feeding of wild animals (including feral birds) was not within FEHD's terms of reference. FEHD would handle cases of illegal feeding of feral pigeons at its venues such as refuse collection points and public toilets. As regards public places, if the cases of feeding of feral birds and pigeons involved matters affecting environmental hygiene, FEHD would deploy staff for follow-up. Based on the evidence gathered on-site, the staff of FEHD would issue an FPN of \$3,000 to a person who fouled public places in accordance with the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance; or they would issue an FPN of \$5,000 to an offender who fed feral birds and pigeons illegally in accordance with the amended Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170). FEHD would also participate in the joint operations coordinated by AFCD against illegal feeding of feral pigeons and birds in public places.

21. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested that AFCD should communicate and collaborate with SKDC members and relevant departments to set clear objectives, and enhance efforts in deployment as well as enforcement targeting black spots of feeding feral pigeons in Sai Kung District.
- They suggested stepping up efforts in combating rodent infestation in the vicinity of Hang Hau MTR Station.

22. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD said SKDC members were welcome to submit photos/videos of illegal feeding of feral pigeons to AFCD via 1823. AFCD would also step up efforts in deployment and enforcement.

23. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said FEHD mainly focused on cases of environmental hygiene problems arising from the feeding of feral pigeons, e.g. fouling of streets. FEHD would issue FPNs after gathering sufficient evidence. If the case only involved feeding of feral pigeons without fouling of streets, the main enforcement responsibility would not fall on FEHD.

24. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)², FEHD said FEHD had always attached great importance to the problem of rodent infestation in the housing estates around Hang Hau. Concerning the problem of rodent infestation in Hau Tak Estate, FEHD had contacted the management companies of the housing estate and the shopping centre, and offered professional advice on rodent prevention and control. As for the vicinity of Hang Hau MTR Station Exit B near Nan Fung Plaza, FEHD had placed T-shaped bait boxes and rodent traps in the public places, where overnight rodent control roving teams had also been deployed to perform anti-rodent work at night during the period when rodents were more active. Regarding the problem of rodent infestation in private housing estates, it had to be handled by the respective management companies by carrying out rodent prevention and control work within the precincts of the housing estates. FEHD could contact Members after the meeting to obtain further information to facilitate follow-up.

25. Members further enquired about the division of work between AFCD and FEHD on the enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons. They also asked whether FEHD could institute prosecution against the illegal feeding of feral pigeons.

26. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD said the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation had authorised the staff of FEHD, LCSD and HD to take enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons. They were provided with authorisation letters as proof.

27. Miss Kathy MA, District Officer (Sai Kung), SKDO responded as follows:

- AFCD, i.e. the responsible department, and the Police would take enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons. In addition to these departments, the staff of FEHD, LCSD and HD were authorised to take enforcement actions at the respective locations under their purview after the Wild Animals Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 came into effect. For instance, FEHD would take enforcement actions for environmental hygiene on the streets, while AFCD and the Police would be responsible for enforcement in the entire territory of Hong Kong.
- Illegal feeding of feral pigeons had always been an issue of concern to Sai Kung District. SKDC would also exchange views on the matter with the Legislative Council in the meeting in October.
- She raised the following questions and views to AFCD:
 - She asked whether the inter-departmental “working group on feeding ban enforcement” was set up at the departmental or district level.

- She enquired about the division of work in relation to the feeding black spots in Sai Kung District (e.g. Hang Hau MTR Station). She urged AFCD to take the lead and coordinate with different departments to plan and conduct inter-departmental operations, and to provide information about the operations to SKDO via the District Management Committee or other channels.
- Since it took time for 1823 to refer the information to the relevant departments, she suggested that AFCD should provide the relevant contact information/name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for receiving reports on illegal feeding of feral pigeons submitted by SKDC members, so as to facilitate prompt follow-up by the department.

[Post-meeting note: AFCD provided the Secretariat with the relevant contact information/name(s) of the contact person(s) responsible for receiving reports on illegal feeding of feral pigeons submitted by SKDC members on 30 October 2024.]

28. Dr Simon WONG, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), AFCD said that AFCD had enhanced communication with FEHD regarding illegal feeding of feral pigeons near Hang Hau MTR Station and the corresponding enforcement actions. Members were welcome to provide information to AFCD. AFCD had also planned enforcement actions at Hang Hau MTR Station, but the details could not be disclosed for the time being in order not to affect the execution.

29. Mr Tony CHAN, Fauna Conservation Officer (Enforcement), AFCD said the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation had chaired a meeting of the inter-departmental “working group on feeding ban enforcement” at the end of August. The managerial staff of FEHD, LCSD and HD were invited to participate in the discussion of issues such as the reporting mechanism and effectiveness of enforcement actions. It was anticipated that a meeting would be held every two to three months in the future to review the work progress.

30. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD said that FEHD mainly focused on cases of environmental hygiene problems arising from the feeding of feral pigeons, e.g. fouling of streets, where FPNs would be issued. If only the act of feeding feral pigeons was involved, the responsible department would be AFCD. If it was found during the enforcement action that two ordinances were involved in a case, FEHD would invoke the more relevant ordinance for enforcement actions based on the evidence gathered.

31. The Chairman suggested that AFCD and FEHD should step up collaboration and consider making concerted efforts in enforcement based on their respective functions and duties during joint operations for enhanced deterrence.

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

33. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion 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. 76/24 to 79/24)

34. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They asked about the details and follow-up work in respect of the food complaint samples that were found to contain cockroaches in item 2(a), as well as the unsatisfactory water quality test results of the stream/well samples in item 3(c) of the report.
- They enquired about the method for calculating the Rodent Absence Rate (RAR).
- They recommended stepping up efforts to promote the importance of water quality and hygiene to the public.
- They suggested paying more attention to the problem of rodent infestation at Beverly Garden.
- They suggested collecting more water quality samples for testing from the streams in rural areas that were in proximity to residential areas and/or frequented by hikers.

35. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said that FEHD was mainly responsible for collecting water quality samples for potable purposes from remote villages that were inhabited but without treated water supply. If the test results indicated that the *Escherichia coli* (i.e. *E. coli*) count exceeded the limits, FEHD would place signs around the streams to notify residents that the water was non-potable. FEHD would also inform the Department of Health about the results. As for water quality tests for swimming pools, FEHD would immediately inform the management companies of the relevant private residential estates about the unsatisfactory samples, requesting them to take follow-up actions (e.g. enhancing pool water filtration and disinfection). FEHD could provide supplementary information about the food samples with unsatisfactory test results after the meeting.

36. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said the RAR for the first half of 2024 was 99.4%, as stated in item 9(III) of the report. The method for calculating the RAR (i.e. "the number of thermal images with no rodents detected" divided by "the total number of thermal images taken" times 100%) was elaborated in footnote 1 of the report. The RAR reflected that no rodents were detected in 994 out of 1 000 photos. Since the first half of 2024, FEHD had adopted thermal imaging cameras for conducting the Rodent Activity Survey (RAS) with the assistance of AI technologies in

analyses. The new approach had fully replaced the traditional survey method that only worked if rodents bit the baits. In comparison with the previous Rodent Infestation Survey, the new technologies adopted in the RAS had better sensitivity and precision, with a more comprehensive coverage and a lower risk of interference by environmental factors. The RAS in 2024 only covered public areas of which the pest control services were provided by FEHD. FEHD was liaising with HD and LCSD to extend the RAS to cover public rental housing estates, parks, leisure facilities, etc. from next year onwards. Although private housing estates were not covered in the RAS at this juncture, FEHD could also deploy staff to private housing estates to offer professional advice on rodent prevention and control.

37. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD added that normally FEHD would only collect water samples from streams in areas where no treated water was supplied by the Government, so as to ensure the public safety when consuming water. Regarding the non-potable stream/well water samples with test results not up to the standards, FEHD could provide Members with the information about the responsible departments after the meeting. If the water quality of a private swimming pool is found unsatisfactory, FEHD would offer health advice to the relevant management offices, inspect the filtration systems and records, and arrange re-sampling. If the result still exceeded the limits, FEHD would take into account the evidence or information obtained at that time and consider instituting prosecution. Generally speaking, the water quality of the private residential estates concerned would not exceed the limits again under FEHD's health advice. FEHD would also collect water samples once every month when the swimming pools in private residential estates were open.

[Post-meeting note: FEHD provided the Secretariat with the relevant information about the departments responsible for conducting water quality tests for non-potable stream/well water on 13 September 2024.]

38. 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. 80/24 and 81/24)

39. Members enquired about the progress of the installation of red light cameras with a speed detection function at Wan Po Road (northbound).

40. The Chairman said since no representatives of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) were sent to attend this meeting, the Secretariat could relay Members' views to CEDD after the meeting.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat relayed Members' views to CEDD on 4 October 2024.]

41. Members noted the above reports.

V. Motions Raised by Members

(A) The three motions raised by Members

- (1) Enhance the efforts in law enforcement, publicity and education in the district so as to encourage dog owners to fulfill their responsibilities and keep the streets clean
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 82/24)

42. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr Chris CHEUNG and Mr WONG Wang-to.

43. Members noted the written reply from FEHD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 87/24).

44. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that AFCD should review and update the guidelines on dog handling. Apart from advising dog owners to use clean water to rinse the spots where their dogs had urinated/defecated, AFCD should explore other ways that would be more effective for dog owners to clean up and reduce odour after their dogs had urinated/defecated on the streets.
- They suggested that AFCD should review and update the legislation and penalties in respect of the leashing requirements for dogs when appropriate.
- They suggested that FEHD should step up efforts in curbing pet fouling and provide additional pedal-type dog excreta collection bins at the following locations:
 - the vicinity of Tong Chun Street near The Wings;
 - the vicinity of Tong Yin Street near the Immigration Headquarters; and
 - Chui Ling Road.

45. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)¹, FEHD said that FEHD was trialling the pedal-type dog excreta collection bins at Tong Chun Street (near The Wings II), Tong Yin Street (near the Immigration Headquarters), as well as the pedestrian subway at Tong Tak Street (near the section between Tong Ming Court and Choi Ming Court). FEHD would review whether the bins should be put into use widely depending on their effectiveness after the trial.

46. The Chairman said most dog owners would bring along clean water to rinse the spots where their dogs had urinated/defecated when they went out. However, this method could not guarantee that the odour would be completely removed. He suggested that AFCD should revise the relevant cleansing guidelines when appropriate. He also

proposed that FEHD should review the effectiveness of the trial use of pedal-type dog excreta collection bins continuously and provide more of them.

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

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

- (2) Request for installing artificial intelligence closed-circuit television cameras to step up law enforcement actions against illegal feeding of feral pigeons
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 83/24)

49. The above item had been discussed with another item earlier.

- (3) Enhance the regulation of dump trucks and road cleanliness to create a safe and clean traffic environment at Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 84/24)

50. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Ms Angel CHONG and seconded by Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr WAN Kai-ming and Mr CHAU Ka-lok.

51. Members noted the written replies from FEHD, HKPF, HyD, the Transport Department (TD) and EPD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 88/24 to 92/24).

52. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that TD should step up efforts to supervise the cleansing work performed by the contractor of Tseung Kwan O - Lam Tin Tunnel (TKO-LT Tunnel).
- They asked TD whether the contractor had installed CCTV cameras and conducted 24-hour video recording in TKO-LT Tunnel.
- They suggested stepping up enforcement actions against vehicles with improperly secured loads at TKO-LT Tunnel.
- They suggested that HyD should consider carrying out resurfacing works for roads that were damaged due to frequent usage by heavy vehicles in Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate (the vicinity of Chun Wang Street and Wan Po Road).
- They suggested that FEHD should step up cleansing work at the Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O (CBL). If necessary, SKDC members could be invited to conduct site visits to confirm the exact locations requiring cleansing.

53. Mr Leo CHAN, Senior Transport Officer/Tunnels & Tsing Ma 5, TD said that TD had engaged an operator to undertake the daily management, operation, repair and maintenance services of TKO-LT Tunnel. The operator would deploy resources such as mechanical sweepers and tunnel washing vehicles to arrange cleansing in the tunnel area during daytime non-peak hours, and the early hours of Mondays to Saturdays when the tunnel tubes were closed. Apart from regular cleansing arrangements, the operator would also conduct additional cleansing, depending on the actual situation. Generally speaking, if there were large objects/obstructions in the tunnel area that would compromise road safety, the operator would take immediate actions. As regards Members' concerns that there were obstructions left on the road in the tunnel area for a long time with no clearance actions arranged, they were welcome to provide relevant information to TD to facilitate further follow-up with the operator. With regard to monitoring, the operator would utilise the CCTV system to monitor the road conditions of the tunnel area round the clock. If a vehicle was found with a load that was not properly covered or secured, the staff members at the entrance of the tunnel area would, under safe conditions, instruct the driver to pull over at a safe location. They would then give verbal warnings and request the driver to properly secure the load, or the cover of the load before gaining access to the tunnel. If the driver refused to cover/secure the load, the operator would record the details and the vehicle would be refused to enter the tunnel. Furthermore, TD had been working jointly with the Road Safety Council and HKPF to organise various publicity and educational activities, in a bid to promote the importance of road safety to all road users (including commercial vehicle drivers), and disseminate to them the information on carriage of loads. TD would also organise regular meetings with the transport trade, through which commercial vehicle drivers would be reminded to properly cover and secure their loads. TD would urge the operator to pay attention to road cleanliness in the tunnel area. Meanwhile, the cleansing work at the adjoining roads outside TKO-LT Tunnel would be undertaken by other relevant departments.

54. Miss Winsy LAI, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), and Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1 of FEHD said that FEHD could arrange for Members to join the site visit to the vicinity of CBL after the meeting to clarify with Members on hygiene issues at the location concerned.

55. The Chairman suggested that relevant departments should step up enforcement actions, publicity efforts and cleansing work to ensure road safety.

56. Miss Kathy MA, District Officer (Sai Kung), SKDO said the Secretariat could contact relevant departments (e.g. TD, HyD, FEHD, EPD and CEDD) after the meeting to outline the division of work regarding issues including the repairs, maintenance and cleansing of TKO-LT Tunnel and CBL, with a view to delineating their responsibilities.

57. Members suggested that EPD should step up inspections of the loads of vehicles entering and leaving the Fill Bank.

58. The Chairman said that the Fill Bank was not in the scope of discussion for the item, which was about TKO-LT Tunnel or CBL.

59. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO added that for enquiries about the operation of the Fill Bank, Members could refer to Report Item (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).

60. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed. He asked FEHD, HKPF, HyD and TD to follow up the matter.

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

VI. Any Other Business

62. No other business was raised.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

63. The Chairman said that the next meeting would be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 14 November 2024 (Thursday).

64. The meeting ended at 12:25 p.m.

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