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Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Southern District Council (SDC)
(2024-2027)

Date : 11 May 2026
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Venue : SDC Conference Room

Present:

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

Hon 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

Hon 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

Secretary:

Ms CHAN Shuk-man, Agnes

Senior Executive Officer (District Council),
Southern District Office

In Attendance:

Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn

Assistant District Officer (Southern)

Mr LEUNG Ying-kit

Senior Executive Officer (District Management),
Southern District Office

Ms SZE Shuk-wai, Shirley

Acting Senior Liaison Officer (1),
Southern District Office

Ms CHUNG Chui-yan, Chris

Senior Liaison Officer (2),
Southern District Office

Miss LAI Wing-sau, Winsy

District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent
(Southern), Food and Environmental Hygiene
Department

Ms LEE Suk-han, Yvonne

Chief Leisure Manager (Hong Kong West),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ms NG Fung-wah

District Leisure Manager (Southern),
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr NG Chi-shing

Chief Manager / Management (HKI),
Housing Department

Ms CHU Lai-yee, Rachel

Chief Transport Officer / Hong Kong,
Transport Department

Ms IP Ka-yee

District Commander (Western District),
Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WAN Fu-kwan, Nelson

Police Community Relations Officer (Western
District), Hong Kong Police Force

Mr YEUNG Chong-tak, Clarence

Chief Engineer / South and Sustainable Lantau 1,
Civil Engineering and Development Department

Ms WONG Lai-har, Teresa

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central
Western, Southern & Islands) 3, Social Welfare
Department

Ms YAU Shan

Social Work Officer 3 (Planning & Coordinating),
(Central Western, Southern & Islands), Social

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agenda
item 2

Dr WONG Hoi-kei	Welfare Department Senior Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 1, Department of Health	for agenda item 2
Dr PANG Chung-yan, Tiffany	Medical & Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 2, Department of Health	
Mr CHEUNG Yau-wah, Andy	Senior Housing Manager / HKI 2 + MC 1, Housing Department	for agenda item 5
Mr LEE Chun-yeung, Paul	Engineer / Southern 2, Transport Department	

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Draft Minutes of the 14th SDC Meeting held on 16 March 2026

1. 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.
2. The Chairman asked SDC members whether to confirm the captioned minutes.
3. The Chairman said that SDC confirmed the captioned minutes.

**Agenda Item 2: Concerns about the Availability of Mental Health Support for Residents in the Southern District
(Item raised by Ms HO Yuen-wei)
(SDC Paper No. 23/2026)**

4. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had invited the Health Bureau (HB) to send a representative to attend this meeting for the discussion of this agenda item, but HB was unable to attend the meeting as invited.

5. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and the Department of Health (DH) to the meeting:

- (i) Ms WONG Lai-har, Teresa, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Central Western, Southern and Islands) 3 of SWD;
- (ii) Ms YAU Shan, Social Work Officer (Planning & Coordinating) (Central Western, Southern and Islands) 3 of SWD;
- (iii) Dr WONG Hoi-kei, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 1 of DH; and
- (iv) Dr PANG Chung-yan, Tiffany, Medical and Health Officer (Emergency Preparedness and District Relations) 2 of DH.

6. The Chairman said that prior to the meeting, Ms HO Yuen-wei had made a request to discuss the captioned matter at the meeting. The details were given in Annex 1 and the written replies from the Government Bureau and Departments were given in Annex 2.

7. The Chairman invited Ms HO Yuen-wei to briefly introduce the agenda item.

8. Ms HO Yuen-wei, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, briefly introduced the agenda item with the main points as follows:

- (i) As stated in paragraph 234 of the 2025 Policy Address, the Government placed great importance on the public's mental health and would implement nine measures through a strategy of identification, intervention and treatment. Such measures included the introduction of a three-tier emergency mechanism, "The Pilot Programme on Training for Mental Health Promotion Ambassador", "The Healthy Mind Pilot Project" and "The Stepped Care Model on Mental Health". Six of the measures were dedicated to schoolchildren and students up to the tertiary level, reflecting the Government's immense care for the mental health of young people;
- (ii) The two frontline mental health service providers in the Southern District were the Sunrise Centre based in Wah Fu Estate (serving West Area and North Area of the Southern District) and the Lok Hong Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness based in Wong Chuk Hang (serving East Area and South Area of the Southern District);

- (iii) The various types of psychological tests available online could help members of the public identify mental health issues. In addition to the three self-assessment tools introduced in the PowerPoint presentation, the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI), which comprised approximately 500 questions, could also be used to gain an insight into one's own mental health status;
- (iv) According to SWD's statistics, the majority of service users at the two Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) in the Southern District belonged to the 30 to 59 and above 60 age groups and were mostly female;
- (v) She enquired whether "cases" referred to patients diagnosed by a psychiatrist; whether "members" referred to those individuals with mild mental distress and in need of support, or to mental health enthusiasts; the reasons for the relatively low proportion of male cases / members across all age groups; and why the above 60 age group seeking mental health support accounted for as much as one-third of the total;
- (vi) "The Healthy Mind Pilot Project" had not yet covered the Southern District since its launch in 2024. It was wondered whether the Southern District was left out due to its lower number of cases requiring support. It was also suggested that new technologies, such as artificial intelligence (AI), be leveraged to aid the implementation of mental health measures;
- (vii) Regarding publicity, it was recommended that the Government collaborate with non-profit organisations to provide free mental health assessments for postnatal mothers and the above 60 age group, as well as to step up promotion efforts so that the public knew what support channels there were. Additionally, male-friendly groups on themes such as photography and automobiles could be organised;
- (viii) Many carers were forced to withdraw from their social circles due to the heavy burden of caregiving responsibilities and faced immense mental pressure alone. It was hoped that SWD would pay greater attention to them; and
- (ix) She was concerned about the mental health of residents in the Southern District, and would continue to roll out more mental health services, including screening services to identify early-stage dementia, seminars on psychological first aid hosted by psychiatrists and talks on coping with loneliness in old age delivered by clinical psychologists.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the reasons for the lower proportion of male cases / members across all age groups and the fact that the above 60 age group seeking mental health support accounted for as much as one-third of the total, SWD replied that, generally speaking, women tended to accept welfare services more readily than men and thus the number of female cases / members was larger in proportion. Furthermore, due to an ageing population and the fact that middle-aged and elderly people were more likely to face physical health problems or experience difficulties in adjusting to the loss of a partner, the number of middle-aged and elderly people seeking mental health support was larger in proportion.

In respect of “The Healthy Mind Pilot Project”, HB replied that SDC members’ concern for the mental health needs of residents in the Southern District was well noted. Following its launch, the Project had been trialled in three District Health Centres during its initial phase, with the overall operational experience and effectiveness assessment proving satisfactory. The Government was currently expanding the service network in a systematic manner. The selection of pilot sites was based on overall coordination and planning considerations, and the needs of individual districts would not be overlooked. HB would extend the Project to six more District Health Centres in 2026 and would deploy practitioners with an academic background and training in fields such as psychology or counselling to provide appropriate follow-up services to members of the public in need.

Furthermore, HB fully accepted the suggestion to leverage technology and was indeed actively applying technology to enhance mental health services. Such initiatives included strengthening telehealth services for psychiatric day hospitals and outreach services to provide suitable patients with more convenient service options, and enhancing the text counselling platform for online emotional support and the Cyber Youth Support Teams of

SWD by strengthening AI application for more precise identification of high-risk targets in need of support.)

9. The Chairman invited the representatives of SWD and DH to give a response.
10. Ms YAU Shan responded that “cases” referred to persons in mental recovery or those with mental health needs, for whom a case file must be opened to facilitate management and follow-up, whereas “members” referred to those who attended the regular group meetings and other activities at the two ICCMWs as members.
11. Dr WONG Hoi-kei gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (i) “Shall We Talk” was an ongoing mental health promotion and public education initiative co-organised by DH and the Advisory Committee on Mental Health. It aimed to reach people of all ages and from all strata of society across Hong Kong through a variety of online and offline channels. Its road shows had already been staged in primary and secondary schools in the Southern District. The “Shall We Talk” dedicated website featured a chatbot that could provide mental health information and interactive website navigation services;
 - (ii) Since its launch in 2024, the “18111 - Mental Health Support Hotline” had handled over 200 000 calls for help;
 - (iii) DH had consistently followed the “life-course approach” in reaching out to people of all ages, delivering student health services, and providing support to parents of adolescents. In as early as the 2023/2024 school year, DH launched the Whole School Health Programme to provide schools with guidelines and customised “School Health Reports and Recommendations“, among which mental health promotion was one of the foci; and
 - (iv) Regarding support for the elderly and their carers, the Visiting Health Teams visited communities and care homes to deliver talks and offer training, with a view to raising their mental health awareness and enhancing relevant practical skills.
12. The Chairman invited SDC members to raise comments or enquiries.
13. Mr WONG Choi-lap raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He opined that this agenda item served to keep SDC members abreast of the various programmes and support services that SWD and DH provided specifically for teenagers, the middle-aged and elderly people, working people and people with disabilities. He also commended SWD for its efforts in collaborating with District Services and Community Care Teams (Care Teams) to take forward “The Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers”;
- (ii) He suggested enhancing inter-departmental cooperation and providing more related support, which was believed to be useful for the early identification of hidden cases within the community;
- (iii) He would like to learn more about the implementation of the pilot scheme to install an intelligent accident detection system for high-risk households, as well as the number of such beneficiary households in the Southern District;
- (iv) In view of the recent tragic incident in the Southern District, he advised that SWD and other Government Departments strengthen support for the bereaved families and pay close attention to their mental health; and
- (v) He wished to know the implementation progress of the Pilot Programme on Training for Mental Health Promotion Ambassador as put forwarded in the “2025 Policy Address”.

14. The Chairman invited the representatives of SWD and DH to give a response.

15. Ms YAU Shan responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding “Pilot scheme on Installation of Intelligent Accident Detection Systems for High-Risk Households” (the pilot scheme), the Government had launched the two-year pilot scheme in the first quarter of 2026. It aimed to install an intelligent accident detection system for at least 300 high-risk households across Hong Kong for free;
- (ii) High-risk households referred to those singleton or doubleton elderly households as well as families with members with disabilities. Applicants must be low-income Hong Kong residents living in public housing. The pilot scheme aimed to utilise smart technology to ensure that high-risk households received prompt assistance and follow-up in case of a domestic accident;

- (iii) The pilot scheme was sponsored by the HKEX Foundation and comprised two projects, which were each run by a designated service provider. The service provider for the Southern District was the Family Guard;
- (iv) The services provided under the pilot scheme included a fall detection system and a 24-hour support centre service, which could receive alarms and provide emergency assistance, including calling an ambulance, calling the police, contacting family members or social workers and following up on the situation after hospital admission;
- (v) “The Pilot Programme on Training for Mental Health Promotion Ambassador” was implemented with the assistance of ICCMWs. Related services in the Southern District were provided assistance of ICCMWs under Fu Hong Society and Tung Wah Group of Hospitals;
- (vi) Through “The Pilot Programme on Training for Mental Health Promotion Ambassador”, people of different ages and backgrounds were mobilised and trained to serve as mental health promotion ambassadors (promotion ambassadors) to promote healthy lifestyles, foster resilience and establish care support networks; and
- (vii) ICCMWs would be allocated additional resources to recruit social workers responsible for coordinating, recruiting, training and supporting the team of promotion ambassadors. Such resources would also be used for providing specialised training for all promotion ambassadors on aspects such as healthy lifestyles, fostering of resilience and establishment of care support networks, as well as organisation of large-scale mental health promotion events within the District in collaboration with local social welfare service providers and other stakeholders.

(Post-meeting note: Regarding the pilot scheme to install an intelligent accident detection system for high-risk households, SWD further advised that under the pilot scheme, the five non-governmental organisations responsible for coordinating case referrals and providing related follow-up services were the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, the Hong Kong Christian Service, the Christian Family Service Centre, the Salvation Army and the Hong Kong Federation of Women’s Centres.)

16. Dr WONG Hoi-kei added the following:

- (i) Members of the public who were feeling distressed following a tragic event might call the 24-hour one-stop “18111 - Mental Health Support Hotline” for assistance. The Hotline handled an average of over 300 calls a day; and
- (ii) The Hotline had optimised and enhanced its services to meet the demands through the introduction of WhatsApp support, multi-language support, scheduled callback and additional optional services, which included receiving information on support services and stress management techniques or listening to life stories shared by persons in mental recovery.

17. Mr CHAO Howard raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) He enquired about the specific measures for strengthening mental health support for carers;
- (ii) He expressed that cyberbullying cases were becoming increasingly common and that he had recently attended to some members of the public seeking help due to emotional distress from cyberbullying. He wondered whether adequate training would be provided to relevant staff handling such cases, and whether assistance would be offered to the victims through non-governmental organisations; and
- (iii) He enquired about the number of cyberbullying cases in the Southern District with the victims seeking help.

18. As regards the specific measures for strengthening mental health support for carers, Ms WONG Lai-har, Teresa responded as follows:

- (i) To support carers, SWD had set up the “Designated Hotline for Carer Support 182 183”, which was staffed 24 hours a day by professional social workers. It was meant to alleviate the stress and burden carers faced in their daily caregiving and to continuously enhance their caregiving capabilities. The Hotline could provide immediate telephone support to carers, carry out crisis intervention, and offer outreach services to carers who were in emergency situations but lacked other support. Where necessary, the Hotline would also refer carers in need to welfare service units for appropriate follow-up support;

- (ii) The Information Gateway for Carers operated by SWD was meant to raise carers' awareness of the resources available to them and encourage them to seek assistance when needed. The website covered information on services for the elderly and people with disabilities, caregiving skills, and community activities and resources for carers; and
- (iii) SWD would continue to strengthen and expand the network of day and residential respite service, which was meant to provide temporary day and residential care service for the elderly or people with disabilities who lived in the community but required assistance from family members or relatives with their personal care. The service could allow their carers to have a respite and relieve the stress.

(Post-meeting note: SWD added that the issue of cyberbullying fell within the remit of various Government Bureaux and Departments. SWD and subvented non-governmental organisations provided a range of prevention, support and counselling services for those in need of welfare support. Should members of the public encounter cyberbullying and require emotional support or welfare services, they might seek assistance as necessary from various types of welfare service providers, including school social workers and community-based welfare service units. Details of such services could be found in Annex 2 to SDC Paper No. 18/2026. SWD did not maintain any data on the number of cyberbullying cases in the Southern District with the victims seeking help.)

19. Dr WONG Hoi-kei added the following:

- (i) To bolster support for carers, the Visiting Health Teams had been collaborating with residential care homes for the elderly and various service providers in the community to organise seminars and training sessions for carers such as their family members and their local or foreign domestic helpers. The aim was to raise carers' awareness of elderly health issues, as well as to teach them skills and provide them with educational materials and demonstration videos for enhancing their caregiving capabilities; and

- (ii) The “Shall We Talk” website offered a wealth of resources covering various aspects of mental health. Clinical psychologists from DH would also regularly provide mental health information relevant to the current societal emotional needs or topical issues.

20. Ms YAU Shan added the following:

- (i) SWD had established a total of five Cyber Youth Support Teams to primarily support at-risk and hidden youths aged between 6 and 24 with emotional or behavioural problems (including those who were emotionally unstable or had suicidal thoughts);
- (ii) SWD operated the real-time youth emotional health support platform “Open Up” to provide 24-hour online text counselling service for youths experiencing emotional distress, allowing them to receive support anytime, anywhere; and
- (iii) Information on services for victims of online fraud and cyberbullying was set out in Annex 2 to SDC Paper No. 18/2026.

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

22. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

23. In closing, the Chairman thanked the representatives of Government Departments for attending the meeting and providing SDC with relevant information. She noted that there had always been large-scale community events organised in the Southern District to raise residents’ health awareness. Mental health elements were even introduced in the events in 2026, which was worth promoting. She hoped that SDC members, local organisations, schools and Care Teams would further strengthen their efforts in that regard to ensure the early identification of hidden cases in the community.

Agenda Item 3: Report on Study of Issues of Concern in the District and Collection of Public Views
(Item raised by the Southern District Office)
(SDC Paper No. 24/2026)

24. The Chairman said that the issue for the 3rd round of collection of views by SDC was “Collection of Views on Building an Elderly-Friendly Community and Suggestions for Improvement” and the target respondents included the elderly and their carers. The Chairman invited Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn, Assistant District Officer (Southern), to briefly introduce the report.

25. Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn, said that the 3rd round of collection of views by SDC had been completed, with the participation of 20 SDC members and their timely submission of reports. SDC conducted a comprehensive study on the current provision of elderly-friendly facilities and supporting services in the District to gather residents’ feedback on their satisfaction levels with the existing facilities, their suggestions for improvement and future expectations. The SDC members received a total of 1 975 responses, and the report set out an analysis on the background and data collected, together with the observations and suggestions made by SDC members. Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn, invited Ms LAM Wing-yee to report the findings.

26. Ms LAM Wing-yee, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, briefly reported the findings. She said that SDC members had made interviews with members of the public about the current situation of the Southern District in terms of an elderly-friendly community (covering seven aspects, including indoor and outdoor public spaces and buildings, elderly-friendly transport facilities, elderly fitness facilities and healthcare services, safety installations and support services for “ageing in place”, the degree of ease for senior citizens to access information and stay connected with the outside world, their social engagement and employment, as well as the level of social inclusion), with a view to gathering residents’ feedback in respect of their satisfaction levels with these aspects and their suggestions for improvement. SDC members had also consolidated the respondents’ views as expressed in the returned questionnaires, and it was found that residents in the Southern District opined that the community was largely elderly-friendly. Their suggestions for improvement and their future expectations were given as follows:

- (i) Improving the transport facilities, including extensive inspection on the road conditions of pavements in the District and repairs to road defects;
- (ii) Providing low-impact fitness equipment suitable for the elderly;

- (iii) Setting up additional digital support stations and organising regular digital literacy courses on mobile phones;
- (iv) Encouraging the elderly to participate in community services, thereby promoting interactions and exchanges between young people and the elderly;
- (v) Integrating local healthcare facilities, major transport hubs and public spaces in adjacent locations to provide one-stop services for the elderly;
- (vi) Enhancing pedestrian access routes near parks, promenades and main streets to ensure smooth and easy access;
- (vii) Organising more forums specifically for the elderly to actively seek their views; and
- (viii) Establishing and expanding elderly centres to organise a wider range of social and recreational activities.

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

28. Mr LAI Ka-chi raised the following comments:

- (i) He considered the report to be comprehensive, which could help SDC members to understand the needs of the elderly in the Southern District regarding facilities, mobility and daily life;
- (ii) He noted that the “Real-time Adaptive Traffic Signal System” pilot project implemented by the Transport Department (TD) in 2024 had yielded positive results. It was hoped that the system could be widely applied to more districts;
- (iii) He suggested that public transport operators upgrade their station facilities by installing real-time bus arrival information display panels at all stations and providing additional covered seating for the convenience of elderly passengers; and
- (iv) He considered that elderly fitness facilities should be located at places that were easily accessible to the elderly. In addition, he suggested installing covers at integrated fitness facilities.

29. Mr SIU Wai-chung raised the following comments and enquiries:

- (i) The findings of the questionnaire survey indicated that the elderly in the Southern District were very satisfied with the community facilities and transport services, and they generally gave high ratings for these aspects;
- (ii) He enquired whether the relevant Government Departments would carry out regular inspections of road defects on pavements, and suggested expediting the repairs for the sake of safety; and
- (iii) Many elders heavily relied on bus services during off-peak hours; however, the persistent problem of lost trips on some routes had led to a significant increase in waiting times. It was hoped that the bus operator would closely monitor the situation and explore improvements.

30. Ms LEE Ka-ying raised the following comments:

- (i) The findings showed that the community were generally not familiar with the gerontechnology and its product range. Some residents were uncertain whether the gerontechnology products were priced higher than the open market;
- (ii) While some gerontechnology products were made available for rent at certain elderly centres, the range of rental items was rather limited, which was not conducive to product development or market research; and
- (iii) She suggested that SDC members step up their efforts to promote the gerontechnology product rental services to elderly centres and care homes, adding that they could collaborate with District Health Centres, non-profit organisations and district organisations to promote the gerontechnology information to the elderly.

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

- (i) She expressed concern about the proposed reduction in service frequency on Citybus Route 75, noting that this might cause inconvenience to the elderly;
- (ii) For the convenience of the elderly travelling to Ruttonjee Hospital for follow-up appointments, she suggested launching a bus route between Lei Tung, Wong Chuk Hang and Wan Chai;

- (iii) She suggested that the Government Departments allocate resources to provide elderly fitness equipment in Tenants Purchase Scheme Estates and Home Ownership Scheme Courts (such as Lei Tung Estate and Yue On Court); and
- (iv) She proposed incorporating elderly fitness equipment in the minor works near Shum Wan Pier Drive.

32. The Chairman invited the representatives of Government Departments to give a response.

33. Ms CHU Lai-yee, Rachel, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The suggestion on extending the “Real-time Adaptive Traffic Signal System” to other districts would be forwarded to traffic engineers for consideration;
- (ii) Most of the covered bus stops in the Southern District listed under the Government’s Subsidy Scheme had been installed with display panels and seats. Only a few covered bus stops were not equipped with these facilities due to geographical or technical constraints, such as insufficient space or absence of electricity supply;
- (iii) TD would continue to monitor the service performance of public transport at different periods of the day through site surveys and collection of views from SDC and local residents;
- (iv) In respect of the frequency of bus services in the Southern District, the overall rate of lost trips in the first quarter of 2026 was lower than that for the same period in 2025 and the previous quarter. TD would follow up with the bus operator on a regular basis to address the higher rates of lost trips on individual routes; and
- (v) TD had noted the comment and suggestion to launch a bus service heading towards Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Ruttonjee Hospital and would consider the suggestion based on passenger need and availability of resources.

34. Ms NG Fung-wah responded that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) had noted SDC members’ suggestions regarding elderly fitness equipment, which would serve as a reference in the course of relevant follow-up action in the future.

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

36. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

37. In closing, the Chairman thanked SDC members for consolidating and reporting the views and suggestions for improvement on building an elderly-friendly community in the Southern District. The report would be forwarded to the relevant Government Departments after the meeting for consideration and reference. SDC members who wished to discuss specific issues in detail might propose agenda items to the relevant Committees.

Agenda Item 4: Southern District Office's Work Plan 2026/27
(Item raised by the Southern District Office)
(SDC Paper No. 25/2026)

38. The Chairman invited Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn, Assistant District Officer (Southern), to briefly introduce the paper.

39. Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, reported the accomplishments of the Southern District Office (SDO) in 2025 as follows:

- (i) Apart from providing day-to-day administrative support to SDC members, the SDC Secretariat also arranged site visits, meetings with the public, conferences and training for SDC members, such as visits to the Hong Kong Observatory, the Buildings Department's Building Information Centre, bus stops installed with Section Fare Validators and the University of Hong Kong's student residences constructed using the "Modular Integrated Construction" approach. These site visits offered a valuable opportunity for SDC members to exchange views;
- (ii) The Southern District Fight Crime Committee, the Southern District Fire Safety Committee and the Southern District Area Committees made constant efforts to promote liaison in the neighbourhood and took forward various community building programmes, in addition to their active follow-up on district issues. A number of large-scale activities focusing on national security, anti-scam, fire safety and anti-drug, among others, were organised in collaboration with different Government Departments and district organisations;

- (iii) Consisting of 17 Sub-district Care Teams with 195 members from various sectors, the Care Teams had achieved beyond the key performance indicators in terms of service frequencies and the number of activities, during the first term of service which ended on 30 September 2025. The services included visits to households in need, emergency and non-emergency support services as well as thematic activities and courses suitable for people of all age groups. The Care Teams also completed the second phase of the SWD's "Scheme on Supporting Elderly and Carers" on 31 March 2026 and had exceeded the key performance indicators in terms of service frequencies and the number of activities;
- (iv) In respect of youth development, the Southern District Youth Cadets, the Southern District Youth Community Building Committee and the Southern District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee frequently organised district activities to enhance young people's civic awareness and encouraged them to actively participate in district matters and express their views on community building issues;
- (v) On the building management front, SDO proactively promoted proper and effective building management practices through organising various educational activities, such as building management seminars and evacuation drills, to assist building owners to discharge their building management responsibilities. SDO also rendered advice to property owners on the procedures for the formation and the operation of owners' corporations and provided different specialised support services;
- (vi) SDO proactively liaised with owners and occupants of "three-nil buildings" in the District to provide them with building cleansing services, and the response was very positive. In addition, SDO had organised building management seminars to enhance owners' effectiveness in handling building management matters;
- (vii) Regarding district management in the Southern District, SDO had coordinated the work of various Government Departments through district-led actions scheme, actively responding to the public demands having regard to the local situation, for instance, stepping up actions against illegal parking and pick-up / drop-off of passengers in the Aberdeen area. Meanwhile, the Southern District Management Committee led by SDO continued to follow up on the main issues in the District;

- (viii) Several District Minor Works projects led by SDO were completed in 2025, including the construction of a footbridge in the Waterfall Bay Park and the improvement works to the cover at the minibus stop of Stanley Plaza;
- (ix) SDO assisted with the follow-up work after extreme weather conditions and arranged temporary shelters for the affected residents; and
- (x) In 2025, SDO co-organised a number of characteristic district activities, including the Mid-Autumn Fire Dragon Dances in Aberdeen and Pok Fu Lam Village, the Aberdeen Dragon Boat Race and the Ap Lei Chau Hung Shing Cultural Festival.

40. Miss CHAN Tsz-lam, Lynn, added that, with the aim of promoting cultural tourism in Stanley, SDO had been coordinating “Come Chill! @ Stanley” event series from early 2026. The events included handicraft workshops, fitness challenges, street performances, murals and pet bus services. They took place on weekends throughout May 2026, and had so far received positive feedback.

41. Ms SZE Shuk-wai, Shirley, Ms CHAN Shuk-man, Agnes, Mr LEUNG Ying-kit and Ms CHUNG Chui-yan, Chris, took turns to briefly introduce the SDO Work Plan 2026/27, as detailed in SDC Paper No. 25/2026.

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

43. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

44. In closing, the Chairman said that as the SDO Work Plan 2026/27 was still in the early stage of planning, SDC members and all other stakeholders were welcome to contribute their views throughout the planning and implementation process to ensure that the community initiatives could better meet the needs of the public.

Agenda Item 5: District Action Plans 2026/27 by Relevant Departments
(SDC Papers No. 26/2026 and No. 27/2026)

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

- (i) Mr CHEUNG Yau-wah, Andy, Senior Housing Manager / HKI 2 and MC 1 of the Housing Department (HD); and
- (ii) Mr LEE Chun-yeung, Paul, Engineer / Southern 2 of TD.

46. The Chairman invited the HD representatives to briefly introduce HD's Action Plan 2026/27.

47. Mr CHEUNG Yau-wah, Andy, briefly introduced HD's Action Plan 2026/27, and the key activities included providing quality homes, promoting sustainable living and enhancing its communication with residents. Details were given in SDC Paper No. 26/2026.

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

49. No SDC members raised any comments or enquiries.

50. The Chairman invited the TD representatives to briefly introduce TD's Action Plan 2026/27.

51. Mr LEE Chun-yeung, Paul, briefly introduced TD's Action Plan 2026/27. Details were given in SDC Paper No. 27/2026.

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

53. Hon Johnathan LEUNG Chun, MH, raised the following comments and enquiries.

- (i) He enquired about the exact completion dates of the improvement works for the pedestrian crossings at Yuet Hoi Street and the provision of motorcycle parking spaces there;
- (ii) In view of the surging demand for parking spaces among residents in Wong Chuk Hang, he enquired whether there was still enough space for TD to provide additional parking spaces; and

- (iii) He had received a number of complaints about the slow repair works for damaged road surfaces and requested TD to bring the issue to the Highways Department's (HyD) attention.

54. Mr CHAO Howard raised the following comments:

- (i) He urged TD to address the traffic problems in West Area of the Southern District, particularly around Pok Fu Lam and Chi Fu Fa Yuen. Reflecting that residents were particularly dissatisfied with the compartment hygiene condition of minibuses running via Chi Fu Fa Yuen, their drivers' attitude and the issue of lost trips, he hoped that TD would take those issues seriously; and
- (ii) Regarding the road safety around Pok Fu Lam, he had previously proposed the installation of speed enforcement cameras along roads in the concerned area at a meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC). In that connection, he hoped that TD would respond proactively and take the initiative to improve road safety. He also requested that TD liaise with stakeholders on a regular basis to address residents' concerns.

55. The Chairman invited the TD representatives to give a response.

56. Mr LEE Chun-yeung, Paul, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (i) The works for the pedestrian crossings at Yuet Hoi Street had been largely completed, but the provision of road markings at one of the locations still took time. With the relevant works fully completed, the 33 motorcycle parking spaces had already been opened for public use;
- (ii) Regarding damaged road surfaces and the availability of parking spaces, TD would continue to follow up on those issues and relay SDC members' views to relevant Government Departments. SDC members were requested to pinpoint location of the damaged road surfaces so that TD could follow up on the issues in conjunction with the HyD after the meeting; and
- (iii) TD would continue to attach attention to road safety and would follow up on the concerned cases with SDC members.

57. Ms CHU Lai-yee, Rachel, provided further details on the annual action plan for public transport services and facilities (as set out in SDC Paper No. 27/2026) and responded to the enquiries as follows:

- (i) TD would continue to closely monitor the service standards of buses and minibuses in the Pok Fu Lam and Chi Fu Fa Yuen areas, and would follow up with their operators on the complained matters accordingly; and
- (ii) TD had submitted the Bus Route Planning Programme 2026-2027 of Southern District to TTC for discussion. In order to tie in with the commission of the New Aberdeen Tunnel Bus-Bus Interchange, meet passenger needs and enable effective use of resources, it was proposed in the Planning Programme that a full-day bus route between the Southern District and the Eastern District be introduced and the existing services be adjusted. TD would implement the various Bus Route Planning Programmes in light of the consultation results.

58. The Chairman said that as mentioned above, TD had submitted the Bus Route Planning Programme 2026-2027 of Southern District to TTC. However, TD's recent plans to adjust Citybus Routes No. 4 and 48, which had been approved some years ago, had to be shelved due to certain local concerns. In that regard, she hoped that, in addition to the projects proposed under the Bus Route Planning Programme 2026-2027 of Southern District, TD would also consider including the projects previously discussed, endorsed and approved for implementation by SDC. She also requested that SDC members be informed of the relevant implementation schedules at an early stage so that SDC members would be able to assist in explaining the projects to the public as soon as possible.

59. Ms CHAN Wing-yan was strongly opposed to the proposal to adjust Bus Route No. 75 under the Bus Route Planning Programme of Southern District, arguing that it would cause discontent among residents. She therefore urged TD and the bus operator to consider withdrawing the proposal.

60. In closing, the Chairman said that SDC members could thoroughly discuss and follow up on the above matters of public interest at the relevant committee meetings. Meanwhile, SDO would maintain close liaison with other Government Departments (including TD, HD, LCSD and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department). She

hoped that the Government Departments could keep SDO and SDC members informed in a timely manner of projects of public interest that were already planned for implementation, allowing SDC members to make arrangements in advance and follow up accordingly.

Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business

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

62. No other business was raised at the meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Date of Next Meeting

63. The Chairman advised that the 16th SDC meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 6 July 2026 (Monday).

64. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:25 a.m.

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