Sai Kung District Council Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee Minutes of the First Meeting in 2025

Date: 16 January 2025 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue : Conference Room of the Sai Kung District Council

Present

Mr WONG Wang-to, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council

(Chairman)

Mr CHAN Kin-chun, Ken Member of Sai Kung District Council

(Vice-Chairman)

Ms FONG Kwok-shan, Christine Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WANG Wen Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Shui-sang 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 Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAU Ka-lok Ms KI Lai-mei, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr YAU Ho-lun Ms YU Natasha Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms SZE Pan-pan Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms WU Suet-lin Mr CHEUNG Mei-hung, Chris 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 Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kwong-fai Mr CHAN Kai-wai, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, MH Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr TSANG Kwok-ka Mr WAN Kai-ming Member of Sai Kung District Council Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr WONG Yuen-hong Member of Sai Kung District Council Ms KAN Tung-tung 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 Executive Officer (District Council)4,

(Secretary) 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

Miss WONG Wai-fong, Bonnie 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

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

Ms CHAN Mei-yee Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2,

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Dr HOR yan, Gary Veterinary Officer (Animal Management) Development 1,

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Mr LEUNG Man-chung, Dominic Senior Field Officer (Animal Management) Development 1,

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Ms WONG Kin-yan, Kian Police Community Relations Officer

(Tseung Kwan O) (Acting), Hong Kong Police Force

Absent

Mr LAM Chun-ka Member of Sai Kung District Council Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang Member of Sai Kung District Council

Welcome Remarks

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

- 2. The <u>Chairman</u> welcomed all Members and attendees to the meeting, in particular:
 - Dr Gary HOR, Veterinary Officer (Animal Management) Development 1, and Mr Dominic LEUNG, Senior Field Officer (Animal Management)

Development 1, of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD).

3. <u>The Chairman</u> said Mr LAM Chun-ka and Mr CHEUNG Chin-pang were unable to attend the meeting on that day due to sickness. They had each submitted a Notification of Absence from Meeting prior to the meeting as required. There being no objection from Members, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that their applications for absence from the meeting concerned were approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders.

I. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th Food, Environment and Hygiene</u> <u>Committee (FEHC) Meeting in 2024 held on 29 November 2024</u>

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

II. New Items

- (A) Introduction of 2025 Lunar New Year Fairs in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 1/25)
- 5. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the representatives of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to brief Members on the paper.
- 6. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD introduced the paper.
- 7. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - They enquired about the frequency and methods of collecting and recycling the expanded polystyrene (EPS) (commonly known as "styrofoam") used in the Lunar New Year (LNY) Fairs. They recommended replacing it with other materials (e.g. plastics).
 - They enquired about the auction and the rental information of the LNY Fairs.
 - They suggested putting up additional large directional signs near Po Lam MTR Station to guide the public to Po Hong Park.
 - They suggested organising youth activities in future LNY Fairs to attract more young people to participate.
 - They suggested shortening the duration of venue enclosure during the preparation period as much as practicable to minimize the impact on venue users.
 - They suggested providing seats at unrented vacant stalls or other areas at the Tseung Kwan O Po Hong Park LNY Fair in the future for the elderly and persons with mobility impairment to rest.

- 8. <u>Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD</u> responded as follows:
 - The contractor would collect recyclables from the LNY Fairs on a daily basis. They would increase the collection frequency depending on the circumstances if the volume was large. Regarding the methods of recycling styrofoam, FEHD would take into account the views of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). As for the policy for replacing styrofoam, Members might direct their enquiries to EPD.
 - Information on the rental, auction date, upset prices, etc. of the LNY Fair stalls was stated in the paper. All of the stalls had been put up for open auction at the Assembly Hall of the Lai Chi Kok Government Offices on 7 November 2024. Ten stalls of the Tseung Kwan O Po Hong Park LNY Fair remained unrented in the open auction, of which six dry goods stalls were subsequently rented out on a first-come, first-served basis at the upset prices. The remaining two fast food stalls and two dry goods stalls were still unrented eventually. The occupancy rate and the successful bid prices of the stalls would fluctuate in response to the market demand.
 - FEHD would organise promotional activities for the "Sai Kung District 2025 Year-end Clean-up Campaign" near Po Lam MTR Station. Promotional leaflets of the LNY Fairs in the district would be included in the fortune bags to be distributed. FEHD would also hang directional signs near Po Lam MTR Station as far as practicable to guide the public to the Tseung Kwan O Po Hong Park LNY Fair.
 - He noted Members' suggestion on organising youth activities and would relay it to the FEHD headquarters for consideration.
 - The venues would be enclosed during the preparation period of the LNY Fairs. Such practice was mainly intended for tenants to set up stalls and for FEHD to set up public facilities. FEHD would shorten the duration of the venue enclosure as far as practicable depending on the actual circumstances.
 - As there were not many unrented stalls at the Po Hong Park LNY Fair and suitable sitting-out facilities were readily available in the vicinity, it would not be appropriate to provide seats at the unrented stalls. In addition, chairs would be placed at the first-aid post and the command post for the people in need.
- 9. Members noted the above report.
 - (B) First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2025 in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 2/25)
- 10. The Chairman asked the representatives of FEHD to brief Members on the paper.
- 11. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD reported that FEHD had organised the launching ceremony of the "First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2025 in Sai Kung District" on 6 January 2025 outside the main entrance of Sai Kung Market at

Yi Chun Street. FEHD had also distributed fortune bags included with information on the "Sai Kung District 2025 Year-end Clean-up Campaign" and rodent control to the public. He thanked Members for their participation. FEHD would launch the second round of promotional activities near Po Lam MTR Station next week and Members were cordially invited to participate.

12. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that AFCD should take the lead and coordinate with relevant departments to conduct inter-departmental enforcement operations, as well as stepping up efforts in combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons and the resulting rodent infestation at Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station.
- They suggested that AFCD should step up efforts in combating the problem of feral pigeon feed being thrown from a height in private premises (e.g. Chung Ming Court).
- They suggested that FEHD should step up efforts in combating rodent infestation at Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station and also allocate resources appropriately to tackle rodent infestation in other parts of Sai Kung District.
- They suggested that MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) should step up efforts in combating illegal feeding of feral pigeons and the resulting rodent infestation within the area of Hang Hau MTR Station. MTRCL should also pay more attention to bird feed or food residue left in the nearby environment (e.g. on trees) and take appropriate measures to clean it up.
- 13. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said the rodent infestation in the area near Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station was caused by bird feed residue left by people feeding feral pigeons. FEHD had already referred the problem of feeding of feral pigeons to AFCD and MTRCL for follow-up. Rodent control work had also been done in the public places outside the MTR station. Currently, the situation of rodent infestation at Exit B of Hang Hau MTR Station had been improved.
- 14. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> said the situation of rodent infestation in the district (e.g. Beverly Garden, the vicinity of Po Lam MTR Station and Hang Hau MTR Station) had seen notable improvement in the past two months. He thanked FEHD for its efforts. Furthermore, he suggested that AFCD should conduct more inter-departmental enforcement operations against illegal feeding of feral pigeons for enhanced deterrence.
- 15. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD added that MTRCL had installed metal rat guards of one to two metres high in the plant room below the escalator outside Hang Hau Station as suggested by FEHD. MTRCL would study the further improvement of facilities such as flower beds and drains. Members might enquire with MTRCL if they wished to learn more about the details of its rodent control work.

- 16. Mr Gary HOR, Veterinary Officer (Animal Management) Development 1, AFCD said the issue of illegal feeding of feral pigeons should be followed up by another section. He would relay Members' views to the relevant colleagues for follow-up.
- 17. 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)
- 18. 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 issues related to pet fouling and noise nuisance. The remaining environmental hygiene issues would be followed up at the subsequent FEHC meetings.
- 19. Members noted the written replies from EPD, AFCD, FEHD, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Highways Department and the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 13/25 to 18/25).
- 20. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - They suggested that FEHD should switch to using pedal-type dog excreta collection bins in the whole Sai Kung District as soon as possible. Also, more dog excreta collection bins should be provided in rural areas.
 - They suggested that AFCD should revise its guidelines for dog owners on cleaning up dog excreta (including solid and liquid waste). For example, AFCD should advise dog owners to put dog diapers on their dogs, observe their dogs' movements and place absorbent materials on the ground in advance. AFCD should also set out a recommended amount of water for rinsing off dog excreta.
 - They asked FEHD about the street cleansing timetable for the district.
 - They recommended that FEHD should step up efforts to inspect and repair dog latrines in the district (especially in rural areas).
 - They proposed that FEHD should step up plain-clothes patrols in the vicinity of the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade and Wan O Road, and remove any poisonous dog baits spotted without delay. If any iron poles or railings were found to be corroded, such matter shall also be referred to relevant departments for follow-up as soon as practicable.
 - They recommended that AFCD and FEHD should display warnings at pet fouling black spots in the district, and enhance public education on proper handling of dog excreta.

21. <u>Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD</u> responded as follows:

- The use of pedal-type excreta collection bins was still at the trial stage. Its full implementation would be considered upon announcement of the trial results. FEHD would inform Members about the findings once the results were available.
- FEHD would arrange regular cleansing at all streets in the district, of which the frequency depended on the actual circumstances. Meanwhile, FEHD had already arranged daily sweeping and regular cleansing at streets in the vicinity of LOHAS Park.
- FEHD's staff would visit popular dog-walking spots as well as locations of concern to Members to enhance education and publicity efforts to promote proper handling of dog excreta by distributing promotional leaflets and putting up banners, etc.
- FEHD had deployed plain-clothes officers to conduct ambush operations at popular dog-walking spots in the past two weeks. However, no contravention of the legislation on cleanliness was found. FEHD would continue to carry out ambush operations at popular dog-walking spots, and institute prosecution against persons who let their dogs' faeces foul the streets.

22. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested that FEHD should take the initiative to inspect and review the hygiene condition of dog latrines in the district. FEHD should also repair or remove obsolete dog latrines based on the actual circumstances, so as to alleviate environmental hygiene problems and free up public space.
- They suggested that FEHD should carry out daily cleansing work at the pet fouling black spots in the vicinity of Wan O Road at LOHAS Park (especially around Phases 2, 4 and 6 of LOHAS Park).
- They recommended that AFCD should revise its guidelines for dog owners on cleaning up dog excreta. For example, AFCD should advise dog owners to use absorbent materials to soak up the urine before cleaning the ground, and promote the message that "going for a walk is for dogs to exercise but not to urinate or defecate outdoors".
- They suggested that LCSD should pay more attention to the noise nuisance at the Hong Kong Velodrome Park and the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park during weekends. LCSD should also advise or prosecute persons creating noise nuisance.

23. <u>Dr Gary HOR, Veterinary Officer (Animal Management) Development 1, AFCD</u> responded as follows:

- Rinsing with water could indeed effectively remove dog excreta. Using other detergents might affect the environment and other animals, such as wild animals and other dogs.
- AFCD's staff would enhance education and publicity efforts to promote proper handling of dog excreta at popular dog-walking spots and locations of concern to Members, such as by distributing promotional leaflets, putting up banners and offering publicity items to private housing estates.
- Normally, dog diapers would only be used when a dog suffered from incontinence. Even if some owners had trained their dogs to urinate or defecate at designated spots at home, dogs might still relieve themselves when they went outside due to their natural instinct, which was difficult to be fully controlled. Therefore, publicity efforts should focus on enhancing dog owners' awareness about cleanliness.
- AFCD would relay Members' comments on relevant clean-up guidelines and suggestion to observe dogs' movements to the respective colleagues for consideration.
- Some dog owners would avoid letting their dogs use dog latrines as they were worried about cross infection. In addition, dogs might not understand that they should use dog latrines. That said, AFCD would still encourage owners to guide their dogs to use dog latrines.
- 24. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD noted Members' views on dog latrines in the district. FEHD would inspect and review the hygiene condition of dog latrines in the district, and repair the ones that were in poor condition. If some dog latrines were found to be having low usage rates, FEHD would consult nearby residents before deciding if such facilities should be removed. During daily street sweeping, FEHD would cleanse the surfaces soiled by dog faeces with diluted bleach. FEHD would also deploy resources in a flexible manner according to the street conditions to cleanse pet fouling black spots in the district.
- 25. <u>Miss Lacus CHENG</u>, <u>Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2</u>, <u>Sai Kung District Office (SKDO)</u> said AFCD could draw reference from Macao's guidelines on proper handling of dog excreta ("妥善處理狗隻便溺物" in Chinese or "Tratamento adequado de excrementos de cão" in Portuguese), and advise dog owners to place absorbent materials (e.g. a pile of newspapers or an absorbent mat) on the ground before letting their dogs urinate or defecate, and rinse it off with sufficient water afterwards. She also suggested that AFCD could consider organising dog training workshops to teach dog owners to train their dogs to relieve themselves at designated spots at home. AFCD could also promote concepts such as "going for a walk is for dogs to exercise but not to urinate or defecate outdoors".
- 26. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that FEHD should step up prosecution actions and consider expanding the ambit of the fixed penalty so that it would be applicable to dog owners who let their dogs' urine foul the streets or public places.

- 27. Ms CHAN Mei-yee, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD said that if the management staff and security guards of LCSD's venues spotted someone causing noise nuisance during patrol, they would immediately approach that person and advise him/her to stop doing so. In most situations, people would cooperate after being advised. LCSD had also put up clear signs with text in parks under its management to remind the public to keep the environment clean and lower their noise levels. In parks with a relatively high visitor flow such as the Hong Kong Velodrome Park and the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park, LCSD had even arranged for overnight security guards.
- 28. Ms Kian WONG, Police Community Relations Officer (Tseung Kwan O) (Acting), HKPF said upon receipt of complaints from members of the public, or discovery of serious illegal acts or nuisance behaviour, the Police would immediately advise the persons concerned to stop doing so or would carry out enforcement actions, with a view to maintaining public order.
- 29. Members said some dog owners would bring their dogs to the pet garden in Tseung Kwan O near Alto Residences between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Such activity caused noise nuisance and disturbed the rest time of the nearby residents. They suggested that LCSD or FEHD should take action to improve the situation.
- 30. <u>Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO</u> said that colleagues of SKDO recently noticed suspected busking activities at the Sai Kung Waterfront Park at night. She asked whether relevant departments could step up patrols or enforcement actions.
- 31. <u>Ms CHAN Mei-yee, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD</u> said that LCSD would consider arranging for overnight security guards at the said pet garden in Tseung Kwan O based on the actual circumstances. Although the Sai Kung Waterfront Park was managed by LCSD, the said busking activities probably took place on the pavement opposite the park. Such matter should therefore be handled by other departments.
- 32. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested that the patrolling officers of the Police should pay more attention to the busking activities on the pavement opposite the Sai Kung Waterfront Park.

IV. Report Items

- (A) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 3/25 to 6/25)
- 33. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - More attention should be paid to the situation of overflowing litter containers along the walkway from Beverly Garden to TKO Plaza.

- More efforts should be made to combat street cleanliness problem and illegal feeding of feral pigeons outside Sheung Tak Bus Terminus.
- They asked FEHD whether it could institute prosecution against hawkers within the areas of private housing estates or shopping centres (e.g. Metro City Plaza).
- 34. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said that FEHD would follow up the matter concerning the overflowing litter containers along the walkway from Beverly Garden to TKO Plaza. FEHD would also pay attention to the situation of environmental hygiene and illegal feeding of feral pigeons outside Sheung Tak Bus Terminus.
- 35. Mr HO Yiu-ming, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)2, FEHD said relevant legislation about hawking authorised FEHD to carry out enforcement actions in public places only. The problem of hawking in private places should be dealt with by relevant property owners or management companies within their authority.
- 36. 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. 7/25 and 8/25)
- 37. Members' views were consolidated as follows:
 - They enquired about the completion date of the installation of red light cameras with a speed detection function at the Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O (CBL). They also asked about the statistics on speeding and red light jumping of vehicles on both the north and south sections.
 - They enquired about the cleansing frequency at the expressway section and tunnel control area section of CBL. They suggested stepping up efforts to cleanse the road surface of CBL.
 - They enquired about the number of heavy vehicles entering and exiting CBL as well as Wan Po Road.
 - They suggested that EPD and the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) should step up road cleansing efforts in the vicinity of the fill bank in Area 137, the entrance/exit of the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill as well as Wan Po Road. They also recommended enhancing efforts to educate drivers to secure vehicle loads.
 - They suggested that the Police should step up prosecution actions against drivers with insecure loads on their vehicles on CBL. They also asked the Police to provide supplementary information about the enforcement statistics on speeding and red light jumping.

- 38. <u>Miss Connie WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD</u> said both EPD and CEDD had carried out road cleansing work along Wan Po Road leading to the SENT Landfill and the fill bank in Area 137. Members could contact EPD and CEDD if there were specific locations requiring extra cleansing efforts. FEHD had also cleansed the non-expressway sections of Wan Po Road and CBL. As regards statistics on heavy vehicles entering and exiting CBL and Wan Po Road, and speeding vehicles, Members could direct their enquiries to the Transport Department (TD).
- 39. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' enquiries to TD in writing.
- 40. <u>Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD</u> said that FEHD would deploy mechanical sweepers to sweep the carriageway of CBL. FEHD would allocate resources flexibly to carry out road sweeping work at CBL based on the carriageway condition.
- 41. <u>The Chairman</u> asked FEHD to provide supplementary information about the frequency of its cleansing work at CBL after the meeting.
- 42. <u>Miss Connie WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD</u> added that the Secretariat could also enquire with TD about its cleansing work at the tunnel control area section of CBL.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat relayed Members' views to CEDD on 10 February 2025.]

43. Members noted the above reports.

V. Motions Raised by Members

- (A) The two motions raised by Members
- (1) Request for providing recycling bins for mixed plastics waste in Sai Kung District to enhance recycling quality of the community (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 9/25)
- 44. The Chairman said the motion was moved by Mr WONG Yuen-hong and seconded by Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr LI Tin-chi, Ms Christine FONG, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr LAM Chun-ka and Mr Chris CHEUNG.
- 45. Members noted the written reply from EPD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 11/25).
- 46. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> expressed support for this motion. The Pilot Scheme on Collection and Recycling Services of Plastic Recyclable Materials would be taken over by the operators of GREEN@COMMUNITY. Therefore, he suggested providing more

recycling bins for plastics in the community to facilitate the collection of relatively small amounts of recyclables, as well as alleviating the burden on the operators of GREEN@COMMUNITY.

47. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested devoting more efforts to educate the public about different types of recyclable plastics to enhance their environmental awareness.
- They enquired about the list of housing courts or housing estates in the district which had applied for additional recycling bins for separating and collecting "plastic bottles" and "other plastics". They also asked about the implementation date and details of the relevant scheme.
- They suggested allocating additional resources to set up more Recycling Stores under GREEN@COMMUNITY in the district (especially in rural areas).
- They recommended providing more subsidies for relevant technology or organisations utilising recycled materials in road resurfacing and construction of other public facilities.

48. <u>Miss Connie WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD</u> responded as follows:

- EPD was progressively changing the labels of "plastic bottles" on roadside recycling bins to "plastics" in order to clearly indicate that those recycling bins could collect both "plastic bottles" and "other plastics". Meanwhile, EPD would also provide roadside recycling bins in rural areas for the convenience of rural residents.
- Members of the public could refer to the "Home Recycling One Stop Shop" (https://www.wastereduction.gov.hk/zh-hk/one-stop-shop) published by EPD to identify different recyclable items.
- The door-to-door collection service of GREEN@COMMUNITY would collect recyclables from housing estates as a whole, instead of individual housing units. Housing estates could apply to the Environment and Conservation Fund for additional recycling bins to facilitate the source separation and collection of plastic bottles and other plastics for recycling. EPD could provide the list of housing courts or housing estates which had applied for additional recycling bins after the meeting.
- 49. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed. He then asked EPD to follow up the matter.
- 50. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion would be deleted at the next meeting.

- (2) Request the Government to study the establishment of a School Dental Clinic in Tseung Kwan O (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 10/25)
- 51. <u>The Chairman</u> said the motion was moved by Mr CHAN Kai-wai and seconded by Mr LAM Chun-ka and Mr Chris CHEUNG.
- 52. Members noted the written reply from the Department of Health (DH) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 12/25).
- 53. The Chairman said the Secretariat had invited DH to attend the meeting in advance. However, DH representatives could not attend the meeting due to prior work commitments. The Secretariat would relay Members' views to DH for consideration and follow-up after the meeting.
- 54. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion was passed. He then asked DH to follow up the matter.
- 55. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the motion would be deleted at the next meeting.

VI. Any Other Business

56. No other business was raised by Members.

VII. Date of Next Meeting

- 57. <u>The Chairman</u> said the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 13 March 2025 (Thursday).
- 58. The meeting ended at 11:45 a.m.

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