## For information on 27 January 2022



## **Sha Tin District Council**

## Report on the special meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee held on 2 December 2021

- (1) The Committee made a nomination for the post of Chairman of the Committee, reaching the following election result:
  - (i) the nomination for the post of Chairman of the Committee was as follows:

<u>Candidate</u> <u>Nominator</u> <u>Seconders</u>

Mr HUI Lap-san Mr SIN Cheuk-nam Mr MAK Yun-pui, Chris

Mr CHUNG Lai-him, Johnny

- (ii) as there was only one candidate, Mr HUI Lap-san was elected ipso facto as Chairman of the Committee.
- (2) The election result of Vice-Chairman of the Committee was as follows:
  - as the Secretariat did not receive any nomination form by the end of the nomination period, the post of Vice-Chairman of the Committee was vacant.
- (3) The Committee discussed a traffic accident near the junction of Tai Po Road and Tsing Sha Highway on 18 November and passed the following provisional motion:

## " Provisional Motion

The Traffic and Transport Committee of the Sha Tin District Council is deeply saddened by the serious traffic accident taking place at Tai Po Road – Tai Wai on 18 November, in which one person died and 12 were injured. To prevent recurrence of fatal traffic accidents, the Committee urges the relevant authorities to deal with the following:

1. the Committee strongly demands that franchised bus companies review the scheduling arrangements for bus drivers, provide them with reasonable working hours, meal breaks and rest time, enhance their benefits and

strengthen their training to ensure good driving attitudes with emergency response capabilities;

- 2. the Committee strongly demands that the authorities explore improvements to bus structures and safety devices, such as strengthened vehicle body, improved window design, provision of air-bags at bus drivers' seats, universal installation of seat belts and upgrading of speed limiters, in order to enhance the containment capability of buses and reduce the risk of injury to bus drivers and passengers in case of traffic accidents;
- 3. the Committee demands that the authorities review the design of the road section concerned, including road signs, speed limit, as well as design of the crash barriers and kerbs, etc. to safeguard the safety of road users;
- 4. the Committee demands that the authorities meet with various trade union representatives of franchised bus companies on a regular basis to learn about and follow up on the difficulties and challenges faced by frontline bus drivers at work, and urge the bus companies to make improvement and enhance the service quality of franchised buses;
- 5. the Committee demands that the authorities take enhancing bus safety into consideration for renewal of bus franchises." (Unanimously passed).

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