

Sha Tin District Council
Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the Health and Environment Committee in 2021

Date : 4 May 2021 (Tuesday)
Time : 2:40 pm
Venue : Sha Tin District Office Conference Room 441
 4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Time of joining the meeting</u>	<u>Time of leaving the meeting</u>
Mr TING Tsz-yuen (Chairman)	DC Member	2:40 pm	5:55 pm
Mr CHAN Pui-ming (Vice-Chairman)	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH	DC Chairman	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr WONG Hok-lai, George	DC Vice-Chairman	2:40 pm	4:23 pm
Mr CHAN Billy Shiu-yeung	DC Member	2:40 pm	4:48 pm
Mr CHAN Wan-tung	"	2:46 pm	6:20 pm
Mr CHENG Chung-hang	"	2:56 pm	6:20 pm
Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr CHIU Chu-pong	"	4:56 pm	4:57 pm
Mr CHOW Hiu-laam, Felix	"	2:40 pm	5:32 pm
Mr CHUNG Lai-him, Johnny	"	2:43 pm	6:20 pm
Mr HUI Lap-san	"	2:43 pm	5:33 pm
Mr HUI Yui-yu	"	4:29 pm	5:54 pm
Mr LAI Tsz-yan	"	4:57 pm	6:15 pm
Dr LAM Kong-kwan	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr LI Chi-wang, Raymond	"	2:40 pm	3:16 pm
Mr LI Sai-hung	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr LI Wing-shing, Wilson	"	2:40 pm	6:06 pm
Mr LIAO Pak-hong, Ricardo	"	2:40 pm	4:54 pm
Mr LO Tak-ming	"	3:22 pm	4:26 pm
Mr LO Yuet-chau	"	2:40 pm	6:11 pm
Mr LUI Kai-wing	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Ms LUK Tsz-tung	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr MAK Tsz-kin	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr MAK Yun-pui, Chris	"	2:40 pm	3:16 pm
Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS	"	2:40 pm	2:41 pm
Mr NG Kam-hung	"	2:40 pm	6:08 pm
Ms NG Ting-lam	"	2:42 pm	4:56 pm
Mr SHEK William	"	2:47 pm	4:49 pm
Mr SIN Cheuk-nam	"	2:40 pm	5:51 pm
Mr TSANG Kit	"	2:49 pm	3:52 pm
Mr WAI Hing-cheung	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr WONG Ho-fung	"	2:55 pm	4:46 pm
Ms WONG Man-huen	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Mr YAU Man-chun	"	2:40 pm	4:45 pm
Mr YEUNG Sze-kin	"	4:13 pm	6:11 pm
Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael	"	2:40 pm	6:20 pm
Ms LEE Yin-ching, Karen (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)3/ Sha Tin District Office		

In Attendance

Ms WONG Yuen-shan, Candice
Mr CHAN Ka-kui

Mr YAN Ka-kit, Ric

Ms WONG Pui-wan, Cecilia

Mr LI Ho-yin, Simon

Ms CHAN Yuen-chi, Jess

Mr HO Kin-nam, David

Title

Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)²
District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha Tin)
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Chief Health Inspector (Sha Tin)³
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North)⁴
Environmental Protection Department
Deputy District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin)²
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Housing Manager/TNS³
Housing Department
Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Atg)
Sha Tin District Office

In Attendance by Invitation

Ms YUEN Nga-man

Mr YUNG Kai-yip

Mr CHEN Y. C., Philip

Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong

Mr HO Kin-san

Mr CHU Lei-tat

Ms TAI Yuet-ling

Title

Transport Officer/Shah Tin 1
Transport Department
Director
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited
Deputy Managing Director
Wong Tung & Partners Limited
Deputy Hospital Chief Executive (Operations)
Prince of Wales Hospital
Manager (Capital Works)
Hospital Authority
Senior Manager (Planning and Development)
New Territories East Cluster, Hospital Authority
Manager (Communications and Community Relations)
Prince of Wales Hospital

Absent

Mr SHAM Tsz-kit, Jimmy

Mr YIP Wing

Mr CHAN Nok-hang

Ms TSANG So-lai

Title

DC Member

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(Application for leave of absence received)

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(No application for leave of absence received)

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Action**Welcome Speech**

The Chairman welcomed members and representatives of government departments to the third meeting of Health and Environment Committee (HEC) this year.

Applications for Leave of Absence

2. The Chairman said that the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) Secretariat had received the applications for leave of absence in writing from the following members:

Mr Jimmy SHAM
Mr YIP Wing

Other reasons
Sickness

3. Members unanimously approved the applications for leave of absence submitted by the members above.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of 2021
(HEC Minutes 1/2021)

4. Members unanimously confirmed the above minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the Resumption of the 1st Meeting of 2021
(HEC Minutes 1A/2021)

5. Members unanimously confirmed the above minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of 2021
(HEC Minutes 2/2021)

6. Members unanimously confirmed the above minutes of the meeting.

Matters Arising

Responses of the Relevant Government Departments to Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting
(Paper No. HE 13/2021)

7. Members noted the above paper.

Discussion Items

Proposed Earmarked Provision and Funding Proposals of Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 4 (Health and Environment) of 2021-2022
(Paper No. HE 15/2021)

8. The Chairman said that as representatives of the Hospital Authority (HA) had not yet arrived, he suggested re-arranging the order of the agenda items and dealing with the agenda items of “Proposed Earmarked Provision and Funding Proposals of Local Organisations under Expenditure Head 4 (Health and Environment) of 2021-2022” and “Updated Membership Lists of Working Groups under the Committee”. He asked members whether they agreed to do so.

9. Members unanimously agreed to re-arrange the order of the agenda items.

10. The Chairman said that under the premise of prudent use of funds, he had selected activities with greater significance on environmental protection and educational value to grant funds during the processing. Therefore, he only accepted the activity funding applications of the Boys’ & Girls’ Clubs Association of Hong Kong Jockey Club Ma On Shan East Children & Youth Integrated Services Centre as well as the Hong Kong Health and Power Club. He asked members to declare interests in relation to the above funding applicant organisations.

11. No member present declared interests in relation to the above funding applications.

12. Members unanimously endorsed the above paper.

13. Mr NG Kam-hung asked if he could read the activity application proposal of the Hong Kong Health and Power Club.

14. The Chairman requested the Secretariat to provide Mr NG Kam-hung with the paper concerned after the meeting.

Updated Membership Lists of Working Groups under the Committee
(Paper No. HE 16/2021)

15. Members unanimously endorsed the above paper.

Progress of Redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital, Phase 2
(Paper No. HE 14/2021)

Question to be Raised by Mr LIAO Pak-hong, Ricardo on Healthcare Services in Sha Tin
(Paper No. HE 18/2021)

16. The Chairman suggested combining the discussion of two agenda items, i.e. “Progress of Redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital, Phase 2” and “Question to be Raised by Mr LIAO Pak-hong, Ricardo on Healthcare Services in Sha Tin”. He asked members whether they agreed to do so.

17. Members unanimously agreed to combine the discussion of the two agenda items.

18. Mr YUNG Kai-yip, Director of Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited, and Mr Philip CHEN, Deputy Managing Director of Wong Tung & Partners Limited, introduced the contents of the paper.

19. The views of Mr Ricardo LIAO were summarised below:

- (a) he said that the HA had provided only a general summary of the average daily attendance and waiting time of various triage categories, which did not enable members’ understanding of the waiting time and the workload of doctors at the accident and emergency (A&E) department in different periods. He hoped that the HA would supplement such data as the attendance and waiting time at the A&E department of Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) in different periods so that members could know how to help divert patients classified as Triage Category IV and Triage Category V to other medical institutions for medical consultation;
- (b) as far as he knew, only the clinics in Ma On Shan and Lek Yuen provided evening services. He said that it was difficult for residents in Siu Lek Yuen to seek medical attention in Ma On Shan and Lek Yuen due to geographical reasons, and they could only seek medical attention at the PWH in the evening. He was worried that patients of the non-urgent category might waste the A&E department resources. He would like to know the situation of evening services in the Sha Tin District;
- (c) he pointed out that Yuen Chau Kok General Out-patient Clinic was conveniently located near the PWH and an MTR station, which facilitated residents in the east of Shing Mun River who sought medical attention. He opined that the addition of evening services

and overnight out-patient services in the clinic could relieve the pressure on the A&E department. He would like to know whether the HA had such a plan;

- (d) he would like to know the conditions for providing additional evening services in public clinics; and
- (e) some staff of the PWH had reported insufficient parking spaces, especially those for motorcycles. He pointed out that the current staff parking permit was divided by time periods, so it was difficult for employees on the shift system to park outside the designated time of the parking permit. He asked whether increasing staff parking spaces would be considered in the redevelopment plan.

20. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) at the beginning of this year, he had received information on the redevelopment plan at the Hospital Governing Committee of the PWH and expressed his wish at the meeting that the HA would brief the STDC on the expansion and traffic arrangements. However, he did not have the opportunity for discussion at the HEC meeting until now;
- (b) he opined that the traffic arrangements were not satisfactory. He pointed out that the new entrance was close to Sha Tin Wai Road, and the tailback during peak hours might block Sha Tin Wai Road. In addition, the old entrance at Ngan Shing Street could be accessed from both the left and the right in the past. However, vehicles could now only turn into the hospital from Sha Tin Wai Road towards City One Shatin or leave towards Ngan Shing Street. As there was a driving school near the mentioned site, he opined that the above arrangements would affect traffic flow. He wished to know how long the above temporary traffic arrangements would last. As far as he knew, the intersection of Chap Wai Kon Street and Ngan Shing Street was very congested. Although the Transport Department (TD) had already adjusted the relevant traffic lights, the congestion had only been alleviated slightly. He asked whether the hospital could provide estimated data of traffic flow;
- (c) he said that upon redevelopment of the PWH, the new block would be higher than the current one. He noted that the residents of Yu Chui Court had expressed their views on this. He would like to know the current situation;
- (d) he would like to know how the pick-up and drop-off area in the new building would divert traffic. He pointed out that the hospital did not give a brief introduction on how to deal with the existing bus stops. He opined that it was not enough to introduce merely the traffic arrangements in the hospital;
- (e) as Ma On Shan Family Medicine Centre did not provide holiday out-patient services at present, he would like to know when the HA would consider providing such services; and
- (f) he enquired of the HA about measures to alleviate the pending admission of patients at the A&E department.

21. Ms WONG Man-huen said some members of the public had reflected that the redevelopment arrangements of the PWH were confusing. She asked how the hospital communicated with patients and their escorts regarding the redevelopment arrangements.

22. Mr SIN Cheuk-nam said that the expansion project aimed at improving the quality of medical services. He pointed out that there were two private hospitals in Sha Tin. He asked about the collaboration between public and private hospitals and whether public hospitals would refer patients at the A&E department to private hospitals.

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

- (a) he said that although he understood the traffic diversion arrangements, it was easy for drivers to miss the intersection due to the small traffic signs. He suggested adding more signs to help drivers arrive at the hospital smoothly;
- (b) some members of the public had reported that they did not understand the medical benefits brought by the redevelopment project, such as increase in the number of hospital beds, reduction in waiting time for consultation and expanded types of services. He suggested that the hospital explain to members of the public more about the medical benefits brought by the redevelopment project; and
- (c) he hoped that the hospital would improve the location of the Octopus processor at the exit of the hospital parking lot.

24. The views of Mr Felix CHOW were summarised below:

- (a) he welcomed the implementation of the redevelopment project of the PWH to enhance the capacity of New Territories East Cluster (NTEC) to deal with patients. He pointed out that the new In-Patient Extension Block adopted the design of using many glass curtain walls. He would like to know what measures were in place to ensure that the building met energy-saving standards and how complaints from nearby residents about the reflection of glass curtain walls would be dealt with;
- (b) in 2019, a district health centre (DHC) was established in Kwai Tsing to provide primary healthcare services. However, there was only a small number of registrations and service users. He would like to know the effectiveness of the DHC and ways to expand its services; and
- (c) he pointed out that the CUHK Medical Centre (CUHKMC) commenced operation this year and promised diversion for public hospitals. In the past, private hospitals had also reserved beds for public hospitals for diversion purposes, but the procedures were complicated and failed to achieve the purpose. He asked about measures to make good use of private out-patient services to divert non-urgent patients and alleviate the pressure of public hospitals during peak periods.

25. The views of Mr LO Yuet-chau were summarised below:

- (a) he enquired about the number of floors in the new In-Patient Extension Block, and said that the residents of Yu Chui Court had expressed concern over blockage of the scenery by the building upon its completion; and
- (b) he pointed out that the new In-Patient Extension Block had a footbridge connecting the MTR station. It was known that the current footbridge did not connect the MTR station with the PWH. He had proposed the construction of a rain shelter as a district minor works at the light bus stand outside the hospital, which was not adopted as the

footbridge connecting the MTR station might be used as a shade. He would like to know the design of the footbridge.

26. The views of Mr Wilson LI were summarised below:

- (a) he said that given the significant traffic diversion arrangements, it was easy for drivers to miss the entrance. He asked for clearer traffic instructions;
- (b) the design of the new In-Patient Extension Block mainly used glass curtain walls. He enquired about the relevant environmental protection and energy-saving measures;
- (c) he would like to know how many staff and visitor parking spaces would be added upon completion of the redevelopment project; and
- (d) as the public healthcare system was under great pressure, he would like to know the current number of hospital beds and healthcare practitioners in the PWH and the expected increase in hospital beds and healthcare practitioners in the future.

27. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:

- (a) he said that members were more concerned about the redevelopment plans and services of the PWH. He hoped that the HA would exchange views with the STDC more frequently in the future;
- (b) he would like to know the purpose of the decantation building at Shatin Hospital. To his knowledge, there was feeder bus service running between Shatin Hospital and the PWH. He asked about the frequency of the feeder bus;
- (c) he pointed out that in the early years, the district liaison group of the redevelopment project had held meetings to discuss the design of the footbridge and the number of lifts, but the current briefing did not mention the commencement and completion dates of the footbridge. He said that the traffic at Chap Wai Kon Street and Ngan Shing Street was heavy at present, and the footbridge could help alleviate the pedestrian flow on the road. He urged the HA to promulgate the progress and details of the project as soon as possible; and
- (d) he commented that it took a long time to convert an ordinary ward into a negative pressure ward currently. He would like to know whether the design and equipment of the new In-Patient Extension Block could facilitate the conversion into negative pressure wards.

28. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong, Deputy Hospital Chief Executive (Operations) of the PWH, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) upon completion of stage 1 of PWH Redevelopment Phase 2, about 450 hospital beds and 16 operating rooms could be added. The overall Redevelopment Phase 2 was expected to increase around 1 300 beds. At present, there were about 1 600 beds, and it was expected that the entire PWH would provide 3 000 beds eventually;
- (b) upon redevelopment, the hospital would implement the “Programme Floor” plan, and related specialties would be set on the same floor to provide better medical services;

- (c) he said that the joint efforts of healthcare and administrative staff had increased the number of hospital beds and accelerated the transfer of patients to rehabilitation hospitals, reducing the waiting time for admission and length of patient stay;
- (d) at present, the waiting time for the A&E department had been greatly improved. Patients classified as Triage Category I would be treated immediately; the waiting time for patients classified as Triage Category II would be about 10 minutes; the waiting time for patients classified as Triage Category III would be about 30 minutes; the waiting time for patients classified as Triage Category IV would be about 100 minutes; and the waiting time for patients classified as non-urgent Triage Category V would normally be no more than 3 hours. The waiting time for patients of all categories was in line with the HA's performance pledge. Hospitals recorded only the number of patients and the average waiting time of different categories. However, there was a mobile application "PWH AE Aid" to show the number of people waiting at the A&E department in real time. Experience indicated that there were generally more people waiting for A&E services from 9 am to 10 am and from 6 pm to 7 pm;
- (e) Li Ka Shing Specialist Clinic in the PWH provided specialist out-patient services for about 2 000 to 3 000 patients daily, and the HA expected to expand its services upon completion of Redevelopment Phase 2;
- (f) the HA had launched the "HA Go" mobile application to provide consultation information for patients and their escorts. He encouraged members of the public to download the mobile application;
- (g) at present, private hospitals would provide radiological and imaging diagnostic services to patients referred by public hospitals. Public hospitals would also treat patients referred by private hospitals. The CUHKMC provided A&E services and about 600 hospital beds. However, only some services were opened for the time being. Therefore, the role of the hospital in the regional healthcare system could only be ascertained upon its full operation. The CUHKMC would assist in treating certain specialist patients, and the relevant details were still under discussion; and
- (h) he said that the footbridge connecting the MTR station was not within the scope of redevelopment, and the relevant works were undertaken by the Highways Department (HyD) and the TD.

29. Mr Philip CHEN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) traffic diversion had been implemented since the end of February this year. As vehicles could turn into the hospital area earlier, the number of vehicles at Ngan Shing Street could be reduced. The TD assisted in adjusting the traffic lights and monitoring the traffic;
- (b) the footbridge was not within the scope of the hospital. The hospital had conveyed its wish to the relevant government departments about a connecting footbridge between the MTR station and the hospital. As far as he knew, the existing footbridge outside the MTR station would be retained and a footbridge would be built at Chap Wai Kon Street to connect with the first floor of the new In-Patient Extension Block. The Department would provide escalators and lifts outside the MTR station and the new In-Patient Extension Block. The hospital had also expressed its hope to the

departments that the footbridge and the new In-Patient Extension Block would be completed simultaneously;

- (c) the size of the pick-up and drop-off area at the new entrance of the hospital was determined based on the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines of the Planning Department and the size of the hospital. The pick-up and drop-off area was built with a shelter;
- (d) he said that the building would use glass curtain walls, which had short construction time, high accuracy and prefabrication could be used. The existing glass materials could provide heat and sound insulation. He explained that the design was not using a floor-to-ceiling glass wall, and the lower part was a solid wall with glass on the external to unify the style. The outer wall was provided with sunshade to reduce direct sunlight on the glass. To sum up, the energy-saving effect of glass curtain walls was not inferior to that of the traditional design. The total coefficient of heat transfer of the building was less than 13 w/m^2 , which was lower than the standard of 18 w/m^2 for public buildings. As Ngan Shing Street faced northeast, sunlight reflection would not affect the opposite buildings;
- (e) the new In-Patient Extension Block had 20 floors, and the height of each floor was similar to that of hospitals under the HA. The new In-Patient Extension Block would stand side by side with the current Main Clinical Block. The new block was more than 100 meters away from Yu Chui Court, and the distance was greater than the height of the block; and
- (f) there was a parking lot in the basement of the new In-Patient Extension Block, but no information on the allocation of parking spaces was available at the moment. The hospital would also try to maintain the number of parking spaces during the construction period.

30. Mr LO Yuet-chau said that he had a site visit with the staff of the HyD and the Home Affairs Department. The departments had said that the footbridge would extend from the railway station to the entrance of the A&E department of the PWH, which would block the pick-up and drop-off area of Routes No. 811 and 808 light bus stands. He hoped that the relevant parties would provide information. He said that due to the lack of information, he did not know whether the footbridge could provide shade and shelter.

31. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he pointed out that a layout plan should show the number of parking spaces at the drawing stage of the project. He said that he had enquired of the HA about the number of parking spaces in the decantation building at Shatin Hospital and the traffic assessment report, but the HA did not reply or provide the report concerned. He urged the HA to provide the traffic assessment reports of Shatin Hospital and the PWH; and
- (b) he would like to know whether the HA had plans to redevelop Yuen Chau Kok Bus Terminus simultaneously.

32. Mr Felix CHOW pointed out the insufficient number of people registered at the Kwai Tsing DHC. He would like to know what measures the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) had taken to promote primary healthcare and Sha Tin DHC Express to encourage target groups to use the services

for primary healthcare. He hoped that the Secretariat would convey the views to the FHB and ask for a reply at the next meeting.

33. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:

- (a) he said that the current traffic flow at A Kung Kok Street was heavy, and the decantation building at Shatin Hospital might bring additional traffic flow. He would like to know the purpose of the building in or after 2028;
- (b) he hoped that the FHB would provide a reply to Mr Michael YUNG's enquiry; and
- (c) he would like to know whether the ward design of the new In-Patient Extension Block would be the same as that of the current wards. If not, he wished to know how long it would take to convert from an ordinary ward into a negative pressure ward.

34. Mr Ricardo LIAO would like to know how the hospital would arrange the parking spaces during the project. Some members of the public had reported that there were insufficient motorcycle parking spaces and that the current parking permit system could not meet the needs of staff of all grades in the hospital. He hoped that the hospital would conduct reviews and adjustments.

35. The views of Mr Wilson LI were summarised below:

- (a) he agreed on the need to improve parking arrangements and increase the number of parking spaces; and
- (b) he would like to know the number of hospital beds increased upon redevelopment, as well as the current and future number of healthcare practitioners.

36. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) upon completion of stage 1 of PWH Redevelopment Phase 2, it was expected that 450 hospital beds and 16 operating rooms would be added. In stage 2, the old hospital complex would be demolished, including Day Treatment Block & Children Wards, Special Block, Lui Che Woo Clinical Science Building, Eye Centre and Li Ka Shing Specialist Outpatient Clinics (North Wing), etc. Upon completion of stage 2, it was expected that about 1300 beds would be added in the entire PWH. Therefore, the PWH could provide a total of about 3 000 beds;
- (b) there were more than 5 000 employees in the PWH at present. The HA would also gradually increase its manpower based on the needs and proportion;
- (c) he pointed out that the DHCs were composed of various medical institutions. To his knowledge, such community medical centres mainly dealt with patients with mild conditions;
- (d) the number of parking spaces would be determined proportionally according to government regulations and the number of hospital beds; and
- (e) the HA had closely monitored the traffic outside Shatin Hospital and provided members with relevant traffic assessment information. The HA would regularly monitor the traffic flow and had not found any traffic congestions for the time being.

37. Mr CHU Lei-tat, Senior Manager (Planning and Development) of NTEC of the HA, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he said that the footbridge was a project of the HyD and the detailed planning and design had to be discussed with the Department. He suggested contacting the Department with Mr LO Yuet-chau after the meeting;
- (b) he said that the number of parking spaces in the new In-Patient Extension Block had been determined, but the allocation was still under discussion. He pointed out that the overall number of parking spaces in the hospital would also be adjusted during the implementation of stage 2 of the project. He understood the staff's opinions on parking arrangements, and would convey members' views to the administration department. The hospital would also review the arrangements for the issuance of parking permits from time to time;
- (c) the decantation building at Shatin Hospital was currently for the use of the PWH back office. The relevant departments would not be transferred back to the PWH until the completion of Phase 2 of the project. The decantation building might be used by the staff of Shatin Hospital, but the actual use remained to be discussed; and
- (d) the HA headquarters had given a reply to Mr Michael YUNG on April 14 this year regarding the enquiry on the traffic assessment report, and attached the traffic assessment report of the decantation building at Shatin Hospital.

38. Mr Ho Kin-san, Manager (Capital Works) of the HA, said that the HA had maintained regular contact with relevant government departments and expressed its hope that the completion of the footbridge would tie in with that of the new In-Patient Extension Block, but no detailed design was available at the present.

39. The Chairman understood that the design at this stage was not yet perfect. He asked whether the hospital could submit relevant design drawings for members' reference at future meetings.

40. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong said that no updated information could be provided in the near future, but the latest information could be released through the district liaison group.

41. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he said that he had written to the HA and asked for the relevant traffic assessment report through the Secretariat. Before the meeting, the Secretariat had not indicated any reply received from the HA. He would like to know at which request the HA provided a reply. He would like to know the date and means of the reply; and
- (b) he would like to know whether the traffic assessment report at the time of construction had included the projected and actual traffic flow before and after the diversion. He hoped that the hospital would provide the HEC with the relevant report for members' following-up.

42. Dr CHEUNG Nai-kwong said that as far as he knew, the HA had provided a reply to Mr Michael YUNG on April 14 this year with an attachment of the traffic assessment report of Shatin Hospital whereas the traffic assessment report of PWH Redevelopment Phase 2 was currently under review by the TD, and therefore was not available for the time being.

43. The Chairman asked whether members agreed to deal with the provisional motion put forward by Mr LO Yuet-chau.

44. Members agreed to deal with the provisional motion put forward by Mr LO Yuet-chau.

45. Mr LO Yuet-chau put forward the following provisional motion:

“Background:

At present, only Lek Yuen General Out-patient Clinic and Ma On Shan Family Medicine Centre provide evening public out-patient services in Sha Tin, which is unable to meet the demands made by members of the public in the district, especially those in the vicinity of Siu Lek Yuen, Shek Mun, Yuen Chau Kok, and Sha Tin Wai.

Motion:

The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges the relevant departments to expeditiously provide evening general out-patient services at Yuen Chau Kok General Out-patient Clinic.”

Mr Ricardo LIAO, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr Billy CHAN, Ms WONG Man-huen, Ms LUK Tsz-tung, Mr CHAN Wan-tung, Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa, Mr CHAN Pui-ming, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YEUNG Sze-kin, Mr William SHEK and Mr NG Kam-hung seconded the motion.

46. Mr CHAN Pui-ming pointed out that the quotation marks in the motion were English quotation marks. In addition, Yuen Chau Kok General Out-patient Clinic did not provide services on Sundays and public holidays currently. He proposed to request in the motion for the provision of consultation on Sundays and holidays to provide convenience to members of the public.

47. Mr Michael YUNG said that Mr LO Yuet-chau probably meant general out-patient services and suggested adding “general” before “out-patient services”.

48. Mr LO Yuet-chau put forward the following amended provisional motion:

“Background:

At present, only Lek Yuen General Out-patient Clinic and Ma On Shan Family Medicine Centre provide evening public general out-patient services in Sha Tin, which is unable to meet the demands made by members of the public in the district, especially those in the vicinity of Siu Lek Yuen, Shek Mun, Yuen Chau Kok, and Sha Tin Wai.

Motion:

The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council urges the relevant departments to expeditiously provide evening general out-patient services at Yuen Chau Kok General Out-patient Clinic, and strengthen the provision of consultation services on Sundays and public holidays.”

Mr Ricardo LIAO, Mr YAU Man-chun, Mr Billy CHAN, Ms WONG Man-huen, Ms LUK Tsz-tung, Mr CHAN Wan-tung, Mr CHEUNG Hing-wa, Mr CHAN Pui-ming, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YEUNG Sze-kin, Mr William SHEK and Mr NG Kam-hung seconded the motion.

49. Members unanimously endorsed the amended provisioned motion in paragraph 48.
50. The Chairman asked whether members agreed to deal with the provisional motion put forward by Mr Michael YUNG.
51. Members agreed to deal with the provisional motion put forward by Mr Michael YUNG.
52. Mr Michael YUNG put forward the following provisional motion:

“ The Health and Environment Committee of the Sha Tin District Council strongly demands that the Food and Health Bureau and the Hospital Authority simultaneously improve the neighbouring Yuen Chau Kok Bus Terminus and the recently added pick-up and drop-off area outside the new entrance of the hospital during the redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital Phase 2 for the enhancement of the planning of waiting for public transports at the hospital and the convenience of members of the public who use medical facilities.”

Mr CHAN Pui-ming, Mr TING Tsz-yuen, Mr YEUNG Sze-kin, and Mr LO Yuet-chau seconded the motion.

53. Members unanimously endorsed the provisional motion in paragraph 52.
54. The Chairman announced the end of the agenda item.

Questions

Question to be Raised by Mr WAI Hing-cheung on Air Quality of Sha Tin Central Bus Terminus (Paper No. HE 17/2021)

55. The Chairman left the meeting for other matters, and the Vice-Chairman presided over the meeting.
56. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:
- (a) he said that only the TD had provided a reply. He would like to know whether it was appropriate to submit the question to the Traffic and Transport Committee;
 - (b) he asked why the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) was responsible for air quality of bus termini rather than the Environmental Protection Department (EPD). He understood that the EMSD was responsible for regular maintenance, but it was not comprehensible to him why it was responsible for air quality;
 - (c) he wished to know whether the result of the latest air quality test had improved compared with previous tests;
 - (d) he enquired about the criteria for determining the switch-on time of the ventilation system. He wished to know the department responsible for cleaning the ventilation system and the cleaning frequency; and
 - (e) he pointed out that under the epidemic, members of the public were worried that the ventilation system would spread the virus. He would like to know whether the

ventilation system of Sha Tin Central Bus Terminus would become a hotbed of virus and ways to prevent that.

57. The Vice-Chairman said that the EPD had permanent representatives to attend meetings. He would like to know whether the Secretariat had contacted the EMSD after receiving the reply from the TD.

58. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he would like to know whether the TD was responsible for the management of the bus terminus and the EMSD was responsible for the maintenance of the ventilation and power systems of the terminus;
- (b) he enquired about the criteria for switching on the ventilation system. He would like to know whether the Department had set up sensors to monitor the air quality of the terminus in real time to determine the ventilation mode of the system and reduce the concentration of pollutants;
- (c) he asked whether excessive pollutant concentrations had been recorded at the bus terminus;
- (d) he asked which other departments the Department would work with to consider and implement appropriate measures; and
- (e) he pointed out that the Department required designated Euro buses to drive in low emission zones and busy roads, but there were no relevant requirements for the bus terminus. He asked about ways to check samplings of vehicle exhaust emissions to ensure the air quality at the bus terminus. He asked about the inspection of franchised buses.

59. The views of Mr Johnny CHUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he commented that the biennial air quality monitoring data might be susceptible to the weather. He opined that the reference value of the monitoring data was not high;
- (b) he would like to know the reasons why the Department did not adjust the exhaust volume of the ventilation system to the maximum; and
- (c) he enquired about the number of complaints about air quality at the above bus terminus in the past.

60. The views of the Vice-Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he opined that it was not ideal to test the air quality at the bus terminus every two years. He proposed setting up constant monitoring equipment;
- (b) government departments conducted an inter-departmental review of the practice note on Control of Air Pollution in Semi-confined Public Transport Interchanges in 2018, which was completed in 2020. He pointed out that the current air quality test did not include other suspended particulates. He would like to know the review results;

- (c) he asked whether the air quality of other public transport interchanges in Sha Tin had exceeded the standard, and what follow-up actions the Department had taken; and
- (d) he wished to know which department was responsible for the management and liaison in relation to public transport interchanges.

61. Ms YUEN Nga-man, Transport Officer/Sha Tin 1 of the TD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the ventilation system at the bus terminus was in operation from 5 am to midnight. It was cleaned by the EMSD and maintained every three months. The ventilation system would filtered through the filter screen before blowing out fresh air;
- (b) bus companies would take different measures to prevent the spread of the virus, including the use of photo-catalyst sanitiser in the carriage, the provision of disinfectant hand rub, the strengthened cleaning of the carriage and air conditioning system, and the requirement for bus captains to wear masks, etc.;
- (c) the various systems of bus termini and public transport interchanges were maintained by different departments;
- (d) the Department would ask the EMSD to provide additional information on ventilation system sensors after the meeting. In addition, the Department would consider and implement appropriate air quality improvement measures in conjunction with the EMSD when necessary;
- (e) the Department would study and consider increasing the frequency of air quality testing; and
- (f) from March 2018 to March 2021, the TD received two complaints about the air quality of Sha Tin Central Bus Terminus, including complaints about insufficient air circulation and poor air quality at the bus terminus.

62. Ms Cecilia WONG, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North) 4 of the EPD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the EPD was responsible for monitoring the overall air quality in Hong Kong, while individual units were arranged by their responsible organisations for monitoring;
- (b) the Department would provide guidance on air pollution control at public transport interchanges and was actively reviewing the practice note on Control of Air Pollution in Semi-confined Public Transport Interchanges with the TD; and
- (c) the Department had been implementing a number of measures to reduce emissions from franchised buses, including:
 - (i) tightening the emission standards of franchised buses registered for the first time to Euro VI since October 2018;
 - (ii) establishment of the low emission zones for franchised buses in Causeway Bay, Central and Mong Kok; upgrading the emission requirements for three low

emission buses in the low emission zones for the franchised buses to Euro V since 31 December 2019;

- (iii) providing subsidies to franchised bus companies for purchase of electric single deck buses and commencement of electric double deck buses testing in Hong Kong in the next two years to reduce exhaust emissions; and
- (iv) announcement of Hong Kong Roadmap on Popularisation of Electric Vehicles on 17 March this year, setting out the long-term policy objectives and plans to promote the adoption of electric vehicles and their associated supporting facilities in Hong Kong, with a view to promoting the gradual emission reduction of franchised buses and improving air quality further.

63. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) as far as he knew, there were still buses passing through the bus terminus after midnight. He would like to know why the ventilation system was not in operation at midnight; and
- (b) he opined that the EMSD had not properly cleaned the dust screen, and asked about maintenance works carried out by the EMSD at the bus terminus in recent years.

64. The views of Mr WAI Hing-cheung were summarised below:

- (a) he hoped that the Department would supplement the comparative result figures of air quality tests after the meeting;
- (b) he pointed out that the concentration of nitrogen dioxide was close to the maximum concentration level stipulated in the practice note. As the tests were calculated on the average basis, he opined that the air quality data might exceed the standard in some periods. He hoped that the Department would provide additional information later; and
- (c) he said that the construction of noise barriers at Tai Po Road (Sha Tin) would be completed in 2023. Those barriers might hinder air circulation at the bus terminus. He urged the relevant departments to address the problem squarely as soon as possible.

65. The views of the Vice-Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he hoped that the Department would provide the air quality monitoring data of public transport interchanges in Sha Tin over the past three years;
- (b) he would like to know which department had determined the switch-on time and the ventilation volume of the ventilation system; and
- (c) he enquired about the sampling methods for air quality tests and hoped that the EPD would provide an update on the practice note after the meeting.

66. Ms Cecilia WONG said that the Department could provide additional information on the review of the practice note on Control of Air Pollution in Semi-confined Public Transport Interchanges after the meeting.

67. Ms YUEN Nga-man said that the Department could supplement the test figures of other public transport interchanges in Sha Tin, data of excessive emission and the comparison of test figures after the meeting, and relay the enquiry about the ventilation system and sampling to the EMSD.

68. Mr Michael YUNG hoped that the TD would help find out the dates, time and reasons for maintenance by the EMSD in recent years, and give a written reply on how to determine the operation time of the ventilation system.

69. The Vice-Chairman hoped that the Secretariat would convey members' views to the EMSD and follow up with relevant departments on the requested information.

70. The Vice-Chairman announced the end of the agenda item.

Information Papers

Achievements of Sha Tin District Year-end Clean-up 2021

(Paper No. HE 19/2021 Revised)

71. Mr CHAN Ka-kui, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha Tin) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), referred members to the revised paper.

72. The Chairman returned to the conference room and resumed his duties.

73. Mr WAI Hing-cheung said that during the year-end clean-up campaign, the FEHD had taken 15 large-scale anti-mosquito operations, including inspections of 28 private housing estates. He wished to know the criteria for selecting the 28 private housing estates. Among the selected sites, four of them were in his constituency. He would like to know why Lucky Plaza and Hilton Plaza, which were not built near any hills or surrounded by bushes, had become housing estates requiring inspections in the anti-mosquito operation.

74. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he pointed out that due to the epidemic, the FEHD did not invite Members to participate in the cleaning and inspect work effectiveness. As Members did not know the time and locations of the year-end clean-up campaign, it was difficult for them to put forward improvement suggestions regarding the campaign. He would like to know whether the Department had invited area committees to inspect the cleaning work; and
- (b) he hoped that the Department would provide details of the year-end clean-up campaign at the next meeting, including the cleaning time and manpower allocation.

75. Mr CHAN Pui-ming asked whether the 62 tenement buildings in the cleaning campaign had included the "three-nil buildings" in Sha Tin.

76. Mr LAI Tsz-yan pointed out that there were many complaints about rodent infestation in Garden Rivera and Belair Gardens. He would like to know how the Department cooperated with the management office of the housing estates during the campaign and how effective the campaign was. He pointed out that the housing estates had reported that government departments had not actively dealt with the rodent infestation.

77. Mr Johnny CHUNG had reported the hygiene situation of private housing estates in the district to the FEHD, but the Department said that it was difficult to take actions in private areas. He enquired about the specific work the FEHD had done in private housing estates during the campaign, and asked whether the FEHD had used its resources to clean private housing estates.

78. The Chairman said that the FEHD staff were positive when they had been invited by Members for inspections in the district. He asked whether the Department could provide a written reply on the campaign details at the next meeting.

79. Mr CHAN Ka-kui gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he regretted that Members were not invited to participate in and inspect the cleaning work; Members were welcome to contact the Department staff to give comments;
- (b) every year, the Department conducted a year-end clean-up campaign in all districts in three phases before the lunar new year; and
- (c) they would check the records after the meeting and give a written reply to Mr Michael YUNG if relevant information such as operation dates and manpower arrangement was maintained; otherwise, an account would be given.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD had no further details on the year-end clean-up campaign, gave an account to Mr Michael YUNG who raised the question, and would actively invite Members to participate in the campaign next year.)

80. Mr Ric YAN, Chief Health Inspector (Sha Tin) 3 of the FEHD, gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) due to the wide scope of the campaign, the Department would select schools or private housing estates that had received complaints or sought help from the Department in order to make good use of resources;
- (b) the Department's work in private housing estates included providing such advice as on environmental hygiene, pest control and anti-mosquito to property management companies as well as inspecting the environment; and
- (c) there were three "three-nil buildings" in the district, which were located at 15-17, 29 Shing Ho Road and 71 Chik Fu Street, all included in the 62 tenement buildings in the campaign.

81. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he invited the Superintendent of the FEHD to inspect the year-end clean-up operation in the district next year; and
- (b) he said that since the epidemic, the FEHD had promptly arranged cleaning upon confirmed cases in the district. However, he deemed it inappropriate not to invite Members to participate in the campaign citing the epidemic. He hoped for an honest communication with the Department in future to deal with the backlog of environmental hygiene problems in the district.

82. Mr Wilson LI said that the residents of Wu Kai Sha Village, Cheung Kang Village and To Tau Wan Village had thanked the FEHD for the clean-up campaign and hoped that the Department would continue to step up cleaning efforts.

83. Mr WAI Hing-cheung would like to invite the Superintendent of the FEHD to inspect the district.

84. Mr CHAN Ka-kui welcomed Members' invitation to a site visit in the district and would take time to attend.

85. Members noted the above paper.

Sha Tin District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2021 (Second Phase)
(Paper No. HE 20/2021)

86. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) apart from ovitraps, he asked about the number of mosquito traps the Department had installed in the district and their effectiveness;
- (b) he pointed out that due to global climate change and the longer summer, mosquito breeding accelerated and mosquito infestation appeared earlier. *Aedes albopictus* had also been spotted in his ward office. He asked whether the Department would arrange weeding in addition to the application of larvicide sand and oil; and
- (c) he said that the last term of the STDC had a District-led Actions Scheme for pest control in places not under the management of any department. To his knowledge, there would be no such allocation in this term. He would like to know the role of the FEHD in those places. He opined that mosquito and rodent infestation had to be dealt with through the cooperation of various organisations, and a regional handling would not bring apparent effectiveness. He asked how the Department would coordinate pest control in housing estates, construction sites and on government land.

87. Mr Wilson LI said that residents had reported that the mosquito infestation appeared earlier this year. He hoped that the Department would strengthen anti-mosquito work in the newly completed housing estates in Wu Kai Sha, including Altissimo, St. Barths and Seanorama.

88. Mr CHAN Ka-kui gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the Department held monthly anti-mosquito meetings with government departments, such as the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Housing Department (HD) and the Education Bureau, to strengthen inter-departmental cooperation and communication. In addition, the FEHD would provide the departments with anti-mosquito and anti-rodent guidelines and advice on pest control;
- (b) as far as he knew, the departments would weed in areas under their purview whereas the FEHD was responsible for roadside weeding;
- (c) he said that *Aedes albopictus* was common in Hong Kong. Therefore, the Department would publish the ovitrap index every month and conduct corresponding anti-mosquito

work. As the rainy season approached, the FHED would also strengthen its anti-mosquito work;

- (d) the Department would send staff to inspect construction sites, and would take enforcement actions if mosquito larvae were found; and
- (e) the Department would strengthen anti-mosquito work near the newly completed housing estates in Wu Kai Sha.

89. Mr CHAN Pui-ming pointed out that the Sha Tin District Office had led the clean-up of illegally parked bicycles in the past, but there had been no relevant information in recent years. He said that members of the public might cover their bicycles with canvas, where water might accumulate for mosquito breeding upon precipitation. He would like to know whether the Department would step up its efforts to deal with the problem of illegally parked bicycles.

90. Mr Ric YAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) mosquito traps attracted female mosquitoes to lay eggs inside through smell. The mosquito eggs in the traps could not become mosquitoes. When laying eggs, the female mosquitoes would also be contaminated with the powder in the traps and later infect other water bodies, in which the mosquito eggs could not become mosquitoes. In addition to stagnant water and dead leaves removal as well as the application of larvicide sand and oil, the Department would use such mosquito traps for mosquito control. To his knowledge, the LCSD had also used such mosquito traps at its venues, and the Department had also promoted the use of such mosquito traps to the HD; and
- (b) the Pest Control Team would pay attention to and clean up stagnant water on the canvas covering bicycles and apply larvicide sand at suitable locations to prevent untimely removal of stagnant water on canvas upon precipitation.

91. Members noted the above paper.

Proposal for Refurbishing To Tau Village Public Toilet
(Paper No. HE 21/2021)

92. Mr CHAN Ka-kui briefly presented the paper.

93. Mr Wilson LI said he was aware that the public toilet would be connected to the sewage system after refurbishment, which could reduce odour. Members of the public supported the implementation of the relevant project. He hoped to go to the public toilet for a site visit with the FEHD, the village representative of To Tau Village and other members of the public who were concerned about the project.

94. Mr CHING Cheung-ying proposed adding a wash basin outside the public toilet during the refurbishing project. He expressed disappointment at the Department's failure to install additional wash basins outside the public toilets in Kak Tin Village. He would like to know whether the public could use the shared sink outside the public toilet during the refurbishing of the public toilet. He said that temporary toilets was generally dirty with low hydraulic pressure, and fewer members of the public were willing to use hand washing equipment in it.

95. Mr NG Kam-hung said that members of the public might need to shower after water activities near the above site. He suggested that the Department add shower facilities outside public toilets.

96. The views of Mr LO Yuet-chau were summarised below:

- (a) he cited the Public Toilet Refurbishment Programme in Ngau Pei Sha Village as an example, saying that as the temporary toilet was close to residential units, the residents had reported odour coming out from the toilet; and
- (b) he pointed out that the rodent infestation was serious during the refurbishing works. He asked about the Department's improvement measures.

97. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) from his experience, water storage and hand sanitiser in temporary toilets were in short supply from time to time. He asked about the Department's improvement measures;
- (b) he said that some temporary toilets were not equipped with electric lights, causing inconvenience to users. He pointed out that mobile toilets in other areas were equipped with solar panels to supply power to the lights in the toilets. He suggested that the Department consider such installation; and
- (c) in addition to concerns about the proportion of male and female toilets, he hoped that the Department would provide resting places for cleaners when refurbishing public toilets. He opined that it was not ideal to arrange cleaners to rest in the storage room.

98. Mr CHAN Ka-kui gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) he was willing to conduct an on-site inspection with Mr Wilson LI;
- (b) the Department engaged mobile toilet services in the form of contract, in which the style, equipment and cleaning times of mobile toilets were specified; and
- (c) during the discussion of refurbishment with the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), the Department would take into account the male-to-female toilet compartment ratio, but due consideration should also be given to site area, geographical location and other factors.

99. Mr Ric YAN gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the Department would discuss with the ArchSD about the possibility of providing water hose for shower;
- (b) the Department would enquire the ArchSD whether a wash basin outside the toilet could be open for public use during the construction period. If that was not possible due to project safety problems, the FEHD would consider providing hand washing equipment through temporary toilets;
- (c) for the refurbishment project of the public toilet in Ngau Pei Sha Village, the Department would send staff to inspect the rodent infestation and ask the contractor to strengthen the cleaning of the temporary toilets to reduce odour; and

- (d) the contract for mobile toilets was updated in April this year. Solar panels had been installed in mobile toilets in Tai Wai. The facilities of mobile toilets included sensor-type soap dispenser, alcohol hand rub and flushing facilities, etc. The Department would also step up inspections and remind contractors to replenish supplies.

100. The Chairman left the meeting for other matters, and the Vice-Chairman presided over the meeting.

101. Members noted the above paper.

Proposal for Refurbishing Ma Liu Shui Waterfront Public Toilet
(Paper No. HE 22/2021)

102. Mr CHAN Ka-kui briefly presented the paper.

103. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he said that before the meeting, he had discussed with Mr CHING Cheung-ying the way in which the Education and Welfare Committee (EWC) handled papers. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that the papers could be handled by circulation. He opined that the inclusion of papers in the discussion of the meeting could allow members to make comments and enquiries;
- (b) he pointed out that the use of Ma Liu Shui Waterfront Public Toilet was high on holidays. He would like to know the frequency of temporary toilets cleaning; and
- (c) he pointed out that both male and female toilets are equipped with toilet attendant rooms. He wished to know whether there would be on-site cleaners. In addition, as the door of the room was inside the toilet, he was worried about the dining environment of the cleaners. He suggested that the Department should consider providing a suitable dining environment for cleaners in future design.

104. Mr CHING Cheung-ying said that he had expressed to Mr Michael YUNG that he understood and respected Mr Chris MAK's decision on dealing with the issue of reprovisioning of PLK Siu Hon Sum Primary School by circulation at the EWC. He respected the decision of Mr Chris MAK, the Chairman of the EWC. However, he did not mean that all such papers should be handled by circulation.

105. The views of the Vice-Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he opined that the Chairman of the committee should take into account the right of members to express their views;
- (b) he pointed out that many members of the public use the nearby pier on holidays. He hoped that the Department would consider the location of placing temporary toilets so as to minimise the occupation of pedestrian sections; and
- (c) he would like to know whether the Department would consider adding wash basins outside the temporary toilets.

106. Mr CHAN Ka-kui gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the Department had counted the flow of people at Ma Liu Shui Waterfront Public Toilet and learned that the flow of people on holidays was twice of that on weekdays. The Department would deploy more staff for inspections and increase the frequency of cleaning when necessary; and
- (b) after the refurbishment of the public toilet, a storage room would also added in addition to a toilet attendant room. The door of the storage room opened towards the external of the toilet, and the cleaners could eat in that room.

107. The views of Mr Michael YUNG were summarised below:

- (a) he pointed out that the use of temporary toilets was high on holidays. He was worried that the water storage capacity of the water tank was not enough to cope with it. He suggested that the Department and the contractor consider adding additional external water tanks; and
- (b) he said that as far as he knew, the scheduled date for convening the meeting of the EWC was used for the meeting of the STDC, and Mr CHING Cheung-ying respected the decision of the Chairman of the EWC. He opined that the reprovisioning of the school should be discussed at the meeting.

108. Mr CHING Cheung-ying reiterated his support and understanding for Mr Chris MAK's arrangement.

109. The views of the Vice-Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he said that the meeting of the HEC was being held at the moment and hoped that other meeting matters would be discussed only on appropriate occasions; and
- (b) he said that the project started in July this year, when it was the summer vacation and with a large flow of people. He asked about the Department's special arrangements for replenishing temporary toilet materials.

110. Mr CHAN Ka-kui said that the Department would conduct frequent inspections in accordance with the contract, and asked the contractor to purchase materials and increase the number of cleaning times.

111. Members noted the above paper.

Statistical Overview of Sha Tin District Environmental Hygiene Service (as at 31 March 2021)
(Paper No. HE 23/2021)

112. The views of Mr LAI Tsz-yan were summarised below:

- (a) the press had recently reported the rodent infestation in restaurants of Garden Rivera. It had also been reported that the rodent infestation was serious in the housing estate. He urged the Department to pay attention to it. Earlier, he had an inspection with the LCSD staff at the planters near the above location. The Department had said that it would partition the planters. He enquired about the progress of the project; and

- (b) some members of the public had reported that the mosquito infestation was serious near Belair Gardens, Yuen Chau Kok Park and Wong UK Garden. He hoped that the Department would pay attention to it.

113. Mr WAI Hing-cheung pointed out that the number of prosecution against illegal shop front extension in Tai Wai in February and March this year was higher than that in December last year and January this year. He would like to know the reasons for the surge.

114. The views of the Vice-Chairman were summarised below:

- (a) he thanked the FEHD for their staff's prompt response whenever he contacted them; and
- (b) he said that in the early years, a convenience store was opened at Po Tai Street in Ma On Shan. As there was no litter bin in the store, members of the public would dump their garbage in nearby litter bins. He would like to know the progress of the Department's placement of litter bins with small openings and waste separation bins, as well as the guidelines for the placement of recycling bins.

115. Mr CHAN Ka-kui gave a consolidated response as follows:

- (a) the Department would step up inspection of rodent infestation in Garden Rivera;
- (b) the Department would send staff to understand the situation of litter bins at Po Tai Street and strengthen cleaning if necessary. At present, the EPD was responsible for recycling bins. The Department would discuss with the EPD after the meeting; and
- (c) as many new shops had opened at Mei Tin Road and Chik Fai Street, the Department had increased the number of inspections there, hence the rise in prosecution against illegal shop front extension in the area. The Department would continue to monitor the situation.

116. Mr WAI Hing-cheung opined that the Department had been lenient in law enforcement against street shops in the past, which might be unfair to the vendors in Tai Wai Market. He would like to know the shortcomings of the market, which made people choose to patronise shops on the street.

117. Mr Johnny CHUNG said some hawkers at Fu Fai Garden in Ma On Shan had claimed that the FEHD failed to enforce the law against elderly hawkers. He understood that the Department might deal with elderly hawkers at its discretion, but he regarded law enforcement as necessary. He urged the Department to follow up.

118. The Vice-Chairman would like to know whether the FEHD could handle the illegal shop front extension simultaneously when dealing with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). He enquired about the relevant figures.

119. Mr CHAN Ka-kui said that the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) were targeted at restaurants with seats, which was different from the nature of shops that illegally extended their business area. The Department could supplement the prosecution figures after the meeting.

120. Members noted the above paper.

Date of Next Meeting

121. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 6 July 2021 (Tuesday).

122. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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