

Report on the meeting of the Health and Environment Committee held on 10 March 2016

(1) The Committee discussed the following:

- (i) Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns Environmental Impact Assessment and Progress Report submitted by the Drainage Services Department;
- (ii) Extension of Opening Hours of Shing Ho Road Refuse Collection Point submitted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (iii) replies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, the Environmental Protection Department, the Drainage Services Department, the Civil Engineering and Development Department, the FEHD and the Department of Health to the question on "Investigation of the Pollution Issue of Shing Mun River and Improvement Measures"; and
- (iv) replies of the Sha Tin Lands Office, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the FEHD to the question on "Use of Vacant Land in Ma On Shan for Recreational Purposes".

(2) The Committee endorsed the following:

- (i) Reprovisioning of Sha Tin Fu Shan Public Mortuary submitted by the Food and Health Bureau and the Department of Health, and unanimously passed the following two provisional motions:
 - (a) "The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council considers that the authorities should, along with the reprovisioning of Sha Tin Fu Shan Public Mortuary, address the issue of ancillary transport facilities of the Yau On Street, Yau Ting Street and Lower Shing Mun Road areas, as well as conduct a comprehensive consultation with the residents of the district.

Moreover, the Committee requests the authorities to embark on improvement to the facilities of Fu Shan Crematorium so as to shorten the waiting time, as well as expeditiously make a study of the implementation of a territory-wide ossuary niche development plan and consult the stakeholders, so as to alleviate the shortage of ossuary niches in Hong Kong.";

- (b) "The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council supports in principle the government's intention to alleviate the shortage of public mortuaries by planning ahead, but strongly requests the department concerned to increase the number of public parking spaces and improve the transport facilities in the surrounding areas, with a view to solving the long-standing problems of illegal parking and traffic congestion.";
- (ii) Recommendation of Representatives for Market Management Consultative Committees submitted by the FEHD; and
- (iii) proposed estimates and funding proposals of local organisations under Expenditure Head 4 (Health and Environment) of the Committee for 2016/2017.
- (3) The Committee noted Statistical Overview of Sha Tin District Environmental Hygiene Service (as at 31 January 2016), Sha Tin District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2016 (First Phase), Sha Tin District Anti-rodent Campaign 2016 (First Phase) and Sha Tin District Year-end Clean Up 2016 submitted by the FEHD.

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