

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

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Date : 17 July 2025 (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) <sup>4</sup> , 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
Ms LI Mei-yi, Becky	Liaison Officer i/c (Tseung Kwan O) West, 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
Mr CHOW Wai-chung	Acting 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 LI Cheuk-ho, Ronald	Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Sai Kung, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr TSANG Hin-kei, Nicholas	Acting Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, Environmental Protection Department
Dr WONG Yick-him, Simon	Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
Ms CHAN Mei-yee	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Dr CHU Wing-ho, Rico	Senior Dental Officer (Healthy Teeth Collaboration), Department of Health
Mr LAM Ding-fung	Chief Operation Officer (Community Dental Service), Department of Health

### **Absent**

Mr CHOY Kam-ho	Co-opted Member
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### **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 CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD). Mr CHOW Wai-chung took over the duties of

Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy, who had been on transfer, as well as Mr Ho Yiu-ming, who had left the position; and

- Mr Nicholas TSANG, Acting Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)<sup>4</sup>, Environmental Protection Department (EPD), who attended this Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (FEHC) meeting on behalf of Mr NG Raymond Tjeng.

3. The Chairman said that Mr CHOY Kam-ho must attend a mediation session as part of legal proceedings requested by the court. Mr CHOY Kam-ho had submitted a Notification of Absence from Meeting prior to the meeting as required. There being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the relevant application for absence from the meeting was approved in accordance with Order 64(5) of the Sai Kung District Council Standing Orders.

#### **I. Confirmation of Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> FEHC Meeting in 2025 held on 15 May 2025**

4. 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) Second Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2025 in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 64/25)

5. The Chairman asked the FEHD representatives to brief Members on the paper.

6. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD introduced the paper.

7. As the following discussion item was relevant to the current item, and there being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the discussion item would be brought forward and the two items would be discussed together.

- (D) Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to step up rodent control efforts in Tseung Kwan O (particularly Tseung Kwan O North) to address the severe rodent infestation problem (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 77/25)

8. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WANG Wen, Mr Philip LI, Ms Natasha YU, Ms Angel CHONG, Ms Christine FONG, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Ms TAM

Chuk-kwan, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr Chris CHEUNG and Ms KI Lai-mei.

9. Members noted the written reply from FEHD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 87/25).

10. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested paying more attention to the problem of rodent infestation at the following locations:
  - construction sites in the vicinity of LOHAS Park and Tseung Kwan O South Park;
  - LOHAS Park Station Public Transport Interchange (food and refuse left by foreign domestic helpers after gatherings); and
  - K-mart of TKO Plaza (Po Yap Road junction) and the bus stops nearby.
- They suggested putting up additional posters to remind the public to properly cover large litter containers so as to prevent rodent infestation.
- They enquired about FEHD's criteria for issuing advice on rodent prevention, as well as the relevant follow-up actions after issuing such advice.
- They enquired about the reasons for the discrepancy in the inspection frequencies in Tseung Kwan O and Sai Kung.
- They enquired about the reasons for the lower number of live rodents caught compared to the number of cage traps and snap traps placed.

11. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD responded as follows:

- FEHD had stepped up rodent control efforts in public places around TKO Plaza by arranging for overnight rodent and pest control teams to place rodent traps at rodent infestation black spots in the late-night hours. Additionally, FEHD's staff had inspected the relevant locations with the management office of the shopping mall, and offered professional technical advice on rodent prevention and control. FEHD had also arranged for street cleansing contractors to cleanse the road surfaces at rodent infestation black spots. The department would step up cleansing services and deploy enforcement officers for enhanced prosecution efforts where necessary. Overall speaking, the current situation had been improved.
- FEHD had been committed to promoting knowledge about rodent prevention to different stakeholders, including advising them to properly cover litter containers.
- If the cage traps and snap traps placed did not achieve notable results, FEHD would flexibly deploy resources and adjust their locations.
- FEHD had arranged for manpower to inspect the situation of rodent infestation at construction sites and would continue to step up relevant efforts.

12. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested paying more attention to rodent infestation at the following locations:
  - the vicinity of Maritime Bay, La Cite Noble and Ngan O Road (particularly near restaurants); and
  - Hang Hau MTR Station (planters near Exit B).
- They suggested inspecting the planters near rodent infestation black spots. They also suggested advising relevant stakeholders to remove excess soil from planters to prevent rodents from hiding therein.
- They suggested publishing the Rodent Absence Rate (RAR) on a quarterly basis, with detailed breakdowns for each sub-district (e.g. Tseung Kwan O South/North).
- They enquired about the locations and numbers of the new alcohol rodent trapping devices placed in the district, as well as their effectiveness.

13. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD responded as follows:

- He noted the locations requiring extra rodent control efforts mentioned by Members. FEHD would arrange for manpower to step up inspection efforts or offer professional advice on rodent control to the relevant stakeholders.
- The design and management of planters were not within the purview of FEHD. Nevertheless, if rodent holes or other traces of rodents were found in planters, FEHD would follow up as appropriate.
- Regarding Members' suggestion on the release of the RAR data, he would relay it to the relevant section for consideration.
- Alcohol rodent trapping devices would normally be placed indoors (e.g. in Sai Kung Market). He would provide details of the number of trapping devices placed and their locations after the meeting.

14. The Chairman said Members could directly contact FEHD for follow-up if they had more information about rodent infestation black spots.

15. The Chairman asked FEHD to follow up Members' views.

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

(B) Arrangement of Lunar New Year Fair in Sai Kung District  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 65/25)

17. The Chairman asked the FEHD representatives to brief Members on the paper.

18. Mr Ronald LI, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Sai Kung, FEHD introduced the paper.

19. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that FEHD consider collaborating with district groups or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to resume the Sai Kung Man Yee Playground Lunar New Year (LNY) Fair (Sai Kung LNY Fair) in the future, so as to provide convenience for residents in rural Sai Kung and to preserve the traditions of Sai Kung.
- They suggested informing stall operators who had previously participated in the auction about the cancellation of the Sai Kung LNY Fair next year as soon as practicable. They also proposed offering compensation to stall operators who had already prepared their stock.
- They enquired about the factors for FEHD to consider whether or not to organise an LNY Fair at a location. They also asked whether the cancellation of the Sai Kung LNY Fair was a temporary or a long-term arrangement.
- They suggested paying attention to the auction of stalls, so as to prevent the situation where the bid prices of stalls at the Tseung Kwan O Po Hong Park LNY Fair (Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair) became excessively high due to the cancellation of the Sai Kung LNY Fair. This would in turn drive up the retail prices of goods.
- They enquired about the visitor flow and the amount of manpower arranged by FEHD at the previous Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair and Sai Kung LNY Fair.
- Instead of cancelling the Sai Kung LNY Fair, they suggested that FEHD consider resuming the LNY Fair on a smaller scale in the future.
- They recommended that the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) should arrange for the Care Teams to guide elderly residents in Sai Kung to visit the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair.

20. The Vice-Chairman said the visitor flow at the Sai Kung LNY fair was not satisfactory in the past, and the variety of stalls thereat was relatively limited. That said, the sentimental and historical factors mentioned by Members were worth considering. The Vice-Chairman suggested that FEHD consider suspending the Sai Kung LNY Fair next year only. When resuming the LNY Fair in the future, FEHD should conduct revitalisation and incorporate more elements, so as to boost the local economy and create more development opportunities for the Sai Kung LNY Fair.

21. Mr Ronald LI, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Sai Kung, FEHD responded as follows:

- He noted Members' views on the Sai Kung LNY Fair and would relay their views to the headquarters.
- In the past three years, there were a total of around 31 000 visitors at the Sai Kung LNY Fair and around 210 000 visitors at the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair.

- Last time, there were a total of 3 applicants operating 16 wet goods stalls and 2 applicants operating 4 dry goods stalls at the Sai Kung LNY Fair. FEHD would inform the relevant stall operators about the cancellation of the Sai Kung LNY Fair by phone or in writing as soon as possible.

22. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD provided the following supplementary information:

- Cost was not the primary factor for considering the cancellation of the Sai Kung LNY Fair. The main reason was the consistently low visitor flow at the LNY Fair.
- FEHD would reallocate resources after suspending the relevant LNY Fair to improve the operation of the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair.

23. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested that FEHD should step up the publicity efforts for the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair and the relevant transport connectivity arrangements in Sai Kung District.
- They suggested that FEHD should allow organisations to bid for operating the Sai Kung LNY Fair.

24. Mr Ronald LI, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Sai Kung, FEHD responded as follows:

- In the past, the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair and the Sai Kung LNY Fair required around the same amount of manpower to organise. After the cancellation of the Sai Kung LNY Fair, the manpower released would be redeployed to handle other duties.
- The tendering and management of LNY Fairs had always been under the responsibility of FEHD. Therefore, FEHD had no plans to collaborate with other district groups or NGOs in this regard at the current stage. Should there be other relevant suggestions in the future, the operational details and the division of responsibilities should be thoroughly considered.
- He noted the suggestions on the transport connectivity arrangements and publicity efforts, and would relay those suggestions to the headquarters for consideration.
- FEHD would set up photo-taking spots at the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair to attract more visitors.

25. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested setting up additional cooked food stalls at the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair to attract visitors.

- They suggested allocating additional resources to promote the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair at the Sai Kung town centre.

26. The Chairman suggested that FEHD should allocate additional resources to set up LNY decorations at the Sai Kung town centre (such as the Sai Kung Market), as well as to improve the arrangements for the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair, so as to enhance the festive atmosphere of LNY in the district and attract visitors.

27. Mr Ronald LI, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker & Market) Sai Kung, FEHD said that originally there would be 2 fast food stalls at the LNY Fair this year, but no bid for those stalls had been received. For the LNY Fair next year, FEHD suggested increasing the number of wet goods stalls from 54 to 58. FEHD would also step up the promotion of the Tseung Kwan O LNY Fair and put up LNY decorations at the facilities under the management of FEHD in Sai Kung. If district groups were interested in organising LNY activities, they could apply to FEHD for the Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence.

28. Members noted the above report.

(C) Face-lifting Works of Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 66/25)

29. The Chairman asked the FEHD representatives to brief Members on the paper.

30. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD introduced the paper.

31. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested that FEHD build a solar-powered refuse collection point next to the Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet to prevent wild pigs or rodents from foraging in the litter containers.
- They suggested that the Civil Engineering and Development Department as well as SKDO conduct landslip risk mitigation works next to the Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet or install barriers to contain debris flow.

32. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said the works for the Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet had been approved and would commence as scheduled. She noted Members' suggestion to build a solar-powered refuse collection point.

33. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO noted Members' views. The Works Section of SKDO would contact Members after the meeting to follow up the works for containing debris flow near the Ma Yau Tong Public Toilet.

34. Members suggested that the relevant department should step up efforts to clear the miscellaneous objects and refuse in the gullies surrounding the Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate. Members also suggested considering deepening those gullies to prevent mosquito breeding and odours caused by stagnant water.

35. The Chairman asked FEHD to note Members' views.

36. Members noted the above report.

(D) Third Phase of Anti-mosquito Campaign 2025 in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 80/25)

37. As the following discussion item was relevant to the current item, and there being no objection from Members, the Chairman declared that the discussion item would be brought forward and the two items would be discussed together.

(C) Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to step up mosquito and biting midge control efforts in Sai Kung (particular Tseung Kwan O North) to address the worsening mosquito infestation problem (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 76/25)

38. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Mr WANG Wen, Mr Philip LI, Ms Natasha YU, Ms Angel CHONG, Ms Christine FONG, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai and Mr WONG Wang-to.

39. Members noted the written reply from FEHD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 86/25).

40. The Chairman asked the FEHD representatives to brief Members on the paper.

41. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD introduced the paper.

42. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- Members suggested that FEHD should pay more attention to the problem of mosquito and biting midge infestation at the Tseung Kwan O South Park, the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Park, as well as the nearby construction sites of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
- They suggested that FEHD provide information on Chikungunya fever to the public.

43. The Vice-Chairman said he had previously contacted FEHD regarding the problem of mosquito infestation in Tseung Kwan O North. He thanked FEHD's staff for their timely and proactive follow-up, which had resulted in a notable decrease in the Gravidtrap Index in June. In addition to public places, he hoped that FEHD would also proactively strengthen joint mosquito control efforts with the stakeholders of private premises (e.g. housing estates and schools).

44. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested that FEHD enhance anti-mosquito measures (e.g. deploying new mosquito traps, spraying mosquito repellent and applying larvicidal oil) and collaborate with stakeholders to focus on addressing the problem of mosquito infestation at the locations listed below:
  - the Tseung Kwan O North area;
  - Sai Kung town centre;
  - area next to the lift at the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade towards the Cross Bay Link, Tseung Kwan O (CBL);
  - the lawn between Le Prestige and Wings at Sea;
  - the construction site of LOHAS Park Phase XIII;
  - Lohas Park Road (areas off Malibu and Hemera);
  - Yung Ming Court and Yee Ming Estate;
  - hillsides at Hang Hau Village and Shui Bin Village; and
  - pavement connecting Fu Ning Garden and the Tseung Kwan O Hospital.
- They suggested that FEHD enhance public education on mosquito prevention and consider issuing mosquito infestation warnings for public information when the situation aggravates.
- They suggested that FEHD provide the latest data on mosquito infestation as early as practicable.
- They suggested that FEHD liaise with the MTR Corporation Limited to deal with the problem of mosquito infestation caused by private planting along the way from Po Lam Station to the podium of King Lam Estate.
- They suggested avoiding growing too many plants in parks and at the roadside to avoid the breeding of mosquitoes.

45. Mr CHOW Wai-chung, Acting District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sai Kung), FEHD responded as follows:

- Given that the Gravidtrap Indices had reached the alert level in May this year, FEHD had convened meetings of the inter-departmental task forces on anti-mosquito work on 26 May and 27 June. The meetings aimed to raise awareness about the prevention and control of mosquitoes and pests among different departments and organisations. FEHD had also carried out joint inspections with the relevant departments and organisations at mosquito infestation black spots recorded with positive Gravidtrap Indices, and offered

technical advice on mosquito prevention and control to the relevant stakeholders.

- FEHD would inspect the construction sites in the district and prosecute the relevant stakeholders if any breeding grounds for mosquitoes were identified. FEHD had instituted prosecution three times from April to June this year.
- The problem of mosquito infestation at the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade fell under the purview of different departments. The problem should be dealt with through enhanced efforts by SKDO to co-ordinate inter-departmental operations.
- Tree pruning and grass cutting were not FEHD's major duties. Such work should be handled by relevant departments depending on the location.
- FEHD would contact relevant Members and stakeholders after the meeting to appropriately follow up the problem of mosquito infestation in private premises.

46. Miss Lacus CHENG, Assistant District Officer (Sai Kung)2, SKDO said in view of the relatively high Gravidtrap Index for Tseung Kwan O North in May this year, SKDO had implemented a series of preventive measures at the Tsui Lam Community Hall. Such measures included removing stagnant water, displaying FEHD's anti-mosquito promotional videos and distributing anti-mosquito publicity leaflets. To further control mosquito infestation, SKDO would allocate funding under the District-led Action Scheme to FEHD to purchase mosquito control equipment. Additionally, SKDO would conduct regular joint operations on mosquito control targeting the Tseung Kwan O Waterfront Promenade twice a month from May to November (i.e. the months recorded with relatively high Gravidtrap Indices). SKDO would strengthen the relevant joint operations in a timely manner depending on the actual circumstances.

47. The Chairman asked FEHD to follow up Members' views.

48. Members noted the above report.

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

### **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(FEHC) Paper No. 13/24)

50. The Chairman said the meeting would discuss the last environmental hygiene issue mentioned in the discussion paper, namely the issue of village drainage channels.

51. Members noted the written replies from the Drainage Services Department, FEHD and SKDO (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 81/25, 82/25 and 92/25).

52. Members suggested that the relevant departments should consider deepening the gullies surrounding the Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate Public Toilet to prevent mosquito breeding and odours caused by stagnant water.

53. The Chairman asked FEHD to note Members' views.

54. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said the gullies surrounding the Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate Public Toilet were not under the purview of FEHD. She suggested referring the matter to the Highways Department (HyD) for follow-up.

55. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to relay Members' views to HyD in writing.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat relayed Members' views to HyD on 25 July 2025.]

#### **IV. Report Items**

(A) Statistics on Environmental Hygiene Service and Itinerant Hawkers in Sai Kung District  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 67/25 to 70/25)

56. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They enquired about the locations of the swimming pools with unsatisfactory water quality test results.
- They suggested that FEHD should investigate and address the issue of illegal disposal of bulky waste opposite Po Leung Kuk Wong Wing Shu Primary School.

57. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said FEHD's staff would revisit the relevant swimming pools to collect water samples and provide supplementary information on the water quality test results after the meeting.

58. The Chairman enquired whether the swimming pools with unsatisfactory water quality test results were privately operated or under the purview of LCSD.

59. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said the swimming pools with unsatisfactory water quality test results were privately operated. She noted the issue of illegal disposal of bulky waste opposite Po Leung Kuk Wong Wing Shu Primary School raised by Members.

60. 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. 71/25 and 72/25)

61. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested adjusting the cleansing schedule for Wan Po Road to avoid traffic congestion.
- They suggested installing red light cameras with speed detection function or closed-circuit televisions (CCTV) along CBL.

62. The Chairman said the installation of red light cameras with speed detection function or CCTV at CBL was not under the purview of FEHC. He suggested relaying the relevant views to the Traffic and Transport Committee for follow-up.

63. Members continued to express the following views:

- They suggested deploying additional resources for cleansing Wan Po Road. They also suggested displaying driving safety reminders at the entrances of the temporary fill bank at Tseung Kwan O Area 137 and the South East New Territories Landfill.
- They enquired about the cleansing and refuse collection schedules for CBL.

64. Mr Nicholas TSANG, Acting Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional East)4, EPD said he would relay Members' suggestions and enquiries regarding the cleansing of Wan Po Road to the relevant section for follow-up. As for the issue of insecure loads, enforcement actions would be carried out by the Police.

65. Members noted the above reports.

- (C) Statistics on Enforcement Actions by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Against Illegal Feeding of Wild Pigeons in Sai Kung District (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 73/25)

66. Members noted the above report.

## V. Discussion Items Suggested by Members

- (1) Suggest increasing the number of service units under the Community Dental Support Programme in Sai Kung District to better safeguard the dental health of elderly residents (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 74/25)

67. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives to the meeting: Dr Rico CHU, Senior Dental Officer (Healthy Teeth Collaboration); and Dr LAM Ding-fung, Chief Operation Officer (Community Dental Service); of the Department of Health (DH).

68. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr WANG Wen, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Ms LI Ka-yan, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr Philip LI, Ms Christine FONG, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Ms KI Lai-mei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok and Ms TAM Chuk-kwan.

69. Members noted the written reply from DH (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 83/25).

70. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested increasing the number of service points under the Community Dental Support Programme (CDSP) in Sai Kung District, as well as the service quotas at existing clinics.
- They enquired about the past promotional work for CDSP conducted by DH, as well as the factors for considering the establishment of additional service points.

71. Mr LAM Ding-fung, Chief Operation Officer (Community Dental Service), DH responded as follows:

- DH had all along been encouraging NGOs to establish additional dental service points. The 32 NGOs currently participating in CDSP might notify DH should there be new clinics joining the programme. DH would then verify the details with the relevant NGOs and update the list of clinics on the official website.
- DH would consider in due course whether it would be necessary to invite NGOs again to provide new service points for specific districts, taking into account various factors such as the number of participants in each district under the programme and the capacity of the NGOs to provide new service points.
- To promote the relevant programme, DH had organised large-scale briefing sessions through the District Co-ordinating Committees under the Social Welfare Department. Meanwhile, DH had widely promoted CDSP and the Primary Dental Co-care Pilot Scheme for Adolescents (PDCC) to various organisations/groups (such as Neighbourhood Elderly Centres, Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres, Junior Police Call, Parent-Teacher Associations, etc.) via emails and promotional leaflets.

72. Dr Rico CHU, Senior Dental Officer (Healthy Teeth Collaboration), DH said the Government had enacted the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 in 2024.

The ordinance introduced a statutory registration system for ancillary dental workers (including dental hygienists and dental therapists), and retitled them as dental care professionals. It was anticipated that dental care professionals would play a vital role in primary dental services in the future, which could alleviate the shortage of dental surgeons and support NGOs in establishing additional service points.

73. Members continued to express the following views:

- They enquired whether the Sai Kung Mona Fong Dental Clinic provided services under CDSP and PDCC.
- They enquired about the schedule for NGOs to establish additional clinics in Sai Kung District.
- They suggested relaxing the financial eligibility criteria for CDSP to benefit more elderly residents in need.
- They suggested strengthening publicity efforts to encourage more NGOs to establish additional clinics in Sai Kung District.

74. Dr Rico CHU, Senior Dental Officer (Healthy Teeth Collaboration), DH said the Sai Kung Mona Fong Dental Clinic was directly operated by DH. The clinic primarily provided dental general public sessions (including pain relief and tooth extraction) and the civil servants dental service. Starting from 1 June 2025, DH had increased the overall service quotas for dental general public sessions available at its 11 dental clinics. As for CDSP and PDCC, relevant services were provided by private dental practitioners or NGOs.

75. Mr LAM Ding-fung, Chief Operation Officer (Community Dental Service), DH said DH had been committed to promoting various dental service programmes, including the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly (with 11 participating NGOs), the Healthy Teeth Collaboration (with 8 participating NGOs) and the CDSP (with 32 participating NGOs). DH would continue its efforts to attract more NGOs to participate in relevant service programmes. To ensure the appropriate use of limited public healthcare resources, CDSP had established corresponding eligibility criteria to make sure that the underprivileged with financial difficulties could receive suitable oral health and dental care services.

76. The Chairman asked DH to follow up Members' views.

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

- (2) Suggest reviewing and simplifying the Application for Outside Seating Accommodation (OSA) licensing process for Sai Kung restaurants (SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 75/25)

78. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Ms Natasha YU, Ms Christine FONG, Mr WANG Wen, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr Philip LI, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr LAM Chun-ka,

Mr YAU Ho-lun, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr Chris CHEUNG, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr CHAN Kai-wai, Mr Ken CHAN, Mr CHAN Kwong-fai, Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Mr WONG Wang-to, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr CHAU Ka-lok and Ms TAM Chuk-kwan.

79. Members noted the written replies from the District Lands Office, Sai Kung, the Buildings Department (BD), FEHD and the Fire Services Department (FSD) (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 85/25, 86/25, 90/25 and 91/25).

80. Members enquired about the penalties imposed by FEHD on licensed food premises for their illegal extension of business and the resulting street obstruction. They also enquired about the time required for approving the licence applications for OSA of restaurants.

81. The Vice-Chairman enquired about the standard for the property owner consent rate required by FEHD for the licence applications for OSA of restaurants. He also suggested relaxing the relevant approval criteria.

82. Members' views were consolidated as follows:

- They suggested refining the consultation process for OSA licensing for restaurants, and relaxing the requirements for the property owner consent rate. They also suggested actively considering applications that had already secured majority support.
- They suggested that FEHD should consider whether the licence applications for OSA of restaurants would cause street obstruction when processing such applications.
- They suggested that FEHD should simplify the licence renewal process for OSA of restaurants, or allow property owners to transfer the approved licences to subsequent tenants.
- For cases where majority support and a minority of objections had been received, Members suggested that FEHD should assist in arranging meetings with or contacting those who had raised objections to discuss with the relevant restaurants whether short-term or temporary licences might be considered after corresponding improvements had been made.

83. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)<sup>1</sup>, FEHD said one of the primary considerations for approving OSA of restaurants would be the assessment result of local public opinions. After receiving FEHD's request for public consultation, the respective District Office under the Home Affairs Department would assist in conducting public consultation within the district. The consulted parties generally included the respective District Council members, Area Committee members, and local organisations/rural representatives in the vicinity of the proposed OSA, etc. Should there be public objections to the application (such as complaints regarding obstruction, noise and environmental nuisance), FEHD would consult the relevant departments (including

the Architectural Services Department, BD, FSD, the Planning Department, the respective District Office, the Lands Department, etc.) regarding the complaints involved and the corresponding enforcement actions. FEHD would assess all opposing views to balance the interests of all parties concerned. The time required for application approval depended on when the relevant restaurant had fulfilled the licensing requirements. FEHD would issue summonses to licensed food premises for street obstruction caused by placement of items. Additionally, restaurants with illegal extension of business would incur 10 demerit points for breaching their licensing conditions. Should a restaurant accumulate 15 demerit points, its licence would be suspended.

84. Members further suggested that FEHD should consider granting short-term or temporary licences for cases where majority support had been secured and a minority of property owners could not be contacted. Should objections or complaints subsequently arise, FEHD might then take further follow-up actions, impose demerit points or revoke the licences.

85. The Chairman suggested that FEHD should relax and simplify the licence application process for OSA of restaurants in Sai Kung. He then asked FEHD to follow up Members' views.

86. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)<sup>1</sup>, FEHD said she would relay Members' views to the headquarters for consideration.

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

- (3) Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to step up mosquito and biting midge control efforts in Sai Kung (particularly Tseung Kwan O North) to address the worsening mosquito infestation problem  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 76/25)

88. The above item had been discussed with another agenda item earlier.

- (4) Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to step up rodent control efforts in Tseung Kwan O (particularly Tseung Kwan O North) to address the severe rodent infestation problem  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 77/25)

89. The above item had been discussed with another agenda item earlier.

- (5) Suggest the relevant government departments step up efforts in addressing the issue of cotton tree fluff dispersal in the community, with Sai Kung as a pilot area, to alleviate the nuisance  
(SKDC(FEHC) Paper No. 78/25)

90. The Chairman said the discussion item was raised by Mr CHAU Ka-lok, Ms KI Lai-mei, Ms Natasha YU, Mr Philip LI, Ms WU Suet-lin, Mr CHENG Yu-hei, Mr YAU Ho-lun, Mr WAN Kai-ming, Ms Christine FONG, Mr WONG Yuen-hong, Ms KAN Tung-tung, Ms SZE Pan-pan, Mr LI Tin-chi, Mr CHONG Yuen-tung, Ms Angel CHONG, Mr TSANG Kwok-ka, Mr LAM Chun-ka, Mr Ken CHAN, Ms TAM Chuk-kwan, Ms LI Ka-yan, Mr CHEUNG Man-tim, Mr WONG Wang-to and Mr CHAN Kuen-kwan.
91. Members noted the written replies from FEHD and LCSD (SKDC(FEHC) Paper Nos. 88/25 and 89/25).
92. Members suggested designating Sai Kung as a pilot district to install small misting devices under cotton trees, so as to prevent the dispersal of cotton tree fluff in the air.
93. Ms CHOW Yuk-chu, Chief Health Inspector (Sai Kung)1, FEHD said since June this year, FEHD had stepped up cleansing efforts to clear cotton tree fluff on Tong Chun Street near Bauhinia Garden and on Hang Hau Road near the Tseung Kwan O Hospital.
94. Ms CHAN Mei-ye, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD said recreation grounds in Sai Kung District where cotton trees were planted included Po Hong Park and Tong Ming Street Park. LCSD would consider Members' suggestions and study the use of equipment such as outdoor vacuum cleaners at Tong Ming Street Park, so as to mitigate the impact of cotton tree fluff dispersal on the public.
95. The Chairman asked which departments were responsible for managing cotton trees along the roadside, apart from those in recreation grounds.
96. Ms CHAN Mei-ye, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD said roadside cotton trees were managed by LCSD, while the cleaning of cotton tree fluff fallen onto the streets was under the purview of FEHD.
97. The Chairman further enquired whether the management of cotton trees prior to flowering was under the purview of LCSD.
98. Ms CHAN Mei-ye, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD said LCSD was responsible for the management of cotton trees prior to flowering. However, cotton tree fluff dispersal was a natural phenomenon. Therefore, it was not advisable to implement measures to control the dispersal before flowering, so as to avoid unnecessary interference with the cotton trees.
99. Members further suggested that LCSD should consider installing netting under cotton trees to collect fallen fluff, thereby preventing them from falling onto the ground while facilitating subsequent cleaning.

100. Ms CHAN Mei-yee, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sai Kung)2, LCSD said LCSD would explore ways to minimise the impact of cotton tree fluff on the public while maintaining ecological balance. Given the considerable height of cotton trees, placing small misting devices at a lower level might not achieve satisfactory results. LCSD would continue to explore other feasible measures.

101. The Chairman asked LCSD to follow up Members' views.

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

## **VI. Any Other Business**

103. The Chairman said the Sai Kung District Council (SKDC) Chairman invited all SKDC members to actively gather residents' views on environmental hygiene matters during the second SKDC full council meeting on 4 March 2025. Following the meeting, the Secretariat had consolidated the reports submitted by SKDC members into 17 environmental hygiene issues, summarised in the Annex. These included 5 new issues of concern: hygiene issues at piers and coastal areas, smoking, water dripping from air-conditioners, roadside planters, and nuisance caused by feral cats. The other 12 environmental hygiene issues that had been discussed in the previous round but were still worth following up included rodent infestation, mosquito/biting midge infestation, feral pigeons, illegal disposal of refuse, street cleansing/sweeping, wild pigs, pet fouling, environmental issues arising from foreign domestic helpers or other people occupying public spaces, illegal bicycle parking/miscellaneous objects illegally occupying bicycle parking areas, blocked drainage channels/drains, wet markets, and issues with public toilets, portable toilets, and shopping mall toilets within the district.

104. There being no other comments from Members, the Chairman declared that the next three FEHC meetings would prioritise the discussion of the newly raised issues, i.e. the meeting in September 2025 would discuss hygiene issues at piers and coastal areas as well as issues related to smoking; the meeting in November 2025 would discuss the issues of air-conditioner water dripping and roadside planters; and the meeting in January 2026 would discuss the issue of feral cat nuisance.

105. Members noted the above report.

## **VII. Date of Next Meeting**

106. The Chairman said the next meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 11 September 2025 (Thursday).

107. The meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.

