



Sha Tin District Council

Report on the meeting of the
Health and Environment Committee held on 10 May 2012

(1) The Committee discussed:

- (i) the paper on the strategy and work for the improvement of environmental hygiene in Hong Kong submitted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department;
- (ii) the joint reply of the Environmental Protection Department, the Highways Department and the Hong Kong Police Force to the question on the noise problem of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section), and passed the following provisional motion:

“The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) strongly requests the government departments concerned to take active measures to ameliorate the noise problem of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section), so as to fully resolve the long-term noise nuisance caused to the residents of places like the Jockey Club staff quarters, The Palazzo, Jubilee Garden, and the Wo Che and Lek Yuen areas.” (Unanimously passed); and

- (iii) the joint reply of the Food and Health Bureau, the Hospital Authority and the Civil Service Bureau to the question on the issue of Mainland pregnant women giving birth in Hong Kong, and passed the two provisional motions below:

“The Health and Environment Committee of the STDC thinks that before starting the procedures of amending the Basic Law, the HKSAR government should consider depriving the “doubly non-permanent resident children” born in Hong Kong of their right of abode by administrative means without jeopardising judicial independence in Hong Kong.” (Passed by a vote of 13 in favour, 1 abstention and 6 against);

“The Health and Environment Committee of the STDC strongly requests the Immigration Department and the Department of Health to step up administrative measures to stop “doubly non-permanent resident pregnant women” from crossing the border illegally and flocking to emergency wards without appointments, so as to maintain the normal operation of emergency wards and alleviate the burden of frontline hospital staff.” (Unanimously passed).

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

(i) revised member lists of working groups under the Committee; and

(ii) work plans of working groups under the Committee for 2012/2013.

(3) Owing to the absence of a quorum, the Chairman decided that discussion of the question on the village sewerage works in Sha Tin District would be adjourned until the next meeting, and the three information papers, viz. *2012/2013 Approved Estimates of Expenditure Head 4 under the Committee, Sha Tin District Environmental Hygiene Service Statistical Overview*, and *Sha Tin District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2012 (Second Phase)*, would be dealt with through circulation.

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