

Southern District Council (2020-2023) (SDC)
Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the
Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee (EHHC)

Date : 7 July 2020
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : SDC Conference Room

Present:

Mr LO Kin-hei	(Chairman of SDC)
Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN	(Vice-Chairman of SDC)
Mr YIM Chun-ho	(Chairman of EHHC)
Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus	(Vice-Chairman of EHHC)
Mr CHAN Hin-chung	
Mr CHAN Ping-yeung	
Ms CHAN Yan-yi	
Mr LAM Andrew Tak-wo	
Mr LAM Ho-por, Kelvin	
Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH	
Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun	
Ms LI Shee-lin	
Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael	
Mr POON Ping-hong	
Mr TSUI Yuen-wa	
Mr YU Chun-hei, James	
Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany	

Secretary:

Mr KWAN Tsz-yu, Kelvin	Executive Officer (District Management), Home Affairs Department
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In Attendance:

Mr CHENG Kong-chung, Francis, JP	District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department
Miss CHENG Wai-sum, Sum	Assistant District Officer (Southern), Home Affairs Department
Ms YIP Wai-see, Priscilla	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Southern District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr. HON Ming-sau	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Southern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny	Chief Health Inspector (Southern) 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms LI Lai-ha, Liz	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) (Southern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Dr LEE Yin-chun, Sally	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) 3, Environmental Protection Department
Mr FUNG Wai-yip, Wallace	Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) 34, Environmental Protection Department

For agenda item 2:

Mr LEUNG Siu-chee	Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (3), Marine Department
Mr CHEUNG Kai-ming, Lawrence	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Harbour Patrol Section (2), Marine Department
Mr TAM Wai-man	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/South, Marine Department

For agenda item 5:

Miss CHOW Yuet-ming, Mina	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western/Southern/Islands) 3, Social Welfare Department
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Opening Remarks:

The Chairman said that in view of the latest situation of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) infection, this meeting was not open to the public in order to reduce the risk of crowd gathering. Members and media were advised to bring their own masks and water. Before entering the venue, all persons were subject to checking of body temperature with the assistance of the staff of Southern District Office (SDO), and were required to complete a health declaration form and declare whether he/she was under the 14-day compulsory quarantine.

2. The Chairman welcomed members and the following regular government representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Mr. HON Ming-sau, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Southern), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (ii) Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny, Chief Health Inspector (Southern) 1, FEHD;
- (iii) Ms LI Lai-ha, Liz, Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) (Southern), FEHD;
- (iv) Dr LEE Yin-chun, Sally, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) 3, Environmental Protection Department (EPD); and
- (v) Mr FUNG Wai-yip, Wallace, Environmental Protection Officer (Regional South) 34, EPD.

3. The Chairman continued that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with the established arrangement, under which each member would be allotted a maximum of two three-minute slots to speak in respect of each agenda item. He also reminded members to speak as concisely as possible. The electronic timer would beep when it reached two minutes 30 seconds and three minutes of each speaking slot respectively. The duration of the meeting would last about three and a half hours, i.e. the meeting should end by 6:00 p.m. If members wished to leave early, they should inform the Secretariat staff as early as possible.

Part 1 – Matters Discussed

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 3rd EHC Meeting Held on 12 May 2020

4. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, the draft minutes of the 3rd EHC meeting had been circulated to members for comments. The Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far.

5. The Chairman asked members to confirm the minutes of the 3rd EHC meetings. The minutes of the above meetings were confirmed by the Committee.

(Mr LEUNG Siu-chee, Mr Lawrence CHEUNG and Mr TAM Wai-man joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.)

Agenda Item 2: Marine Air Pollution in the Southern District
(Item raised by Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN)
(EHHC Paper No. 25/2020)

6. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives from the Marine Department (MD) to the meeting:

- (i) Mr LEUNG Siu-chee, Marine Manager/Licensing & Port Formalities (3);
- (ii) Mr CHEUNG Kai-ming, Lawrence, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Harbour Patrol Section (2); and
- (iii) Mr TAM Wai-man, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/South.

7. The Chairman invited Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN to brief members on the agenda item.

8. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN, with the aid of PowerPoint presentation (Reference Paper 2) briefed members on the agenda item as follows:

- (i) at present, the residents of Pok Fu Lam, Wah Fu and Wah Kwai could enjoy the beautiful view of East Lamma Channel but, at the same time, they were always affected by the dark smoke emitted by the vessels passing by. The affected Pokfulam residents had submitted their joint signatures to reflect the said issue and provided 3-minute video clips to show that the emission of dark smoke by the vessels concerned had already reached a level that amounted to contravention of the relevant regulations laid down by MD;
- (ii) according to the response made by MD, there were two successful prosecution cases of smoky local vessel in 2014 and 2016 respectively but none in other years, which reflected that the number of successful prosecutions was rather low. In spite of the proactive efforts of some residents in reporting the cases and providing relevant evidence, as well as the ongoing monitoring work carried out by the Harbour Patrol Section (HPS) of MD, the effectiveness of the prosecution work was still unsatisfactory. The marine air pollution situation was disappointing. He hoped that MD could improve the prosecution work in this respect; and
- (iii) he found a vessel emitting a large amount of yellow smoke the week before and considered it was very likely that the smoke contained hazardous substances and would affect public health. Nevertheless, under the existing legislation, the control on dark smoke emission from vessels was only based on the Ringelmann Chart with shades of varying darkness levels for determining whether the smoke reached the level of “dark smoke”. Since yellow smoke did not fit in with the benchmarks in the form of shades on the Ringelmann Chart, it had yet been brought under MD’s regulation. He hoped that MD and EPD could explore ways to improve or amend

the relevant regulations in order to control the emission of smoke of colours other than black from vessels.

9. The Chairman asked the MD representatives if there was anything further to supplement in addition to the written reply given at Annex 2 to EHC Paper No. 25/2020.

10. Mr LEUNG Siu-chee said that in regard to cases of dark smoke emissions from vessels, MD had all along been carrying out enforcement actions and investigations in accordance with the requirements and benchmarks under the existing legislation. If the requirements concerned were tightened in the future, MD would make corresponding arrangements proactively. Currently, if vessels were found emitting smoke similar to the “dark smoke” defined by the existing standards, MD would carry out investigation and initiate prosecution in accordance with the prevailing regulations. Regarding the impact of smoke of other colours emitted by vessels, EPD would be left to make a response

11. The Chairman asked the EPD representatives if there was anything further to supplement in addition to the written reply given at Annex 2 to EHC Paper No. 25/2020.

12. Dr LEE Yin-chun, Sally said that emissions from vessels were one of local air pollution sources. Staff of EPD would board vessels on a regular basis to check relevant records and collect fuel samples for analysing the sulphur content. It took some time to complete the whole process and obtain the test result. EPD was partnering with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to explore the feasibility of carrying out fast screening by the use of unmanned aerial sniffing system to measure the concentration of pollutants such as carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide in the emission from vessels instantaneously and it was hoped that the result could be obtained within two to three minutes. The technology concerned was still under development and it was hoped that it could facilitate enforcement work in the future.

13. The Chairman asked members to raise comments or enquiries.

14. Mr POON Ping-hong said quite a number of residents had reflected that from time to time there were vessels generating noise continuously regardless day or night in the waters off Ka Lung Court and Wah Kwai Estate, causing nuisance to the daily life of the residents. Residents had recorded the time vessels generated noise, names and license numbers of the vessels concerned, etc. He had also liaised with MD in writing on the said issue repeatedly and asked them to follow up. Nevertheless, MD’s efforts were in vain as the suspected vessels had already left the port every time MD’s fleet were sent to carry out surprise inspections. He hoped that by drawing up more effective measures, MD would deploy more manpower to carry out monitoring from the shore in addition to carrying out inspections at sea.

15. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that East Lamma Channel was one of the busiest marine channels. Emission from vessels plying through it would directly affect the daily life and health of the residents of Ap Lei Chau, Wah Fu, Wah Kwai and Pok Fu Lam and the situation was worthy of concern. According to the photos provided by the residents recently, there were vessels emitting a large amount of dark smoke in Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau. Although MD had already taken actions immediately after receiving residents' report, the effectiveness of prosecution was not satisfactory. Moreover, smoke containing different pollutants varied in colour. He considered that MD should not rely only on the shades of different levels of darkness on the Ringelmann chart as the basis for prosecution when tackling the marine air pollution problem. He suggested that, in addition to dark smoke, smoke of other colours should also be put under regulation. He hoped that MD and EPD could step up monitoring and enforcement actions such as installing surveillance cameras along East Lamma Channel to assist the collection of evidence and enhancement of the efficiency of prosecution.

16. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa agreed with Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN on the suggestion of installing surveillance cameras along East Lamma Channel. He considered this measure, which incurred a relatively low installation cost, could facilitate MD's enforcement actions through effective recording of information of the vessels emitting dark smoke. Furthermore, in respect of the use of non-compliant fuel in vessels, he quoted EPD's written reply that it had conducted surprise inspections to 195 vessels and initiated three prosecutions in 2019, and asked EPD whether the prosecutions concerned were successful. He also hoped that EPD could provide the data on the surprise inspections, complaints received and prosecutions initiated in recent years so that members could put forward effective improvement proposals to address the marine air pollution problem.

(Post-meeting note: Relevant supplementary information from MD is at **Annex 1.**)

17. The Chairman invited the MD representatives to respond.

18. Mr LEUNG Siu-chee gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) according to the experience of MD, quite a number of technical considerations were involved in using the clips recorded by video cameras as evidence for prosecution, including privacy issue and admissibility in court as evidence. MD would relay members' comments to the relevant section;
- (ii) supplementary information on the number of inspections conducted by the Port State Control of MD against the use of non-compliant fuel for non-Hong Kong registered ocean-going vessels (OGVs) could be submitted after the meeting; and

- (iii) the daily work of HPS covered handling of complaints of vessel noise. Be it about local vessels or OGVs, HPS would immediately commence investigation when receiving complaints from the public. Once the noise nuisance was established, HPS would give advice to the person-in-charge of the vessel first and request the vessel to stop producing noise. As MD was not the enforcement agency of the control of noise nuisance, the relevant cases would be referred to EPD for follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraph 18(ii), relevant supplementary information is at **Annex 1.**)

19. The Chairman invited the EPD representatives to respond.

20. Dr LEE Yin-chun, Sally gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) traffic noise of moving vessels was not subject to control under the Noise Control Ordinance (NCO). Noise caused by the use of loudspeakers of any vessels in public waters was equivalent to noise emanating from public places and thus was subject to control under sections 4 and 5 of NCO. The Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) was empowered to enforce such provision. Complaints against noise from vessels on the sea was to be dealt with by MD and HKPF;
- (ii) to reduce marine emissions, EPD had introduced a number of measures including the Air Pollution Control (Marine Light Diesel) Regulation (Cap. 311Y) which capped the sulphur content of locally supplied marine light diesel at 0.05% and the Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation (Cap. 311AB) which required all vessels to use compliant fuel with sulphur content not exceeding 0.5%, regardless whether they were sailing or berthing in Hong Kong waters starting from 1 January 2019. Supplementary information on convictions in recent years would be provided after the meeting;
- (iii) since the Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation (Cap. 311AB) came into effect on 1 January 2019, EPD had inspected a total of 195 vessels in 2019, among which three prosecutions were instituted for the use of non-compliant fuel. EPD would provide supplementary information on the number of unsuccessful prosecutions after the meeting. Among these prosecutions, it was noted that the exceedance of the prescribed limits for marine fuel was due to contamination of heavy fuel oil left in systems. From the experience over the past year, OGVs could switch to compliant low-sulphur fuel before entering the Hong Kong waters. Moreover, the International Maritime Organization had tightened the limit of sulphur content of fuel oil at 0.5% since 1 January 2020. According to EPD's understanding, to ensure compliance with the regulation, shipping companies sailing

- international routes had adopted measures to ensure they have sufficient amount of low-sulphur fuel for use before visiting Hong Kong.; and
- (iv) apart from the study of unmanned aerial sniffing system in collaboration with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, EPD was currently studying the possibility to further tighten the sulphur content of locally supplied marine light diesel to 0.001%. Furthermore, in order to reduce marine emissions, EPD was exploring the application of different green transport technologies, such as the use of hybrid and electric vessels.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraphs 20(ii) & (iii), EPD provided supplementary information as follows:

- (a) the Air Pollution Control (Ocean Going Vessels) (Fuel at Berth) Regulation (Cap. 311AA) mandated OGVs to switch to low-sulphur fuel (sulphur content not exceeding 0.5%) at berth. EPD initiated successful prosecution against 6 violations of the Regulation from 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2018; and
- (b) the Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation (Cap. 311AB) came into effect after 1 January 2019. All vessels in the waters of Hong Kong are required to use compliant fuel including low-sulphur fuel (sulphur content not exceeding 0.5%) regardless whether they are sailing or berthing. In 2019, EPD initiated successful prosecution against 3 violations of the Regulation. EPD withdrew one case of suspected violation in which prosecution could not be proceeded due to insufficient evidence.)

21. The Chairman said that as regards the issue of marine traffic noise, the representative of MD responded that it was not the enforcement agency for noise control and therefore the cases would be referred to EPD for follow-up, while the representative of EPD said that MD and HKPF were responsible for handling the issue. As such, the Chairman asked the representative of MD to respond to the above matter.

22. Mr LEUNG Siu-chee responded that pursuant to NCO (Cap. 400), MD was not the enforcement agency for noise control.

23. The Chairman suggested further following up and clarifying which department was the enforcement agency for handling the issue of marine traffic noise.

24. Mr POON Ping-hong said that the follow-up and enforcement actions against various kinds of noise nuisance from vessels, including the sound generated during anchoring, the use

of loudspeakers, sirens, etc, might be under the purview of different departments. As such, he requested for clarification of the responsibilities of various departments in respect to different noise nuisance caused by vessels.

(Post-meeting note: EPD advised that noise from vessels which use loudspeakers or sirens on board inappropriately or generate excessive noise when carrying out activities in public waters is enforced by HKPF under relevant provisions of NCO.)

25. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that EPD and FEHD had installed video cameras on the streets to combat illegal deposits of refuse and render assistance to prosecution work. As such, he hoped that MD would proactively consider the suggestion of installing surveillance cameras along East Lamma Channel.

26. Mr LEUNG Siu-chee responded that MD had used footages filmed by video cameras as evidence for prosecution against vessels which emitted dark smoke, but the prosecution was unsuccessful due to privacy issues. In response to Mr TUSI Yuen-wah's comment that some departments had already installed surveillance cameras as a measure to combat contraventions, MD would reflect it to the relevant enforcement division and consider the feasibility of installing surveillance cameras along East Lamma Channel.

27. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) MD had been monitoring the location of all vessels on the sea round the clock. He opined that given no privacy issues were constituted in doing so, installing video cameras for monitoring dark smoke emission from vessels would not cause privacy issues neither. Regarding the location for installation of surveillance cameras, he pointed out that MD had different types of facilities for monitoring the channel and vessels along East Lamma Channel, and he suggested installing surveillance cameras at such locations. MD might also consider installing surveillance cameras at Cyberport Road facing East Lamma Channel for prompt commencement of the monitoring work. He emphasised that the monitoring and control of marine air pollution should be undertaken by MD. Instead of relying on the reports from residents, MD should actively carry out its monitoring work; and
- (ii) EPD had not responded on matters concerning the emission from vessels coloured smoke that was not covered by the benchmarks of the Ringelmann Chart. Such matters included the ways to regulate vessels emitting excessive yellow smoke, whether the yellow smoke contained harmful substances, and whether the vessels had breached the law.

28. The Chairman said that EPD, according to its written response, would inspect bunker delivery notes and operation of relevant machinery during surprise inspections to vessels. When necessary, fuel samples would be collected. He enquired whether EPD would consider additional inspection methods apart from the above procedures, such as inspecting whether the vessels had installed equipment for desulphurisation or minimising the pollution.

29. Dr LEE Yin-chun, Sally gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) the Air Pollution Control (Fuel for Vessels) Regulation (Cap. 311AB) was mainly targeted to control the requirement of fuel sulphur content. There was no direct relationship between the dark smoke generated from vessels and the fuel sulphur content. She said that dark smoke or smoke of other colours might be emitted from vessels if their engines were not properly maintained. The enforcement action against dark smoke emission from vessels was undertaken by MD according to the darkness of smoke using the Ringelmann Chart as reference. If necessary, EPD would collaborate and study other measures with MD to further improve the marine air quality; and
- (ii) she reiterated that complaints against noise from vessels were to be dealt with by MD and HKPF. EPD would clarify and follow up with MD on the demarcation of work after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraphs 29(ii) and 33, EPD discussed with MD in July and August 2020. The consolidated responses from EPD and MD were as follows:

In order to control and reduce the noise from vessels, Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548G) stipulates that the noise level in any passenger space of a passenger vessel cannot exceed 85 dB(A) when measured at the maximum operating speed of the propulsion engine(s). Generally speaking, a silencer or expansion chamber shall be fitted on the exhaust pipe of engine(s) on board a local vessel to reduce the noise, which is the requirement of Code of Practice of Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance.

When handling complaints about noise from vessels, MD officers would advise the coxswain or the person in charge of the vessel to minimize noise as much as possible. In addition, MD would distribute leaflets to coxswains and remind vessel operators to take measures to reduce noise. The traffic noise of moving vessels is not subject to control under NCO. If vessels use whistle or loudspeakers in public places improperly or make excessive noise during activities at sea,

HKPF will take enforcement in accordance with relevant provisions of NCO (Cap. 400).)

30. Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael found it ironic that MD mentioned in its written response that the current monitoring and prosecution process regarding the dark smoke emission from vessels was effective. He pointed out that only a few relevant prosecutions were made by MD annually and it showed that there might be shortcomings in the existing legislations and monitoring mechanism. According to the current monitoring procedures, MD could only carry out the prosecution work given that a three-minute continuous video was provided as evidence and statements were given by the witnesses in person at the MD's offices. He considered that the public might give up reporting cases of suspected vessels because of the complicated procedures or the inconvenience caused. In addition, he criticised that the fines imposed on vessels emitting dark smoke or using non-compliant fuel were too light to act as a deterrent. He suggested to the departments concerned that they should take the initiative to propose amendments to relevant legislations, simplify the prosecution procedures and increase the penalty level in order to put emphasis on the seriousness of the offence.

31. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) he asked whether MD's reluctance to accept the suggestion of installing surveillance cameras was based on its assumption that the success rate of prosecuting smoky vessels would still be relatively low even if surveillance cameras were installed; and
- (ii) he criticised MD and EPD for making a muddle about their authorities and responsibilities, and shifting responsibilities onto each other regarding the law enforcement on environmental issues, such as noise, air and light pollution at sea. He hoped that after the meeting, the departments concerned would give the Committee clarifications on the respective departments responsible for enforcement against various marine pollution issues mentioned above to facilitate members' follow-up of relevant matters in the future.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraph 31(ii), EPD would deal with the air and light pollution complaints arising from vessels. For cases involving dark smoke emission or lights used by vessels for operational needs or safe navigation, EPD would refer the case to MD for follow-up.)

32. The Chairman invited the representative of MD to respond.

33. Mr LEUNG Siu-chee gave a consolidated response that MD would reflect the suggestions of members to the subject team for consideration of their feasibility. The division

of law enforcement work regarding various marine pollution issues would require further clarification and deliberation with the departments concerned.

34. Mr POON Ping-hong said that he had handled a case with MD in May 2019 regarding a vessel which dumped waste oil, and shoots were taken of the faces of the persons involved, their actions and the name of the ship company. At that time, MD carried out an investigation based on the shoots, and the persons involved had stopped the relevant behaviour after MD's advice. He stressed that surveillance cameras installed for recording the emission of dark smoke by vessels would not capture the faces and actions of the persons on the vessels clearly. Compared with the above case of oil dumping by vessel, privacy issues were even less likely to be involved. Therefore, he opined that the privacy concern raised by MD was not a legitimate reason for not installing surveillance cameras.

35. Mr LO Kin-hei expressed that the District Management Committee (DMC) convened by District Officer (Southern) was responsible for the coordination and overall planning of the district work of various government departments, and the discussion of this agenda item clearly reflected the importance of the coordination mechanism among departments. However, it had already been more than half a year since the commencement of this DC term, and to this day the first DMC meeting had not yet been held. He wondered why it was not yet convened, and asked whether it had been suspended or cancelled. If not, he urged District Officer (Southern) to convene DMC meeting as soon as possible.

36. Mr CHENG Kong-chung, Francis, JP responded that owing to the epidemic, the schedule of DMC meetings was affected, and he regretted that the DMC had not yet convened. He continued that SDO would have to handle numerous large-scale tasks, including the 2020 Legislative Council General Election, in the coming months. He took note of members' opinions and would arrange DMC meetings as soon as possible. Members were welcomed to give their views, if any, on other inter-departmental coordination matters for follow-up in the interim.

37. The Chairman concluded that members had suggested the installation of surveillance cameras at different locations along the coast of the Southern District to target at vessels emitting dark smoke. He urged MD to study the matter as early as possible and report on the progress to the Committee. Also, the Chairman asked MD and EPD to clarify the issues on power and responsibility discussed during the meeting, and suggested the relevant departments to seek legal advice if needed.

Agenda Item 3: Proposed Locations and Consultation for Setting up Southern District Health Centre
(Item raised by Mr TSUI Yuen-wa)
(EHHC Paper No. 26/2020)

38. The Chairman invited Mr TSUI Yuen-wa to briefly introduce the agenda item.

39. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that in its written reply, the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) stated that it was identifying a suitable location. The reply was similar to FHB's letter issued to the Chairmen of the 18 District Councils (DCs) in April 2020 reporting the latest progress of the District Health Centres (DHCs). As it was only a few months since FHB issued the letter, he considered this understandable. But he suggested that before finalising the location of the Southern DHC, FHB should consult the Committee's views and step up cooperation with SDC in aspects such as determination of the service targets and district promotion. He pointed out that the Southern DHC was a good policy as it would benefit the community a lot. FHB should thus introduce the scheme to local residents as early as possible. He also hoped that District Officer (Southern) would relay members' views to FHB. Besides, in view of the difficulty in identifying a suitable permanent site for the Southern DHC, he requested the relevant department to reserve a site when redeveloping Wah Fu Estate or Yue Kwong Chuen. But FHB had not responded to his suggestion. Feeling disappointed, he hoped that FHB could proactively consider his suggestion in future.

40. The Chairman invited members to raise comments or enquiries.

41. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that SDC had previously invited different Bureaux/Departments to attend meetings and participate in discussion of the relevant issues. But some Bureaux/Departments failed to deploy representatives to the meetings. He suggested compiling a record for members' reference so as to facilitate future follow-up.

42. The Chairman said that SDC and EHHC had invited FHB to attend meetings and participate in discussion a couple of times since early 2020. But FHB had not deployed representatives to the meeting.

43. Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael commented that the orientation of the Southern DHC should be clearly delineated to avoid overlapping the functions of public hospitals and clinics under the Department of Health (DH). Citing the example of Kwai Tsing DHC, he said that after the DHC operated for six months, the number of users remained far short of expectation. It was due to the unclear orientation of the DHC that the public had little knowledge about its functions and did not use its services. He hoped that the Southern DHC would have a clear orientation so as to avoid unclear delineation of responsibilities and overlapping structure

between different healthcare facilities. Moreover, as the epidemic might rage on again, he wished to know what control strategy would be adopted by the Southern DHC. He asked District Officer (Southern) to relay the comments to FHB.

44. Mr LO Kin-hei said that he could not understand why Bureaux/Departments like the Tourism Commission (TC), FHB and DH had for a couple of times failed to deploy representatives to meetings to participate in discussion of issues relating to their duties, and was dissatisfied about this. On the other hand, when a Bureau needed to solicit SDC's support for certain issues so as to secure funding from the Legislative Council (LegCo), then the Bureau would participate actively in the meetings. The Bureaux had assumed an attitude of despising SDC. He suggested consolidating fellow members' views on the Southern DHC for FHB's reference after the meeting. In case of any problem in future, the minutes of this meeting could serve as evidence that FHB had not listened to SDC's views.

45. Mr Francis CHENG, JP said that he noted members' concern over the Southern DHC and would relay the Committee's views to FHB as soon as possible. Prior to the meeting, he had enquired of FHB about the progress of preparatory work for the Southern DHC, and learned that FHB expected to consult SDC on the location of the Southern DHC in late 2020 or early 2021 and would consult SDC and local stakeholders on the services of the DHC as appropriate.

46. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to compile a record of Bureaux/Departments that had been invited but failed to deploy representatives to SDC meetings (including FHB and TC).

47. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung added that the information should include the dates of absence and items discussed for members' reference so as to facilitate future follow-up, especially when the Bureaux/Departments concerned had to solicit SDC's support so as to secure funding from LegCo in future.

(Post-meeting note: Relevant information is at **Annex 2.**)

48. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus said that a suitable location was of utmost importance to the operation of the Southern DHC. He thus did not understand why FHB failed to deploy a representative to the meeting to discuss the issue with members. As Kwai Tsing DHC was located in a commercial centre, elders who wished to use the rehabilitation services of the DHC had to be referred by Satellite Centres. In contrast, Wong Tai Sin DHC was located within the area of a public housing estate next to MTR Diamond Hill Station, which was obviously a location with better planning. The said examples showed that the selection of location was an important issue. The Government should thus consult the views of SDC members in order to come up with a better option. He hoped that FHB could step up liaison with SDC in respect of the location of the Southern DHC and other related matters. In fact, the Primary Healthcare

Office responsible for developing DHCs under FHB was located in Wong Chuk Hang and was close to the meeting venue. He hoped that FHB would pay respect to SDC.

49. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa was pleased to learn that FHB planned to set up a management committee for each DHC, and the ex-officio members of each management committee included a representative nominated by the respective DC. He was of the view that whether FHB had deployed a representative to the meeting or not, the Committee could proceed with the discussion and then convey its views to FHB.

50. Mr YU Chun-hei, James said that it was indeed very important for FHB to deploy a representative to the meeting to discuss the location of the Southern DHC because this could help FHB understand the actual conditions of the district. If FHB consulted the Committee only when it conducted a tendering exercise for the service contract in late 2020 or early 2021, FHB might then have a preliminary list of possible locations which might not include the locations preferred by members. He thus hoped that before FHB carried out any preliminary preparatory work, it should consult the Committee's views first. Regarding the service orientation of the Southern DHC, given the different demands of the residents in different districts, the service orientation of other DHCs might not be applicable to the Southern DHC. He originally hoped to discuss the service orientation of the Southern DHC, such as whether the healthcare services should be provided in the form of a clinic or in other forms, with FHB at this meeting. But his hope was not fulfilled.

51. Ms CHAN Yan-yi said that she originally hoped to learn more about different aspects of the Southern DHC including its service profile and the efficacy and related data of Kwai Tsing DHC after it commenced operation, from FHB or DH, so that the Committee could draw reference from the problems in other districts and give advice to avoid re-occurrence of such problems in the Southern District. Moreover, FHB should consult the Committee's views on the location and services of the DHC as early as possible in order to suit the needs of the local residents. Finally, she wished to know whether the Southern DHC would offer any concessionary rate, or even provide people of a certain age group with free body check services.

52. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said he knew that the Government would rent local facilities to operate DHCs in certain districts. He was of the view that members were acquainted with the local situation and could give advice to FHB to assist with the preparatory work for the Southern DHC. He wished to obtain more information about the Southern DHC, including the geographical conditions or building requirements for the DHC, the time table for setting up the DHC as well as the area and services of the existing Kwai Tsing DHC.

53. Mr CHAN Hin-chung said he hoped that the SDO would invite FHB to deploy representatives to meet with Committee members and discuss the various issues relating to the Southern DHC.

54. Mr LO Kin-hei said that Annex 2 to the Paper stated that it would take rather long time for the provision of the permanent site of DHC in Southern District. He wished to know whether FHB would accept Mr TSUI Yuen-wa's suggestion and request the relevant department to reserve a site to be used as the permanent location of the DHC when redeveloping Wah Fu Estate or Yue Kwong Chuen. He considered that the selection of location for the Southern DHC was a very important issue. Be it a permanent or a temporary location, FHB should consult the Committee's views and maintain good cooperation with SDC. In response to a member's suggestion of requesting FHB to deploy representatives to meet with Committee members, he suggested that fellow members might consider going to the Primary Healthcare Office in Wong Chuk Hang to meet with the FHB staff directly.

55. In closing, the Chairman said that the Committee considered it a good policy to set up the Southern DHC. But the Committee hoped that FHB could discuss the location, service mode and other related facilities with the Committee and consult the Committee's views as early as possible. The service mode of the Eye Examination Scheme currently implemented in the Southern District could serve as a reference for the Southern DHC. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to follow up the issue of inviting FHB to deploy representatives to meet with Committee members and consult the Committee's views.

(Post-meeting note: With the support of the Secretariat, the Chairman issued a letter to FHB on 28 July 2020 to relay the Committee's comments at Annex 3.)

**Agenda Item 4: Follow up the Discharge of Duties of Outsourced Workers under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
(Item raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael)
(EHHC Paper No. 27/2020)**

56. The Chairman invited Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael to briefly introduce the agenda item.

57. Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael said that according to a media report on 30 May 2020, members of the pest control team of Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office, FEHD were found taking unauthorised rests after performing their duties briefly in Shek O and Chung Hom Kok respectively. He was of the view that slacking in work of the frontline workers was apparently a man-made fault. During the epidemic, it was even more worrying. He enquired

whether the Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office had warned or penalised the team members involved; whether the FEHD officers responsible for managing the outsourced workers were negligent in management, and would thus be penalised; whether FEHD would consider reviewing the current outsourcing system and prevent the same kind of incidents from occurring again; and whether FEHD would take effective measures to prevent dereliction of frontline workers if the situation was the same. Moreover, he considered that FEHD's written reply that the incident would be handled in accordance with established procedures was vague and general and requested FEHD to give a more detailed response.

58. Mr Danny WAI responded that FEHD was conducting an internal investigation into the case. The response at the current stage was given at Annex 2 to the paper.

59. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN enquired why SDO had not stated that the agenda item raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael for this meeting was incompatible with the District Council Ordinance (DCO), while the agenda item titled "Seriously Follow up the Problem of Correctional Services Department (CSD) Officers Suspected of Having Committed Illegal Gambling and Other Offences in Stanley Prison" raised by Mr PANG for the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020 was considered incompatible with DCO. He wished to know the difference between the two agenda items.

60. The Chairman said that according to the Southern District Council Standing Orders, the agenda item raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael for this meeting was concerned with the environmental hygiene in the vicinity of Stanley, which was a local issue in the Southern District and closely related to the livelihood of the district. In this connection, he accepted the agenda item.

61. Mr Francis CHENG, JP responded that as the scope of service of the pest control team under Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office was restricted to the Southern District and the services that it provided would directly affect the well-being of the local residents, it was a local issue in the Southern District. As for the agenda item concerning Stanley Prison raised by Mr PANG for the SDC meeting, it was not regarded as a district issue because the Stanley Prison was not a public facility at the district level and its service targets were not local residents. According to the established practice, the Secretariat would consult relevant departments and seek legal advice where necessary when handling any controversial agenda item. Since it was ascertained that the agenda item concerning Stanley Prison raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael was incompatible with the functions of a DC specified in DCO, the item should not be included in the agenda for the SDC meeting.

62. The Chairman enquired whether SDO had decided that the agenda items raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael and Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany for the SDC meeting on 2 July

2020 were incompatible with the functions of DCs specified in DCO according to the legal advice sought.

63. Mr Francis CHENG, JP responded that the aforesaid decisions were made having regard to the legal advice sought. He reiterated that in case of any controversial agenda items, SDO would consult relevant departments and seek legal advice where necessary.

64. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany said that regarding the agenda item raised by her for the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020, the place involved was Tin Wan Estate while the enforcement officers involved were Police Officers of Aberdeen Police Station. As their service targets were local residents and the agenda item was concerned with local issue in the Southern District, she considered that the agenda item was compatible with DCO. She could not understand why the agenda item was not accepted and criticised SDO for adopting a double standard in handling agenda items for SDC meetings.

65. Mr LO Kin-hei clarified that the agenda items raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael and Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany for the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020 had been accepted by him in the capacity of the Chairman of SDC. But the Secretariat refused to provide the relevant secretariat service. He commented that SDO had adopted a double standard when handling agenda items that involved different Bureaux/Departments. For example, agenda items relating to the ambits of the Security Bureau and Departments under it would not be accepted. He reiterated that the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020 had officially endorsed the motion that “SDC reprimands the Southern District Office for interpreting the District Councils Ordinance arbitrarily and disrupting the SDC operation”.

66. Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael said that FEHD’s written response had not indicated whether the team members involved had been warned or penalised. In case of dereliction of frontline staff, the relevant officers of FEHD had to be held accountable for inadequate supervision. Moreover, he considered that the response of District Officer (Southern) was not well justified and reiterated that District Officer (Southern) left the meeting on 2 July 2020 to avoid responding to an enquiry on the rules of order.

67. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that he had lodged a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman against District Officer (Southern) about his handling of the agenda items raised by Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael and Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany for the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020 and SDO’s refusal of providing secretariat services for that part of the meeting. He also requested District Officer (Southern) to respond squarely to Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany’s enquiry.

68. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN enquired whether the persons in custody in Stanley Prison were residents of the Southern District.

69. Mr YU Chun-hei, James said that he wished to view the legal advice provided by the Department of Justice (DoJ) or the main points so that fellow members knew the legal perspective. He enquired which district the persons in custody in Stanley Prison belonged to, say whether they were classified as residents of Stanley in censuses conducted by the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) and, for the purpose of elections, whether the constituencies of persons in custody were determined according to the whereabouts of these persons or their residences prior to imprisonment.

(Post-meeting note: (a) C&SD indicated that special arrangements were made during the conduct of the population census/by-census to enumerate persons who were in custody in prisons/correctional institutions at the reference moment. The usual accommodation of these persons at the reference moment was defined as the prison/correctional institution concerned. Therefore, population statistics of the “Southern – Stanley and Shek O” District Council Constituency Area covered persons who were in custody in Stanley Prison at the reference moment of the population census/by-census; and

(b) the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) indicated that REO would assign a geographical constituency to each elector according to the residential address provided by him/her. According to section 28 of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542), a person must be ordinarily residing in Hong Kong and the residential address in his/her application for registration was his/her only or principal residence in Hong Kong in order to be eligible for registration as an elector. If he/she was a person serving a sentence of imprisonment and at the time of the application did not have a home in Hong Kong outside the penal institution, the last dwelling-place in Hong Kong at which the person resided and which constituted his/her sole or main home, or the residential address of the person last recorded by the Immigration Department under the Registration of Persons Regulations (Cap. 177A) if the person could not provide any proof on his/her last dwelling-place in Hong Kong, was deemed to be the person’s only or principal residence in Hong Kong.)

70. The Chairman said that to his knowledge, the constituencies of persons in custody were determined according to the residential addresses of these persons recorded in the register of electors (rather than the prisons where they were imprisoned).

71. Mr CHAN Hin-chung said he hoped that SDO would step up liaison and try to reach a consensus with members in case any controversies over incompatibility between agenda items and the functions of DCs specified in DCO arose again in future. He hoped that District Officer (Southern) would not leave the meeting and the Secretariat would continue providing secretariat services so as to maintain a good cooperative relationship.

72. The Chairman invited the FEHD representative to respond.

73. Mr Danny WAI responded that FEHD was conducting an internal investigation into the case. The relevant response was given at Annex 2 to the paper and no more information could be supplemented currently.

74. The Chairman enquired whether FEHD would strengthen its monitoring work in the short run to ensure that the behaviour of its frontline staff met the public expectation.

75. Mr Danny WAI responded that FEHD had from time to time deployed staff to conduct on-site inspection and monitor the performance of its frontline staff.

76. The Chairman said he understood that it took time for FEHD to conduct the investigation. But he was worried that prolonged investigation time would make it impossible to report the investigation results to the public at a timely manner. Besides, the Chairman also enquired about the progress of investigation into an incident in which a FEHD staff member was suspected to have used face masks intended for work purposes for his/her own private purposes.

77. Ms LI Shee-lin enquired about the details of FEHD's on-site inspections, such as the number of surprise inspections conducted each month and whether a monitoring system had been put in place, etc. Besides, she considered that the remuneration package for FEHD's outsourced workers was in general less than satisfactory. She hoped that FEHD could consult members' views on the contract terms when negotiating the contracts with contractors in future.

78. The Chairman said that the issue of FEHD's outsourcing contracts could be discussed in detail under agenda item 6 – "Strategies and Tasks on Improving Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong" later.

79. The Chairman invited District Officer (Southern) to respond.

80. Mr Francis CHENG, JP gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) regarding the question of whether certain agenda items for the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020 were compatible with the functions of DCs specified in DCO, as the meeting was already finished, he had nothing to supplement. After obtaining legal advice, SDO had already explained the key points of consideration of the Government in this particular case to members. Based on the principle of legal professional privilege, he hoped to have members' understanding that it was not suitable to forward the advice to members;
- (ii) concerning the agenda item titled "Request for Information on Cases Involving Mentally Incapacitated Persons Handled by the Southern Police Division", according to legal advice, even when an incident occurred in a particular district, it did not necessarily mean that the agenda item could be regarded as a district issue or deemed to be compatible with DCO. Instead, a macroscopic point of view should be adopted to analyse the content of the agenda item as a whole. As the agenda item was concerned with the overall process of the Police in handling mentally incapacitated persons and the handling process was based on the same standard throughout the territory rather than being restricted to the Southern District, the Government considered that the agenda item was not primarily a district issue pertinent to the Southern District;
- (iii) SDO and the Secretariat had all along been cooperating well with SDC members and hoped to maintain a good cooperative relationship in future. Meanwhile, the Government also held a clear standpoint on the functions of DCs. According to the reply given by the Secretary for Home Affairs to a question titled "Functions of and support for District Councils" at the Legislative Council meeting on 29 April 2020, the Government's stance was that if a DC still kept items for discussion which were not compatible with DCO, the DC secretariat could not provide secretariat service for these matters, and secretariat staff or other Government officers would neither attend the relevant parts of the meeting nor join the discussion of the relevant papers; and
- (iv) regarding the question of which district persons in custody belonged to, the Secretariat would enquire with the relevant departments.

81. Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael said that some persons in custody in Stanley Prison voted in the 2019 DC elections and their constituencies were exactly Stanley and Shek O Constituency where Stanley Prison was located. If these persons in custody could be registered as voters of Stanley and Shek O Constituency whereas the legal advice stated that they were not residents of the Southern District, then he could not understand this. He further said that be they persons in custody in Stanley Prison or residents of Stanley working in the

prison, as long as they were affected by the improper behaviour of CSD officers, these should be considered as local issues in the Southern District. He thus considered the justifications of District Officer (Southern) unconvincing.

82. Ms LI Shee-lin said that she could not understand why District Officer (Southern) left the meeting without giving any explanation after obtaining the legal advice. She said that the Lands Department (LandsD) had requested her to remove a banner and sent her a letter explaining the reasons for the request after seeking legal advice. She was of the view that the various departments should adopt the same standard to handle issues of a similar nature. She urged District Officer (Southern) to explain to members in detail again.

83. The Chairman considered it unnecessary to invite District Officer (Southern) to repeat the reply.

84. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN commented that it was not possible to discuss all issues relating to the functions of DCs at this meeting. He hoped that SDO could give a written response on the issues. He further said that DCs should discuss issues and facilities that would affect the well-being of people in the district, where “people in the district” should include people living in the district, people working in the district and tourists. If issues or facilities that were of concern to residents in the Southern District could not be discussed at SDC meetings because they were of concern throughout the territory, then it was difficult for SDC members to explain to the residents. He pointed out that in the past some issues that were not purely local issues such as the laying of submarine cable network had been discussed at times.

85. Mr LO Kin-hei said that the Secretariat had sent emails to fellow members, explaining the reasons why secretariat services could not be provided for certain agenda items to be discussed at the SDC meeting on 2 July 2020. Even if members requested further written replies, he believed that the reply would not be much different from the previous email and neither would it be convincing. He suggested that fellow members make good use of the remaining time to focus on discussion of this agenda item.

86. The Chairman said it was hoped that SDO would provide DoJ’s legal advice for members’ reference. Regarding the incident discussed under this agenda item as well as the face mask incident, the Chairman asked FEHD to report the progress of the investigation and give an account of the expected time for completing the investigation.

87. Mr Danny WAI responded that the investigation of the face mask incident involved FEHD and other departments. There was as yet no information to be reported to members. According to FEHD’s internal guidelines, officers of different ranks conducted on-site inspections of frontline staff at different frequencies. Moreover, the case being discussed

under this agenda item was still under investigation. FEHD's response was given at Annex 2 to the paper and no more information could be supplemented currently.

88. Mr LO Kin-hei said he hoped that FEHD would proactively investigate the case discussed under this agenda item and urged FEHD to promise to maintain liaison with members on the progress and results of the investigation. Regarding the face mask incident, he considered that FEHD should give an account of the investigation progress and follow-up actions to members, such as whether any persons had been warned or penalised. As far as he knew, FEHD had all along been conducting inspections and spot checks to monitor the performance of its frontline staff. He enquired whether FEHD had adopted any new monitoring methods to reduce the cases of dereliction of duty.

89. Mr HON Ming-sau responded that the face mask incident was still under investigation. Preliminary investigation of the other case had been completed. The case would be followed up by the relevant section under FEHD and there was as yet no result. FEHD understood members' concern over the incident and would consider providing members with the relevant information where practicable.

90. The Chairman concluded that FEHD could not provide members with a timetable for the investigation or the relevant information at the current stage. He believed that members would continue to follow up on the incident and hoped that FEHD could provide more information as early as possible.

(Miss Mina CHOW joined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.)

**Agenda Item 5: Central Western, Southern and Islands District Social Welfare
Office of Social Welfare Department – Southern District Work Plan
2020-21 and Progress Report
(Item raised by Social Welfare Department)
(EHC Paper No. 28/2020)**

91. The Chairman welcomed Miss CHOW Yuet-ming, Mina, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western/Southern/Islands) 3 of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) to the meeting.

92. The Chairman invited Miss Mina CHOW to brief members on the agenda item. Miss Mina CHOW briefly reported on the work progress of the provision of welfare services in Southern District under the Central Western, Southern and Islands District Social Welfare

Office (the Office) of SWD in 2019-20 and introduced its Southern District Work Plan for 2020-21.

93. The Chairman invited members to raise comments or enquiries.

94. Ms LI Shee-lin proposed that SWD should strengthen its collaboration with the Housing Department (HD) in “Compassionate Rehousing” and provide counselling service for the people in need. In view of the uncertain economic situation at present, she suggested that SWD should render additional employment assistance for the youth on top of providing unemployment relief fund, in order to allow them to earn their own living. Regarding the promotion of mental health, she hoped that SWD could inject additional resources to strengthen its outreaching service, so as to identify hidden mental patients or depression patients as well as providing assistance for the persons concerned.

95. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus said that although SWD had launched a six-month unemployment support scheme and temporarily relaxed the restriction by a double increase in the asset limit of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme for able-bodied persons, the application requirements were still considered too harsh after the relaxation. He proposed that SWD should provide more comprehensive unemployment assistance. Comparatively speaking, among the family services provided by SWD, he opined that the support for the families living in subdivided flats was insufficient. He suggested that SWD enhance its service in this regard.

96. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany said that since June 2019, the suicide rate in Hong Kong had been on the rise, reflecting that the emotional support service provided by SWD had not achieved a satisfactory result. She pointed out that the government departments were not proactive in following up cases of persons with suicidal tendency but who had not attempted suicide in the district. She proposed that SWD should improve the relevant policy on emotional support. Moreover, she said that during the suspension of schools, many students had been staying home for a long time while lacking social interaction, which had thus given rise to problems of interpersonal communication. In this connection, she suggested that SWD should provide the relevant support service for students. Regarding unemployment assistance, many people felt helpless and unsettled after being laid off. Even though SWD had relaxed the asset limit of the CSSA Scheme for able-bodied persons, it was still inadequate to alleviate the financial pressure faced by the unemployed. She asked SWD whether it would provide unemployment relief for these people.

97. Miss Mina CHOW gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) regarding the work on “Compassionate Rehousing”, SWD had all along maintained close liaison with HD. Members could refer cases in need to the respective Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) of SWD which would follow up in accordance with the established procedure. In addition to housing needs, social workers would also provide a wide range of services, including counselling, to support families in need;
- (ii) SWD had strengthened its outreaching work for different categories of services to proactively reach out to cases in need of assistance. Moreover, the IFSCs and the Office had established a well-developed referral mechanism for referring help-seeking cases from the public to the suitable service units for appropriate follow-up action;
- (iii) the six-month unemployment assistance scheme was to increase the asset limit for applicants under the CSSA Scheme. The asset limit for single able-bodied persons would increase from \$33,000 to \$66,000, while that for households with four persons would increase from \$88,000 to \$176,000. Besides, SWD noted members’ suggestion on setting up an unemployment relief fund;
- (iv) the problem of youth suicide had all along been a matter of concern to SWD and related services had been strengthened. Additional funding had also been allocated by the Office to the non-governmental organisations in the district for implementing services to cater for the emotional needs of the youth and their families; and
- (v) if members received any requests for assistance, they might refer the cases to the Office or the IFSCs for follow-up action.

98. The Chairman thanked Miss Mina CHOW for attending the meeting and her briefing.

(Miss Mina CHOW left the meeting at 4:48 p.m.)

Agenda Item 6: Strategies and Tasks Improving Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong
(Item raised by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department)
(EHHC Paper No. 29/2020)

99. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to briefly introduce this agenda item.

100. During his presentation on this agenda item, Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny said that the paper highlighted the major tasks undertaken by FEHD in 2019-20, including mosquito and rodent control, street sweeping and washing, collection of household waste, management of public toilets and refuse collection points (RCPs), regulatory control and inspection of food

premises, handling of water seepage and dripping air-conditioners, market services and hawker control, as well as public education. In addition, the paper also covered the strategies and tasks of the Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office in 2020-21. He welcomed members' comments.

101. The Chairman said that members might make discussion on the three parts, namely "Improving the Environmental Hygiene Conditions", "Market Management" and "Others", as shown in the table of contents of the Appendix to the paper. Given that FEHD had already organised a workshop on this agenda item with the participation of the Committee on 3 July 2020, during which some members had given their views, if they wished FEHD to give further responses or provide supplementary information at this meeting, they might put forward the related matters accordingly.

102. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, MH pointed out that as more than 10 000 daily commuters currently used the footpath and staircase connecting Ap Lei Chau Estate and Main Street, Ap Lei Chau, she requested FEHD to regularly cleanse the road section concerned. Besides, the shop front extension problem had long existed in Aberdeen. Despite that FEHD had repeatedly carried out enforcement operations, shop operators just slipped back into their old ways and shop front extensions would recur soon after law enforcement officers had left the scene. As such, she urged FEHD to take measures to tackle the root causes of the problem. As a matter of fact, the previous terms of SDC had repeatedly brought the shop front extension problem to the attention of FEHD. Despite improvement made earlier, the problem was becoming increasingly rampant now. Regarding the feeding of feral pigeons, dedicated enforcement teams (DETs) had been set up by FEHD for prosecuting offenders, but FEHD should step up publicity and education efforts. She opined that some people who were so obsessed with feeding feral pigeons might have suffered from mental disorder, and was worried about the risk of spreading avian influenza. She urged that apart from stepping up enforcement efforts, consideration might be given by FEHD to referring these offender cases to relevant departments for following up.

103. The Chairman reminded members that the discussion should concentrate on environmental hygiene issues first, and that the issues concerning shop front extensions and feeding of wild animals would be separately discussed under "Others" in part 3.

104. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus said that at present, FEHD would carry out street washing at the inner streets in the vicinity of Yue Kwong Road and Aberdeen, but there was still room for improvement in their cleanliness. It had been suggested in the workshop that FEHD should provide information on the schedule and frequency of street washing to enable members to monitor its work, thereby facilitating the exploration of possible measures to enhance street washing service. Besides, he hoped that FEHD could provide supplementary information on

the improvement and refurbishment works for Wu Nam Street Public Toilet in Aberdeen. Regarding some “grey areas” in the district (e.g. the slopes in the vicinity of Yue Kwong Road and Shek Pai Wan Estate) involving more complex ownership structure, he requested FEHD to increase the frequency of cleansing for these areas and provide the related data to enable members to monitor its work. In addition, he drew FEHD’s attention to the on-going works at a number of construction sites in Aberdeen (including Po Man Lau at Old Main Street, Aberdeen and 150 Aberdeen Main Road) as well as the soon-to-be remodelled Aberdeen Market. In this regard, he asked FEHD to step up anti-rodent and mosquito efforts.

105. Mr CHAN Hin-chung said that he had commented on the cleanliness of some “grey areas” during the workshop. For instance, a white abandoned motorcycle had been parking on a road section between Shek Pai Wan Estate and Yue Fai Court for a prolonged period of time. As a matter of fact, members had raised concerns about the situation since May 2020, but no government departments had handled the case so far. In this connection, he requested FEHD to discuss with either the Highways Department or LandsD on which party should be responsible for handling the case, so as to avoid further delays due to unclear demarcation of responsibilities. Besides, according to his observations, FEHD would adjust the frequency of street cleansing having regard to pedestrian flows. Citing Yue Kwong Road as an example, he pointed out that with a relatively low pedestrian flow, a filthy road section opposite to Fu Hong Society Rehabilitation Centre had been left unattended for consecutive days, whereas apparently, greater cleanliness had been found at the road section with a relatively higher pedestrian flow opposite to Yue Kwong Road Sports Centre. In this regard, he requested FEHD to provide data on cleansing services for the above two road sections, enabling members to assess the sufficiency of cleansing services in terms of frequency. Moreover, a large quantity of miscellaneous objects had been piled up on the trail connecting the Warehouse Teenage Club and Aberdeen, which had become even more slippery when covered by fallen leaves and mud especially after the rain, posing danger to the residents. However, the trail was still left unattended after a while. In this connection, he asked whether FEHD was responsible for clearing up the road section concerned.

106. Mr LAM Andrew Tak-wo said that according to the paper, at present, the sweeping frequency in the Southern District was six times a day for about 110 beats located at commercial and residential areas with relatively high pedestrian flows. In this connection, he wished to know the exact locations of the 110 beats, and whether FEHD would increase the cleansing frequency upon receipt of relevant complaints. Regarding refuse collection, for instance, persistently large piles of refuse found at Pok Fu Lam Village and a section of Pok Fu Lam Road leading to Chi Fu had even caused obstruction to the carriageway as a result of inadequate sweeping frequency. Given that according to the paper, FEHD would provide focused cleansing services for places in need, he enquired of FEHD whether it would accede to requests

for increasing the frequency of refuse collection on their own merits; if not, he wished to know the description of the “focused cleansing services” referred to in the paper.

107. The Chairman said that regarding the cleansing of hygiene black spots or individual locations, FEHD might make arrangements in accordance with different levels of treatment required. He suggested that FEHD should provide the requested information, including the frequency of street cleansing, after the meeting for members’ reference and comments, so as to meet the actual needs of various locations. During the workshop, members had raised concerns over the terms of FEHD’s outsourced service contracts. As such, he suggested that FEHD should consult SDC members of local constituencies as early as possible to avoid the situation that the outsourced services eventually failed to meet the actual needs of local communities. He invited FEHD to respond in this regard. He also suggested that members might hold discussion on the overall strategies and tasks of FEHD in 2020-21, e.g. the refurbishment of public toilets and co-ordination at district level, rather than environmental hygiene issues of individual locations only.

108. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun said that the problem of refuse accumulation on slopes was serious in Bays Area constituency to which he belonged. Among these, quite many slopes in Repulse Bay, Deep Water Bay and at Island Road were “grey areas” on which large quantities of refuse such as meal containers and construction waste, etc. had been disposed of. FEHD’s workers had to abseil down the slope to clear up the refuse. This method was not only costly but would pose safety risks. He suggested that FEHD should install Internet Protocol (IP) cameras at those hygiene black spots for long-term monitoring, so as to address the root causes of the problem.

109. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that some restaurant operators had reflected that FEHD had conducted inspections frequently. He enquired about the required frequency of food hygiene inspections in restaurants. In addition, regarding the problem of dripping air-conditioners, according to the paper, FEHD had launched the Scheme of Participation by Property Management Agents (PMAs) in Tackling Water Seepage in Residential Building and the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners to encourage such organisations as owners’ corporations (OCs) to actively participate in building management. However, “three nil” buildings (i.e. those without OCs, residents’ organisations or property management companies) or tenement buildings could hardly be included in the above schemes. Under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, a person shall be guilty of an offence if he/she allowed his/her air-conditioner to discharge water in such a manner as to be a nuisance. Upon conviction, the person concerned was liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and a daily fine of \$200. Given the serious problem of dripping air-conditioners in Ap Lei Chau North constituency to which he belonged, he enquired of FEHD whether prosecution had

ever been instituted against such offenders in the Southern District and wished to know the prosecution criteria.

110. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany said that with regard to a member's suggestion that FEHD should provide the street cleansing schedule, she was aware of FEHD's worry that the schedule concerned might need to be revised due to the occurrence of unexpected incidents or manpower deployment issue, causing misunderstandings among members and residents. She stressed that there was a genuine need to monitor the services, and the provision of the street cleansing schedule was conducive to addressing the concerns of residents. Should there be any changes to the schedule concerned due to unforeseen circumstances, she believed that members would first put forward enquiries to FEHD to find out the causes.

111. Mr LO Kin-hei said that he had repeatedly suggested that FEHD should exchange views with SDC, including the conduct of prior consultation, submission of follow-up reports as well as the conduct of reviews before and after the expiry of contracts when updating contract terms or drawing up a cleansing service contract, enabling members to comment on the performance of outsourced service contractors and propose improvement areas. He hoped that FEHD would strengthen co-operation with SDC on cleansing service contracts, consult members on the allocation of resources for providing the services concerned at different locations in the Southern District, and provide details of the existing cleansing service contracts for members' reference, e.g. cleansing frequency by street.

112. Mr YU Chun-hei, James said that in response to his previous enquiry on the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Water Seepage in Residential Building and the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners, FEHD had indicated that the requested information could not be provided because such information was only disclosable to PMAs who were the targets of both schemes. Despite another enquiry made to the PMA for South Horizons, he had been advised that it had no knowledge of the schemes concerned. He considered that there had been insufficient publicity and promotional efforts for the schemes, and seemingly, FEHD had not proactively invited the participation of PMAs. Furthermore, to uphold his role as a communication bridge between FEHD and PMAs, he had attempted to obtain relevant information in his capacity as SDC member to facilitate discussion on the applicability of the schemes with the PMA concerned, with a view to assisting the affected residents. However, FEHD had evaded his request. Eventually, the PMA for South Horizons had not joined the schemes concerned for 2020-21. The above example demonstrated the deficiencies in FEHD's handling of the case.

113. Mr PANG Cheuk-kei, Michael said that the five existing temporary RCPs in Stanley and Shek O areas were located at Shek O Headland Road, Chung Hom Kok, 125 Repulse Bay Road, the area opposite to 33 Sassoon Road and Middle Bay Beach respectively. Built entirely

with corrugated iron sheets, these temporary RCPs were equipped with very basic facilities which included several refuse collection bins only, resulting in persistently large piles of refuse. Given that their overall design was not conducive to maintaining environmental hygiene, the RCPs were prone to mosquito and rodent infestation. He hoped that when formulating strategies and tasks on improving environmental hygiene in Hong Kong, FEHD would improve the hygiene conditions of temporary RCPs, particularly those in Stanley and Shek O areas. He also suggested that consideration should be given to constructing permanent RCPs or providing solar-powered aluminium RCPs (solar-powered RCPs).

114. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN said that members had raised different comments on FEHD's paper during the workshop; nevertheless, FEHD had failed to provide supplementary information at this meeting. He therefore hoped that FEHD could provide a follow-up report. Besides, since FEHD would, from time to time, redeploy IP cameras to different RCPs for surveillance, he urged FEHD to post notices at all RCPs to inform the public that IP cameras were operating, with a view to enhancing the deterrent effect. He also requested FEHD to provide information on the exact locations of existing permanent and temporary RCPs, including those installed with plastic bottle collection bins, so as to explore the feasibility of allocating additional land resources for enhancing refuse collection and recycling facilities, as well as to draw up the related implementation timetable.

115. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN continued that as far as Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter was concerned, he deemed it necessary to designate a marine dumping site through mutual facilitation among the nearby shipyards and Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market. He suggested that the related matters might be followed up under the discussion topic "District-led Actions Scheme" at the meeting of the Southern District Management Committee. He also enquired about the demarcation of responsibilities between FEHD and EPD. Besides, in view of the persistently serious problem of accumulation of refuse on slopes, he hoped that FEHD could draw up an unequivocal proposal on slope cleansing together with a schedule, and that an incentive scheme might even be introduced to encourage cleansing workers to report to FEHD on locations where large piles of refuse were found. Lastly, he said that FEHD had designated a number of storage areas at Victoria Road. He urged FEHD to carry out improvement and beautification works for the storage area near lamppost number 27173.

116. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to respond.

117. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) on cleansing services, FEHD would provide street sweeping services at least six times a day in the busiest pedestrian walkway and one to two times a day for those in remote areas. For public places with relatively high pedestrian flows, FEHD

would provide street washing services one to two times daily, such as markets and RCPs. In general, the street washing frequency would depend on street cleanliness and actual needs. If required, manpower would be deployed to carry out ad hoc street washing, such as disinfection operation or cleansing services in traffic incident. In addition, the Southern District was a vast area where an evenly distributed cleansing arrangement for all streets or a uniform cleansing schedule may not be applicable. Therefore, FEHD could hardly provide information of scheduled street washing services;

- (ii) all along, FEHD had endeavoured to explore measures to further enhance RCP facilities. The public RCPs in the Southern District were located at Tsung Man Street, Tin Wan Close, Apleichau Municipal Services Building and Lee Nam Road, etc. In addition, there were 26 temporary RCPs and 42 bin sites in the district. To enhance service quality, FEHD was studying the introduction of innovative technologies, including the adoption of solar-powered compacting refuse bins and solar-powered RCPs, etc. Solar-powered RCPs is equipped with auto-sensor to open the inlet opening and built-in with 660-litre refuse bins. Moreover, a ventilation system, rodent guards and mosquito traps were installed therein to improve hygiene conditions and prevent wild pigs from rummaging through the refuse;
- (iii) there were about 1 000 licensed food premises in the Southern District. They were categorised into three types in accordance with the “Risk-based Inspection System” to determine the frequency of inspections, i.e. low-risk (Cat. I), medium risk (Cat. II) and high-risk (Cat. III). The inspection frequency for Cat. I was once every 20 weeks, Cat. II was once every 10 weeks and Cat. III was once every 4 weeks respectively. To address any complaints against individual food premises, FEHD would carry out inspections more frequently;
- (iv) regarding the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners, FEHD would provide supplementary information after the meeting;
- (v) FEHD was aware of members’ wishes to participate in the drafting of the outsourced service contracts. When preparing outsourced service contracts, FEHD would make every effort to collect members’ views, so as to update the contract terms. However, FEHD would appreciate members’ understanding that owing to scarcity of resources, its services could hardly satiate the request of all; and
- (vi) according to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, if a person allowed water dripping from air-conditioners in such a manner as to be a nuisance, FEHD would issue a Nuisance Notice (NN) to the person concerned requiring the abatement of nuisance within a specified period of time, failing which prosecution might be instituted. FEHD would provide the number of prosecutions instituted in the Southern District after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraph 117(iv), to tackle the problem of water seepage in residential building, the Joint Office (JO) has implemented a scheme in certain private estates in 2012 to solicit participation from respective property management agents (PMAs) in handling complaints on water seepage. While performing routine management duties in the estate, staff of participating PMAs will help to identify the source of water seepage and advise the occupier concerned to rectify the problem through mediation. If such effort of the PMA does not resolve the complaint, JO will intervene by taking up the case for follow-up action. In addition, FEHD will continue to roll out the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners in those estates having PMAs this summer. The purpose of the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners is to solicit the assistance of staff of the PMAs to help resolve some simple water dripping nuisances during their daily work. Apart from improving the problem of dripping air-conditioners in estates, the Scheme of Participation by PMAs in Tackling Dripping Air-conditioners may also reduce possible disputes among residents arising from water dripping from air-conditioners, thereby maintaining a harmonious living environment.)

118. The Chairman said that as FEHD had provided data on street washing to the previous SDC, he hoped that FEHD could continue to do so. He also understood that owing to scarcity of resources, FEHD had to effectively allocate resources to deal with various environmental hygiene problems in the district. In view of this, members wished to float ideas to assist FEHD in allocating resources more effectively and addressing the needs of various areas through negotiation in SDC after making reference to the data on street washing. Besides, he looked forward to the early adoption of innovative technologies for RCPs in the Southern District.

119. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus expressed understanding of FEHD's inability to provide the street washing schedule probably owing to the need for expectation management and emergency response. Yet, he hoped that FEHD could regularly provide the relevant data for members' reference, enabling them to monitor its work and provide assistance in exploring improvement proposals. Regarding the refurbishment of public toilets, citing Wu Nam Street Public Toilet in Aberdeen as an example, he thanked FEHD for assigning a deep cleansing team to cleanse the public toilet in the morning and afternoon, thereby improving its sanitary conditions. However, public toilets were plagued by quite many deep-rooted problems, including lingering foul odours due to inadequacies in design of pipelines and frequent damage to new facilities, etc. He hoped that the above problems could be completely eradicated with the implementation of the refurbishment works concerned. He pointed out that in proximity to Aberdeen Bus Terminus and the carriageway, the highly-utilised public toilet might pose

danger to commuters. As such, he enquired of FEHD whether it would take the opportunity of the refurbishment works concerned to increase the area of the public toilet or the number of floors, or even consider relocating the public toilet to tie in with the overall development of Aberdeen. Mr WONG continued that there was no resting area provided for cleansing workers at Tsung Man Street RCP in Aberdeen. He suggested that if space permitted, a resting area for cleansing workers and recycling facilities might be provided therein by making reference to the proposed site for a complex with a reprovisioned RCP and a community recycling centre in Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long.

120. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that according to the reply from FEHD, inspection of high-risk licensed food premises (e.g. those selling sashimi and sushi) would be conducted once every four weeks. He enquired of FEHD about the reasons behind for conducting food hygiene inspection in the same restaurant once a week for two consecutive months. Also, quite many residents had constantly suffered from the nuisance caused by dripping air-conditioners during summer, which might remain unrelieved until the winter came half a year later. He enquired of FEHD about the length of the abatement period specified on the NN issued to an offender, and when prosecution would be instituted against a non-compliant offender after the specified period.

121. Mr LO Kin-hei said that FEHD had provided the information of street cleansing of the outsourced cleansing services for major streets in the Southern District to the previous SDC in April 2017, which included the following six annexes: the frequency of sweeping for major streets, the frequency of street washing for major streets, the frequencies of cleansing for public toilets as well as clearing and cleansing of rubbish bins, the frequency of clearing and cleansing for dog excreta collection bins and the frequency of cleansing for gullies. He hoped that FEHD could regularly provide the relevant data and details of existing contracts for members' reference by making reference to the above document, enabling them to assess the situation in the district and actual needs of respective areas. Furthermore, he asked FEHD to enhance the external appearance of RCPs (including temporary ones).

122. The Chairman invited FEHD to give a definite answer to members' request for data on street washing and contract documents of outsourced street cleansing services. Regarding RCPs, given the advocacy of the concept of "Waste-No-Mall" in the face of the spatial constraint of existing RCPs, it was recommended that FEHD should consider integrating the concept of recycling into RCPs when identifying the long-term development direction of RCPs as resource recycling points in collaboration with EPD, with a view to promoting environmental protection initiatives. The Chairman continued that regarding the refurbishment of public toilets, members had suggested during the workshop that a pilot scheme should be launched in the Southern District, enabling SDC to participate in the project. The public toilet at No. 16 Aberdeen Main Road (formerly known as the "Fifteen Houses") would be refurbished soon.

When compared with Wu Nam Street Public Toilet in Aberdeen, the former was more spacious and enjoyed a relatively low utilisation rate, and hence could be designated as a trial site under the pilot scheme. To facilitate follow-up actions, refurbishment of public toilets would be included in the agenda of the next meeting for members to discuss matters relating to enhancement to management mode and complementary facilities of the public toilets in the district, including the working environment of resident cleaners, ventilation and dehumidification systems in the toilets, etc. FEHD was requested to table the related discussion paper in due course.

(Post-meeting note: Relevant supplementary information from FEHD is at **Annex 4.**)

123. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to respond.

124. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) regarding the case in which FEHD had repeatedly conducted inspection in the same food premises once a week for two consecutive months, as details of the case had yet to be available, he believed that food poisoning or complaint might be involved, otherwise it was not justifiable for staff of FEHD to frequently conduct inspections in a certain food premises;
- (ii) FEHD handled quite many cases of dripping air-conditioners in the district during summer. According to prevailing guidelines, for the complaint not yet concluded in the current year, FEHD should continue its investigations. When a case of dripping air-conditioners was substantiated, a NN would be issued to the owner or occupant requiring abatement of the nuisance within a specified period. In case of non-compliance after the specified period, FEHD would consider instituting prosecution. FEHD would contact with Mr CHAN Ping-yeung to obtain further details of the cases in question after the meeting;
- (iii) despite the spatial constraint, existing RCPs accommodated many facilities. In order to enhance the welfare of cleansing workmen, roll call points, changing or shower facilities, tables and chairs were provided in the RCPs. FEHD was mainly responsible for implementing environmental hygiene. 3-coloured waste separation bins were available in RCPs for collection of recyclables;
- (iv) there were currently 23 public toilets in the Southern District, six of which had been refurbished or facelifted in 2019, including the public toilets in Repulse Bay. Refurbishment works for another three public toilets, namely Stanley Link Road Public Toilet, Stanley Municipal Services Building Public Toilet and No.16 Aberdeen Main Road Public Toilet, were expected to commence in 2020. As the face-lifting of Wu Nam Street Public Toilet in Aberdeen was still under planning, FEHD would contact with the member concerned when further information was available;

- (v) FEHD would provide the relevant information on the frequency of cleansing services for members' reference after the meeting; and
- (vi) several RCPs had been upgraded by using solar-powered aluminium RCPs and solar-powered compacting refuse bins. Enhanced design and functions had been introduced.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraph 124(v), relevant supplementary information is at **Annex 5.**)

125. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN suggested that FEHD should tabulate all enquiries raised by members and responses given by FEHD during the workshop and this meeting, as well as report on the respective follow-up actions taken, e.g. refurbishment of RCPs. He considered that FEHD had already made an effort to improve environmental hygiene conditions in the district. He called on FEHD to maintain good working relationships with SDC, as well as follow up on members' comments and suggestions accordingly.

126. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that there were numerous old buildings in Ap Lei Chau North constituency to which he belonged. Also, the serious problem of dripping air-conditioners overhanging narrow pavements had caused great nuisance to road users. He urged FEHD to give a definite answer to the question when prosecution would be instituted against an offender who failed to comply with the NN requiring abatement of nuisance within a specified period of time.

127. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny responded that normally, FEHD could institute prosecution against any offender who failed to comply with the NN requiring abatement of nuisance within a specified period of time. During the trial, FEHD would provide evidence to the court, and the amount of the penalty would be determined by the judge. The Chairman considered that the above reply from FEHD had not fully addressed members' enquiries, and invited FEHD to further respond after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD advised that any person who fails to comply with a NN stipulated will be subject to prosecution. Upon conviction, the person concerned is liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and a daily fine of \$200 if nuisance persists.)

128. The Chairman asked members to raise comments or enquiries on "Market Management" in part 2 of the Appendix to the paper.

129. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus said that residents had grave concerns over the overhaul of Aberdeen Market. As such, he wished to enhance communication and co-operation with FEHD. At present, Aberdeen Market with ageing facilities was plagued by many problems, including faulty pipes and passageways, frequent breakdowns of the electric power system, etc. He hoped that FEHD would proactively take follow-up actions to reduce the impact on residents. Regarding the relatively high stall vacancy rates of quite many markets in the Southern District, he understood that FEHD had suspended leasing activities to tie in with the refurbishment works. It was hoped that upon completion of works, FEHD would change its management mode and put in place specific measures to boost the occupancy rates of market stalls, so as to reduce the number of vacant stalls. Besides, he urged FEHD to follow up on the lack of barrier-free facilities in Yue Kwong Road Market and provided supplementary information on the current situation of Yue Kwong Road Market and Tin Wan Market.

130. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany said that Tin Wan Market was essential to the residents. However, owing to the poor tenant mix and the high stall vacancy rate, the majority of stalls had suspended operation for a prolonged period of time, or even be used as storage space. As residents mostly went to Aberdeen Market for grocery shopping, patronage of the former had even dropped further, threatening the very survival of market stalls and creating a vicious cycle. As such, she enquired of FEHD about the current occupancy situation of stalls in Tin Wan Market, and whether it would draw up new management policies and marketing plans to enhance the appeal to potential tenants, e.g. boosting patronage of the market, enhancing the business environment, stimulating consumer spending among residents, etc. In addition, during the implementation of refurbishment works for Aberdeen Market, the affected stalls might be temporarily relocated to Tin Wan Market. She enquired whether Tin Wan Market had sufficient space to accommodate these stalls.

131. Mr CHAN Hin-chung believed that owing to the poor tenant mix at Yue Kwong Road Market, residents might do grocery shopping at Yue Kwong Road Market instead during the overhaul of Aberdeen Market. Therefore, he was worried that the stalls in Yue Kwong Road Market would not be able to cope with a surge in patronage and customer demand, and urged FEHD to come up with corresponding measures. Mr CHAN continued that there were two access points at Yue Kwong Road Market, and that as the one leading to an uphill section of Yue Kwong Road had caused inconvenience to persons with disabilities, and hence it could not be hailed as a “barrier-free market”. He had repeatedly reflected the above problems at relevant meetings, including the meeting of the Market Management Consultative Committee of Aberdeen Market. He requested for the provision of additional barrier-free facilities such as lifts and escalators, etc., and urged FEHD to explore the feasibility with other departments concerned. Moreover, cargo lifts and passenger lifts were available at Yue Kwong Road Market. The efficiency and hygiene conditions of the former had seen significant improvements upon completion of refurbishment works, while the two passenger lifts managed

by the Transport Department (TD) were dilapidated and unsanitary. As such, he urged FEHD and TD to take follow-up actions for improving the situation.

132. Mr LO Kin-hei said that during a meeting with members at LegCo earlier on, the Assistant Director (Market Special Duties) of FEHD had stated that FEHD intended to brief members on the details and progress of the Market Modernisation Programme (MMP) project in Aberdeen Market at a relevant SDC meeting in September 2020. He pointed out that previously, the Community Engagement Committee had in principle agreed that SDC members would visit different areas for holding meetings with local residents. Given that the overhaul of Aberdeen Market was highly regarded by residents and involved many stakeholders, he suggested including this topic for discussion at the first residents' meeting organised by SDC. Besides, the Assistant Director (Market Special Duties) of FEHD had initially agreed to attend the meeting concerned. He hoped that active efforts would be made to finalise the meeting arrangements.

133. The Chairman said that members had grave concerns over the problem of vacant market stalls, and that the subject had been covered by the Director of Audit's report. Currently, despite that vacant stalls in Tin Wan Market and Yue Kwong Road Market were available for lease, quite a number of hawkers had chosen to do business on the streets of Aberdeen. In this connection, he hoped that FEHD would come up with measures to enhance the appeal of both markets to potential tenants. Given that the overhaul of Aberdeen Market was a pilot project under the MMP, as well as a highly regarded project in the district, he requested FEHD to table relevant papers and report the project progress at the next meeting, and suggested conducting a workshop or an informal meeting for further exchanging views with FEHD before the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: FEHD advised that in order to start the MMP project in Aberdeen Market as soon as possible, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) has engaged a consultant to proceed with the work on the detailed design of the plan, which would take into consideration of the views collected from SDC before. FEHD is currently discussing among ArchSD and the consultant on the submitted draft design plans as well as other details. FEHD would report to SDC and seek for members' views nearer the time.)

134. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to respond.

135. Mr HON Ming-sau gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) FEHD was aware of the nuisance caused by drain blockage to users. At present, the outsourced service contractor would regularly monitor the drain blockage situation in Aberdeen Market, including the conduct of inspections once every two hours and cleaning of manholes twice a week. No drain blockage had been detected since April 2020;
- (ii) FEHD was exploring the feasibility of installing barrier-free facilities at Yue Kwong Road Market in collaboration with ArchSD, and would be in contact with the member concerned upon receipt of ArchSD's response;
- (iii) FEHD would provide supplementary information on the occupancy situation of Tin Wan Market after the meeting;
- (iv) FEHD would relay members' views on the business environment of Tin Wan Market and Yue Kwong Road Market to the relevant sections, including the request for exploring measures to boost patronage, e.g. stepping up publicity efforts and improving the tenant mix, etc.;
- (v) maintenance of the cargo lifts at Yue Kwong Road Market had just completed. If it was confirmed that the passenger lifts were managed by TD, FEHD would report their hygiene conditions to TD accordingly in the hope of stepping up cleansing efforts; and
- (vi) if SDC held a residents' meeting to discuss the overhaul of Aberdeen Market, FEHD would be happy to attend the meeting to collect residents' views. The message about the invitation to the meeting would also be conveyed to the Assistant Director (Market Special Duties).

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraphs 135(i) to (v), relevant supplementary information is at **Annex 4.**)

136. The Chairman said that the Committee would discuss with FEHD on the arrangements of the residents' meeting after the meeting. In addition, the Yue Kwong Chuen redevelopment project was targeted for completion between 2023 and 2024. It was envisaged that the redeveloped housing estate would attract people flow to Tin Wan Market in its proximity, which would in turn help improve the latter's business environment. He hoped that FEHD would consider implementing refurbishment works for Tin Wan Market or making the related arrangements in a timely manner.

137. The Chairman asked members to raise comments or enquiries on "Others" in part 3 of the Appendix to the paper.

138. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus said that although FEHD had repeatedly provided cleansing services for Yue Kwong Road, its hygiene conditions were still poor as a result the serious problem of illegal feeding of wild animals. He hoped that FEHD would take

follow-up actions accordingly. In addition, the problem of shop front extensions was very serious in Aberdeen. Citing Aberdeen Main Road as an example, he said that a large quantity of goods had been indiscriminately placed at shop fronts or even on the carriageway. Coupled with the narrow pedestrian crossings, the residents were being affected. On the advice of FEHD's law enforcement officers, some shop operators had immediately moved the goods back into their shops. Nevertheless, upon departure of the law enforcement officers, goods had been returned to the carriageways, causing street obstruction. This malpractice would not only affect road users but give the public the impression of the perfunctory law enforcement of FEHD. He criticised that the loopholes in existing legislation had prevented complete eradication of the shop front extension problem. He urged FEHD to step up efforts in carrying out inter-departmental enforcement operations, increase manpower to regularly monitor shops suspected of shop front extensions and draw up effective measures to permanently eradicate the problem. Besides, he requested FEHD to provide the number of inter-departmental joint operations and routine law enforcement operations taken for reference.

139. Ms CHAN Yan-yi also said that the problem of shop front extensions was serious in Aberdeen. Large quantities of trade refuse had accumulated at service lanes and nearby streets. In addition, the recent resumption of classes of primary and secondary schools had generated additional people flow in the district. Consequently, vehicle-pedestrian conflicts were a common sight on the affected road sections with refuse accumulated at shop fronts. Shop operators were supposed to dispose of the refuse on their own, but it was noticed that FEHD's cleansing workers had assisted in putting refuse into large refuse collection bins. She enquired of FEHD whether the above arrangement had been made in response to complaints.

140. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that he had reflected to FEHD that the current inspection schedule for Main Street, Ap Lei Chau was unduly predictable, and that it remained to be seen whether the shop front extension problem could be tackled. He requested FEHD to regularly provide the number of summonses issued.

141. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to respond.

142. Mr HON Ming-sau gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) to address the problem of shop front extensions in the vicinity of Aberdeen Centre, FEHD had issued 166 and 80 fixed penalty notices (FPNs), and instituted 60 and 64 prosecutions in 2018 and 2019 respectively. As at 30 June 2020, FEHD had issued 78 FPNs and instituted 58 prosecutions. Regarding the number of prosecutions instituted against shop front extensions at Main Street, Ap Lei Chau, FEHD would provide supplementary information to the member concerned after the meeting; and

- (ii) shop front extensions were a territory-wide problem. He was figuring out the periods of the day when shop front extensions had frequently occurred in the district. Also, apart from instituting prosecutions, the feasibility of adopting different strategies or measures such as fixed-point monitoring and increasing the frequency of inter-departmental joint operations in Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau on a trial basis was being explored in collaboration with the Hawker Control Team. FEHD welcomed members' comments on the effectiveness of a variety of existing measures in order to come up with appropriate solutions.

143. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny said that shops suspected of shop front extensions would hire workers to clear up the refuse. However, large quantities of refuse had been generated due to the serious problem of shop front extensions in Aberdeen. Upon detection of refuse accumulated on streets during inspections, FEHD would assign workers to clear up the places as soon as possible.

144. Mr HON Ming-sau added that in regard to the problem of shop front extensions at Main Street, Ap Lei Chau, FEHD had instituted one prosecution in 2018 but none in 2019. As at 30 June 2020, FEHD had issued six FPNs and instituted two prosecutions.

145. The Chairman asked members to raise comments or enquiries.

146. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that the Street Management Report revealed that in the period between November 2019 and June 2020, the number of summonses/FPNs issued to offenders who had fed wild animals and fouled public places stood at four to six cases per month, reflecting that the problem of feeding wild animals in the district had remained unsolved within the last six months. He enquired of FEHD whether its failure to address the problem had stemmed from insufficient resources.

147. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus expressed understanding that FEHD would assign workers to clear up refuse accumulated on streets as a result of shop front extensions after inspections. However, he opined that based on the principle of fairness, shop front extension offenders should be obligated to clear up the refuse on their own, failing which prosecution would be instituted. In addition, in most cases, FEHD had only issued verbal warnings to offenders. As the actual number of prosecutions was low, residents would understandably be convinced of the perfunctory law enforcement of FEHD. As the problem was becoming increasingly rampant, he hoped that FEHD would step up law enforcement and prosecution efforts, as well as work closely with members. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus continued that large amount of sea water had constantly been spilled out of quite many seafood trucks along the way, causing damage to a road section between Aberdeen Main Road and Aberdeen Praya

Road. However, the number of prosecutions instituted in the Southern District in 2019 was 49 only. He enquired of FEHD how to step up prosecution efforts.

148. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun said that the problem of feeding wild animals in Bays Area constituency to which he belonged was becoming increasingly rampant. Even though FEHD had set up DETs, still the problem could hardly be solved. Local residents had provided FEHD with information about when and where wildlife feeders were often spotted, but prosecution had never been instituted against them. In his opinion, the Capture and Contraception/Relocation Programme implemented by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) had been less than successful. The existing penalties imposed on offenders who fed wild animals and fouled public places under the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulations were too lenient and had achieved little deterrent effect. He suggested that AFCD should consider raising the penalties through the introduction of legislative amendments, in a bid to completely eradicate the problem.

149. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to respond.

150. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny gave a consolidated response that regarding the feeding of wild animals, subject to the availability of sufficient evidence, FEHD's officers would instantly institute prosecutions against offenders upon detection of contraventions during routine inspections, and that active efforts had been made to participate in inter-departmental joint operations. Apart from FPNs, FEHD would prosecute repeat offenders with the issuance of summonses, requiring them to appear in court. For instance, the particulars of seafood trucks involving repeated leakage of sea water would be recorded before issuing summonses. FEHD would flexibly deploy DETs to carry out law enforcement operations during different periods of the day, so as to concentrate efforts on tackling different environmental hygiene problems in the district.

151. The Chairman said that under the Management Scheme for the Display of Roadside Non-commercial Publicity Materials (the Management Scheme), LandsD was responsible for verifying the lawfulness of publicity materials, while FEHD was responsible for removing unauthorised publicity materials and considering whether prosecution would be instituted. On the anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in 2020, a large quantity of unauthorised publicity materials, including banners and flags, had been displayed in public places in the Southern District, including Ap Lei Chau Bridge, housing estates and Aberdeen. He envisaged that the situation would recur on the coming National Day. Therefore, he suggested that the departments concerned should discuss how to improve the execution of the Management Scheme for better efficiency, e.g. FEHD would be tasked to undertake the verification of the lawfulness of publicity materials and the removal of unauthorised ones, obviating the need for verification by LandsD.

152. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany said that a large quantity of non-commercial publicity materials with the theme of celebrating the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the HKSAR had been displayed on the footbridge near Tin Wan Estate and the streets in the vicinity of Tin Wan earlier. An assistant of her ward office had also witnessed that Mr CHAN Fu-ming, a former SDC member, had personally put up those publicity materials. She pointed out that the persons involved had taken advantage of the absence of FEHD's law enforcement manpower during weekends and Sundays, and constantly displayed a large quantity of unauthorised publicity materials on Friday afternoons. She questioned whether tacit approval had been given by the Government to tolerate such contraventions because of the political orientation of these publicity materials. If it was not true, she enquired of FEHD whether enforcement operations would be carried out. In view of the active efforts of government departments in dismantling "Lennon walls" earlier on, she urged the departments concerned to adopt uniform criteria for enforcing the law against non-commercial publicity materials that violated the requirements of the Management Scheme.

153. Mr CHAN Ping-yeung said that according to the Implementation Guidelines of the Management Scheme, non-commercial publicity materials were not to be displayed within 30 metres on the traffic upstream side of pedestrian crossings. For the case mentioned by the member concerned just now, the banners had violated the above requirement. They had no approval numbers, nor had they been displayed at the locations approved by LandsD. He urged FEHD to simply remove those publicity materials that constituted an apparent contravention, and skip the procedure of verification by LandsD, so as to avoid any undue delay.

154. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun said that at a SDC meeting in the previous term, FEHD had stated that consideration would be given to stepping up publicity efforts on the prohibition of feeding wild animals. Nevertheless, FEHD's social media platforms were not so user-friendly, resulting in relatively low click-through rates. Also, these platforms contained no information to promote the prohibition of feeding wild animals. Moreover, "Ah Tak", FEHD's promotional mascot, was unable to create a relatively lasting impression, thus preventing it from attracting public attention. After all, it compared unfavourably with the mascots of other government departments. He opined that it would be difficult to completely eradicate the problem of feeding wild animals unless members of the public took the initiative to keep the environment clean. As such, he urged FEHD to step up promotional efforts against feeding wild animals through rebranding of mascot image, with a view to boosting publicity effect.

155. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus shared Mr CHAN Ping-yeung's view on the Management Scheme. Given that FEHD had stated during the workshop that it had a rough idea about the approved locations for the display of publicity materials and a list of applicants had been made

available, he opined that FEHD had strong grounds to directly remove unauthorised publicity materials. For instance, the spot opposite to Parkview House, Aberdeen had been granted to LegCo Member Hon Tanya CHAN for displaying banners over the years, but banners printed with such slogans as “National Security Law” and “celebrating the return of Hong Kong” had been illegally displayed at the said location without her permission. He criticised that the way people’s right to talk being hijacked by others was completely unacceptable, defying the values of a democratic society. He opined that FEHD was supposed to have sufficient evidence to prove that it was a contravention and take removal action immediately. However, the banners had been displayed for many days before removal by the persons involved on their own. Earlier on, a member had suggested during a workshop that FEHD should assign officers to conduct inspections in accordance with the record of approved locations for display of publicity materials. He suggested conducting inspections beforehand, say, one week before the National Day in 2020, for immediate removal of any unauthorised publicity materials, so as to combat fly-posting contraventions.

156. Mr CHAN Hin-chung said that a number of residents had expressed concerns over a banner put up by an unknown source at the spot near the zebra crossing opposite to Shek Pai Wan Shopping Centre. Therefore, he had informed FEHD to remove it. Thereafter, the banner had been moved to the opposite side of the zebra crossing outside Yue Fai Court. As the banner had been allowed to be displayed at the new location for many days without being removed, he was not sure whether there was miscommunication about the exact location of the banner when he made a report to FEHD. In this connection, he enquired of FEHD whether unauthorised publicity materials would be removed only if their exact locations were reported by complainants; and whether FEHD would not take the initiative to remove any other unauthorised publicity materials found near the reported location but no relevant complaints were received. He stressed that he did not wish to see residents suffering from anxiety at the sight of the unauthorised banners, nor did he intend to create disputes among residents on whether or not to remove the banners. He requested FEHD to seriously address the problem of unauthorised display of banners for maintaining community harmony.

157. Mr LO Kin-hei said that the problem of unauthorised display of banners happened in the Southern District occasionally, and it had persisted over the years. The persons involved had put up a large quantity of unauthorised banners at a number of streets every Friday night, and had gone so far as to display several hundred banners about the candidate from the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong running for Lei Tung constituency in the entire Lei Tung Estate and even Aberdeen, causing nuisance to the residents in Aberdeen, who had nothing to do with the matter. He opined that the indiscriminate display of a large quantity of unauthorised publicity materials during the period of the day when no FEHD’s law enforcement officers were on duty had unfairly created excessive workload on FEHD. Moreover, a large quantity of unauthorised publicity materials that bore no relevance

to local residents had appeared in the district occasionally. In this regard, he called on FEHD to, wherever possible, proactively advise the persons involved to stop the illegal acts, so as to rectify the deep-seated problem.

158. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany said that the problem of unauthorised display of banners had plagued the community over the years. Previously, some pro-establishment figures from the Southern District had displayed banners with the wordings “celebrating the return of Hong Kong and the passage of the National Security Law”. According to her observations, the logo shown on these banners looked the same as that printed on other unauthorised banners displayed in the district. The situation suggested that possibly, some culprits had assumed the identity of pro-establishment figures to commit contraventions. In view of the gravity of the case, she urged FEHD and LandsD to seriously take follow-up actions and launch an investigation into the incident. She also suggested that the SDC member from the pro-establishment camp should clarify whether or not those unauthorised banners were actually put up by the pro-establishment camp.

159. The Chairman invited the representatives of FEHD to respond.

160. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) FEHD noted members’ suggestion to step up publicity efforts on the prohibition of feeding wild animals. Their comments would be conveyed to relevant sections to explore measures to boost publicity effect; and
- (ii) under section 104A of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), LandsD was authorised by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene to administer the Management Scheme and approve the display locations, while FEHD was responsible for deploying manpower to remove any publicity materials which were neither authorised by LandsD nor in compliance with the Implementation Guidelines of the Management Scheme. Therefore, it was imperative for FEHD to take joint operations with LandsD. FEHD could remove the unauthorised publicity materials only after LandsD had verified that the publicity materials concerned were put up at the approved display locations. Regarding members’ enquiries on law enforcement arrangements and advance deployment, FEHD would explore the feasibility of advance inspection for early removal of unauthorised publicity materials in collaboration with LandsD, so as to combat fly-posting contraventions.

161. The Chairman expressed understanding of the considerations to be taken by FEHD in administering the Management Scheme. However, the problem of unauthorised display of publicity materials in the Southern District had existed for many years. Fly-posting activities

were becoming increasingly rampant, and a large quantity of publicity materials would constantly appear on the eves of holidays. He requested FEHD to address this problem squarely by drawing up district-specific plans on relevant law enforcement operations and launching blitz operations in advance with LandsD. He also suggested that LandsD should provide information on the approved display locations to FEHD responsible for law enforcement, with a view to enhancing its enforcement efficiency.

162. Miss YUEN Ka-wai, Tiffany suggested that fellow members might, via the Secretariat, provide information on the locations where unauthorised publicity materials had constantly been found and their respective situations to FEHD for following up.

163. The Chairman concluded that after the meeting, members might provide information on the locations where unauthorised banners had constantly been found and their respective situations to the Secretariat, so that it could forward such information to relevant departments for following up.

(Post-meeting note: No members provided relevant information to the Secretariat.)

Agenda Item 7: Funding Allocation and Arrangement on Public Education Activities on Rehabilitation on 2020-21 for the Southern District (EHHC Paper No. 30/2020)

164. The Chairman invited Mr CHAN Hin-chung, Chairman of the Working Group on Rehabilitation and Age-friendly Community in the Southern District (the Working Group), to brief members on the funding allocation and arrangement proposed by the Working Group.

165. Mr CHAN Hin-chung said that at its meeting held on 28 May 2020, the Working Group worked out the proposed allocation and arrangement for the funding of \$53,000 from the Labour and Welfare Bureau. The Working Group proposed that an allocation in the amount of \$36,000 be granted to five local rehabilitation institutions for organising activities, as detailed in the EHHC Paper No. 30/2020. Meanwhile, the Working Group also earmarked an allocation of \$2,000 for organising promotional activities in support of the “International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2020” and an allocation of \$15,000 for the light meal arrangement of Ocean Park Fun Month.

166. The Chairman asked members whether they endorsed the proposed funding allocation and arrangement as stated above.

167. Members raised no objection.

168. The Chairman concluded that the Committee endorsed the proposed funding allocation and arrangement as stated above.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

Invitation to SDC to be the Supporting Organisation of the Event “Re: South–the Heritage and Community Arts Project”–“Art in South Open Call”

169. The Chairman said that the Warehouse Teenage Club would organise the event “Re: South–the Heritage and Community Arts Project”–“Art in South Open Call” with the sponsorship from the Urban Renewal Fund. This project aimed at creating an arts and cultural hub enriched with the cultural significance of the Southern District, as well as a local neighbourhood network to revitalise the community and enhance its capability, strengthen residents’ sense of belonging, and build a sustainable community. The Warehouse Teenage Club invited SDC to be the supporting organisation of the above event for the enhancement of publicity, and sought SDC’s approval for printing the logo or name of SDC on the publicity materials for the event.

170. The Chairman asked whether members consent to SDC’s acting as the supporting organisation of the event and granting of permission to the Warehouse Teenage Club for printing the logo or name of SDC on the publicity materials for the event. Members raised no objection.

171. The Committee endorsed SDC’s acting as the supporting organisation of the event and granting of permission for printing the logo or name of SDC on the publicity materials for the event.

Follow up the Fund Applications with respect to Promotion of Women’s Activities

172. The Chairman said that at its third meeting on 12 May 2020, the Committee had endorsed to accept the provision of \$53,000 from the Women’s Commission (WoC) to support the women’s groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in the district for organising district level activities conducive to women’s development. The deadline for fund applications had passed earlier. Vetting of the applications was originally scheduled for this Committee meeting, but since the information submitted by individual organisations was insufficient, the Secretariat was currently following up the matter. Therefore, it was suggested

that vetting of the applications be postponed to the next meeting (i.e. 22 September 2020), and the commencement date of the activities be amended to October 2020.

173. The Chairman asked whether members agreed to the above arrangements, and members raised no objection.

174. The Committee agreed to vet the fund applications for the provision of \$53,000 from the WoC at the next meeting and amend the commencement date of the activities to October 2020. The Secretariat would continue to follow up the matter with the applicant organisation.

Environmental Protection Department’s “Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection in Collaboration with District Councils”

175. The Chairman said that the Working Group on Environmental Protection and Hygiene (WGEPH) discussed at its meeting on 19 June 2020 that EPD would no longer implement the “Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection in Collaboration with District Councils” (the Programme) in 2020-21. WGEPH hoped that EPD could give an explanation on the relevant work arrangements. The Chairman added that the Programme had previously been implemented in the Southern District with EPD’s provision at \$200,000 for organisations to organise activities related to environmental protection. WGEPH was responsible for the allocation of relevant resources, including inviting organisations to submit activity plans and vetting applications.

176. The Chairman invited the representative of EPD to respond.

177. Dr LEE Yin-chun, Sally responded that from 2012-13 to 2019-20, EPD had collaborated with the Environmental Campaign Committee, all District Offices and DCs to jointly organise the Programme every year. Each DC was provided with \$200,000 to organise district environmental protection activities. Starting from 2020-21, EPD would optimise the mode of cooperation with local groups of the 18 districts, provide more comprehensive support services on waste reduction and recovery, including arranging Green Ambassadors to help disseminate environmental protection information during activities, and providing equipment to assist activity organisers, such as recycling bins, relevant signs, recyclables collection and recycling services, reusable water cups and tableware borrowing services, etc. The services provided was free of charge. EPD expected to implement waste reduction and recovery in a more direct way through community activities. At the meetings of EHHC and its working

groups, EPD pointed out that in order to strengthen on-site recycling support, EPD had set up Green Outreach teams to provide outreach services. The Green Outreach teams would educate the public through on-site guidance and hands-on demonstration regularly on a long-term basis, and deliver latest messages on waste management to the community. EPD welcomed members to cooperate with Green Outreach teams and would provide the Secretariat with the contact information of Green Outreach teams after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the work of EPD's Green Outreach teams in Southern District, members may contact Ms. CHAU Hiu Man, Amy, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction & Recycling)¹³ at 3893 4447.)

178. Ms LI Shee-lin said that EPD should encourage more public participation when pursuing its environmental protection policy at the district level. She believed that if EPD deployed staff to provide guidance services or act as Green Ambassadors in district activities, the participation and rights of citizens would be weakened in effect, and NGOs might eventually lose the channel to apply for Government resources to organise environmental protection activities, which was contrary to EPD's environmental protection policy. In addition, she hoped that EPD would delegate some of its powers and allocate resources to EHHC and NGOs to jointly promote environmental protection.

179. Mr TSUI Yuen-wa said that he had proposed to EPD at relevant meetings that the \$200,000 allocation from the Programme should be regularised and left at the disposal of SDC, so that there would be no need to wait until the middle of each year to be informed about whether EPD had such an arrangement. He opined that during the current term of DCs, which was dominated by the pro-democracy camp, the Government had been making political gestures through various ways, such as resources cuts or walk out from meetings by representatives of Government Departments. He believed that shifting the mode of EPD's Programme was also a political gesture reflecting the bad relationship between the Government and DCs. He pointed out that in the past, the reasons for Government Departments' funding cuts were generally due to unsatisfactory results or unpopularity of the activities. Therefore, he would like to know whether EPD had changed the mode of the Programme due to the above reasons. He added that the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie LAM, had expressed her gratitude to DCs and district organisations for their efforts to promote community participation in environmental protection. The Secretary for the Environment, Mr WONG Kam-sing, also said that the role of DCs and local people in promoting environmental protection in the district

was very important. However, the relationship between the Government and DCs was deteriorating, and Government Departments' representatives often failed to attend DC meetings. He questioned that if DCs were still dominated by the pro-establishment camp, the mode of the Programme would remain unchanged, or even be regularised with increased funding. He stressed that EPD's decision had become a reality, and members of EHHC could only express their dissatisfaction and anger. He hoped that the Government would reflect on whether the current working mode could help promote district administration, and considered that members of the public could see for themselves what attitude the Government was taking.

180. Mr LO Kin-hei agreed with Mr TSUI Yuen-wa's opinion that EPD might explain its decision for different reasons, but it was obviously a kind of political suppression. He said that DC members were elected by the public and they were expected to oversee the Government's work on district affairs. However, the Government had put a lot of pressure on the current term of DCs, including cutting funding for DC's Community Involvement (CI) projects. In addition, DC members were facing great hindrance due to the restrictions of the District Councils Ordinance, coupled with the fact that the Director of Home Affairs, as the Controlling Officer of the funding of CI projects, had the right to make a final decision on the funding applications. He believed that the perverse manner of the Government in executing its policies would only deepen public dissatisfaction, and emphasised that DCs' determination to promote district affairs would not be hindered by such move.

181. The Chairman concluded that facing current environmental issues such as climate change, accumulation of waste and saturation of landfills, all parties should rule out political differences and discuss for solutions together to improve the future situation of Hong Kong. He therefore expressed disappointment at the practice of EPD. He hoped that the representatives of EPD could reflect the opinions and dissatisfaction of members to the management level. In addition, regarding the positioning of the Committee and its working groups on the discussion of environmental protection issues, the Committee would focus on discussing matters related to district affairs on the policy level, while the working groups would mainly deal with activities, so as to avoid overlap of discussion between the two. Starting from the next Committee meeting, statistical information related to the waste separation bins of the Southern District would be reported to members regularly in the form of items for information, and members were asked to take note of the above arrangement.

Hong Kong PHAB Association Jockey Club PHAB Camp

182. Mr LAM Tak-wo expressed that according to reports, the Hong Kong PHAB Association Jockey Club PHAB Camp (PHAB Camp) in Pok Fu Lam would serve as a quarantine centre for COVID-19, and some elders of Kong Tai Care for the Aged Centre would be sent to PHAB Camp for quarantine. At the same time, Centre for Health Protection (CHP) also announced that close contacts of the elderly care centre must head to PHAB Camp and undergo quarantine. He said that residents in the district expressed concerns about the above arrangement and stressed that he did not oppose the use of PHAB Camp as a quarantine centre. Yet, he criticised that the above arrangement was made without prior consultation with residents or neighbouring hikers and notifications to DC member of the respective constituency. This approach showed a lack of respect, and he expressed great disappointment regarding this. Earlier, after he learned that the Government had proposed to use PHAB Camp as a quarantine centre, he had immediately enquired FHB and CHP. While the former had still not replied, the latter replied that siting was undertaken by FHB instead of arranged by it. He criticised that CHP apparently had a comprehensive plan for the arrangement of the quarantine centre, but it had shifted its responsibilities to others and had no communication with SDC. Members had repeatedly reflected at relevant meetings that problems existed in the notification mechanism of the Departments concerned. In case the epidemic situation further worsened, the facilitation of anti-epidemic work could not be achieved if the notification mechanism was still not improved along with the lack of communication with members.

183. Mr Paul ZIMMERMAN agreed with Mr LAM Tak-wo's opinion. He pointed out that the area along Pok Fu Lam Reservoir Road was much frequented by residents and hikers, yet the Departments concerned did not inform the residents of Pok Fu Lam and DC member of the constituency in advance about the arrangement of using PHAB Camp as a quarantine centre, hence causing local residents worry. He opined that relevant Departments should provide appropriate information to residents of Pok Fu Lam and DC members of the constituency, including whether citizens could still visit the area around PHAB Camp, whether a risk of coronavirus infection existed in the area and what kinds of public transport would be used by the staff of PHAB Camp for commuting so as to allay public concerns.

184. Mr CHAN Hin-chung said that when the Government planned to choose the Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic as a "designated clinic" for COVID-19 cases earlier, quite a number of members had objected to the proposal. He emphasised that he was not opposing the setting up of "designated clinics", but was criticising the Departments

concerned for making the arrangements in a hasty manner without prior consultation with SDC and the local residents. After several months, the Government once again ignored the elected SDC members' opinions in respect of the siting of quarantine facilities. The repeated mistakes made by the Government reflected its lack of motivation to improve, fuelling public discontent. He emphasised that there was no improvement in the existing notification mechanism of the Departments concerned. If the epidemic situation further worsened, SDC members and residents would be unable to obtain detailed information of the confirmed COVID-19 cases in a timely manner. Thus, he required the Government to address the issue of the notification mechanism in order to ease the concern of the residents. He hoped that SDO would reflect members' opinions to the Government and urged FHB to deploy officers to discuss the issue of the notification mechanism with members.

(Post-meeting note: SDO has reflected the above opinions to FHB after the meeting.)

185. Mr WONG Yui-hei, Angus said that members had repeatedly raised strong objections against Government's proposal of choosing the Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic as a "designated clinic" for COVID-19 cases earlier, and blamed the Government for ignoring their opinions in respect of the epidemic. He hoped that the Departments concerned could enhance dissemination of information related to the epidemic, improve the notification mechanism, and inform SDC in advance of the arrangement of setting up quarantine facilities at locations close to residential areas. In addition, he pointed out that there were already signs of community outbreaks in the latest wave of epidemic, so he urged SDO to coordinate with owners' corporations in the district and related Departments like FEHD in stepping up cleansing in the community.

186. The Chairman asked FEHD whether they had received any request from the Administration to step up disinfection and cleansing work in the community with regard to the development of the latest wave of outbreak.

187. Mr WAI Kam-fat, Danny responded that FEHD had not received any notification so far but it would maintain close liaison with CHP. If the relevant notification was received, FEHD would step up disinfection work in the community as well as the residential units of the confirmed patients.

188. The Chairman invited the District Officer (Southern) to respond whether there were necessary arrangements in response to the development of the latest wave of outbreak.

189. Mr CHENG Kong-chung, Francis, JP responded that he understood members' concern about using PHAB Camp as a temporary quarantine centre for residents of residential care homes for the elderly and he had also just been notified of that. According to his preliminary understanding, residents of residential care homes for the elderly were involved in the latest confirmed cases. The elderly people with symptoms of infection had been sent to the hospital for medical treatment. Meanwhile, elderly people without symptoms but had been in close contact with the confirmed cases must be sent to PHAB Camp for quarantine and observation. He pointed out that some people under quarantine were not able to live in the general quarantine centres because of their impaired mobility. PHAB Camp was supposed to have suitable facilities and environment for serving as a quarantine centre for residents of residential care homes for the elderly. SDO would inform members when further information was available.

(Post-meeting note: As for paragraphs 189 and 191, FHB submitted an information paper on "The Arrangements for Using the Hong Kong PHAB Association Jockey Club PHAB Camp as a Temporary Quarantine Centre for Residents of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly" to SDC on the evening of 7 July 2020 (i.e. the day of the meeting). Relevant arrangements of disinfection and cleansing work had been set out in the paper. On the same day, the Secretariat forwarded the paper to members and uploaded it to the SDC's website.)

190. Mr POON Ping-hong said in order to avoid the recurrence of shortage of anti-epidemic supplies for frontline cleansing workers as that of a few months ago, he hoped that FEHD could as early as possible make available sufficient anti-epidemic items, including face masks and cleansing materials, for frontline cleaning workers before the community outbreak. Apart from this, he thought that the Government had deliberately covered up the information and statistics about the epidemic. As currently there were again a number of local confirmed cases, he hoped that the public would safeguard Hong Kong against the disease and in other respects.

191. The Chairman concluded that the Government might have prepared a number of contingency plans regarding the development of the epidemic but the Departments concerned did not notify the residents of the constituency in advance. He understood that PHAB Camp might be a suitable site for quarantine centre but the residents of Pok Fu Lam, Chi Fu and even

the entire Southern District were very concerned about the cleansing and disinfection work for the areas near PHAB Camp. He urged the District Officer (Southern) and FEHD to follow up the matter.

Part II – Items for Information

Street Management Report (as at 30.6.2020) (EHC Paper No. 31/2020)

192. The Committee noted the content of the paper.

(Post-meeting note: Starting from the 5th EHC meeting on 22 September 2020, FEHD will incorporate all of the enforcement figures in relation to shop front extension in the district into the above report for members' reference. Relevant figures in May and June 2020 are included at **Annex 6.**)

Second Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2020 in Southern District (EHC Paper No. 32/2020)

193. The Committee noted the content of the paper.

Anti-mosquito Campaign 2020 in Southern District (Phase III) (EHC Paper No. 33/2020)

194. The Committee noted the content of the paper.

Date of Next Meeting

195. The Chairman advised the meeting that the 5th EHC meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 22 September 2020 (Tuesday).

196. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Secretariat, Southern District Council
September 2020

Supplementary Information provided by the Marine Department (MD)
for the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of Environmental Hygiene and
Healthcare Committee (EHHC) of the Southern District Council

- 1) Regarding paragraph 11 of agenda item 2 on record of convicted cases for emission of dark smoke from vessels in the past 6 years:

Year of Complaint Received	Number of Complaints on Dark Smoke Emission from Vessels Handled and Investigated by MD	Number of Convicted Cases for Emission of Dark Smoke from Vessels
2014	84	4
2015	32	6
2016	18	12
2017	13	6
2018	20	4
2019	19	1

MD noted EHHC members' concern on the installment of surveillance camera and would keep monitoring the situation.

- 2) Regarding paragraph 13 (ii) of agenda item 2 on Port State Control inspections on non-Hong Kong registered Ocean-going Vessels:

The Port State Control (PSC) Section of MD conducts PSC inspections on non-Hong Kong registered Ocean-going Vessels (OGV) in accordance with the requirement of IMO Regulations and TMOU PSC manual. In total, 2,280 OGVs were inspected during the period between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2020, including the inspection of the ship's Bunker Delivery Notes (BDNs) and statutory sample under the requirement of MARPOL Annex VI, in which 22 ships did not have valid BDNs during PSC inspection. All deficiencies were rectified within the specified time limit according to the requirement of TMOU PSC manual.

Marine Department
17 August 2020

**Record of principal Government Bureaux/Departments (B/Ds) invited but not able to deploy representatives to the
meetings of the Southern District Council (SDC) and its committees (2020-2023 term)
(as of 31 July 2020)**

1. Agenda items with Food and Health Bureau / Department of Health / Hospital Authority as the principal B/Ds

Date of Meeting	Agenda	Principal Government B/Ds invited but not able to deploy representatives	With written replies or not
7 July 2020 4 th meeting of Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee	Agenda 3: Proposed Locations and Consultation for Setting up Southern District Health Centre	● Food and Health Bureau	● Yes
24 March 2020 2 nd meeting of Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee	Agenda 2: Compulsory Quarantine Arrangement and Community Cleansing for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Southern District	● Food and Health Bureau ● Department of Health ● Hospital Authority	● Yes (Consolidated reply)

Date of Meeting	Agenda	Principal Government B/Ds invited but not able to deploy representatives	With written replies or not
12 March 2020 3 rd meeting of SDC	Agenda 2: Latest Progress on the Epidemic Prevention Work of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) at District Level	● Food and Health Bureau ● Department of Health	● Yes (Consolidated reply)
12 February 2020 1 st Special meeting of SDC	Agenda 1: Discussion of Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic (GOPC) as Designated GOPC	● Food and Health Bureau ● Department of Health ● Hospital Authority	● Yes (Consolidated reply)
4 February 2020 1 st meeting of Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee	Agenda 1: Contingency Mechanism and Emergency Measures Against Threat of Wuhan Pneumonia to Southern District, and related measures in combatting the novel coronavirus within the District	● Food and Health Bureau ● Department of Health ● Hospital Authority	● Yes (Consolidated reply)

2. Agenda items with Commerce and Economic Development Bureau / Tourism Commission as the principal B/Ds

Date of Meeting	Agenda	Principal Government B/Ds invited but not able to deploy representatives	With written replies or not
2 July 2020 5 th meeting of SDC	Agenda 6: Request to Revitalise the Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Southern District	● Tourism Commission	● Yes
2 July 2020 5 th meeting of SDC	Agenda 7: Adopting a Policy for the Development of Southern District: Proposed Reform of Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market	● Tourism Commission	● Yes
2 July 2020 5 th meeting of SDC	Agenda 8: Follow up the Development of Ocean Park / Jumbo Floating Restaurant and its Neighbourhood Areas	● Tourism Commission	● Yes

Date of Meeting	Agenda	Principal Government B/Ds invited but not able to deploy representatives	With written replies or not
21 May 2020 1 st meeting of Economy, Development and Planning Committee	Agenda 2: Issues Relating to Employment Opportunities in the Southern District	● Commerce and Economic Development Bureau	● Yes

3. Agenda items with other B/Ds as the principal B/Ds

Date of Meeting	Agenda	Principal Government B/Ds invited but not able to deploy representatives	With written replies or not
9 July 2020 3 rd meeting of Traffic and Transport Committee	Agenda 5: Proposed Motion on Requesting Compulsory Implementation of the “School Bus Only” Policy in the International Schools of Southern District	● Education Bureau	● Yes

Date of Meeting	Agenda	Principal Government B/Ds invited but not able to deploy representatives	With written replies or not
12 March 2020 3 rd meeting of SDC	Agenda 3: Concern over the Labour Rights of Workers in Jumbo Floating Restaurant and Planning for Conservation of Jumbo Floating Restaurant	● Development Bureau ● Tourism Commission	● Yes ● Yes
23 January 2020 2 nd meeting of SDC	Agenda 6: Sustainable Development of the Southern District	● Development Bureau	● Yes
23 January 2020 2 nd meeting of SDC	Agenda 7: Request for Increase in Tree Planting and the Quantity of Trees to be Replanted in Southern District	● Development Bureau	● Yes

(Translation)

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(By post and by fax: 2526 3753)

28 July 2020

Prof Sophia CHAN, JP
Secretary for Food and Health
18/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar
Hong Kong

Dear Prof CHAN,

**Proposed Locations and Consultation for
Setting up Southern District Health Centre**

Upon discussion of the proposed locations and consultation for setting up Southern District Health Centre (DHC) at the 4th meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee (EHHC) under the Southern District Council (SDC) on 7 July 2020, I am writing to convey to you EHHC's comments on the issue and invite your Bureau to deploy representatives to meet with our Committee members.

Background

In a bid to raise public awareness on personal health management, enhance disease prevention and support rehabilitation services in the community, the Government is setting up DHCs in 18 districts progressively. According to the written reply from your Bureau in regard to the aforesaid meeting, your Bureau would set up a DHC in Southern District within the term of the current Government and is identifying a suitable site. However, your Bureau has yet to consult SDC on the Southern DHC. EHHC has invited your Bureau to deploy representatives to attend the meeting mentioned in the first paragraph above and discuss the proposed locations and consultation for setting up the Southern DHC. It is a pity that your Bureau has failed to deploy a representative to the meeting. An excerpt of the draft minutes of the meeting is given at the **Annex**. The

relevant discussion papers and the floor audio have also been uploaded to the SDC website for your reference:

https://www.districtcouncils.gov.hk/south/english/meetings/committees/committee_meetings.php

Discussion at the EHC Meeting

Members of EHC were generally of the view that a suitable location was of utmost importance to the operation of the Southern DHC, and so there must be a proper planning for the selection of the location. In view of the difficulty in identifying a suitable permanent site for the Southern DHC, members suggested that your Bureau request the relevant department to reserve a site for setting up the DHC when redeveloping Wah Fu Estate or Yue Kwong Chuen. Members hoped that your Bureau would consult the views of EHC, which could help your Bureau understand the actual conditions of the district.

Members of EHC also held the view that the orientation of the Southern DHC should be clearly delineated to avoid overlapping the functions of public hospitals and clinics under the Department of Health. Regarding the service mode and details, given the different demands of the residents in different districts, members pointed out that the operation experience of the DHCs in other districts might not be applicable to the Southern DHC. It was thus hoped that your Bureau would consult the Committee's views so as to understand the needs of the Southern District residents and provide suitable services.

Invitation to a Meeting with EHC Members

As the Southern DHC will be an important primary healthcare facility benefitting the residents in the Southern District, we cordially invite your Bureau to deploy representatives to meet with us, or arrange for our members to visit the Primary Healthcare Office in Wong Chuk Hang and have an exchange on the issue with your Bureau. The specific details of the meeting can be further discussed.

I shall be much obliged if you would accept the invitation. For the specific arrangements and other enquiries, please contact Mr Kelvin KWAN, Secretary to EHC, at 2814 5821. I look forward to receiving your bilingual reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

YIM Chun-ho

Chairman of Environment, Hygiene
and Healthcare Committee

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25 August 2020

Dear Mr. YIM,

**Matters Regarding the Location and Consultation of
Southern District Health Centre**

Thank you for your letter to Food and Health Bureau (FHB) dated 28 July 2020 on matters in relation to Southern District Health Centre, inviting us to meet with members of Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee. Representatives from FHB will attend the Southern District Council meeting on 10 September 2020 to introduce the plan of Southern District Health Centre.

Thank you for your concern for District Health Centre and primary healthcare development.

Yours sincerely,



(Ms Regina CHAN)

for Secretary of Food and Health

**Supplementary Information from the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
on Agenda Item 6 – Strategies and Tasks on Improving Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong
in the Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and Healthcare Committee
under the Southern District Council in 2020**

- 1) For paragraph 122 on refurbishment of public toilets, the table below sets out the public toilet minor works projects completed, underway or being planned by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) in the past two months and their schedules (as at the end of July 2020)

Item No.	Proposed Minor Works	Location	Start Date	Completion Date	Remarks	FEHD Contact Person	ArchSD Contact Person
1	Newly Construction of San Wai Village Public Toilet	San Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang near Wong Chuk Hang Road Garden	Actual Start Date [Jul 2018]	Estimated Completion Date [3 rd quarter of 2020]	Works in progress	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) Southern, Ms. LI Lai-ha Tel.: 2903 0402	Sr Project Manager 324, Mr. SAT Sing Hin, Saadullah Tel.: 2867 3843
2	Refurbishment of Stanley Link Road Public Toilet	Stanley Link Road near Stanley Main Beach	Actual Start Date [Jun 2020]	Estimated Completion Date [Mar 2021]	Works in progress	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) Southern, Ms. LI Lai-ha Tel.: 2903 0402	Property Services Mgr/PM14, Mr. WONG San Kuen Tel.: 2773 2426
3	Refurbishment of Stanley Municipal Services Building Public Toilet	Stanley Municipal Services Building, Stanley Market Road	Estimated Start Date [Mar 2021]	Estimated Completion Date [Sep 2021]	Preparation stage of refurbishment	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing/Pest Control) Southern, Ms. LI Lai-ha Tel.: 2903 0402	Property Services Mgr/PM14, Mr. WONG San Kuen Tel.: 2773 2426

- 2) For paragraph 135(i) to (v), the supplementary information from FEHD on “market management” is as follows:

- (i) For paragraph 135(i) on drain blockage of the Aberdeen Market:

FEHD has instructed the market management service contractor to enhance the clean-up of refuse at the drainage outlets inside the market, including inspection and clearing of drain screens once every two hours and cleaning of manholes twice a week. Moreover, FEHD has reminded tenants to separate out solid waste in the drains while cleaning their stalls to avoid blockage. FEHD has also requested the contractor of ArchSD to step up efforts and increase frequency of high pressure cleaning of the drains in the market to ensure normal operation of the drainage system. Upon implementation of the said measures, the drain blockage situation at the basement of the market has shown marked improvement. No drain blockage has been detected since April 2020.

- (ii) For paragraph 135(ii) on the installation of barrier-free facilities at Yue Kwong Road Market:

FEHD has requested ArchSD to explore the feasibility of installing barrier-free facilities at Yue Kwong Road access of the Yue Kwong Road Market and ArchSD’s response is pending.

- (iii) For paragraph 135(iii) on the occupancy situation of Tin Wan Market:

As at 31 July 2020, the occupancy rate of Tin Wan Market was 93%.

- (iv) For paragraph 135(iv) on exploring measures to boost patronage of Yue Kwong Road Market and Tin Wan Market:

To improve the business viability and patronage of Yue Kwong Road Market and Tin Wan Market, FEHD’s Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office has liaised with the Administration and Promotion Sub-section of the Headquarters for conceiving and organising suitable publicity programmes for the markets to support the quarterly promotion activities organised by the market management service contractor in the hope

of stimulating consumer sentiments in the markets. With the ongoing pandemic in the territory, FEHD will make arrangements for promotion and publicity activities in the markets concerned at a suitable time to reduce the risk of virus transmission.

- (v) For paragraph 135(v) on the hygiene conditions of the passenger lifts at Yue Kwong Road Market:

The passenger lifts at Yue Kwong Market are owned and managed by the Transport Department (TD). Accordingly, FEHD has reflected the hygiene conditions to TD and requested them to step up cleansing efforts. Moreover, FEHD has requested the market management service contractor to enhance cleansing of the two cargo lifts in the market.

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
August 2020

Schedule of Street Cleaning in Southern District**(Last update: 1.8.2020)***(The time of street washing will be changed due to urgent case)*

Street Name	Street Washing Section	Street Washing Frequency
Pavement outside Tin Wan Market	AM	Daily
Pavement outside Aberdeen Municipal Services Building	AM	Daily
Nam Ning Street outside ParknShop	AM	Daily
Nam Ning Street near Hong Kong Jockey Club	AM	Daily
Aberdeen Old Main Street outside sitting out area	AM	Daily
Main Street, Ap Lei Chau	Sun PM Tue AM Wed PM Thurs AM	Four times a week
	Fri	Biweekly
Aberdeen Praya Road	Mon Tue Thurs PM	Thrice a week
Drainage at Pokfulam Village	Sun AM Tue AM Thurs AM	Thrice a week
Ap Lei Chau Drive	Wed PM	Once per week
Tin Wan Street to Shek Pai Wan Road	Thurs evening	Biweekly
Yue Kwong Road	Sun PM Wed PM	Thrice a week

	Thurs AM	
Sha Wan Drive	Sat PM	Once per week
No. 180-182 Aberdeen Main Road	Mon Evening	Once per week
Minibus Station at Yue Fai Road	Sun PM Mon PM	Twice per week
No. 200 – 244 Aberdeen Main Road	Tue Evening	Once per week
Tung Sing Road	Tue Evening	Once per week
Sai On Street	Tue Evening	Once per week
Chengtu Road	Thurs PM Tue Evening	Twice per week
Lok Yeung Street	Tue Evening	Once per week
Wu Nam Street	Fri evening	Once per week
Wu Pak Street	Fri evening	Once per week
Pavement outside Police College	Fri evening	Once per week
No. 192-220 Aberdeen Main Road	Wed PM	Once per week
Ap Lei Chau Praya Road	Sun AM Tue PM Wed AM Thurs PM	Four times per week
No. 203 Aberdeen Main road to Fung Tin Street	Fri Sat Evening	Twice per week
Hing Wo Street	Wed AM Thurs Evening	Biweekly
Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road	Sun AM Tue PM Wed PM Fri AM	Four times per week
San Shi Street	Fri AM	Once per week

Kwun Hoi Path	Sun PM	Once per week
Yue Fai Road	Sun Evening Tue PM	Twice per week
Old Main Street Aberdeen	Mon Evening Sun Evening	Twice per week
Chi Fu Road and Chi Fu Close	Wed PM Thurs	Twice per week
Northcote Close	Fri PM	Once per week
Nam Ning Street and Chengtu Road	AM	Daily
Welfare Road	Sat AM	Once per week
Wong Chuk Hang Road	Tue PM Thurs PM	Twice per week
Information Crescent	Sun PM	Once per week
Lei Tung Estate Road	Wed PM Sat AM	Twice per week
Tin Wan Hill Road and Shek Pai Wan Road	Sun PM	Once per week
Yip Kan Street	Sat PM	Once per week
Pavement near Blake Pier	Tue Evening	Biweekly
No. 1-85 Stanley Main Street	Tue Evening	Once per week
Repulse Bay Beach Road	Wed PM	Once per week
South Bay Road	Tue AM Thurs AM	Twice per week
Cyberport Road	Sat PM Tue PM	Once per week
Apleichau Municipal Service Building	AM	Daily
Pavement near Marina Habitat	Sun PM Mon PM Thurs PM	Thrice per week

Lee Chi Road	Tue PM	Once per week
Repulse Bay Road	Tue PM Fri AM	Twice per week
Shouson Hill Road East	Mon AM	Once per week
Shouson Hill Road	Tue AM Thurs AM	Twice per week
Bus station of Ma Hang Estate	Fri PM	Once per week
Stanley Gap Road	Fri PM Sat AM	Twice per week
Deep Water Bay	Wed PM	Once per week
Chung Hom Kok	Thurs AM	Once per week
Ching Sau Lane	Mon PM	Once per week
Bellevue Drive	Sun AM	Once per week
Nam Fung Road	Mon PM	Once per week
Island Road	Sat AM	Once per week
Cape Drive	Wed AM	Once per week
Horizon Drive	Mon PM	Once per week
Stanley New Street	Mon AM Fri AM	Twice per week
Stanley Market Road	Mon AM Fri AM	Twice per week
Stanley Mound Road	Mon AM Wed AM Fri AM	Thrice per week
Stanley Main Street	Mon AM Fri AM	Twice per week
Pavement near Stanley Beach Road outside RCP	Mon AM Fri AM	Twice per week

Tung Tau Wan Road	Mon AM Fri AM	Twice per week
Pavement outside St Stephen Beach bin site	Mon AM Wed AM Fri AM	Thrice per week
Pavement outside Shek O RCP	Mon PM Wed PM Fri PM	Thrice per week
Pavement outside Big Wave Bay Village bin site	Mon PM Wed PM Fri PM	Thrice per week
Carpark of Tung Ah, Shek O	Mon PM Fri PM	Twice per week
Pak Pat Shan Road bin site	Mon PM Wed PM Fri PM	Thrice per week
Stanley Beach Road	Tue AM Wed AM Sat AM	Thrice per week
Tung Tau Wan Road	Tue AM Sat AM	Twice per week
Tai Tam Road (Junction of Stanely Gap Road and Pak Pat Shan Road)	Tue AM Sat AM	Twice per week
Shek O Road and Big Wave Bay Road Carpark	Tue AM Sat AM	Twice per week
Wong Ma Kok Road	Tue PM Sat PM	Twice per week
Stanley Beach Road Carpark	Wed AM	Once per week
Tai Tam Road (Near Tai Tam Country Park)	Wed AM	Once per week
16M Minibus station at Stanley Beach Road	Sun AM	Once per week
No. 9-33 Tai Tam Road	Sun AM	Once per week
Pak Pat Shan Road	Sun	Once per week
Pok Fu Lam Village staircase, Market and Bus Station	Wed PM	Once per week

Bus Station outside Hing Wai Centre	Sat AM	Once per week
Sandy Bay Road	Sat PM	Once per week
OutsideWu Nam Street Public Toilet	Sun PM Tue PM Thurs PM	Thrice per week
No. 121 Cyberport Road	Sun PM	Once per week
Cyberport Road to Wah Fu	Sun PM	Once per week
Aberdeen Rerservior Road	Mon AM	Once per week
Tin Wan Praya Road to Wah Kwai Estate	Tue PM	Once per week
Tang Fung Street, Yue Ko Street, Yue Fung Street,, Yue Fung Street, Yue Lei Street	Tue PM	Once per week
Tsung Man Street	Tue AM Wed AM	Twice per week
Vicinity of Pokfulam Road Kai Ming Temple	Wed PM	Once per week
Odd No. of Mount Davis Road	Wed PM	Once per week
Wah Fu Estate Bus Station	Thurs PM	Once per week
Wah Fu Court	Thurs PM	Once per week
Bus Station of Tin Wan	Fri AM	Once per week
Tin Wan Shopping Centre	Fri AM	Once per week
Tin Wan Hill Road near school	Fri AM	Once per week
Pavement outside of Tin Wan Kai Bo Supermarket	Fri AM	Once per week
Lower Baguio Villa	Fri PM	Once per week
Rear lane of Ka Wo Street	Wed AM Fri PM	Twice per week

Tin Wan Street	Fri PM	Once per week
Villa Cecil, Victoria road	Fri PM	Once per week
Repulse Bay Road near Repulse Bay Beach Road	Sat AM	Once per week
Bus station near Wilson Trail	Sat PM	Once per week
Bus station near Stanford Villa	Fri PM Sat PM	Twice per week
Chung Hom Kok Road	Tue PM Thurs PM Sat PM	Thrice per week
Kau Wai Village	Mon AM Wed AMFri PM	Thrice per week
Stanley Beach Road near the bridge	Mon AM Thurs AM	Twice per week
End of South Bay Road	Mon AM	Once per week
Cape Road	Mon PM	Once per week
Lung Tan House Bus Station	Mon PM	Once per week
South Bay Close	Sun AM	Once per week
Cape Road and Carmel Road	Sun PM	Once per week
Bus Station outside De Ricou	Sun PM	Once per week
Repulse Bay Beach Road to Life Saving Association	Tue AM	Once per week
Nam Fung Path	Wed AM Fri AM	Twice per week
Vicinity of Stanley Plaza	Wed AM	Once per week
Bus Station at No. 52 Island Road	Wed PM	Once per week
Bellevue Drive	Thurs AM	Once per week

Bus Station at No.127 Repulse Bay Road	Thurs PM	Once per week
Bus Station at Repulse Bay Towers	Fri AM	Once per week
Kwun Yam Temple to Repulse Bay	Fri PM	Once per week
Bus Station at Victory Factory Building, Wong Chuk Hang	Wed AM Sat AM	Twice per week
Yip Fat Street	Sat AM	Once per week
Bus Station Apleichau Estate	Sat AM	Once per week
Bus Terminus at Apleichau Estate	Wed	Biweekly
Yip Hing Street	Sat PM	Once per week
Tong Bin Lane	Sat PM	Once per week
Lee Lok Street	Sat PM	Once per week
Lee Hing Street, Lee King Street	Sat PM	Once per week
Bus Station at Lee Man Road	Sun AM	Once per week
Clinic at Apleichau	Sun AM	Once per week
Pavement outside South Wave Court	Sat Sun AM Mon AM	Thrice per week
Po Chong Wan	Sun AM	Once per week
Lee Nam Road	Sun PM Thurs PM	Twice per week
Hong Kong Southern District Government Primary School	Sun PM	Once per week
Wai Fung Street	Mon AM Wed AM Fri AM	Thrice per week
Nam Long Shan Road	Mon PM	Once per week

Hung Shing Street	Tue AM Sat AM	Twice per week
Ping Lan Street	Tue AM	Once per week
Deep Water Bay Road	Tue AM	Once per week
Ocean Park Road	Tue PM	Once per week
Bus station at Grantham Hospital	Tue PM Fri PM	Twice per week
Police College Road	Wed AM	Once per week
Welfare Road	Wed AM Sat PM Sun AM	Thrice per week
Cook Food Market at Nam Long Shan Road	Wed AM	Once per week
Shum Wan Pier Drive	Wed PM	Once per week
Shouson Plaza	Thurs AM	Once per week
Bus Station outside Blk. 31 South Horizon	Thurs PM	Once per week
Footbridge outside South Horizon	Thurs PM	Once per week
Shan Ming Street	Fri AM Sat PM	Twice per week
Bus station outside San Wai Village	Fri PM	Once per week
No. 162-178 Aberdeen Main Road	Sun Evening Mon Evening	Biweekly
No. 132-158 Aberdeen Main Road	Sun Evening	Biweekly
Jumbo Building	Mon PM Sat Evening	Twice per week
Port Centre	Tue Evening	Twice per week
Ka Wo Street, Hing Wo Street	Thurs Evening	Biweekly

No. 118-128 Aberdeen Main Road	Sun Evening	Biweekly
Pavement outside No. 8 Aberdeen Main Road	Sun Evening	Biweekly
Lei Tung Estate Road	Thurs Evening	Biweekly
Pavement outside Aberdeen Centre	Thurs Evening	Biweekly
Vicinity of Ocean Court	Sun AM Fri AM	Twice per week
No. 8-108 Aberdeen Main Road	Sat AM	Once per week
Jumbo Aberdeen Pier	Sun PM Wed PM	Twice per week
Rear lane of Tung Sing Road	Mon PM Thurs	Twice per week
Sandy Bay Road	Tue AM	Once per week
Pokfulam Road	Fri	Once per week
Victoria Road	Fri	Once per week
Temple near Wong Chuk Hang	Sat	Biweekly
No. 8-108 Aberdeen Main Road	Mon Thurs	Biweekly
Pavement outside Queen Mary Hospital	Sat	Biweekly
Heung Yip Path	Mon	Biweekly
Yuet Hoi Street	Mon PM Thurs PM	Twice per week
Vicinity of Stanley Main Street	Tue PM	Once per week
Yue Fai Road and vicinity of clinic	Fri Evening	Once per week

**Number of Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) and Summons Action
against Shop Front Extension in Southern District
(period from 1.5.2020 to 30.6.2020)**

May 2020

Offence location	Number of FPN issued	Number of summons
Aberdeen Town Centre (including Sai On Street, Lok Yeung Street, Aberdeen Main Road and Aberdeen Old Main Street)	15	6
No. 8 - 112 Aberdeen Main Road	0	0
Other location (Ap Lei Chau Main Street)	1	0
Total	16	6

June 2020

Offence location	Number of FPN issued	Number of summons
Aberdeen Town Centre (including Sai On Street, Lok Yeung Street, Aberdeen Main Road and Aberdeen Old Main Street)	7	0
No. 8 - 112 Aberdeen Main Road	0	0
Other location (Ap Lei Chau Main Street)	2	0
Total	9	0