

**Minutes of the 4th Meeting of
the Sha Tin District Council in 2016**

Date : 26 May 2016 (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	7:40 pm
Vice-Chairman : Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, SBS, JP	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Members : Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James	3:14 pm	7:40 pm
Ms CHAN Man-kuen	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr CHAN Nok-hang	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	2:49 pm	7:40 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr CHIU Man-leong	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick	2:35 pm	7:40 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Ms LAM Chung-yan	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor	2:41 pm	7:40 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	2:39 pm	7:40 pm
Mr LI Sai-wing	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	2:30 pm	5:29 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	2:55 pm	7:40 pm
Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan, JP	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr PUN Kwok-shan, MH	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr SIU Hin-hong	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr TING Tsz-yuen	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr TONG Hok-leung	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Ms TSANG So-lai	2:42 pm	7:40 pm
Ms TUNG Kin-lei	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger	2:34 pm	7:40 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai	2:30 pm	7:24 pm
Mr WONG Ka-wing	2:35 pm	7:35 pm
Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr WONG Yue-hon	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	2:30 pm	7:40 pm
Mr YIP Wing	2:30 pm	7:40 pm

Present

Mr YIU Ka-chun
 Ms YUE Shin-man
 Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael
 Secretary : Mr YUEN Chun-kit, Derek

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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 CHIANG Shui-ching, Teresa

Mr Sean LIN

Ms Rosanna TSE

Mr NG Kok-hung

Mr LI Tin-sang, Stephen

Mr SOH Chun-kwok

Mr POON Chi-man, Edmond

Mr CHEUNG Fu-yuen, Francois

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

Miss CHAN Cheuk-lee, Cherry

Title

District Officer / Sha Tin District Office
 Assistant District Officer / Sha Tin District
 Office
 District Commander (Shatin) (Atg) /
 Hong Kong Police Force
 Police Community Relations Officer (Shatin
 District) / Hong Kong Police Force
 District Operations Officer (Shatin District) /
 Hong Kong Police Force
 District Lands Officer / ST (District Lands
 Office, Sha Tin) / Lands Department
 Administration 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) (Atg) /
 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 and Sai Kung) / Housing Department
 Chief Liaison Officer / Sha Tin District Office
 Senior Liaison Officer (East) / Sha Tin District
 Office
 Executive Officer I (District Council)1 (Atg) /
 Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms CHUNG Lai-tuen, Lily

Mr Eric LEUNG

TitleRegional Officer (New Territories East) /
Independent Commission Against Corruption
Senior Officer / Independent Commission
Against Corruption**Action**

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments and organisations to the meeting.

2. 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.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 March 2016
(STDC Minutes 3/2016)

3. The Council confirmed the above minutes unanimously.

Discussion Items

District-led Actions Scheme
(Paper No. STDC 44/2016)

4. The Chairman invited Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora, District Officer (Sha Tin), to give a brief introduction to the District-led Actions Scheme (DAS).

5. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora gave a brief introduction to the DAS, and the main points were as follows:

- (a) the Sha Tin District Management Committee (DMC) briefly introduced the DAS at the meetings of 3 February and 2 March 2016. On 7 April 2016, the DMC invited District Council (DC) Members, members of government departments concerned, members of Area Committees, members of the Sha Tin Rural Committee, representatives of local organisations, etc., to attend a brainstorming session to discuss the DAS. Subsequently, the Sha Tin District Office (STDO) set up three Steering Groups composed of Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and members of relevant committees under the Sha Tin District Council (STDC), hoping that they would come up with proposals that were more concrete regarding the implementation of individual DAS projects. At the DMC meeting of 4 May, convenors of the three Steering Groups gave reports on their discussions, and the DMC suggested implementing three priority projects in Sha Tin, including (1) Enhanced Anti-Mosquito/Grass-Cutting Work to Improve Public Environmental Hygiene (Anti-Mosquito/Grass-Cutting Project); (2) Enhanced Measures to Tackle Illegal Bicycle Parking for the Sake of Improving Public Space Management (Tackling of Illegal Bicycle Parking Project); and (3) Creation of More Public Space to Meet Local Needs (Creation of Public Space Project);

- (b) to facilitate the 18 districts in the implementation of the DAS, starting from 1 April 2016 till the end of the current DC term, an annual recurrent funding provision of \$63 million was reserved for each district, with creation of additional civil service posts and employment of additional contract staff members. As far as Sha Tin District was concerned, besides creating one additional civil service post (Executive Officer I) and employing two additional contract staff members (Executive Assistants), the STDO had applied for an additional recurrent funding of \$4.1 million in 2016-2017 to take forward the DAS;
- (c) to take a more forward-looking approach to the DAS, they would work out the process and set annual work targets for the implementation of various items, and review the effectiveness of the measures during the first quarter of the coming year, as well as submit timely application to the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for additional recurrent funding for the coming financial year;
- (d) the resources provided by the HAD for the DAS were additional ones, and various departments would continue to discharge routine functions within their remit. She hoped with the implementation of the DAS, the core functions of various departments would become more focused, and coordination among relevant departments closer. She also hoped there would be a synergistic effect between the additional resources for the DAS and the regular resources of various departments, with the DAS being taken forward in parallel with the core functions of various departments; and
- (e) a successful launch of the DAS hinged on the concerted efforts of all stakeholders, and she hoped most of all that with the collaboration of the DMC and the STDC, the DAS would be launched expeditiously.

6. The views of Mr CHING Cheung-ying were summarised below:

- (a) the three projects proposed were responsive to actual needs. Regarding enhanced measures against illegal bicycle parking, he thought complementary legislative framework was necessary, and enquired whether the functions of the Steering Groups included advising relevant departments on law enforcement and improvement of relevant legislations. He suggested encouraging members of the public to report illegal bicycle parking;
- (b) he knew that the STDO cleared the weeds and blocked drains regularly, but performing the tasks twice a year was rather inadequate. He enquired about the specific measures taken by the STDO to enhance the said tasks; and
- (c) he enquired whether the site of the Creation of Public Space Project was a good location, and whether the STDO had formulated any creative programmes to attract the participation of non-profit-making organisations. Regarding the operation of the space created, he would like to know the detailed plan.

7. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:
- (a) he supported the proposal to set up community farms under the DAS, and suggested investing more resources in motivating private or public housing estates to make good use of their space to develop community farms; and
 - (b) regarding illegal bicycle parking, he thought publicity should be stepped up, urging the residents to park their bicycles at appropriate places. The space outside Exit A of the MTR Tai Wai Station had been temporarily used as a bicycle parking area for a long time, and this temporary measure was still not cancelled, resulting in accumulation of a large number of abandoned bicycles.
8. Mr SIU Hin-hong considered that thorough consideration was given to the DAS projects proposed. He enquired whether the STDO had fixed a work schedule for each project.
9. The views of Mr PUN Kwok-shan were summarised below:
- (a) the projects proposed were generally responsive to community needs. He enquired how it could be ensured that the resources for the DAS would not overlap with the regular resources of various government departments;
 - (b) he suggested allocating additional resources through the DAS to address the problem of people feeding wild pigs on the hill behind Lung Hang Estate; and
 - (c) regarding illegal bicycle parking, he thought the crux of the problem lied in management, and suggested that government departments concerned should enhance the management of bicycle parking areas.
10. Mr NG Kam-hung asked the STDO whether the stream being blocked by pallets and construction waste near Chevalier Garden would be cleared.
11. The views of Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael were summarised below:
- (a) the Steering Group on Tackling of Illegal Bicycle Parking Project mentioned that the crux of the problem lied in insufficient bicycle parking spaces in the district, and understood that different departments would handle the illegal parking problem according to different legislations. He hoped coordination among various departments would be strengthened to increase effectiveness, and suggested the STDO allocating more resources to identify more black spots of illegal bicycle parking and increase the frequency of clearing illegally parked bicycles;
 - (b) according to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, the number of bicycle parking spaces in a private or public housing estate was determined in light of the size of its population. He enquired whether the restriction could be relaxed to increase the supply of bicycle parking spaces, and enquired about the procedures for applying to the Lands Department for an increase in bicycle parking spaces;

- (c) he supported the STDO's initiative to create more public space for use by Sha Tin residents through the DAS. In the course of launching this project, he hoped more information would be available for discussion by the STDC, including information on selection of non-profit-making organisations; and
- (d) the stream mentioned by Mr NG Kam-hung was managed by the Drainage Services Department (DSD). He had already urged the DSD to step up clearing efforts. He used it as an example to point out that the STDO should coordinate the work of various departments, facilitating them in performing their respective functions, such as in the case of clearing of blocked drains.

12. Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris enquired about the positioning of the three Steering Groups and the amount of additional resources allocated to these three groups. She supported the conducting of studies on "self-service bicycle hiring system" and short-term bicycle rental service, and enquired whether additional resources would be allocated under the DAS for the conducting of the said studies.

13. The views of Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan were summarised below:

- (a) she was pleased with the site for the Creation of Public Space Project, but considered that the noise problem should not be neglected. She suggested that the STDO could consider promoting artistic development in the Fo Tan industrial area;
- (b) being one of the convenors, she welcomed the views of members of the Steering Group on Tackling of Illegal Bicycle Parking Project. The said Steering Group would consider inviting non-profit-making organisations to develop a "self-service bicycle hiring system", and fight for increase in bicycle parking spaces, as well as carry out promotional and educational work; and
- (c) as the cost of private farms was not high, she suggested that private housing estates might consider the creation of such farms.

14. Mr MAK Yun-pui said that the mosquito and biting midge problems were serious. He considered the methods of killing mosquitoes used by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) outdated. In his opinion, public vigilance should be raised in order to solve the mosquito and biting midge problems. To ameliorate the mosquito problem, he suggested conducting research on how the effectiveness of anti-mosquito agents could be further improved, as well as cultivating anti-mosquito plants.

15. Mr IP Wing considered the methods of killing mosquitoes and biting midges used by the FEHD outdated, and suggested introducing the biting midge index. Regarding the issue of tackling illegal bicycle parking, the Transport Department told him that no resources were available for addition of a covering for the roadside railings near Oceanaire proposed by him.

16. Ms TUNG Kin-lei, convenor of Steering Group on Anti-Mosquito/Grass-Cutting Project indicated that all Group members considered that the most effective solution to the problem was to promote community education and strengthen inter-departmental cooperation. For the sake of a more successful launch of the anti-mosquito work, she would be delighted if

Members would continue to convey their views to the Group.

17. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) regarding the specific contents of the three DAS projects proposed to be taken forward, she welcomed all Members to express their views. Relevant details would be mapped out later, including the detailed contents and timetable of individual projects;
- (b) regarding the Creation of Public Space Project, as far as she knew, the site had already been equipped with basic supporting facilities. She hoped the formation works for some areas of the site would be completed before the first quarter of the coming year. Later on, the Steering Group concerned would hold discussions on topics such as the participation of non-profit-making organisations, and issue timely invitation to the STDC to participate;
- (c) in the past, many youth organisations expressed their wish for more space in Sha Tin for activities. With reference to the concept of “Energizing Kowloon East”, it was proposed that the opportunity of launching the DAS be utilised to convert idle land in Sha Tin such as the land under government flyovers to other uses, and that the land under the government flyover on Sha Lek Highway near To Shek Street/Shu Tin Wai Road be used as the trial point. The said location was a convenient place relatively far away from built-up residential areas, and it led up to the newly constructed Shui Chuen O Estate. While creating public space beneath the bridge of Sha Lek Highway, if time allowed, studies on the feasibility of launching other projects on creation of public space could be commenced;
- (d) regarding the tackling of illegal bicycle parking, although the DAS did not involve legislative amendment, issues regarding relevant legislations could be explored, and all comments would be relayed to the departments concerned. In addition, certain creative measures might be put on trial through the DAS, and the experience earned could be of value to various government departments;
- (e) she introduced the work of the existing Working Group on Tackling of Illegal Bicycle Parking (Working Group). She hoped the Steering Group concerned would hold further discussions on the locations of illegal parking black spots in Sha Tin and how the removal of illegally parked bicycles could be better arranged, as well as strengthen collaboration with the Working Group. In response to Mr YIP Wing’s proposal, she indicated that she also hoped the Steering Group concerned would consider trying out new railing materials and designs. The DAS could have a synergistic effect with other pilot schemes and measures on bicycle parking launched by other government departments; meanwhile, collaboration with relevant working groups under the STDC might be considered in exploring the feasibility of introducing a “self-service bicycle hiring system”, but because the system proposed involved various factors of consideration, detailed studies were necessary and the views of various stakeholders should be considered, and therefore implementation within this year was unlikely; and

- (f) in response to Mr CHING Cheung-ying's enquiry, she said that grass cutting and clearing of blocked drains were carried out seven times a year in areas within the STDO's jurisdiction. Inter-departmental anti-mosquito work was currently coordinated by the Sha Tin Task Force on Anti-Mosquito Work, Cleanliness and Hygiene (Task Force). In the previous year, the Task Force implemented a series of measures to step up the anti-mosquito work, including using the map in the "HKSAR Geospatial Information Hub" website of the Lands Department to review the anti-mosquito work of various departments, and stepping up anti-mosquito and hygiene-related work at places near locations where ovitrap indices were recorded. She hoped with the implementation of the DAS, the anti-mosquito and grass-cutting work in Sha Tin District could be stepped up.

18. Mr TSAI Yu-sing, Eric, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha Tin) / FEHD gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) ovitrap indices recorded in Sha Tin District indicated that the mosquito problem in the district was under control. Compared with some of the neighbouring and overseas regions, mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue fever was not rampant in Hong Kong; and
- (b) the FEHD had been providing education on anti-mosquito work for schools and community centres. Prosecutions would be instituted against non-compliant cases, and the number of prosecutions in Sha Tin District remained high.

19. The Chairman hoped the DAS would have good results and encouraged Members to actively convey their views to the Steering Groups.

20. The Council confirmed the paper unanimously.

Updated Member Lists of Committees under the STDC
(Paper No. STDC 45/2016)

21. The Council endorsed the above paper unanimously.

Proposal to Reserve the Central Fund for 2016-17 District Minor Works
(Paper No. STDC 46/2016)

22. The Council endorsed the above paper unanimously.

The STDC to Serve as Event Supporter
(Paper No. STDC 47/2016)

23. The Council unanimously endorsed the STDC serving as supporter of the event mentioned in the paper.

The 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee – Nomination of STDC Representative and Request for Use of STDC Logo
(Paper No. STDC 48/2016)

24. As only one nomination was received before the deadline, the Chairman announced that Mr WONG Ka-wing was elected unopposed as the STDC representative sitting on the 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee. The Council unanimously endorsed that the 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee was allowed to use the STDC logo.

Radio Television Hong Kong Programme Advisory Panel – Representative of the STDC
(Paper No. STDC 49/2016)

25. The Chairman said that two nominations were received before the deadline, and the candidates were Mr CHAN Nok-hang and Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan. He proposed to elect the STDC representative sitting on the Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Programme Advisory Panel by means of the electronic voting system, with the candidate having an absolute majority of votes being the winner.

26. Mr CHAN Nok-hang requested the two candidates to debate before voting. Mr SIU Hin-hong suggested the candidates introducing themselves. The Chairman invited the two candidates to introduce themselves.

27. Mr CHAN Nok-hang said that in the face of the increasingly diverse services of the RTHK, he would like to sit on the RTHK Programme Advisory Panel so as to convey the views of STDC Members and Sha Tin residents on the RTHK programmes, hoping that the RTHK would provide information that was more responsive to public needs, more impartial and more diverse.

28. Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan said that she had served the broadcasting sector for many years, with front-stage and back-stage experiences, and could therefore provide useful advice for the RTHK. She had also served the Action Committee Against Narcotics for many years, and hoped to inject health information into the RTHK programmes.

29. In response to Members' views on the electronic voting system, Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora said that as some spare parts of the acoustic system in the STDC conference room were ageing, the STDO obtained funding approval from the government in the previous year to replace those spare parts, and took this opportunity to add some electronic functions to the acoustic system, including introduction of the electronic voting system. She would follow up on the temporary malfunction of the electronic voting system.

30. The Chairman proposed to conduct the voting by a show of hands, and was supported by the majority of Members.

31. The Chairman announced that 25 Members were in favour of conducting the voting by a show of hands, 4 Members against, with no abstentions.

32. The Chairman announced that the voting would be conducted by a show of hands.

33. The Chairman announced the result of voting: 20 Members supported Mr CHAN Nok-hang, 18 Members supported Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan. He announced that Mr CHAN Nok-hang was elected as the STDC representative sitting on the RTHK Programme Advisory

Panel.

2016-2017 Work Plan of the ICAC Regional Office (NTE) and The Sha Tin District Council to Serve as Event Supporter
(Paper No. STDC 50/2016)

34. Ms CHUNG Lai-tuen, Lily, Regional Officer (NTE)/ICAC briefly introduced the paper by using PowerPoint materials, and the main points were as follows:

- (a) the major work targets of the ICAC Regional Office (NTE) this year included promoting intolerance of corruption in the community, encouraging members of the public to prevent and report corruption, consolidating community confidence in and support for the ICAC, and intensifying and transmitting the probity culture and the core value of integrity in Hong Kong;
- (b) the main features of the ICAC's work plan this year were promotion of district-wide participation in anti-corruption activities, stepping up of youth education, consolidation of the culture of fair and clean elections, and intensification of education on corruption prevention for all sectors of society;
- (c) the ICAC was going to launch a territory-wide programme entitled "All for Integrity". Public engagement exercises would be launched accordingly in 18 districts, and each public engagement exercise would be tailored to the special qualities of the district concerned. Although funding application to the STDC was not necessary this year, the ICAC hoped the STDC would serve as supporter of the event;
- (d) all episodes of the new TV drama series "ICAC Investigators 2016" had gone on the air, and the ICAC Regional Office (NTE) would distribute the video discs to Members, hoping that Members would use them to promote public awareness of corruption prevention;
- (e) the ICAC was going to launch many anti-corruption projects for the youth this year, including motivating students to engage in video production and establishing the affiliated organisation of "ICAC Club", with a view to raising youth awareness of corruption prevention;
- (f) the ICAC would continue to launch the "Support Clean Elections" programme. On the theme of "Abide by the Rules, Support Clean Elections", the ICAC would make use of a variety of channels, such as publicity and advertisement, educational videos, radio programmes, dedicated websites and new media, to actively promote clean elections to candidates, election helpers and electors from all sectors of society in the coming public elections;
- (g) the ICAC would approach the newly established owners' corporations (OCs) and the OCs that received repair orders from the Buildings Department or fire safety directions, so as to provide anti-corruption services;
- (h) regarding the business sector, the ICAC would provide preventive education

services for listed companies and various business establishments in Sha Tin;

- (i) the ICAC would enhance integrity management in government departments and public bodies, and collaborate with the Civil Service Bureau in assisting government departments to promote the culture of integrity; and
- (j) according to the public opinion poll conducted by the ICAC in the previous year, public tolerance of corruption was very low, indicating that the public expected the Hong Kong society to remain clean. The new round of public opinion poll was in progress, and she called upon Members to render support. Members of the public who were suspicious about the identity of the interviewer could contact the ICAC.

35. Ms LAM Chung-yan enquired how the ICAC would handle the complaints and reports made by members of the public. Regarding building management, she considered that the ICAC should not confine the targets of anti-corruption education to the OCs, but should educate the general public directly about the channels for reporting bid rigging and other unlawful acts.

36. The views of Mr MAK Yun-pui were summarised below:

- (a) a number of housing estates in Sha Tin and Ma On Shan had already reached the deadline for mandatory building inspection. He suggested that the ICAC should approach the OCs of those housing estates and the DC Members concerned, so as to help the residents guard against bid rigging;
- (b) taking Kam Ying Court, at which he resided, as an example, he enquired about the type of assistance the ICAC could offer if the residents suspected that the OC representatives engaged in corruption; and
- (c) in terms of promotional work and law enforcement, the ICAC was not proactive enough. He once participated in the promotional and educational work related to building management, and found that some OC chairmen and consultants refused to convene general meetings. He enquired about the identities of the OC consultants and the requirements they should meet.

37. Mr TING Tsz-yuen suggested the ICAC taking the initiative, such as attending general meetings of housing estates that had to undergo maintenance works, so as to render assistance to property owners. He suggested that the ICAC made recommendations to the government on legislative amendment so as to prohibit people who had been convicted of criminal offences from serving as the OC consultants.

38. Regarding suspected corruption in the maintenance project of a housing estate in Sha Tin, Mr WAI Hing-cheung said that the ICAC subsequently prosecuted the person suspected of bribery but not those suspected of taking bribes. He requested an explanation from the ICAC. He considered that the recent promotional advertisements of the ICAC might give people an impression of keeping one eye closed, which failed to promote corruption prevention.

39. Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick said the paper revealed that the ICAC placed special emphasis on education. He thought the problem could not be solved unless stringent measures were adopted against corruption. Given the fact that bid rigging was an organised and premeditated criminal activity, he did not understand why the ICAC did not file any case for investigation until a complaint was lodged by the general public. He enquired whether the ICAC had ever investigated and monitored any suspected cases in advance.

40. Mr WONG Hok-lai enquired whether the ICAC had compiled a list of housing estates for the convenience of rendering assistance to the residents. Regarding the corruption prevention activities launched by the ICAC, the focus was put on the OCs and owners' committees. He considered that promotion of anti-corruption knowledge among the residents was also necessary. He enquired whether the ICAC had the authority to investigate the Chief Executive.

41. The views of Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael were summarised below:

- (a) as far as public officers were concerned, he enquired whether making decisions on the basis of data provided by the bus company without prior checking constituted misconduct in public office. He enquired about the criteria for filing a "misconduct in public office" case for investigation;
- (b) the Building Management Ordinance had loopholes because it did not provide for any penalty. He enquired how the ICAC and the HAD collaborated in the management of buildings; and
- (c) the OC consultant was not an OC member described in the Building Management Ordinance but had great power. He thought the ICAC should provide clear guidelines in this respect for property owners and the OCs.

42. Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James commended the ICAC for its work. He suggested the ICAC taking the initiative to investigate cases more frequently. He pointed out that there were loopholes in the process for election of Chairmen of the mutual aid committees (MACs) of public rental housing estates, and suggested selecting the Chairmen through "one person, one vote". He advised the STDO to improve the election process of the MACs.

43. Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris said that in Sha Tin, whenever a private building had to undergo maintenance works, anxiety of the residents over bid rigging put great pressure on the OC. Members of the public had no idea of the principle on which a corruption case was placed on file, and hoped the ICAC would take the initiative.

44. Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger said that many property owners had no idea of the details of the maintenance project, and did not suspect the occurrence of bid rigging until the project had reached the advanced stage. Community workers should help property owners grasp the details of the project during the maintenance period, instead of solely relying on the police or the ICAC. He suggested the ICAC deploying staff members to witness the OCs' tendering procedures.

45. Mr TONG Hok-leung considered that in view of the huge sum of money managed by

the OCs, the ICAC should be more proactive in communicating with the OCs regarding matters related to building management, maintenance, etc. He considered that holding a press conference on a case reported to the ICAC might not be fair to the parties involved, and would like to know whether the ICAC had formulated any rules in this respect.

46. Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin said that several government departments made efforts in raising public awareness of corruption prevention in the past. Assisted by the STDO, the Working Group on Building Management and Housing Affairs held three seminars on corruption prevention in the previous DC term. The issue of building management was very complicated, and he deemed it necessary for various departments to jointly set up an anti-bid rigging working group. He hoped the government would render support to the work of the Working Group on Building Management and Housing Affairs.

47. Mr NG Kam-hung commended the ICAC for its work. He found the promotional materials, except video discs, not appealing enough. He hoped the ICAC could lend display boards to Members for community work purposes. Regarding the YouTube ICAC Channel, he thought the reason for low popularity was inadequate promotional effort.

48. Ms CHUNG Lai-tuen, Lily gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the work plan gave a brief introduction to the work of the ICAC Regional Office (NTE) in the coming year. The main duties of Regional Offices were promotion, education and district liaison, and therefore enforcement work was not mentioned in the paper;
- (b) members of the public could report any suspected cases of corruption to the ICAC, and it was not necessary to provide evidence. In determining whether a case would be placed on file, the amount of money was not a factor to be considered. As long as the corruption case reported was pursuable, the ICAC would place it on file for investigation according to the law. If the complainant failed to provide sufficient information for the ICAC to follow up and investigate, the ICAC would inform the complainant. Once commenced, the investigation would certainly be carried out through to the end, and for the sake of secrecy, the ICAC would not disclose the progress of investigation. The complainant could contact the person in charge of the case for any enquiries. In most corruption cases, both the parties offering bribes and those taking bribes gained benefits; therefore, corruption cases were normally more difficult to identify when compared with other criminal cases. The ICAC greatly encouraged members of the public to report corruption cases, and would spare no efforts to gather evidence;
- (c) the ICAC realised that in recent years, some complainants reported cases to the ICAC in a high profile manner in order to draw extensive media coverage. From the investigation perspective, it was no use reporting cases in a high profile manner, and the ICAC absolutely did not encourage the public to do so. According to Section 30 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, any person who disclosed the content of a case being investigated by the ICAC or the information on the person being investigated was guilty of an offence;

- (d) the ICAC was greatly concerned about corruption related to building management; however, bid-rigging cases that did not involve corruption were outside the ICAC's jurisdiction. If bid-rigging activities involved corruption and bribery, the ICAC would certainly follow up according to the law. Upon implementation of the Competition Ordinance, bid rigging would amount to a gross contravention of the principle of fair competition and fall within the remit of the Competition Commission. The ICAC and the Competition Commission had already established a case referral mechanism;
- (e) the ICAC had been carrying out educational and promotional work targeted at building management organisations. The ICAC would approach newly established OCs, as well as the OCs that received repair orders from the Buildings Department or safety directions from the Fire Services Department, and provide anti-corruption services for them, such as organising talks, formulating practical guidance, and advising on how corruption prevention measures could be taken;
- (f) the ICAC Regional Office (NTE) also actively facilitated the STDC and the STDO in the work related to building management; for instance, in the previous year, the ICAC was invited to attend district seminars and explain to property owners and building management organisations the anti-corruption legislation and how building management could be corruption-free. Individual OCs were also welcome to hold anti-corruption talks and invite the ICAC to explain the anti-corruption legislation to property owners or the OC members;
- (g) a task force dedicated to the handling of complaints related to building management was established under the Operations Department of the ICAC. In the middle of the previous year, in addition to standing task forces, an ad hoc group was established, which concentrated its efforts on handling several large-scale corruption cases related to building management. The ICAC had no comments on individual cases;
- (h) as "misconduct in public office" was not a statutory offence, it was not clearly defined in any statutory provision; therefore, the ICAC could only use past judgments of the court as reference. The person committing this offence must be a public officer who committed an act of serious misconduct intentionally while performing public duties. Owing to the wide scope of application, whether individual acts would be unlawful depended on actual circumstances, and Members could approach the ICAC if they had any queries;
- (i) she would convey Members' views on advertisements to the person in charge for reference, and welcomed Members to borrow the ICAC's educational and promotional materials; and
- (j) the Building Management Ordinance was outside the ICAC's jurisdiction. Members should reflect their views on this ordinance to the authorities concerned.

(Post-meeting note: The Prevention of Bribery Ordinance also applied to the

Chief Executive. If a corruption complaint involved the Chief Executive, the ICAC could take action according to the current Prevention of Bribery Ordinance and the established investigation procedures, and would report the case to the Operations Review Committee. The ICAC would seek the views of the Department of Justice if necessary. If the investigation involved the Chief Executive, according to the abovementioned ordinance and procedures, the ICAC must not disclose or report any information to him.)

49. The Council unanimously endorsed the STDC serving as supporter of 2016/17 “All for Integrity” Anti-corruption Activities in Sha Tin District.

50. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora responded by saying that in the previous year, the STDO organised two talks on building maintenance jointly with relevant government departments, and worked closely with the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) in rendering assistance in the organisation of talks, which provided opportunities for the general public to obtain more information on building maintenance from the URA. Capitalising on the opportunity of implementing the URA’s “Smart Tender” Building Rehabilitation Facilitating Services (Pilot Scheme), the STDO invited the URA to attend the Development and Housing Committee’s meeting in June to introduce the above services to members of the Committee. In response to Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James’ views on the MACs, she said that in the current Modal Rules of the MACs, the household was used as the unit, and she learned that the Modal Rules were under review by the HAD.

Amendment to the STDC Funding Application Procedures and Guidelines
(Paper No. STDC 51/2016)

51. The Council endorsed the above paper.

Amendment to the STDC Standing Orders
(Paper No. STDC 52/2016)

52. Mr CHING Cheung-ying did not find anything wrong with the proposed amendments in paragraphs 3(a), 3(b), 4(a) and 4(c) of Paper No. FGA 12/2016 (Revised). Regarding the proposed amendment in paragraph 4(b), he suggested that the Council should first clarify the role of the Chairmen of committees in the handling of documents. Regarding the proposed amendment in paragraph 4(d), he suggested that the Council should first discuss and clarify the definition of “resolution” with the Chairmen of various committees.

53. The Chairman said that Paper No. STDC 52/2016 only covered the proposed amendment to the maximum number of members in a working group and the quorum.

54. Mr CHING Cheung-ying suggested that the proportion of DC Members be increased from one quarter to one third, and the part on co-opted members in the proposed amendment to Order 39(7) be deleted.

55. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael enquired about the grounds for downward adjustment of the maximum number of members in a working group to 15. He thought that with a decrease in the number of working groups in this DC term, coupled with downward adjustment of the maximum number of members in a working group to 15, the number of

people intending to join a working group might possibly exceed the upper limit. The proportion of DC Members must depend on the actual number of members in a working group, and he pointed out that the STDC Standing Orders should be formulated in light of the District Councils Ordinance. He enquired when the proposed ad hoc working group under the FGA would be formed, and how the situation would be handled if the number of people intending to join this group exceeded the upper limit.

56. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) regarding the proposal to bring down the upper limit for the number of members to 15, she realised that it was in response to Members' demand for increasing the efficiency of the operation of working groups. In the previous DC term, most working groups were composed of about 15 members. She indicated that working groups were formed to assist in the execution of the STDC functions, and the maximum number of members in a working group and the quorum should be determined by the STDC;
- (b) there were provisions on co-opted members in the District Councils Ordinance, and in the HAD's Sample District Council Standing Orders, "members" or "co-opted members" also appeared in the provisions on working groups. If the current STDC decided to delete all expressions composed of the words "co-opted members" in the STDC Standing Orders, it would be considered as the STDC's decision, with no implication of any amendment to the District Councils Ordinance;
- (c) she realised that the proposed amendment above aimed at increasing the efficiency of the operation of working groups. If the final decision of the STDC was that the current provisions would remain unchanged, then the working groups could continue to operate, and discussion on other proposed amendments to the STDC Standing Orders could be continued at future FGAC meetings; and
- (d) in response to the views of Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael, she said that in the previous DC term, it was also necessary to consider the possibility that the number of people intending to join a working group would exceed the upper limit. She knew that in the current DC term, the number of standing working groups proposed to be formed was 14, and if the maximum number of members in a working group was 15, then strictly speaking, the working groups would have over 200 membership vacancies.

57. The Chairman hoped that Members would vote on the proposed amendments. The issues to be voted on included (1) downward adjustment of the maximum number of members in a working group from 20 to 15 and (2) increase of the proportion of DC Members in a working group from one quarter to one third. The absolute majority voting system would be adopted. Mr MAK Yun-pui requested a record of the names of those in favour of and those against the proposed amendments. He was supported by four Members.

58. With a vote of 37 in favour, 1 against and 0 abstention, the Council endorsed that the

limit for the number of members in a working group was 5 to 15, details were as follows:

Members in favour (37)

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin, Mr LI Sai-wing, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson, Mr CHIU Man-leong, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor, Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick, Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung, Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr MAK Yun-pui, Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris, Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr YIP Wing, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny, Mr PUN Kwok-shan, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr CHENG Tsuk-man, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr SIU Hin-hong, Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan.

Member against (1)

Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael

59. Regarding issue (2), with a vote of 19 in favour, 17 against (with 2 Members opting not to vote), the Council endorsed that the proportion of DC Members in a working group should be one quarter.

60. The Council endorsed the above paper unanimously.

Arrangements for Appointment of Co-opted Members

(Paper No. STDC 53/2016)

61. Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin considered that this item caused relatively great controversy, and suggested holding discussion in abeyance. He knew that some districts did not have co-opted members. Members could make arrangement for discussion of this item at an appropriate time.

62. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael said that according to Section 71(2) of the District Councils Ordinance, a non-DC Member might be appointed as a member of a committee. Nevertheless, as non-DC members were not elected representatives, he was afraid after joining a committee, they would use their votes to distort public opinions. He did not understand how co-opted members could help in the operation of committees. He was in favour of Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin's suggestion that discussion of the item on co-opted members should be held in abeyance.

63. Mr WAI Hing-cheung enquired whether it was the STDC Chairman or the Secretariat who determined in March that the issue of co-opted members would be handled by means of circulation of papers. He did not find the issue of co-opted members an urgent one, and considered it unnecessary to handle by means of circulation of papers. He would like to know the result of circulation of papers. If the STDC Chairman listened to Members' views and included this item in the agenda, he had no objection, nor did he object to holding discussion of this item in abeyance, but would like to know the duration of abeyance and whether discussion would be continued after this meeting in due course.

64. Mr TING Tsz-yuen said that the Council had not yet started discussing the issue of

co-opted members; he did not understand why this issue was considered controversial. He had no comments on holding discussion in abeyance. If discussion was held in abeyance, he wondered according to what regulations would the working groups that had already been formed operate.

65. Mr NG Kam-hung enquired how it was determined whether an item would be handled by means of circulation of papers.

66. Mr WONG Yue-hon considered that in some circumstances, co-opted members could assist the committees in raising the professional standard of discussions. He did not understand why nomination started before decision was made on whether co-opted members would be appointed.

67. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that the Council seldom handled matters related to the system and internal affairs of the STDC by means of circulation of papers. He indicated that pan-democratic Members did not want to appoint co-opted members. If the issue of co-opted members had not been handled by means of circulation of papers, the Chairman would not have to exercise the power of submitting a negated item to the Council for discussion, a power conferred by the STDC Standing Orders. Furthermore, he did not understand why nomination started before decision was made on whether co-opted members would be appointed.

68. The views of Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick were summarised below:

- (a) in the replies obtained through circulation of papers, Members sharing the same views might have different choices of words; he wondered how the Council could be certain that they shared the same views. He considered that the way the Chairman handled the matter lacked transparency. Previously, the Chairman did not exercise discretion in the face of the joint submission from several Members regarding the issue of Primary 3 Territory-wide System Assessment. He asked the Chairman when he would exercise discretion; and
- (b) as non-DC Members were not elected representatives, he was afraid their votes did not have sufficient representativeness; therefore, he was not in favour of the appointment of co-opted members. He thought professionals could only serve as consultants and should not have the right to vote.

69. Mr TONG Hok-leung said that appointment of co-opted members was a usual practice of the STDC. He once served as a co-opted member, and considered that it was an opportunity for local communities to express their views in the Council. He thought the Chairman should arrange for discussion of the issue of co-opted members at future Council meetings.

70. Mr SIU Hin-hong said that appointment of co-opted members was a usual practice of the STDC; nevertheless, he acceded to holding discussion of the issue of co-opted members in abeyance.

71. Ms CHAN Man-kuen said that proposals related to the appointment of co-opted

members were made in accordance with the established practice. She hoped Members would express their views in an objective and impartial manner and refrain from passing the buck to anybody.

72. Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas said that if by March all working groups were formed and co-opted members appointed, then the STDC would operate more smoothly in the coming financial year; therefore, there was a reason for handling the issue of co-opted members by means of circulation of papers in March. He considered that with persons of insight serving as co-opted members, the operation of the committees could be perfected, and that the issue should not be politicised.

73. Mr LI Sai-hung said that the STDC was composed mostly of elected Members. With the addition of co-opted members who had the right to vote, the elective component would be undermined.

74. Mr YAU Man-chun considered that the appointment system should be abolished, and therefore he was not in favour of appointing co-opted members.

75. Mr CHAN Nok-hang was afraid co-opted members would distort the order of the elective Council, and considered that professionals could express their views at Area Committees.

76. Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny enquired about the duration of abeyance.

77. Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin reiterated that he hoped Members would think over this issue and get back to it when the timing is opportune. He thought there should be no time limit for the abeyance, unless Members raised this issue according to the STDC Standing Order 13(6).

78. Mr CHENG Tsuk-man acceded to the abeyance, but if the duration was six months or one year, he thought it was better to continue discussing.

79. Mr WAI Hing-cheung enquired whether the Council must comply with the decision made by means of circulation of papers, and if not, he would like to know the reason.

80. The Chairman gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) as far as he knew, besides Sha Tin, there were two districts which did not have co-opted members;
- (b) after the release of the result of circulation of Paper No. STDC 25/2016, he exchanged views with some Members, and explained the factors to be considered in adopting circulation of papers as the means of handling a discussion item. Since the reunification of Hong Kong, appointment of co-opted members had been a usual practice of the STDC. According to the established practice, co-opted members would be appointed expeditiously at an early stage of a new STDC term; therefore, in the current term, it was also expected that co-opted members be appointed as soon as practicable. He had consulted District Officer (Sha Tin), some Members, and Chairmen of

committees;

- (c) the result of circulation of Paper No. STDC 25/2016 was 19 in favour, 20 against. In their replies, Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung, Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny, Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr MAK Yun-pui, Mr WONG Hok-lai and Mr YAU Man-chun requested submission of the issue of co-opted members to the Council for discussion. Besides, at the sharing session held after the previous Council meeting, he mentioned that the following matters could be discussed at the Council meeting: whether co-opted members should be appointed; how co-opted members should be appointed; and which committees would appoint co-opted members. The STDC Standing Orders stipulated that where the Council had made a decision on a specific issue, no further discussion item shall be raised in relation to that issue within a period of six months; however, as Members exchanged their views by means of circulation of papers and at the sharing session, he decided to submit the item to the Council for discussion;
- (d) the purpose of including the arrangements for nomination of co-opted members in Paper No. STDC 53/2016 was to increase efficiency;
- (e) as far as he knew, holding the discussion in abeyance meant there would be no more discussion. According to the STDC Standing Orders, where the Council had made a decision on the issue of co-opted members, no further discussion item shall be raised in relation to that issue within a period of six months unless given consent from the Chairman. He would handle in a timely manner any further discussion items raised by Members. In response to Mr WAI Hing-cheung's enquiry, he said that the fresh decision made on the item by the Council would supersede the original decision; and
- (f) in response to Mr TING Tsz-yuen's enquiry, he said that a committee could operate if it was presided over by its Chairman, whether co-opted members were appointed would not affect the operation of working groups.

81. Mr CHING Cheung-ying would like to move a motion after voting.

82. The Chairman suggested handling Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin's proposal. If Members were in favour of holding the discussion of the issue of co-opted members in abeyance, then the discussion would come to a halt, otherwise the Council would continue to discuss the proposed arrangements in the paper.

83. Mr LI Sai-hung requested a record of the names of those in favour of and those against the proposal. He was supported by four Members.

84. With a vote of 22 in favour, 0 against and 15 abstentions (with 1 Member opting not to vote), the Council endorsed holding the discussion of the issue of co-opted members in abeyance, details were as follows:

Members in favour (22)

Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr HO Hau-cheung, Mr NG Kam-hung, Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin, Mr LI Sai-hung, Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson, Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael, Mr HUI Yui-yu, Rick, Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung, Mr CHAN Kwok-keung, James, Mr CHAN Nok-hang, Mr MAK Yun-pui, Ms TSANG So-lai, Mr CHING Cheung-ying, Mr WONG Hok-lai, Mr CHIU Chu-pong, Sunny, Mr WAI Hing-cheung, Mr CHENG Tsuk-man, Mr LAI Tsz-yan, Mr SIU Hin-hong, Ms PONG Scarlett Oi-lan.

Members against (15)

Mr WONG Fu-sang, Tiger, Ms YUE Shin-man, Mr LI Sai-wing, Mr CHIU Man-leong, Ms LAM Chung-yan, Mr YIU Ka-chun, Mr TONG Hok-leung, Mr LEUNG Ka-fai, Victor, Ms CHAN Man-kuen, Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas, Ms WONG Ping-fan, Iris, Mr WONG Yue-hon, Mr WONG Ka-wing, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Mr PUN Kwok-shan.

Member opting not to vote (1)

Mr YIP Wing

85. The Chairman indicated that because Mr CHING Cheung-ying's provisional motion was related to the resolution of holding the discussion in abeyance, he did not consent to the handling of the said motion.

86. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that his provisional motion supplemented the resolution of holding the discussion in abeyance, and hoped the Chairman would read it out for Members' information.

87. The Chairman responded by saying that Mr CHING Cheung-ying's provisional motion, seconded by Mr LAI Tsz-yan, read "The Sha Tin District Council resolved that in the current term, i.e 2016-2019, no co-opted members would be appointed for any committee." He considered that the content contradicted the resolution of holding the discussion in abeyance; therefore, he did not consent to the handling of this provisional motion.

88. Mr YAU Man-chun said that a period of time was mentioned in Mr CHING Cheung-ying's provisional motion, and did not think it contravened the resolution of holding the discussion in abeyance. Whether the provisional motion would be discussed should not be subject to the Chairman's consent, but by means of voting by all Members present.

89. The Chairman responded by saying that Mr LEE Chi-wing, Alvin did not propose to hold the discussion in abeyance during the entire term, but to allow Members to raise the item any time, and therefore the two were contradictory.

90. Mr PANG Cheung-wai, Thomas said that holding the discussion in abeyance meant holding the discussion of Paper No. STDC 53/2016 in abeyance. Mr CHING Cheung-ying's provisional motion coincided with Option 4 in the paper, and therefore contravened the STDC's resolution.

Information Items

Reports of Committees under the STDC

District Facilities Management Committee

(Paper No. STDC 54/2016)

Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee
(Paper No. STDC 55/2016)

Education and Welfare Committee
(Paper No. STDC 56/2016)

Development and Housing Committee
(Paper No. STDC 57/2016)

Traffic and Transport Committee
(Paper No. STDC 58/2016)

Health and Environment Committee
(Paper No. STDC 59/2016)

Finance and General Affairs Committee
(Paper No. STDC 60/2016)

91. The Council endorsed the reports of the above committees.

Financial Year 2015-2016 Sha Tin District Council Account Statement
(Paper No. STDC 61/2016)

Financial Account of the STDC as at 17 May 2016
(Paper No. STDC 62/2016)

92. The Council noted the above papers.

Information Papers

2016-2017 Work Plan of the Sha Tin District Office
(Paper No. STDC 63/2016)

93. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora indicated that because youth and elderly populations were relatively high in Sha Tin District, in the coming year, besides the DAS and the election exercise, the STDO and relevant government departments/organisations would continue to pay close attention to the work related to youth and elderly services. In addition, the STDO would follow closely the work related to building management. Information on the work of committees under the STDO was available on the relevant web page. The STDO hoped that this year's Sha Tin Festive Lighting would have an early interface with the lighting set up along the banks of Shing Mun River under the Signature Project Scheme. Installation of the lighting under the Signature Project Scheme was expected to be completed around the first quarter of 2017.

Progress Report on the Signature Project Scheme
(Paper No. STDC 64/2016)

94. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora said that although funding approval for the Signature Project Scheme had been obtained from the Legislative Council, there was a lot of follow-up work. Earlier on, the STDC delivered the details on improvement of display facilities along the banks of Shing Mun River to the District Facilities Management Committee for follow-up action. The STDO suggested that the details on public engagement and publicity activities be followed up by the Working Group on Public Relations and Publicity under the FGAC.

95. Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael enquired whether funding approval for the Shing Mun River Project and the Decking of Nullah Project was obtained from the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council, and if so, he would like to know the amount of expenses being saved, and whether the money saved could be used on the lighting along the banks of Shing Mun River.

96. Ms HO Lai-sheung, Cora responded by saying that the FC approved funding for the Shing Mun River Project on 14 July 2015, and specified the scope of funding utilisation, which included installation of lighting along the banks of Shing Mun River, improvement of display facilities along the promenade of Shing Mun River, creation of a boardwalk along the promenade, etc. For the sake of expeditious implementation, the STDO had commenced tendering for the two projects concurrently. Regarding the Decking of Nullah Project, the FC approved funding on 22 April 2016. The Civil Engineering and Development Department had completed the tendering exercise, and the unspent provisions, if any, would be used on items that fell within the scope of funding utilisation.

Report of the District Management Committee
(Paper No. STDC 65/2016)

97. The Council noted the above paper.

Member Lists of Committees under the Sha Tin District Office
(Paper No. STDC 66/2016)

98. The Council noted the above paper.

Date of Next Meeting

99. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 pm on 21 July 2016 (Thursday).

100. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Secretariat, Sha Tin District Council
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