

**Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
the Sha Tin District Council in 2015**

Date : 24 September 2015 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Council Conference Room
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Chairman: Mr HO Hau-cheung, BBS, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Vice-Chairman: Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Members: Mr CHAN Kwok-tim, BBS, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr CHENG Cho-kwong, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	(2:38 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr CHIU Man-leong	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr CHONG Yiu-kan, Sherman	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr HO Kwok-wah, George, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr KWOK Kam-hung	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms LAM Chung-yan	(2:40 pm)	(3:05 pm)
Mr LAU Wai-lun	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr LAW Kwong-keung	(3:18 pm)	(4:05 pm)
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	(2:30 pm)	(2:57 pm)
Mr LEE Kam-ming, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr LEE Yau-chuen, Jacko, BBS	(2:34 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr LEUNG Chi-wai	(2:39 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai	(2:39 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr LI Sai-wing	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr MAK Yun-pui, Chris	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	(2:35 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr NG Kam-hung	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP	(2:34 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr SIU Hin-hong	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr TANG Wing-cheong	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms TONG Po-chun, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)

Present

Mr WONG Ka-wing	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms WONG Kit-lin	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr WONG Kwai-yau	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr WONG Yue-hon	(2:30 pm)	(2:58 pm)
Mr YAU Man-chun	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr YEUNG Man-yui, Gary	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms YEUNG Sin-hung, MH	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr YIU Ka-chun	(3:11 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Ms YUE Shin-man	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)
Mr YUNG Ming-chau,	(2:30 pm)	(4:16 pm)

Michael

Secretary:

Mr YUEN Chun-kit,
Derek**Time of joining the meeting** **Time of leaving the meeting**Senior Executive Officer (District Council)
Sha Tin District Office**In Attendance**

Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora, JP
 Mr WONG Tin-pui, Simon
 Mr Angus Guy PULLINGER
 Ms WAN Pui-yee
 Mr NG Kok-hung

Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen

Mr SOH Chun-kwok

Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond

Mr CHEUNG Wan-ching

Mrs LEE CHEUNG Yat-wai, Gloria

Mr TSAI Yu-sing, Eric

Dr HO Wing-chuen

Mr LUK Hing-chuen, Steve

Ms CHENG Ka-po, Theresa
 Ms CHENG Yuk-kam, Brenda
 Mrs CHIM LUK Mei-ha, Anita

Title

District Officer / Sha Tin District Office
 Assistant District Officer / Sha Tin District Office
 District Commander (Shatin) (Atg) / Hong Kong Police Force
 OC (Crime Squad) (2) (Shatin) / Hong Kong Police Force
 Administrative Assistant / Lands
 (District Lands Office, Sha Tin) / Lands Department
 Chief Engineer / New Territories East 2 /
 Civil Engineering and Development Department
 District Planning Officer / Sha Tin, Tai Po and North /
 Planning Department
 Principal Transport Officer / New Territories /
 Transport Department
 District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /
 Leisure and Cultural Services Department
 District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin) / Social Welfare
 Department
 District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha Tin) /
 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
 Chief School Development Officer (Shatin) /
 Education Bureau
 Chief Manager / Management (Tai Po, North, Shatin & Sai
 Kung) / Housing Department
 Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office
 Senior Liaison Officer (East) / Sha Tin District Office
 Senior Liaison Officer (West) / Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr Dickson K.C. FU

Title

Senior Engineer / Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited

Absent

Dr QUAT Elizabeth, JP
 Mr WAI Hing-cheung
 Mr WONG Chak-piu, Philip, MH

(Application for leave of absence received)
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The Chairman informed the meeting that some media representatives and members of the public, being present as observers, were taking photographs and making video and audio recordings.

2. The Chairman welcomed on behalf of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen, Chief Engineer/New Territories East 2 of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), and Mr Dickson K.C. FU, Senior Engineer of the Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited to the meeting. He also extended his welcome to Mr Angus Guy PULLINGER, District Commander (Shatin)(Atg), and Ms WAN Pui-yee, OC (Crime Squad) (2) (Shatin) of the Hong Kong Police Force, who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms LAM Man-sai, Evelyn, District Commander (Shatin) and Ms CHIANG Shui-ching, Teresa, Community Relations Officer (Shatin Dist) respectively.

Application for Leave of Absence

3. The Chairman said that the STDC Secretariat received applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Dr QUAT Elizabeth	Official commitment
Mr WONG Chak-piu, Philip	Official commitment
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	Duty travel outside Hong Kong

4. The Council endorsed the applications for leave of absence submitted by the members above.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 23 July 2015

5. The Chairman said that no amendments proposed by members were received by the STDC Secretariat before the meeting started.

6. The Council confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Information Items

Reports of Committees under the STDC

District Facilities Management Committee
(Paper no. STDC 69/2015)

Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee
(Paper no. STDC 70/2015)

Education and Welfare Committee
(Paper no. STDC 71/2015)

Development and Housing Committee
(Paper no. STDC 72/2015)

7. The Council endorsed the four reports above.

Traffic and Transport Committee
(Paper no. STDC 73/2015)

8. The views of Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael were as follows:

- (a) at the previous meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC), Mr LUK Fong-tin, Alex from the Bus and Railway Branch of the Transport Department said that before the nomination period for the District Council Election started, i.e. before 2 October 2015, the Transport Department would keep the TTC members posted about any change to bus services or introduction of new bus routes. He asked Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond, Principal Transport Officer/New Territories about the progress on the proposal to extend route no. 287X to Shui Chuen O Estate, and whether the bus company would increase the fare by one dollar following the extension. Besides, he would like to know the details of the arrangement on service frequency;
- (b) he would like to know which bus route provided cross-harbour service; and
- (c) at the location where vehicles on Sha Tin Rural Committee Road cut into Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) and the location where vehicles on Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) cut into Tsing Sha Highway, the line markings were chaotic. He hoped the CEDD and the Highways Department would follow up on the aforesaid situation.

9. Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas said that after the commissioning of the new lane beside the Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) slip road near Scenery Court, traffic congestion still occurred despite an increase in the speed limit to 70 km/h. He enquired if the government would redraw the line markings so as to facilitate smooth flow of vehicles on the new lane and allow more vehicles to travel on the left lane, thereby alleviating the inconvenience caused.

10. Mr CHENG Cho-kwong hoped that some of the cross-harbour bus routes would be extended.

11. The consolidated reply from Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond was as follows:

- (a) the original plan was to increase the fare of route no. 287X after extending from Pok Hong Estate to Shui Chuen O Estate. Having consulted the TTC members, the Transport Department was still deliberating with the bus company and had not yet made any decision. The service frequency of route no. 287X would remain unchanged according to the proposal;
- (b) after the commissioning of the new lane beside the slip road of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) near Scenery Court, the Transport Department and the CEDD jointly inspected the traffic condition, and found that traffic congestion had been alleviated and the flow of vehicles had become smoother;
- (c) the Transport Department had deliberated with the bus company over the proposal to increase the frequency of cross-harbour bus services. They realised

the need to increase the frequency and expected the details to be finalised in one to two weeks, hoping that the additional trips would fit the needs of residents best; and

- (d) the route no. of the cross-harbour bus service was 982X.

12. The consolidated reply from Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen was as follows:

- (a) the CEDD would examine the lane-cutting arrangements beside the slip road of Tai Po Road (Sha Tin Section) near Scenery Court. On Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, the distance vehicles had to travel before cutting into the middle lane was too short, and the lane-cutting location was too close to the location where vehicles from the north of Tai Po Road cut into the slow lane. The CEDD was deliberating with the Transport Department over the feasibility of increasing the distance between the two lane-cutting locations; and
- (b) the CEDD would redraw the line markings in mid-October to improve the traffic condition of the road sections concerned.

13. The Chairman said that the Highways Department did not send any representative to attend the meeting. He hoped the CEDD would convey members' views to the Highways Department for follow-up action if necessary.

14. The Council noted the report above.

Health and Environment Committee
(Paper no. STDC 74/2015)

15. Mr LEE Kam-ming said that as it took a long time to complete the study on construction of a complex in Tai Wai, he hoped the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) would make every effort to follow up on the installation of an air-conditioning system in Tai Wai Market.

16. The views of Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael were as follows:

- (a) he thanked the team under Mr LUK Hing-chuen, Steve, Chief Manager/Management (Tai Po, North, Shatin & Sai Kung) of the Housing Department, especially Mr CHEUK Cheung-kei, for rendering assistance in the installation of water filters and provision of a temporary water supply system for the residents of Yan On Estate, where excessive lead was found in the water supply. Nevertheless, he hoped they would follow up on the timetable of water pipe replacement for each household or conduct some kind of preliminary work first; and
- (b) although the results of blood tests for six groups of people indicated that four persons had excessive blood-lead levels, which was fewer than other housing estates, he hoped the Housing Department would expedite the replacement of water pipes.

17. Mr TSAI Yu-sing, Eric, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha

Tin)/FEHD said that the FEHD was making great efforts to discuss the installation of an air-conditioning system in Tai Wai Market with all stakeholders, including collecting the views of the residents of Grandeur Garden through its incorporated owners. If the discussion went well, they would conduct a technical feasibility study.

18. Mr LUK Hing-chuen, Steve said that the Housing Department was arranging for the provision of a temporary water supply system at Yan On Estate. Regarding the replacement of water pipes and the timetable, discussion with the contractor was still underway. Once the arrangements were confirmed, they would finalise the details and set the timetable. After setting the timetable, they would communicate with the Estate Management Advisory Committee and all stakeholders.

19. The Council noted the report above.

Finance and General Affairs Committee
(Paper no. STDC 75/2015)

20. The Council noted the report above.

Financial Account of the Sha Tin District Council as at 15 September 2015
(Paper no. STDC 76/2015)

Revised Budget for the Sha Tin District Council as at 15 September 2015
(Paper no. STDC 77/2015)

21. The Council noted the two papers above.

Information Papers

Crime Brief of Sha Tin District for the First Half of 2015
(Paper no. STDC 78/2015)

22. Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas said that the overall law and order situation in Sha Tin had all along been good. Nevertheless, according to the crime brief, a general upward trend was recorded for each type of crime, with a very high increase in the number of serious drug offences and theft from vehicles. He suggested that the police should review the situation and deploy manpower to implement countermeasures.

23. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael said that besides the crimes that recorded an increase, such as theft from vehicles, theft of bicycles and defraud cases, an increase in the number of juvenile offenders also aroused his concern. He asked the police how their crime-fighting and promotional efforts could be stepped up. Furthermore, he thanked the police and the Housing Department for clearing the site and providing aftercare expeditiously following the discovery of a dead body in Yan On Estate, and hoped that a liaison mechanism would be maintained in the future to facilitate instant response to incidents.

24. Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan thanked the police for making every effort to fight crimes and maintain law and order in Sha Tin. She enquired about the reason for decrease in serious drug offences in the latter half of 2014 and the types of drugs involved. Theft from vehicles recorded a very high increase and she wondered what types of countermeasures the police

would adopt. Furthermore, as there was a high increase in the number of juvenile offenders, she hoped the police would step up enforcement and promotional efforts to reduce such offences.

25. The consolidated reply from Mr Angus Guy PULLINGER was as follows:

- (a) serious drug offences detected recorded an increase because the police had been strengthening their enforcement efforts. The reason for increase in theft from vehicles was that the police focused on countermeasures against theft of automotive parts. Increase in the number of juvenile offenders was caused by the joint action with the Regional Anti-triad Unit of the New Territories South in May 2015, in which the people arrested were mostly juveniles;
- (b) increase in defraud cases was caused by the occurrence of a large number of telephone deception cases. Besides stepping up promotional efforts to remind the public of the need to remain vigilant, the police kept in touch with property management companies and security companies and strengthened collaboration with them to prevent crimes; and
- (c) the reason for decrease in serious drug offences in the latter half of 2014 remained unknown. The police would conduct a review after the meeting.

26. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora supplemented that the Sha Tin District Fight Crime Committee (DFCC) always gave advice on the crime situation and law enforcement in Sha Tin. Take telephone deception cases as an example, the DFCC suggested at their previous meeting that publicity and education should be greatly strengthened, and invited the police to hold several briefing sessions in the community jointly with District Council members, with a view to bringing down the number of deception cases. The DFCC would continue to pay attention to the law and order issues in the district, and allocate resources for the handling of juvenile delinquency and drug abuse.

27. The Chairman praised the police force of Sha Tin for maintaining law and order in Sha Tin, which enabled Sha Tin to enjoy a favourable law and order situation. He thanked Council members, local organisations and residents for giving the police full cooperation, joining hands to uphold the rule of law.

28. The Council noted the paper above.

Progress Report on Signature Project Scheme in Sha Tin
(Paper no. STDC 79/2015)

29. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora supplemented the following points:

- (a) regarding “Revitalisation of Shing Mun River Promenade near Sha Tin Town Centre” (Shing Mun River Project), the consultant had sought advice from the District Facilities Management Committee on the design concept, location and layout for improvement of display facilities along the promenade. She thanked members for actively participating in the discussion and offering input. The consultant would further optimise the proposals in the next few months; and

- (b) the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) had to conduct separate voting for “Decking of Tai Wai Nullah in Sha Tin” (Decking of Nullah Project), and because the LegCo was in recess and previously there were other projects pending consideration by the FC, she expected that the Decking of Nullah Project could not be taken forward to the FC until the end of 2015.

30. Mr SIU Hin-hong said that according to the paper, in case separate tendering was adopted, the two projects would not be able to enjoy the economy of scale achieved from parallel tendering. He thought the talents required for the two projects were different. One project required more engineering knowledge, while the other focused on practicality; therefore, parallel tendering might not be appropriate. He was concerned that once parallel tendering was adopted, it might be difficult to hire suitable talents. Separate recruitment of talents for the two projects would be more appropriate.

31. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael learnt that the Decking of Nullah Project had to be taken forward to the FC for approval. He would like to know the timetable after approval was obtained, and whether the STDC would reopen discussions on the Signature Project Scheme (SPS) in Sha Tin if approval was not obtained. Regarding the Shing Mun River Project, he considered that the colour of the STDC logo on the facilities should not be arbitrarily changed to accommodate to the design. Furthermore, he enquired if the incoming STDC would continue to discuss the details of the two projects.

32. Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan proposed to add the words “baby-sitting rooms” and the sign of these rooms on the map boards and signage of the Shing Mun River Project to serve the needs of parents.

33. Mr CHENG Cho-kwong said that the STDC had always been concerned with the development of Sha Tin, intending to create a better living environment for the residents, as well as to promote Shing Mun River, a representative place in Sha Tin, as a scenic spot. The STDC endorsed the launching of the two SPS projects in Sha Tin, and to ensure the two projects could be implemented expeditiously, he supported parallel tendering and hoped other members also rendered their support.

34. Mr TANG Wing-cheong shared Mr CHENG Cho-kwong’s views. The STDC and relevant government departments had already discussed and considered the two projects in detail, as well as conducted thorough public consultation; therefore, he supported the launching of the two projects expeditiously. Regarding the Decking of Nullah Project, a 5-a-side soccer pitch would be built on the deck. He suggested that the government could consider building a complex, which provided leisure and cultural facilities for public use, on the site of the existing soccer pitch by the side of the future deck.

35. The consolidated reply from Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora was as follows:

- (a) the SPS in Sha Tin had been underway since winning support from the STDC. In the future, the STDC and relevant government departments would continue to keep in touch with all stakeholders in the district regarding the launching of the two projects;
- (b) at its meeting on 30 June 2015, the Public Works Subcommittee indicated that a total of seven emails voicing opinions on the projects were received. After the

meeting, the STDC Secretariat asked the addressers via the Subcommittee Secretariat whether they agreed to have their letters referred to the STDC for follow-up action, and subsequently one addresser expressed agreement to the referral. Accordingly, the Chairman, the Sha Tin District Office (STDO), the CEDD and the consultant met relevant parties on 24 July 2015 to collect their views on the projects and exchange ideas. She extended her special thanks to the Chairman for making the above arrangements;

- (c) to ensure an expeditious launching of the two projects and to save project costs, adoption of parallel tendering was being planned. If at the end of 2015 or so funding approval from the FC was obtained for the Decking of Nullah Project, the government would immediately sign the contract on the two projects with the successful bidder and commence the construction works. At what time the FC would examine the funding application for the Decking of Nullah Project remained unknown. Subject to the date funding approval was obtained from the FC and provided that everything went smooth, the Shing Mun River Project and the Decking of Tai Wai Project were expected to be completed in the first quarter and third quarter of 2018 respectively. To tie in with the annual winter festive lighting in Sha Tin, installation of feature lighting systems on Lek Yuen Bridge, Sand Martin Bridge and Banyan Bridge was expected to be completed by the end of 2016. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust would donate \$40 million, and the terms of donation did not stipulate in detail on what items of the two projects the money was to be spent. In case funding approval for the Decking of Nullah Project was not obtained from the FC, the STDC would have to deliberate with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust over donation arrangements all over again and reopen discussions;
- (d) as for the proposal regarding the map boards and signage of the Shing Mun River Project, the consultant would continue to follow up, and subject to resources available, would consider increasing the number of signs, and the design, colour and other items could be further optimised; and
- (e) as the CEDD had made an analysis on the option of adopting parallel tendering, she invited the CEDD representative to provide supplementary information.

36. Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen supplemented that the basic construction costs varied from project to project depending on the actual content of the project; therefore, launching the projects separately would not bring down the basic construction costs. Implementation of a project also involved other indirect costs, such as consultant's fee, project supervision fee, administrative fee and other relevant expenses. If the projects were launched separately, the aforesaid indirect costs would have to be paid separately, which would push up the project costs. The advantage of parallel tendering was that it facilitated a common recruitment of consultants and supervisory staff, which would reduce the aforesaid indirect costs. Another advantage was that in case of relatively large-scale projects, it would be possible to recruit relatively large-scale consultants and architecture firms to ensure works quality.

37. Mr SIU Hin-hong considered that even if the consultant and architecture firm recruited were of a relatively large scale, they might possibly contract out the projects to smaller firms. In the face of manpower shortage in the construction industry, it might be more difficult to reduce the risks if resources were focused on the recruitment of one firm.

38. Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen responded by saying that according to the government's list of contractors for public works, projects of a relatively large scale would be carried out by contractors from Group B or Group C. Normally, contractors from Group B and Group C were of a relatively large scale with extensive experience in implementing large-scale projects. As there were many contractors on the lists of Group B and Group C, the bid rates would be competitive enough.

39. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora supplemented that \$140 million had already been earmarked for the Shing Mun River Project and the Decking of Nullah Project. If separate tendering was adopted, the CEDD expected that the expenses for preliminaries and the payroll expenses for resident site staff estimated originally would be pushed up by about 40%. This was because those expenses could not be shared by the two projects. It might be necessary to alter the scale of the Decking of Nullah Project to meet the budget. Therefore, separate tendering was not recommended. She reiterated that by setting off on parallel tendering now, the two projects could be launched expeditiously after funding approval for the Decking of Nullah Project was obtained from the FC.

40. The Chairman said that the SPS was a public policy newly launched by the government, which had aroused extensive discussion in society. The STDC had been actively providing support accordingly, discussing how the SPS projects would be launched. All members unanimously agreed to launch the two projects, and he thanked relevant government departments and organisations for rendering support. He believed the incoming STDC would continue to launch the two projects earnestly for the benefit of Sha Tin residents.

41. The Council noted the paper above.

Report of the District Management Committee
(Paper no. STDC 80/2015)

42. Mr PUN Kwok-shan said that in response to a case of dengue fever occurred earlier at Grandway Garden in Tai Wai, the STDO immediately coordinated with relevant government departments and adopted contingency measures. He appreciated the high capacity of the STDO and relevant government departments in handling contingencies. Recently, lower indices had been recorded for all ovitraps, which was attributed to active coordination by the STDO, not to mention the timely anti-mosquito work of relevant government departments. He suggested that the STDO should encourage schools in the district to adopt anti-mosquito measures, and set up a task force to handle anti-mosquito issues in villages jointly with the Sha Tin Lands Office.

43. The views of Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael were as follows:

- (a) he expressed concern over the construction of facilities and safety of drinking water at Shui Chuen O Estate, and enquired about the Housing Department's timetable for water pipe replacement for the households affected, hoping that the government would expeditiously install water filters for households that had such need. He suggested that the Housing Department should step up efforts in the inspection of newly constructed public housing estates to avoid similar incidents;

- (b) regarding the cleaning Hong Kong activities in Sha Tin, two sets of cameras were installed outside the Tai Shui Hang Refuse Collection Point for trial purposes for one month. After the one-month trial period, he wondered how the government would determine whether the cameras would be kept to provide a stronger deterrent against illegal dumping of refuse and construction waste; and
- (c) telephone deception had been rampant recently, and only after numbers of deception cases occurred did the police send reminder SMS messages to all citizens. He suggested that in the future, the police should contact telecommunications companies earlier and take contingency measures promptly.

44. The views of Mr YAU Man-chun were as follows:

- (a) a lot of waste materials were stocked at the refuse depots of Sha Tin Wai Old Village and Tsang Tai Uk. He hoped the Highways Department and the FEHD would follow up when launching the cleaning Hong Kong activities, and proposed to implement focal point cleaning;
- (b) traffic was busy at Shui Chuen O Estate in the morning. Instead of entering the estate, some school buses were illegally parked on the one-way road to pick up school students, which caused traffic congestion. He suggested that the police should step up patrolling and take prosecution action when law-breaking vehicles were causing traffic congestion; and
- (c) the intake date of the several blocks of Shui Chuen O Estate Phase 2 was expected to be postponed. The project had been delayed repeatedly, which messed up the plans of prospective residents. He hoped the Housing Department would monitor the progress of works closely to prevent further delay. Furthermore, he enquired whether the 17 shops in the shopping mall of Shui Chuen O Estate included the shops inside the wet market, and would like to know the types of goods these shops would be selling. He urged the Housing Department to monitor more closely the progress of construction of various facilities, hoping that the facilities would be completed expeditiously and opened for public use.

45. The Chairman said that as the paper was a report of the District Management Committee (DMC), he invited Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora to respond.

46. The consolidated reply from Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora was as follows:

- (a) the DMC attached great importance to the progress of the Shui Chuen O Estate project, and had set up an inter-departmental working group to follow up. Nevertheless, there was a slight discrepancy between estimation and actuality. The DMC would continue to keep a close eye on the latest development;
- (b) the cleaning Hong Kong activities were of a sustainable nature, which aimed to promote the message of keeping Hong Kong clean. In Sha Tin, as rural areas were generally close to the hillside, the mosquito problem was a common issue to be tackled. The STDO and relevant government departments planned to

hold a joint cleaning campaign in the rural area in collaboration with the Sha Tin Rural Committee. To help prevent the mosquito problem, tasks such as grass cutting and trench clearing had been incorporated in the STDO term contract for minor works. Furthermore, to tackle the mosquito problem, the STDO and relevant departments expected to formulate strategic measures, and had set up an inter-departmental working group to strengthen coordination among various departments;

- (c) the Environmental Protection Department would examine the effectiveness of installing cameras outside the Tai Shui Hang Refuse Collection Point. If the cleanliness issue continued to exist at individual locations, the departments concerned would launch cleansing operations together; and
- (d) identification of usable idle land near Shui Chuen O Estate was being considered in order to create more space. The STDC would be kept posted about any further development.

47. The consolidated reply from Mr LUK Hing-chuen, Steve was as follows:

- (a) regarding inspection of public housing estates, the Housing Department would inspect newly constructed housing estates, including Shui Chuen O Estate, in accordance with relevant specifications;
- (b) regarding illegal parking of school buses on the one-way road of Shui Chuen O Estate to pick up school children, the Housing Department had already advised school buses to pick up school children inside the estate;
- (c) the several blocks of Shui Chuen O Estate Phase 2 were expected to be completed in early 2016, after which application for the occupation permit would be necessary, and therefore the expected intake date would be the first quarter of 2016; and
- (d) the Housing Department would provide information on the shops of Shui Chuen O Estate after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Information on the shops that had completed the tender exercise was given to members on 20 September.)

48. Mr TSAI Yu-sing, Eric supplemented that single-digit indices were recorded for ovitraps in September 2015, details of which would be provided after the meeting. As there had been a large number of dengue fever cases in neighbouring areas of Hong Kong, the issue should not be taken lightly and anti-mosquito work would surely be continued.

(Post-meeting note: Indices for *Aedes albopictus* ovitraps in September were given to members on 30 September.)

49. Mrs LEE CHEUNG Yat-wai, Gloria, District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin)/Social Welfare Department said that on 22 September, the Social Welfare Department (SWD) invited social welfare units that provided services for children aged below six to attend a briefing session on 30 September. Participants were briefed on the arrangements to be made by the

SWD and the Water Supplies Department for inspecting lead content in the water of the social welfare units concerned.

50. Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond responded by saying that although only part of the traffic interchange of Shui Chuen O Estate was open for public use, the lay-bys on two sides of Pok Chuen Street were used for boarding and alighting to alleviate the traffic flow. Moreover, there were currently three bus routes and three public light bus routes serving the residents, and other routes would come into service gradually.

51. Dr HO Wing-chuen, Chief School Development Officer (Shatin)/Education Bureau said that water inspection for all kindergartens in Hong Kong, as well as public sector schools and Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) schools built by the government and completed on or after 2005, had commenced on 10 September and 16 September respectively. It was expected to take three months. Furthermore, the Education Bureau, together with the Architectural Services Department, had started to install lead reduction water filters in stages on 12 September for public sector schools and DSS schools built by the government and completed on or after 2005.

52. The consolidated reply from Mr Angus Guy PULLINGER were as follows:

- (a) the police would follow up on illegal parking of school buses at Shui Chuen O Estate; and
- (b) besides sending SMS messages to remind the public, the police had employed other means of communication and taken other actions to combat telephone deception.

53. The Council noted the paper above.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

54. The Chairman said that it was the final STDC meeting of the current DC term. More than three years had passed and he would like to extend his thanks to the concerted efforts of all members, who actively conveyed their views on district matters to the government, and took follow-up action with government departments on matters of public concern, striving to cultivate a beautiful and harmonious Sha Tin together.

55. Mr KWOK Kam-hung would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora and representatives of government departments for their collaboration in the past few years. Despite having different political views, members were able to maintain a cordial and cohesive aura during discussions, and spared no efforts to serve the local communities. He genuinely hoped that the incoming STDC would continue to speak up for local residents and make concerted efforts to build a better Sha Tin. He hoped the incoming STDC would arrange for overseas duty visits so as to give all members opportunities to learn about district administration from other countries.

56. Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas extended his thanks to Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora and representatives of various departments for contributing to the development of Sha Tin through close collaboration in the past few years. He also thanked all members and the STDC Secretariat for their devotion to serving Sha Tin. He supported the proposal on overseas duty visits and proposed to set up a separate organisation to plan the visits.

57. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora thanked all members for serving the residents of Sha Tin in the past few years. Various government departments would continue to maintain close contact with the STDC, and make concerted efforts to promote the development of Sha Tin. She extended her special thanks to the six appointed members for their contributions in the past.

58. The Chairman expressed his genuine gratitude to all members for their tolerance and empathy when he was taking the chair. He extended his thanks again to Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora, as well as the STDC Secretariat and the STDO under her leadership, for having unswervingly strived to make everything go smooth for the benefit of Sha Tin residents.

59. The meeting ended at 4:16 pm.

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