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Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Southern District Council (SDC)
(2024-2027)

Date : 18 September 2025
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : SDC Conference Room

Present:

Ms CHEUNG Pui-shan, Sandy, JP Chairman
District Officer (Southern)

Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH
Ms HO Yuen-wei
Ms LI Ka-ying
Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH
Ms LAM Wing-yan
Ms LAM Wing-yee
Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung
Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam
Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH
Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP
Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP
Ms CHAN Wing-yan
Mr PANG Siu-kei
Mr WONG Choi-lap
Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole
Mr YEUNG Sheung-chun
Mr CHAO Howard
Mr LAU Ngai, Victor
Mr SIU Wai-chung
Mr LAI Ka-chi

Mr TANG Lai-yin, Ricky	Senior Engineer (Invigorating Island South), Development Bureau	}	for agenda item 2
Mr CHOW Long-hei, Jonathan	Town Planner (Invigorating Island South), Development Bureau		
Mr NG Lok-man, Simon	Engineer (Invigorating Island South), Development Bureau		
Mr LEE Hon	Senior Engineer / 5 (South and Sustainable Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department		
Mr LEUNG Ho-san, Tony	Senior Engineer / 8 (South and Sustainable Lantau), Civil Engineering and Development Department		
Dr KWAN Tan-sui, Daisy	Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 4, Department of Health	}	for agenda item 4
Ms TAM Sau-wai	Registered Nurse (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations), Department of Health		
Ms CHOW Suk-ling, Vera	Senior Housing Manager / MC 1, Housing Department		
Mr HO Wing-nam, Angus	Senior School Development Officer (Central Western and Southern) 3, Education Bureau		

Opening Remarks:

1. The Secretary welcomed Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy, the newly appointed District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Southern) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), to the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 10th SDC Meeting held on 3 July 2025

2. The Chairman said that the captioned minutes had been circulated to members for comments prior to the meeting. The Secretariat had not received any amendment proposals so far.
3. The Chairman asked SDC members whether to confirm the captioned minutes.
4. The Chairman said that SDC confirmed the captioned minutes.

**Agenda Item 2: Invigorating Island South Initiative
(Including agenda items on “Progress Update on Invigorating Island South Initiative” raised by Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, Mr PANG Siu-kei, Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole, Ms HO Yuen-wei, Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP, and Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung, and “Updates on Expressions of Interest (EOI) Submissions for Aberdeen Marina Development” raised by Mr CHAO Howard and Mr LAI Ka-chi)
(SDC Paper No. 26/2025)**

5. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of Government Departments to the meeting:
 - (i) Ms YEUNG Lai-fong, Alice, Head of Invigorating Island South Office (IISO) of the Development Bureau (DEVB);
 - (ii) Mr WONG Wing-tak, William, Senior Town Planner (Invigorating Island South) of DEVB;
 - (iii) Mr TANG Lai-yin, Ricky, Senior Engineer (Invigorating Island South) of DEVB;
 - (iv) Mr CHOW Long-hei, Jonathan, Town Planner (Invigorating Island South) of DEVB;

- (v) Mr NG Lok-man, Simon, Engineer (Invigorating Island South) of DEVB;
- (vi) Mr LEE Hon, Senior Engineer / 5 (South and Sustainable Lantau) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD); and
- (vii) Mr LEUNG Ho-san, Tony, Senior Engineer / 8 (South and Sustainable Lantau) of CEDD.

6. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, the following SDC members had requested to discuss the following items at the meeting:

- (i) “Progress Update on Invigorating Island South Initiative” (Item I) raised by Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, Mr PANG Siu-kei, Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole, Ms HO Yuen-wei, Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP, and Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung; and
- (ii) “Updates on Expressions of Interest (EOI) Submissions for Aberdeen Marina Development” (Item II) raised by Mr CHAO Howard and Mr LAI Ka-chi.

7. The Chairman said that details of the two items were respectively given in Annexes 1 and 2 to SDC Paper No. 26/2025 and the written responses from the Government Bureau and Departments were given in Annex 3.

8. The Chairman invited Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole, to briefly introduce Item I.

9. Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole, briefly introduced Item I.

10. The Chairman invited Mr CHAO Howard to briefly introduce Item II.

11. Mr CHAO Howard briefly introduced Item II and added the following:

- (i) As mentioned in the Chief Executive’s Policy Address promulgated on 17 September 2025, the Government planned to provide approximately 600 additional yacht berths under the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion project and two waterfront projects in other districts;

- (ii) DEVB invited the market to submit EOI for a marina development at the expansion area of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter on 24 January 2025. The invitation closed on 24 April and a total of eight EOI submissions were received;
- (iii) According to DEVB, the organisations and enterprises making the submissions included overseas and local developers, hotel / entertainment groups and marina developers / operators. After consolidating the information, DEVB would firm up the development parameters and requirements for the marina within this year. Under the established approach, tendering was anticipated to take place in 2027. Meanwhile, the market also hoped that the process could be expedited;
- (iv) DEVB considered it not appropriate to disclose the content of the EOI submissions as they involved commercially sensitive information. Nevertheless, relevant views would be taken into account to establish the tender conditions, approach and timing. The details would be announced later; and
- (v) Further to its aspiration to promote yacht tourism as announced in the 2024 Policy Address, the Government sought to seize the opportunity of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion project to utilise part of the expanded waterbody for the market to develop marina. The project embodied a public-private partnership for promoting tourism and recreational facilities development.

12. The Chairman asked whether the representatives of the Government Departments had anything to add apart from the written responses in Annex 3.

13. Ms YEUNG Lai-fong, Alice, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, briefly introduced the latest progress and projects of the Invigorating Island South initiative (IIS initiative) and added the following:

- (i) IISO had introduced the Conceptual Master Plans 3.0 (CMP 3.0) and presented the progress report to the Development Planning Committee under SDC in July 2024. The consultancy study was also completed in the same month. A series of proposals to enhance the pedestrian environment and traffic had

been formulated, alongside improvement measures in respect of the waterfront and open spaces. These proposals had gained support from SDC. The proposals and projects would be progressively taken forward by way of quick-win measures as per CMP 3.0 and the findings of the consultancy study;

- (ii) Currently, IISO and CEDD were working on the detailed design of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion project, which involved the construction of breakwaters at the eastern and western sides of Aberdeen Channel to the south of Aberdeen South Typhoon Shelter and the installation of a floating breakwater to the east of the tombolo at Ap Lei Pai to expand the typhoon shelter southward by about 24 hectares. The crest of the eastern breakwater at the side of Po Chong Wan (the existing eastern breakwater) would be converted into an open space, while the western breakwater at the side of Ap Lei Chau (the existing western breakwater) would be shortened to enhance the navigation area. Public landing facilities and an open space would be provided at the new eastern breakwater at the side of Tai Shue Wan (the proposed eastern breakwater), and a walkway would be constructed to connect the proposed eastern breakwater to Ocean Drive;
- (iii) The existing eastern breakwater near Po Chong Wan was a sloping breakwater which limited the development of the crest. In this regard, IISO suggested widening the crest appropriately, which would be decorated with characteristic paving blocks and installed with protective barrier, so as to create an open space where visitors could take photos and enjoy the sunset;
- (iv) An open space and two sets of public landing facilities would be provided at the proposed eastern breakwater to cater to the needs for vessel berthing and passengers' embarkation and disembarkation. Regarding the design of the open space, with due consideration of its location, the future operation, repair and maintenance arrangements and other factors, IISO suggested providing four additional sets of harbour steps at the crest to enable the public to enjoy the sea view from there. Shelters, distinctive observation deck and seating would be provided on the platform of the public landing facilities to address the needs of waiting passengers, together with facilities reserved for distinctive light projections and lighting installations to embellish the night view. There would be a large dolosse-shaped art installation at the end of the proposed eastern breakwater with murals along the way. It was hoped that the

aforesaid facilities could create a diversified waterfront environment and achieve synergies with Hong Kong Ocean Park (Ocean Park);

- (v) With a view to promoting sustainable development and environmental protection, eco-shoreline designs such as the deployment of eco-tiles and tidal pools would be adopted at the proposed eastern breakwater, pedestrian walkways and vessel impact protection system to sustain the growth of coastal vegetation and seaweed, as well as to enhance the biodiversity and marine ecosystems;
- (vi) Besides its initiative to promote prime yacht tourism as proposed in the 2025 Policy Address, earlier in the 2024 Policy Address the Government had already stated that it would seize the opportunity of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion project to engage the market to develop a marina in part of the expanded waterbody with a view to promoting the development of yacht tourism through market forces. In this connection, IISO completed the collection of market feedback in April 2025, during which eight EOI submissions were received. The relevant enterprises and organisations expressed support for the marina development at the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter;
- (vii) With its geographical advantages, Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter was an ideal location for developing yacht tourism. The Government would expedite the implementation of the project, aiming to firm up the development parameters and requirements for the marina within 2025. Various technical assessments and statutory procedures would follow, including obtaining environmental permits from the Environmental Protection Department, applying to the Town Planning Board and Planning Department for amendments to the outline zoning plans, undertaking gazettal work as stipulated in the Foreshore and Seabed (Reclamations) Ordinance, and submitting traffic impact assessments. Tendering was anticipated to commence in 2027 or earlier;
- (viii) The Green Link in Wong Chuk Hang aimed at connecting Wong Chuk Hang to Aberdeen Country Park through a walking route with open spaces in-between. IISO was currently being implemented the project based on the design concept of the winning entry of the design competition;
- (ix) Regarding the Staunton Creek Nullah boardwalk project, planters would be installed along the railings for greening purpose. The boardwalks would also

comprise four spacious landscape decks with seating, and proper lighting would be provided along the entire route for the safety of the public;

- (x) Concerning the mid-long term revitalisation of Staunton Creek Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang (the Staunton Creek Nullah project), it was preliminarily suggested that dry weather flow interceptors be installed at suitable locations to prevent effluent from getting into the nullah, thereby improving the water quality and addressing the odour problem;
- (xi) To consolidate the recreational and sports facilities in the district, the Redevelopment and Enhancement of Recreational and Sports Facilities in Wong Chuk Hang (the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project) would be taken forward on the “Single Site, Multiple Use” model. A technical feasibility study was completed in September 2023 and the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) was currently conducting detailed technical assessments. The project would be taken forward in accordance with the established procedures of public works;
- (xii) Two-thirds of the Round-the-Island Trail (the Trail) were located within the Southern District. Connection and improvement works by CEDD at several trail sections were expected to commence in stages between the fourth quarter of 2025 and early 2026. This included the construction of a walking trail between Tai Tam Road near Pacific View and Lo Fu Shan Catchwater alongside improvement of the maintenance walkway beside the Lo Fu Shan Catchwater to enhance hiking experience, the construction of a walking trail connecting the rocky shore of Sandy Bay to the Sandy Bay walking trail completed by the Home Affairs Department, as well as the construction of a walking trail from Cape D’Aguilar Road to Shek O Beach;
- (xiii) Regarding the Trail project, it was suggested that an additional multipurpose open space be provided in Tin Wan Waterfront near Hing Wai Centre to connect the walking trail on the waterfront. According to the proposal, a road section would be permanently closed and converted into a multipurpose open space with seating, tiered seating and other facilities, and patterned paving would be used to create a feeling of spaciousness. Moreover, an additional loading / unloading area would be provided on Tin Wan Praya Road. The relevant works were expected to commence in early 2026;

- (xiv) The proposed beautification works at the open space of Hairpin Beach included repaving the floor and beautifying the wall and floor of the existing storeroom. In this regard, IISO planned to invite residents, students and community organisations of the Southern District to join a painting workshop; and
- (xv) SDC members were welcome to comment on the latest progress of the IIS initiative.

14. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise enquiries or comments.

15. Mr CHAO Howard raised the following comments:

- (i) He expressed gratitude to the Government for adopting the suggestions from Business and Professionals Alliance for Hong Kong. In the Policy Address, the Government announced that it would proactively promote the development of the yacht industry through providing 600 additional yacht berths at the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, promoting the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao individual travel scheme for yachts, as well as co-operating with the Guangdong Provincial Government on measures for the northbound travel of yachts from Hong Kong and southbound travel for yachts from the Mainland. He suggested the Government invite the stakeholders of the Southern District to participate in the planning process at various stages and canvass public opinion so that the project could better cater to the actual needs of the local community and the District; and
- (ii) To enhance the transparency of the project and encourage the community to participate in the discussions, he suggested that the Bureau disclose to the public the non-confidential content of EOI submissions as this could lay the groundwork for public-private partnership in the future and gain more support from members of the public.

16. Ms CHAN Wing-yan raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) She expressed gratitude to IISO for adopting the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions' (FTU) proposals to construct boardwalks at Staunton Creek

Nullah in Wong Chuk Hang, expand the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelters and revitalise the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market;

- (ii) She would like to know whether IISO had assessed the traffic conditions in the Shum Wan area in relation to the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion project, and suggested that IISO establish an emergency response mechanism to address surges in traffic flow due to serious traffic accidents or a sudden increase in visitors;
- (iii) The Southern District, particularly the vicinity of Ocean Park, was relatively exposed to wind. She enquired whether the breakwaters would have adequate resistance to wind;
- (iv) She proposed widening and improving the footpaths and vehicular roads in the Shum Wan Temporary Industrial Area;
- (v) It was hoped that the details of the Staunton Creek Nullah project could be finalised as soon as possible in order to enhance the water quality and beautify the environment; and
- (vi) She supported the development of prime yacht tourism, believing that the construction of a marina at Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter would boost the local economy, particularly in the catering and retail sectors. In terms of operating rights, it was suggested that the Government review the operation of such facilities every five or ten years and re-tender as necessary, rather than granting the rights to organisations or enterprises on a permanent basis.

17. Ms HO Yuen-wei raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) She was pleased to learn that IISO had completed 40 quick-win measures. Regarding the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project, with reference to IISO's response that ArchSD had completed the technical feasibility study in September 2023, she would like to know the progress of the project in the past two years; and
- (ii) SDC had previously gathered public views on "How to improve the community facilities in the Southern District, particularly in respect of cultural, recreational and sports facilities, so as to meet the needs of residents of different background and age groups" and the results of the questionnaire survey were announced in March 2024. A total of 981 questionnaires were

returned, with 55% of respondents indicating that the current cultural and recreational facilities in the District were inadequate, while 30% considered the situation to be average. Therefore, it was hoped that the Bureau could provide a detailed response to the enquiries under Item I, so as to facilitate the public's understanding of the latest progress of the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project.

18. The Chairman invited the representatives of Government Departments to respond.

19. Ms YEUNG Lai-fong, Alice, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) As mentioned in the 2025 Policy Address, 600 additional yacht berths would be provided under three projects, namely the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion, the ex-Lamma Quarry and the Hung Hom Station waterfront projects. An initial estimate suggested that some 200 additional yacht berths would be provided upon completion of the Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter expansion project;
- (ii) Given the confidential nature of the eight EOI submissions, IISO considered it not appropriate to disclose the content at this stage. After analysing the data and information, IISO would commence a consultancy study to explore the future development of the marina and would consult SDC by then;
- (iii) The consultancy study would thoroughly assess the impact of the marina on the traffic in the vicinity of Shum Wan Road. IISO would carefully examine the findings and formulate countermeasures; and
- (iv) The proposed project would involve the construction of caisson breakwaters with appropriate overlapping to enhance the structural stability of the breakwaters and improve their capability to withstand winds and waves. CEDD opined that caisson breakwaters were more resilient to extreme weather conditions than traditional sloping breakwaters.

20. Regarding the Staunton Creek Nullah project and the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project, Mr WONG Wing-tak, William, responded as follows:

- (i) The provision of boardwalks, one of the quick-win measures, was a project for the first phase of the revitalisation of the Staunton Creek Nullah. Construction works would involve the nullah area and thus had to be carried out in dry weather. The works had now commenced and were expected to complete by the second quarter of 2028; and
- (ii) IISO noted the concerns of Southern District residents and SDC members regarding the progress of the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project. Ground investigation and preliminary works by ArchSD, including the recording of the tree condition and terrain within the site, were underway. As the project involved amendments to outline zoning plans, the process was relatively complex. ArchSD was actively undertaking multiple technical assessments, including traffic impact assessments, air ventilation assessments and visual impact assessments. IISO would strive to expedite the construction of the various Recreational and Sports facilities in accordance with established procedures.

21. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had further enquiries.

22. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH, raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He would like to know whether IISO would adopt the eco-tiles recently invented by the City University of Hong Kong at all the breakwaters;
- (ii) To align with the Government's policy on promoting yacht tourism, he suggested that IISO develop comprehensive yachting facilities by exploiting the District's tourism resources, and strengthen its cooperation with organisations such as yacht clubs and sailing clubs to jointly develop yacht tourism;
- (iii) It was noted that IISO had incorporated SDC's views in the design of the breakwaters. He further suggested that a distinctive "photo-taking spot" should be provided at each breakwater for visitors and members of the public, as this would beautify the breakwaters and promote tourism; and

(iv) It was hoped that IISO could report the latest progress of the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project on a timely basis so that SDC members could disseminate the information to residents to address their concerns.

23. Mr SIU Wai-chung opined that the IIS initiative would boost the local economy, in particular, the Trail would attract numerous tourists and members of public with its scenic routes. He would like to know the alignment and design of each section of the Trail, particularly the walkway along the rocky shore at Sandy Bay, adding that the design should preserve the existing landscape as much as possible to minimise construction costs and the impact on the environment.

24. Mr WONG Choi-lap raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) It was hoped that IISO could report the latest progress of the remaining projects to SDC on a routine basis and brief SDC members on the new projects, so that they could explain these projects to the public;
- (ii) Progress of the Recreational and Sports facilities in Wong Chuk Hang project had been a focus of public attention. As such, he hoped that IISO could provide the project timeline;
- (iii) It was hoped that IISO could expedite the works at Nam Long Shan Road Sitting-out Area;
- (iv) He enquired about the completion date of the footbridge connecting the Waterfall Bay Park and Cyberport Road. It was hoped that the footbridge could be opened as early as possible to facilitate public access and enable residents to enjoy the spectacular view from there; and
- (v) He enquired whether IISO would consider providing open space on the proposed breakwater at the western side (proposed western breakwater).

25. The Chairman invited the representatives of IISO to respond.

26. Ms YEUNG Lai-fong, Alice, gave a consolidated response that photo-taking spots would be provided at the existing and proposed eastern breakwaters for the public to enjoy.

27. Mr TANG Lai-yin, Ricky, gave a supplementary response as follows:

- (i) Natural materials would be used in the construction of the walkway along the rocky shore at Sandy Bay so as to preserve the natural view; and
- (ii) IISO had examined the suitability of the proposed western breakwater for open space. However, as the proposed western breakwater was situated near Ap Lei Pai and adjacent to steep slopes, it might be unfeasible to construct footpaths for public access. Instead, IISO planned to construct a distinctive observatory deck at a suitable location on the proposed eastern breakwater to provide a good venue for the public to enjoy the sunset.

28. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

29. Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP, raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) The designs of the boardwalks were aesthetic. However, dry weather flow interceptors alone had limited effectiveness in improving the water quality. He enquired whether IISO would adopt other methods to improve the water quality; and
- (ii) Noting that works under the Staunton Creek Nullah project would be implemented in phases, he suggested that IISO should first improve the water quality of the nullah before constructing the boardwalks, so that the public perception would not be affected by the effluent and odour.

30. Ms LAM Wing-yan raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) It was hoped that the IIS initiative would align with the development strategy on yacht economy and promote tourism in the Southern District;
- (ii) It was proposed that a yacht berth allocation system be established to enhance the utilisation rates;
- (iii) She enquired whether the Government would consider promoting island hopping across various attractions in the Southern District, including Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter, Ocean Park and Aberdeen Fish Wholesale Market;
- (iv) She expected that yacht tourism would stimulate the development of the District's cultural industries, thereby promoting the traditional culture and distinctive features of the Southern District; and

- (v) She suggested that the Government formulate a set of standards for “eco-friendly yachts” and encourage the industry to adopt such vessels to minimise the adverse impact on marine ecosystems and the environment and promote sustainable development.
31. Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, raised the following comments and enquiries:
- (i) She enquired about the order of implementation regarding the 18 projects to be or currently being carried out as mentioned by IISO; and
 - (ii) She requested for the design layouts and details of the “transformation and extension of the children’s playground and the adjacent area in Ap Lei Chau Park” project for her reference.
32. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had further comments or enquiries.
33. Ms CHAN Wing-yan raised the following comments:
- (i) Earlier on, she was invited to a meeting to discuss the future development of Tai Pak Floating Restaurant. At the meeting, it was mentioned that the restaurant would collaborate with IISO. She hoped that IISO would provide the details in this regard;
 - (ii) She noted that IISO had plans to provide an additional sitting-out area on the vacant land near Tai Pak Pier. Quoting the findings of a previous survey conducted by SDC about a shortage of recreational facilities in the District, she hoped that IISO and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would explore the possibility of providing additional outdoor recreational facilities at the site, and requested IISO to provide the design layouts of the sitting-out area after the meeting; and
 - (iii) While the previously proposed site for “Green @ Southern District” was deemed unsuitable, it was hoped that an alternative site would be identified as soon as possible to establish a comprehensive community recycling network in the Southern District.
34. The Chairman invited the IISO representatives to respond.
35. Ms YEUNG Lai-fong, Alice, said that the proposed quick-win measures

would be implemented based on the priorities set in accordance with the resource allocation and public works implementation timelines. The finalised timelines and design layouts would be submitted to SDC for circulation later.

36. Mr WONG Wing-tak, William, added the following:

- (i) The improvement works at the new sitting-out area at Shum Wan Pier Drive would be carried out under the District Minor Works Programme. In response to the new operator's plan to reopen Tai Pak Floating Restaurant, IISO proposed reserving a walkway at the sitting-out area to facilitate public access to the pier in future. It was learnt that LCSD had completed the tendering process for the improvement works. Alterations to the design at this stage would impact the project timeline and expenditure. As such, the works would proceed as originally planned;
- (ii) The Staunton Creek Nullah project would be conducted in phases. Phase 1 works, which involved the construction of a boardwalk to improve the connectivity between the public space next to Tai Wong Ye Temple and the Aberdeen Promenade, were currently underway. IISO would continue to collaborate with Drainage Services Department (DSD) on exploring ways to revitalise the nullah through improving its water quality, etc. IISO and DSD were also considering installing tide gates at the site alongside dry weather flow interceptors, with the aim of maintaining a suitable water level in the nullah. In the long term, it was recommended that the north and south sides of the nullah should be revitalised through introduction of ecological planting so as to improve the water quality. IISO would continue its efforts to expedite the revitalisation of the nullah; and
- (iii) IISO noted SDC members' concern about the designs of the promenade and sitting-out area and would upload the latest rendered illustrations to its website in a timely manner for public access.

37. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had further enquiries.

38. No SDC members had any comments or enquiries to raise.

39. The Chairman thanked the representatives of IISO and CEDD for attending the meeting. Given the significance of the IIS initiative for the development of the Southern District, it was hoped that IISO and relevant Government Departments could

maintain close liaison with SDC, report the latest progress of the projects in a timely manner, and allow for ample time for discussion and district consultation.

Agenda Item 3: **Concern about Illegal Employment in the Southern District and Suggestions on Stepping Up Education and Publicity Efforts**
(Item raised by Ms CHAN Wing-yan)
(SDC Paper No. 27/2025)

40. The Chairman said that the Security Bureau, the Immigration Department (ImmD) and the Labour Department (LD) were unable to attend the meeting as invited.

41. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, Ms CHAN Wing-yan had made a request to discuss the captioned matter at the meeting. The details were given in Annex 1 and the written responses from the Government Bureau and Departments in Annex 2.

42. The Chairman invited Ms CHAN Wing-yan to briefly introduce the agenda item.

43. Ms CHAN Wing-yan, briefly introduced the agenda item, outlined the impact of illegal employment in the Southern District and proposed countermeasures.

44. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

45. Mr LAI Ka-chi supported the Government's stern enforcement against illegal employment. He raised the following comments:

- (i) Hong Kong was expected to face a significant labour shortage in the near future due to objective factors such as low fertility rates and an ageing population. To bolster the workforce, while it was warranted for the Government to adequately absorb external labour in the short term, cultivating more local talent remained paramount in the long run;

- (ii) Employers and employees were mutually dependent. Therefore, while safeguarding labour rights and benefits, it was equally important to preserve the viability of enterprises in Hong Kong. Economic prosperity could only be sustained by ensuring a win-win situation for both employers and employees; and
- (iii) It was suggested that LD review how prevalent illegal employment was across various industries indeed and try to identify those with serious circumstances so that support could be provided to those employers and employees concerned.

46. Mr LAU Ngai, Victor raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) One should not presume that employers deliberately hired illegal workers, or that employees intentionally deceived employers in order to engage in illegal employment. There could be cases where the employers or employees were misled to hire illegal workers or engage in illegal employment;
- (ii) ImmD and LD should strengthen cooperation in monitoring online platforms and social media (such as Xiaohongshu) for agencies recruiting Mainland individuals to work in Hong Kong on multiple-entry Individual Visit Scheme, attempting to deceive both employers and employees;
- (iii) Penalties for illegal employment in Hong Kong (particularly for employers) were fairly severe. However, he believed that establishing a reporting mechanism for illegal recruitment activities on online platforms and social media would be more effective than imposing fines; and
- (iv) Enhancing anti-illegal employment publicity at all border control points and strengthening education for employers on illegal employment issues were also recommended.

47. Ms LAM Wing-yan raised the following comments:

- (i) To facilitate their illegal engagement in renovation works, the recruited illegal workers would conceal their identity by pretending to be tourists when renting accommodation. They were also paid in cash daily to evade detection. With major housing estates and developments to be completed one after

another in the Southern District, which would give rise to an abundance of renovation projects, she recommended that the Government ramp up inspections to combat any illegal employment involved;

- (ii) Some criminal syndicates sold counterfeit identity documents to illegal workers, enabling them to register accounts on food delivery platforms as deliverers. There were also cases where deliverers having undergone legitimate identity verification sold recognisance forms to illegal workers. Similar practices were also observed with ride-hailing platforms. She recommended that the Government strengthen the monitoring of the likes of food delivery and ride-hailing platforms; and
- (iii) In response to the above situations, FTU proposed the following: strengthen publicity on the serious criminal nature of illegal employment, establish an intelligence-sharing mechanism between Government Departments and local organisations, conduct surprise inspections, crack down on counterfeit document supply chains, step up undercover operations, combat illegal cross-border services, penalise illegal workers using counterfeit documents, conduct spot checks on visitor registration records of flats under renovation, and require food delivery platforms to verify deliverers' identities multiple times.

48. Ms HO Yuen-wei said that regarding the issue of illegal employment, the Chief Executive had already proposed multiple countermeasures in the Policy Address. Other than conventional methods such as publicity and education, she suggested the Government explore how to make good use of artificial intelligence (AI) to combat illegal employment.

49. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH concurred that educational outreach to both employers and employees should be strengthened to prevent either party from being misled into hiring illegal workers or engaging in illegal employment. Additionally, he proposed a separate meeting be arranged and Government Departments be invited to further discuss the matter, or alternatively, SDC members could attend the Legislative Council's public hearings to convey their views directly to the Government.

50. The Chairman invited the representative of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to respond.

51. Ms IP Ka-yee gave a consolidated response as follows:
- (i) To combat illegal employment, HKPF and relevant Government Departments had consistently adopted a multi-pronged strategy which included enhancing intelligence gathering, taking stern enforcement, increasing penalties, maintaining close cooperation with Mainland law enforcement agencies, and strengthening publicity and education;
 - (ii) HKPF and ImmD had conducted multiple joint operations targeting premises suspected of illegal employment. The detailed figures were set out in Annex 2;
 - (iii) The Government amended the Immigration Ordinance in 2021 to increase penalties for employers hiring illegal workers, with the maximum penalty substantially raised from a fine of \$350,000 plus three years' imprisonment to a fine of \$500,000 plus ten years' imprisonment. The High Court had also issued sentencing guidelines stipulating that employers found guilty of hiring illegal workers must be immediately imprisoned;
 - (iv) HKPF, ImmD and Mainland law enforcement agencies had established an intelligence-sharing mechanism and maintained regular liaison; and
 - (v) HKPF and relevant law enforcement agencies actively disseminated information through various means such as press conferences, social media and publicity leaflets, to ensure members of the public were fully aware of the criminal liability for employing illegal workers.

Agenda Item 4: Concern about Mosquito Infestations in the Southern District

(Including agenda items on “Concern about the Spread of Chikungunya Fever in the Southern District and Request for Intensified Mosquito Prevention Measures in the Community” raised by Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, Ms LI Ka-ying, Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam, Mr WONG Choi-lap, Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP, Mr LAU Ngai, Victor and Mr SIU Wai-chung and “Concern about Mosquito

**Infestations in the District and Prevention of Chikungunya Fever” raised by Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole , Ms HO Yuen-wei, Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung and Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP)
(SDC Paper No. 28/2025)**

52. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of Government Departments to the meeting:

- (i) Dr KWAN Tan-sui, Daisy, Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 4 of the Department of Health (DH);
- (ii) Ms TAM Sau-wai, Registered Nurse (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) of DH;
- (iii) Ms CHOW Suk-ling, Vera, Senior Housing Manager / MC 1 of the Housing Department (HD); and
- (iv) Mr HO Wing-nam, Angus, Senior School Development Officer (Central Western and Southern) 3 of the Education Bureau.

53. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, the following SDC members had made requests to discuss the following items at the meeting:

- (i) “Concern about the Spread of Chikungunya Fever in the Southern District and Request for Intensified Mosquito Prevention Measures in the Community” (Item I) raised by Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, Ms LI Ka-ying, Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam, Mr WONG Choi-lap, Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP, Mr LAU Ngai, Victor and Mr SIU Wai-chung; and
- (ii) “Concern about Mosquito Infestations in the District and Prevention of Chikungunya Fever” (Item II) raised by Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH, Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole , Ms HO Yuen-wei, Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung and Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP.

54. The Chairman said that the details of the above two items were given in Annexes 1 and 2 to SDC Paper No. 28/2025 respectively and the written responses from the Government Bureau and Departments was given in Annex 3.

55. The Chairman invited Ms LI Ka-ying to briefly introduce Item I.
56. Ms LI Ka-ying briefly introduced Item I and raised the following comments:
- (i) She had visited several owners' corporations (OCs) and property management companies (PMCs) in the District to find out about the mosquito infestation problems in their estates. During her visits, some PMCs reported encountering challenges in implementing mosquito prevention measures, to which the accompanying FEHD officers had offered instant advice on the spot. In that connection, she wished to know what follow-up action FEHD had taken subsequently;
 - (ii) It was suggested that Government Departments, SDC members, OCs and PMCs enhance communication with each other and seek to resolve mosquito infestation problems in the District through collaboration at community level; and
 - (iii) Given the recent unstable weather with frequent wind and rain, the fogging (i.e. ultra-low volume spraying) agent applied by FEHD for mosquito control in the District might be barely effective after exposure to typhoons and rainfall. Accordingly, she asked if FEHD would conduct another intensive mosquito control operation within the quarter.
57. The Chairman invited Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole to briefly introduce Item II.
58. Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole briefly introduced Item II and pointed out that over 200 new cases of chikungunya fever had been reported in the neighbouring Guangdong Province in the previous week. According to statistics, over 100 000 crossings had been recorded at the Lo Wu Control Point over the same week. She therefore expressed concern that such massive population movement might exacerbate the transmission of mosquito-borne diseases within the territory and would like an update on the current mosquito infestation situation.
59. The Chairman asked whether the representatives of the Government

Departments had anything to add apart from the written responses in Annex 3.

60. The representatives of the Government Departments had nothing to add.

61. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.

62. Ms CHAN Wing-yan extended gratitude and appreciation to FEHD for its relentless efforts in mosquito control in the District. Meanwhile, she raised the following comments:

- (i) Some residents opined that the problem of water stagnation lay with the architectural design of Lei Tung Shopping Centre and the schools near Lei Tung Estate, adding that these stagnation-prone U-shaped designs were common in the District, which were prone to accumulation of stagnant water. However, Government Departments were unable to enter private premises for mosquito control, which could only be performed in the surrounding areas with limited effectiveness. She suggested that relevant Government Departments should step up publicity to remind private property owners and organisations to regularly clear any stagnant water found within their premises; and
- (ii) She suggested that the Government publish leaflets illustrating which architectural designs were prone to accumulation of stagnant water and distribute them to relevant stakeholders as a reminder.

63. Ms LAM Wing-yee thanked the various Government Departments for prioritising the mosquito infestation issue in the Southern District and bringing about noticeable anti-mosquito results. Furthermore, regarding how to tackle the problem of mosquito breeding in stagnant water during the rainy season and after the occurrence of inclement weather, she raised the following comments:

- (i) She suggested that the Highways Department should not overlook but examine road gradients and drainage condition to prevent accumulation of water on the road surface. During the rainy season and after the occurrence of inclement

weather, roads should be checked for subsidence and be repaired promptly;
and

- (ii) Some lower-floor residents in public housing estates reported occasionally seeing food debris and stagnant water on building podium, which could lead to mosquito breeding. She suggested that HD review the situation and enhance routine cleansing.

64. Mr Jonathan LEUNG Chun, MH raised the following comments:

- (i) Since the emergence of imported cases of chikungunya fever, he had proactively reached out to local schools and residential care homes to work out the countermeasures in meetings. FEHD had also been consulted about the Government's current mosquito control efforts. Although some Gravidtrap Indices showed zero readings, residential care homes and healthcare workers still reported suffering mosquito bites in Wong Chuk Hang from time to time. He suggested that mosquito control and insect control operations should be conducted simultaneously; and
- (ii) He recommended strengthening publicity and public education on how to distinguish between mosquitoes and midges, thereby avoiding unnecessary public panic.

65. The Chairman invited the representatives of the Government Departments to respond.

66. Dr KWAN Tan-sui, Daisy added the following:

- (i) As of 5 p.m. on 17 September 2025, Hong Kong had recorded a cumulative total of 18 confirmed cases of chikungunya fever, all of which were imported cases. Regarding the confirmed case discovered in Lei Tung Estate on 6 August, the Centre for Health Protection of DH had notified FEHD, the estate management office and the Southern District Office. Enhanced mosquito control and prevention measures had been implemented in the vicinity of the patient's residence and the places he/she visited; and

- (ii) At the start of the new school year, the Centre for Health Protection of DH had written to schools urging them to follow FEHD's anti-mosquito guidelines to strengthen efforts to clear stagnant water on school premises and eliminate mosquito breeding sites. School staff and students were reminded to take proper mosquito control and personal protective measures to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases within school premises.

67. Mr NG Chi-shing gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) HD had been monitoring the mosquito infestation situation in the Southern District and had been working closely with FEHD to implement mosquito control measures in strict accordance with FEHD's guidelines;
- (ii) In view of the frequent occurrences of extreme weather recently, HD would remind its staff of the need to observe the guidelines to perform fogging operations to eradicate mosquitoes following the occurrence of inclement weather; and
- (iii) Clearing stagnant water in public housing estates was one of the key priorities of HD. Regarding the issue of stagnant water accumulating on podium as raised by SDC members, it was believed to be due to blockage of the drainage by leaves and branches. In that connection, HD would issue guidelines after the meeting to remind its staff to enhance cleaning efforts.

68. Ms WONG Yu-ching, Nicole said that some members of the public had expressed concern about mosquito infestation at Yuk Kwai Shan. It was also noted that Hong Kong was currently amid the monsoon and rainy season conducive to mosquito breeding. She therefore advised the relevant Government Departments to strengthen mosquito prevention and control at the district level.

69. Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) FEHD would conduct vector investigations in those communities with confirmed cases, and carry out targeted mosquito control operations within a 250-metre radius of the patient's residence and the places he/she visited after the onset of illness. Regarding the confirmed case discovered in Lei Tung

Estate on 6 August 2025, no vectors were detected as a result of the investigation;

- (ii) Even in the absence of new confirmed cases, FEHD would continue its routine vector surveys. Results would be released on the FEHD website and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Geospatial Information Hub for public access;
- (iii) To enhance mosquito control, FEHD had, since August 2025, extended the intensified mosquito control work, which was originally activated when the Area Gravidtrap Index (AGI) reached 20%, to cover areas with the AGI falling between 10% and 20%. Intensified mosquito control work included: immediately conducting joint mosquito control operations with relevant Government Departments, performing assessments to identify high-risk areas, and implementing mosquito control measures in collaboration with the District Office and District Council members concerned;
- (iv) With the concerted efforts of Government Departments and SDC members, the AGI remained at a low level of 10% in August and September 2025, indicating that the situation was under control;
- (v) FEHD wrote to local schools on 25 August 2025 to promote mosquito prevention awareness and hygiene education; and
- (vi) Biting midges primarily bred on the surface of mud or wet soil. Residential care homes might approach FEHD, for the control of biting midges and FEHD was willing to provide more relevant materials.

70. The Chairman thanked the Government Department representatives for attending the meeting and expressed SDC's willingness to cooperate with the Departments in their mosquito control and related publicity efforts.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

Invitation to SDC to be a Supporting Organisation of “Aberdeen Mid-Autumn Fire Dragon Dance in Celebration of the 76th National Day” and Seeking SDC’s Consent for the Use of the SDC logo in the Publicity Activities and Materials

71. The Secretary said that declarations of interests had been received from

multiple SDC members before the meeting. They declared to be members of the Board of the Hong Kong Southern District Community Association Limited (the organiser) as follows: Mr CHU Lap-wai, MH, Ms LAM Yuk-chun, BBS, MH and Mr WONG Choi-lap as Standing Deputy Executive Director General; Ms LI Ka-ying as Standing Deputy Executive Director General and Treasurer; Mr PANG Siu-kei as Standing Deputy Executive Director General and Secretary General; Mr CHAN Man-chun, JP and Professor CHAN Yuk-kit, MH, JP as Honourary Adviser; Mr Johnathan LEUNG Chun, MH as Deputy Executive Director General; Mr CHEUNG Chin-chung, Mr CHEUNG Wai-nam, Mr YEUNG Sheung-chun and Mr SIU Wai-chung as Deputy Secretary General; Ms CHAN Wing-yan as Executive Director and Deputy Secretary General; Ms LAM Wing-yee as Executive Director; and Mr LAU Ngai, Victor as Executive Director, Legal Adviser and Deputy Secretary General. As this agenda item had no connection with the personal interests of the above SDC members, the Chairman decided that the above SDC members could continue to take part in the discussion and decision-making of this agenda item.

72. The Secretary asked SDC members if they had any declarations of interests to make.

73. No SDC members had other declarations of interests to make.

74. The Chairman invited the Secretary to briefly introduce the agenda item.

75. The Secretary briefly introduced the agenda item as follows:

- (i) The Secretariat received an invitation from the organiser inviting SDC to be a supporting organisation of “Aberdeen Mid-Autumn Fire Dragon Dance in Celebration of the 76th National Day” (the Fire Dragon Dance). SDC’s consent for the use of the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials was also sought;
- (ii) The organiser would stage the Fire Dragon Dance in Aberdeen on 6 October 2025 to celebrate the 76th National Day and the Mid-Autumn Festival. On the night of the event, the Fire Dragon Dance team would parade all the way from Aberdeen to Wah Fu Estate, and the ritual of “the dragon returning to the sea” would be performed at Waterfall Bay Park at midnight.

(iii) SDC should decide whether it would agree to be a supporting organisation of the Fire Dragon Dance and give consent to the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

76. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments and enquiries.

77. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

78. The Chairman was pleased that SDC members agreed that SDC would be the supporting organisation of the Fire Dragon Dance and give consent to the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

Invitation to SDC to be a Supporting Organisation of “Switch-on Ceremony for Southern District Decorated Sampan Rides and National Day Carnival in Celebration of the 76th National Day” and Seeking SDC’s Consent for the Use of the SDC logo in the Publicity Activities and Materials

79. The Chairman invited the Secretary to briefly introduce the agenda item.

80. The Secretary said that as “Switch-on Ceremony for Southern District Decorated Sampan Rides and National Day Carnival in Celebration of the 76th National Day” (the Sampan Rides) was also organised by the Hong Kong Southern District Community Association Limited, there was no need for those SDC members having declared their interests for the previous item to do so again. As this agenda item had no connection with the personal interests of the above SDC members, the Chairman decided that the above SDC members could continue to take part in the discussion and decision making of this agenda item.

81. The Secretary asked SDC members if they had any declarations of interests to make.

82. No SDC members had other declarations of interests to make.

83. The Secretary briefly introduced the agenda item as follows:

- (i) The Secretariat received an invitation from the organiser inviting SDC to be a supporting organisation of the Sampan Rides and seeking SDC's consent for the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials;
- (ii) The organiser would hold the Sampan Rides at the Amphitheatre of Aberdeen Promenade on 29 September 2025. Embodying the distinctive characteristic of the Southern District as a fishing harbour, the event would feature a carnival, variety shows and a switch-on ceremony to share the joy of the National Day with the public, coalesce the community and promote patriotism with affection for the Country and Hong Kong; and
- (iii) SDC should decide whether it would agree to be a supporting organisation of the Sampan Rides and give consent to the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

84. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments and enquiries.

85. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

86. The Chairman was pleased that SDC members agreed that SDC would be the supporting organisation of the Sampan Rides and give consent to the organiser to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

Invitation to SDC to be a Supporting Organisation of “SME ReachOut – FUND Fair plus Tech Sourcing 2025” and Seeking SDC’s Consent for the Use of the SDC logo in the Publicity Materials

87. The Secretary asked SDC members if they had any declarations of interests to make in respect of the above item.

88. No SDC members had other declarations of interests to make.

89. The Secretary briefly introduced the agenda item as follows:

- (i) The Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) would hold the “SME ReachOut – FUND Fair plus Tech Sourcing 2025” (the Fair) on 16 to 17 October 2025. The Fair aimed to provide a dynamic one-stop platform for

small and medium enterprises to fully elevate their business competitiveness and sustainability. It would come in the forms of exhibitions, sharing sessions and instant advisory services, and would incorporate such elements as AI, new retail technologies, intellectual property branding, and immersive digital experiences; and

- (ii) SDC should decide whether it would agree to be a supporting organisation of the Fair and give consent to HKPC to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

90. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments and enquiries.

91. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

92. The Chairman was pleased that SDC members agreed that SDC would be the supporting organisation of the Fair and give consent to HKPC to use the SDC logo in the publicity activities and materials.

93. The Chairman asked SDC members whether they had any other items to raise.

94. No other business was raised at the meeting

Agenda Item 6: **Date of Next Meeting** _____

95. The Chairman advised that the 12th SDC meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 6 November 2025 (Thursday).

96. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:09 p.m.

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