Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Sha Tin District Council in 2021

Date: 22 July 2021 (Thursday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue: Sha Tin District Office Conference Room 441

4/F, Sha Tin Government Offices

<u>Present</u>		Time of joining	Time of leaving
		the meeting	the meeting
Chairman:	Mr LI Chi-wang, Raymond	2:35 pm	3:32 pm
Vice-Chairman:	Mr WONG Hok-lai, George	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
Members:	Mr CHAN Nok-hang	2:46 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr CHAN Pui-ming	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr CHENG Chung-hang	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr CHENG Tsuk-man	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr CHOW Hiu-laam, Felix	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr CHUNG Lai-him, Johnny	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr HUI Lap-san	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Dr LAM Kong-kwan	2:30 pm	2:43 pm
	Mr LO Tak-ming	2:30 pm	2:38 pm
	Mr MAK Yun-pui, Chris	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr NG Kam-hung	2:30 pm	2:45 pm
	Ms NG Ting-lam	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr SIN Cheuk-nam	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr WAI Hing-cheung	2:30 pm	3:32 pm
	Mr WONG Ho-fung	2:45 pm	3:32 pm
Secretary:	Mr HO Kin-nam, David	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Atg) /	
·		Sha Tin District Office	

In Attendance Title

Ms OR Kar-lok, Carol, JP District Officer (Sha Tin)

Mr LAM Fong-tat, James

Ms WONG Yuen-shan, Candice

Mr WONG Wai-shun, Wilson

Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)1

Assistant District Officer (Sha Tin)2

District Commander (Shatin) /

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr CHEUNG Wai-hang

Assistant Divisional Commander (Administration)

Shatin Police District / Hong Kong Police Force

Ms LEUNG Yin-kiu, Kerry Police Community Relations Officer /

Shatin Police District / Hong Kong Police Force Mr CHAN Ka-kui District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent

(Sha Tin) / Food and Environmental Hygiene

Department

Mr CHAN Kai-lam, Allan Chief Manager / Management (TNS) /

Housing Department

Ms LEUNG Yee-lee, Maggie District Social Welfare Officer (Shatin) /

Social Welfare Department

In Attendance

Mr WONG Kwok-wai, Wilson Mr YEUNG Wai-dor

Ms CHU Ha-fan, Jessica

Mr CHENG Kin-man, Raymond

Mr HAR Sung-fu, Haven

Ms WONG Kam-lai

Mr CHAU Chun-wing

Ms WONG Sau-kuen, Joe

Mr YIP Kam-ming, Dick

Ms LEUNG So-ping, Selina

Mr CHEUNG Hang-yiu, Galax

Mr NG Hon-lai, Patrick

Ms WONG So-man, Katrina

In Attendance by Invitation

Mr LEUNG Siu-ming, David

Ms Aileen CHAU

Mr CHAN Ying-ho

Mr WONG Kam-fat

Absent

Mr MOK Kam-kwai, BBS Mr SHEK William

Mr LAI Tsz-yan

Title

District Lands Officer / Sha Tin / Lands Department

Administrative Assistant / Lands (Atg)

(District Lands Office, Sha Tin) / Lands Department

District Planning Officer / Sha Tin, Tai Po and North /

Planning Department

Senior Engineer / 8 (North) /

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Senior Engineer / 7 (North) /

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Chief School Development Officer (Sha Tin) /

Education Bureau

Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

District Leisure Manager (Sha Tin) /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Deputy District Leisure Manager (District Support)

Sha Tin / Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Senior Executive Officer (Planning)21 /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department Executive Officer (Planning)21B /

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Principal Transport Officer / New Territories 1 /

Transport Department

Executive Officer I (District Council)3 /

Sha Tin District Office

Title

Architect (Works)8 / Home Affairs Department

Senior Architect / Ho & Partners Architects,

Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

Senior Architect / Ho & Partners Architects,

Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

Architectural Assistant / Ho & Partners Architects,

Engineers & Development Consultants Limited

(Application for leave of absence received)

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(No application for leave of absence received)

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<u>The Vice-Chairman</u> welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the third meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (STDC) of this year.

2. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> advised all attendees that the press, being present as observer, was taking photographs and making video and audio recordings.

Election of Chairman of the Sha Tin District Council

- 3. The Vice-Chairman said that Mr CHING Cheung-ying, MH had resigned from the office of the STDC Chairman since 8 July 2021. According to Order 4(2) of the Sha Tin District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders), if the office of Chairman became vacant, Members must elect a Chairman from amongst themselves at the first meeting of the Council after the office became vacant. According to Order 5(1) of the Standing Orders, the election of Chairman must be held in accordance with the voting procedure set out in Schedule 5 of the District Councils Ordinance, Cap. 547 (i.e. Appendix I to the Standing Orders). In addition, according to Order 5(2) of the Standing Orders, the election of Chairman must be held in accordance with the procedure set out at Appendix II to the Standing Orders.
- 4. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> advised the meeting that there were 20 STDC Members at present. According to Order 12 of the Standing Orders, the quorum of a District Council was not less than half the members of the Council holding office for the time being. Therefore, the quorum of this meeting was not less than 10 Members. Currently 14 Members were present, which was already a quorum.
- 5. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> said that the STDC Secretariat (the Secretariat) served Members with nomination forms for the office of the Chairman and the election procedure on 15 July 2021. Later, the Secretariat had also contacted Members or their assistants to note their verbal acknowledgment of receipt of the documents concerned.
- 6. The Vice-Chairman said that the deadline for nomination for the office of the Chairman was one hour prior to the commencement of the meeting, i.e. 1:30 pm on 22 July 2021. By the end of the nomination period, the Secretariat had received one nomination form for the post of the Chairman. The nominated Member had confirmed in writing on the nomination form for the office of the Chairman that he consented toaccept the nomination and the office of the Chairman upon being elected. The details of the nomination for the office of the Chairman was as follows:

CandidateNominatorSecondersMr Raymond LIMr HUI Lap-sanMr CHAN Pui-ming
Mr LO Tak-ming

<u>The Vice-Chairman</u> confirmed with the candidate Mr Raymond LI again that he consented to the nomination and acceptance of the office of the Chairman upon being elected.

- 7. <u>The Vice-Chairman</u> declared that in accordance with the Standing Orders, Mr Raymond LI was elected as the STDC Chairman because there was only one candidate. He then invited the newly elected Chairman Mr Raymond LI to preside over the ensuing meeting.
- 8. <u>The Chairman</u> welcomed Members and representatives of government departments to the meeting.
- 9. <u>Dr LAM Kong-kwan</u> said that he had thought a voting would be held at the meeting regarding the election of the STDC Chairman. He commented that he was deprived of the opportunity to vote against the candidate and would withdraw from the meeting as a gesture of protest.

- 10. <u>The Chairman</u> said that according to the Standing Orders, if only one candidate was nominated for the office of the Chairman, the candidate should be treated as the elected Chairman and it was not necessary for Members to go through the voting process of the election.
- 11. Mr Chris MAK pointed out that any Members (including Dr LAM Kong-kwan) could run for the office of the STDC Chairman. He disapproved of Dr LAM Kong-kwan's decision to withdraw from the meeting.
- 12. <u>Mr CHAN Pui-ming</u> said that Members could refer to the procedure for the election of the STDC Chairman set out in the Standing Orders.

Application for Leave of Absence

13. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Secretariat had received the applications for leave of absence in writing from the following Members:

Mr MOK Kam-kwai Official commitment
Mr SHEK William "

14. The Council approved the applications for leave of absence submitted by the aforesaid Members.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 20 May 2021

(STDC Minutes 2/2021)

- 15. <u>The Chairman</u> said the minutes had been circulated previously and asked if Members had any proposed amendments.
- 16. The Council unanimously endorsed the above minutes.

Items Discussed

<u>Draft Estimates of the STDC for 2021-2022</u> (Paper No. STDC 37/2021)

- 17. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Finance and General Affairs Committee (FGAC) had endorsed at the meeting on 13 July 2021 the recommendation of the consolidated draft estimates for 2021-2022 to the STDC.
- 18. Mr Felix CHOW said that in view of the resignations of a number of Members, the number of members of some working groups might not meet the requirement prescribed in the Standing Orders. He wished to know whether the implementation of work plans had been affected by the inadequate number of working group members.
- 19. <u>Mr David HO, Senior Executive Officer (District Council) (Atg) of the Sha Tin District Office (STDO)</u> gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (a) the Standing Orders prescribed that the minimum number of working group members was five. In case the number of any working group members was less than five, the Secretariat would invite Members to join the working group concerned upon obtaining the consent of the respective committee chairman and/or working group convenor; and

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- (b) if the office of a working group convenor became vacant, the Secretariat would assist in arranging the election of the convenor and compiling an updated membership list of the working group concerned when necessary.
- 20. The Council unanimously endorsed the above draft estimates.

Funding Application

<u>2021-2022 District Facilities and Improvement Works Proposals</u> (Paper No. STDC 38/2021)

21. The Council unanimously endorsed the above works proposals and the funding application concerned.

Information Items

Reports of Committees under the STDC

<u>Traffic and Transport Committee</u> (Paper No. STDC 39/2021)

- 22. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:
 - (a) he noticed that the situation of lost trip of local buses had become severe since the commissioning of the MTR Tuen Ma Line;
 - (b) he said that the Transport Department (TD) would report the statistics of lost bus trips in other District Councils such as Kwai Tsing District Council on a regular basis. He would later request the TD to report the relevant information on the Sha Tin District at the Traffic and Transport Committee (TTC); and
 - (c) he pointed out that the patronage statistics of some bus routes of The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. (1933) Limited did not reflect the reality. He wished to follow up on this at the next TTC meeting and asked the TD to pay attention to the situation.
- 23. The Chairman asked the department concerned to note Mr CHAN Pui-ming's opinion.

<u>District Facilities Management and Security Affairs Committee</u> (Paper No. STDC 40/2021)

- 24. <u>Mr SIN Cheuk-nam</u> said that both the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the District Facilities Management and Security Affairs Committee (DFMSC) had become vacant. He wished to know whether the Secretariat would conduct the election of the DFMSC Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the next DFMSC meeting, and the details of the election.
- 25. <u>Mr David HO</u> said that the Secretariat would arrange the election of the DFMSC Chairman and Vice-Chairman in accordance with the Standing Orders. The Secretariat would also discuss the arrangement with the Chairman in due course.

<u>Development and Housing Committee</u> (Paper No. STDC 41/2021)

- 26. Mr Felix CHOW wished to know from the Housing Department (HD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) the progress of the demolition of Sui Fai Factory Estate and Fo Tan Cooked Food Markets (East and West), as well as the latest compensation plan and settlement for the tenants of Sui Fai Factory Estate.
- 27. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:
 - (a) to his knowledge, the funding application for construction of public rental housing estates and expansion of roads at Ma On Shan Tsuen Road and Cheung Muk Tau would be submitted to the Legislative Council for consideration. He wished to know the progress of the funding application;
 - (b) he said that the Draft Ma On Shan Outline Zoning Plan No. S/MOS/23 (Zoning Plan No. S/MOS/23) discussed at the previous meeting had not been finalised. He enquired of the Planning Department (PlanD) about the time of the next meeting at which the draft zoning plan would be discussed; and
 - (c) he wished to know if the departments concerned would conduct feasibility studies on the redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate and the resumption of Fo Tan Cooked Food Markets (East and West). He would like to obtain the relevant study reports.
- 28. <u>Mr CHAN Nok-hang</u> said that as the departments concerned and the Secretariat had not contacted him regarding the aforesaid Members' enquiries prior to the meeting, he had no further comment.
- 29. Mr Allan CHAN, Chief Manager / Management (TNS) of the HD said that he had nothing to add regarding the compensation plan for the demolition of Sui Fai Factory Estate. The Development and Construction Division of the HD would consult the STDC regarding the redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate in due course.
- 30. Mr CHAN Ka-kui, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Sha Tin) of the FEHD said he had no further comment on the demolition arrangements for Fo Tan Cooked Food Markets (East and West) and the future development planning of the site.
- 31. <u>Ms Jessica CHU, District Planning Officer / Sha Tin, Tai Po and North of the PlanD</u> said that hearings on the Zoning Plan No. S/MOS/23 had been held on 7, 8 and 12 July 2021. She said no additional information on the decision made by the Town Planning Board regarding the project could be provided at present.

<u>Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee</u> (Paper No. STDC 42/2021)

- 32. The views of Mr CHENG Chung-hang were summarised below:
 - (a) the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee (CSCDC) had requested that the STDO and the committees applying for the District Council (DC) funding should hold briefing sessions on the activities concerned, allowing members of the CSCDC to be informed of the contents of the activities before

voting on the funding applications, which was different from the description in paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021 that "the Committee did not endorse the following funding applications". The statement concerned might cause members and the public to misunderstand that the CSCDC had already vetoed the above funding applications. He hoped to amend the above statement;

- (b) he said if the committees applying for DC funding chose to hold the above briefing sessions, the funding applications concerned could be discussed at the next CSCDC meeting. He hoped that the relevant views could be recorded; and
- (c) he hoped that the above briefing sessions could be held promptly to avoid affecting the holding of the activities.
- 33. Mr Felix CHOW said a provisional motion was passed at the last CSCDC meeting, which demanded the attendance of the Government Property Agency (GPA) at the next CSCDC meeting. He would like to know whether the GPA would attend the next CSCDC meeting.
- 34. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:
 - (a) members of the CSCDC had asked the STDO to arrange venues for the committees concerned to hold the briefing sessions as soon as possible. Therefore, he believed that the responsibility lay with the STDO if the briefing sessions could not be held;
 - (b) he would like to know when the proposed user mix of the joint-user complex at Shan Mei Street in Fo Tan would be confirmed;
 - (c) he was aware that some STDC Members who had been nominated to serve as directors of the Sha Tin Arts Association (STAA) had resigned from their posts as STDC Members recently. He enquired about the follow-up action;
 - (d) he wished to know whether the funding applications submitted by the Planning Committee on Festive Lighting in Sha Tin, the Sha Tin District National Education Committee and the Sha Tin Area Committees would be discussed at the next CSCDC meeting. He would like to know whether the Secretariat had discussed with the Chairman of the CSCDC the arrangement for handling the funding applications; and
 - (e) he was of the view that if the above funding applications were to be discussed at the next CSCDC meeting, the statement "the Committee did not endorse the following funding applications" in paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021 should be amended to read as "the Committee would discuss the following funding applications at the next meeting".
- 35. Mr David HO gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (a) he said that the reports of committees submitted to the STDC aimed at summarising the items resolved and discussed by members at the meetings, and the minutes of meetings of committees would record the detailed discussion at the meetings so that the public could be informed of the details of the discussion at the meetings. The secretaries of committees therefore would laid out the facts according to the discussion at the meetings when drafting the above reports of

committees;

- (b) the Secretariat noted and would convey Members' views and suggestions on the reports of committees to the Chairmen of committees;
- (c) the Secretariat had already conveyed the CSCDC's suggestions to the GPA and would notify the CSCDC of any updates; and
- (d) the Secretariat had informed the STAA that several Members, who had been previously nominated to serve as directors of the STAA, had resigned from their posts as STDC Members. The follow-up arrangement was pending further updates from the STAA.
- 36. <u>The Chairman</u> asked Members present whether they had any concrete proposed amendment to Paper No. STDC 42/2021.
- 37. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:
 - (a) he suggested that the statement "the Committee did not endorse the following funding applications" in paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021 should be amended to read as "the Committee would discuss the following funding applications at the next meeting"; and
 - (b) he wished to know whether the Secretariat would assist in the arrangement for a special meeting of the CSCDC to facilitate the prompt discussion of the above funding applications by the CSCDC.
- 38. Mr CHENG Chung-hang said that he agreed with the amendment proposed by Mr CHAN Pui-ming. He suggested that if the above briefing session could not be held before the next CSCDC meeting, the committees concerned should send representatives to give a detailed introduction of their activities at the CSCDC meeting.
- 39. The views of the Chairman were summarised below:
 - (a) he asked whether Members agreed with the amendment proposed by Mr CHAN Pui-ming;
 - (b) regarding the holding of a special meeting of the CSCDC and the briefing sessions, he asked the Secretariat to discuss the arrangement with the Vice-Chairman of the CSCDC; and
 - (c) as the posts of Chairmen of several committees had been vacant, he asked the Secretariat to discuss the committee-related matters with the Vice-Chairmen of the committees concerned and promptly follow up the elections of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees.
- 40. <u>Mr Chris MAK</u> suggested holding a special meeting of the STDC for the elections of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the committees concerned.

- 41. The Chairman said that since both the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the DFMSC had been vacant, he would chair the election of the above posts at the next DFMSC meeting, and the Vice-Chairmen of other committees concerned would chair the elections of the posts of Chairmen. He urged Members to decide whether they agreed with Mr CHAN Puiming's proposed amendment to Paper No. STDC 42/2021.
- 42. The views of Mr CHENG Chung-hang were summarised below:
 - (a) he proposed that paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021 be read as "the Committee did not endorse and would discuss the following funding applications at the next meeting";
 - (b) he asked the Secretariat to assist the committees concerned in the holding of briefing sessions as soon as possible;
 - (c) he said that Members did not have much knowledge about the latest membership lists of committees and working groups; and
 - (d) he agreed with the proposal to convene a special meeting of the STDC to handle the vacancies of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees as well as the vacancies of convenors of working groups.
- 43. <u>The Chairman</u> asked Members whether they agreed to add "would discuss at the next meeting" to paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021.
- 44. Mr CHAN Pui-ming clarified that he did not propose adding "would discuss at the next meeting" to paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021. Instead, he proposed that "the Committee did not endorse the following funding applications" should be amended to read as "the Committee would discuss the following funding applications at the next meeting".
- 45. <u>The Chairman</u> asked the Secretariat to record the above proposed amendments to paragraph (2) of Paper No. STDC 42/2021 suggested by Members and follow up the matters related to funding applications.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had followed up the matters related to funding applications with the Vice-Chairman of the CSCDC after the meeting.]

- 46. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the elections of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees had to be held at the meetings of the respective committees. He said that consideration could be given to holding special meetings of the committees concerned on the same day for the handling of election-related matters at the meetings of the respective committees.
- 47. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:
 - (a) since both the posts of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the DFMSC had been vacant, he considered the matter should be dealt with promptly. As for other committees, the Vice-Chairmen could handle the matters of their respective committees first:

- (b) he said that Members could refer to the format of the first STDC meeting in 2020, under which the STDC endorsed the establishment of its committees and the elections of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees were then held at the meetings of the respective committees; and
- (c) he agreed that consideration could be given to holding special meetings of the committees concerned on the same day for the handling of election-related matters at the meetings of the respective committees.
- 48. The views of Mr Chris MAK were summarised below:
 - (a) he said that he only partly agreed with Mr CHAN Pui-ming's views; and
 - (b) he said that consideration could be given to holding a special meeting of the STDC for handling the vacancies of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees, as well as the vacancies of convenors of working groups.
- 49. Mr Johnny CHUNG said that many organisations had invited the STDC to nominate Members to serve in different posts of their organisations before. He would like to know whether the Secretariat would contact the organisations concerned to see whether they would invite STDC Members to serve in the relevant posts again after the resignation of the original STDC Members who previously held the positions. He said the related matters could also be handled at the above special meeting of the STDC.
- 50. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the elections of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees as well as the convenors of working groups had to be held at the meetings of the respective committees. He suggested handling the matters by holding special meetings of the committees concerned on the same day.
- 51. Mr Chris MAK said that apart from the elections of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees, the proposal made by Mr Johnny CHUNG could also be handled at the above special meeting of the STDC. But he said that he would respect the final decision made by the Chairman.
- 52. <u>The Chairman</u> said that if the organisations concerned would like to invite STDC Members to serve in the posts of their organisations again, the matter should be dealt with by the relevant committees later. He asked the Secretariat to contact the relevant organisations for follow-up arrangement. As for the holding of special meetings of committees, it should be decided by the Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of the respective committees.
- 53. The views of Mr SIN Cheuk-nam were summarised below:
 - (a) he agreed with the arrangement made by the Chairman;
 - (b) he said that as quite a number of Members had resigned, there were not enough members in some working groups, while the posts of convenors of some working groups had become vacant. He suggested that the Chairman coordinate the membership re-invitation for working groups; and
 - (c) he proposed to consider endorsing the updated membership lists of working groups at the special meetings of committees.

- 54. <u>Mr CHENG Chung-hang</u> opined that a special meeting of the STDC should be held first, at which Members should be informed of the changes in the membership of committees and working groups, so that committees could hold special meetings for follow-up action later.
- 55. The Chairman suggested that the Secretariat should handle the updated membership lists of committees and working groups and the re-invitation for nomination of Members to serve in relevant organisations by means of circulation via email instead of by holding a special meeting of the STDC, so as to enhance the administrative efficiency of the STDC.
- Mr SIN Cheuk-nam said that he was the convenor of the Working Group on Building Management and Housing Affairs under the Development and Housing Committee (DHC). He had previously suggested that the Chairman of the DHC should re-invite Members to join working groups through email and endorse the updated membership lists of working groups by means of circulation, making it not necessary to hold a special meeting. He believed that administrative efficiency could be enhanced if matters were handled by means of circulation. He proposed not to hold the above special meeting mentioned by Members.
- 57. The Chairman agreed with Mr SIN Cheuk-nam's suggestion.
- 58. <u>Mr CHAN Pui-ming</u> said that he also agreed with Mr SIN Cheuk-nam's suggestion. He said that except the DFMSC, Chairmen or Vice-Chairmen of other committees could also consider handling the re-invitation for nomination of Members to serve in relevant organisations by means of circulation.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had followed up the matters concerned with the Chairman after the meeting.]

<u>Health and Environment Committee</u> (Paper No. STDC 43/2021)

- 59. Mr SIN Cheuk-nam said it was reported today that the reports of the Office of The Ombudsman revealed that the Pest Control Section of the FEHD had not conducted inspection in Ma On Shan in the past 4 months. He hoped to follow up the matter at the next meeting of the Health and Environment Committee (HEC).
- 60. The views of Mr CHAN Pui-ming were summarised below:
 - (a) he said that he would invite the FEHD to the HEC meeting to give an account of the above matter; and
 - (b) he pointed out that the representative of the STDC to serve in the Regional Advisory Committee of the Hospital Authority, Mr YUNG Ming-chau, Michael, had resigned from his post as an STDC Member. He hoped that the re-invitation for nomination of Members to serve in the post concerned could be dealt with by means of circulation.

Education and Welfare Committee (Paper No. STDC 44/2021)

- 61. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said when the Education Bureau (EDB) planned to re-provision PLK Siu Hon Sum Primary School, the estimates of the demand for school places was based on the then population of the district. However, the demolition and redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate for public housing development might affect the population of the district. He enquired about the details of the related statistics.
- 62. The views of Mr Chris MAK were summarised below:
 - (a) he said that Members had requested the EDB to provide related information within 7 days at the meeting of the Education and Welfare Committee (EWC). However, he had yet to receive any reply from the EDB;
 - (b) he opined that the number of service recipients was important for the evaluation of the quality of an education organisation; and
 - (c) he said the EDB could reply to him and Mr CHAN Pui-ming directly.
- 63. <u>Ms WONG Kam-lai, Chief School Development Officer (Sha Tin) of the EDB</u> gave a consolidated response as follows:
 - (a) the EDB did not have the estimates of the population after the redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate; and
 - (b) since the relevant information involved another department, the EDB had not yet received the related statistics, and therefore it was difficult to estimate the demand for school places.

[Post-meeting note: The EDB had submitted the supplementary information on the redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate in Fo Tan and the re-provisioning of PLK Siu Hon Sum Primary School after the meeting. The information had been uploaded to the webpage of the STDC under the EWC papers.]

- 64. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said he understood that when the EDB formulated the number of classrooms of PLK Siu Hon Sum Primary School, the plan for the demolition and redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate might not be finalised, and related departments might not have consulted other departments either. He would like to know whether the HD could provide the relevant figures to the EDB and the STDC, and whether it could provide the report of the feasibility study on the demolition and redevelopment of Sui Fai Factory Estate to the STDC.
- 65. <u>Mr Allan CHAN</u> said that he did not have the relevant figures in hand and would find out whether the HD had the related information.
- 66. The Chairman asked the EDB and the HD to follow up the matters concerned.

<u>Finance and General Affairs Committee</u> (Paper No. STDC 45/2021)

- 67. Mr CHAN Pui-ming said that the prevailing Standing Orders stipulated that a member elected as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of a committee could not hold office as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of another committee at the same time. He would like to know the procedures for amending the Standing Orders.
- 68. Mr David HO said that the Secretariat was required to follow up the amendment to the Standing Orders in accordance with the Standing Orders and the District Council Ordinance. According to the practice of the STDC in the past, the Secretariat could, under the instruction of the Chairman, assist in collating the views of related working groups or Members on the amendment to the Standing Order, and convey the views to the FGAC for consideration. When Members reached a consensus, the proposal would be submitted to the STDC for consideration.
 69. The Council noted the 7 reports of committees above.

Financial Account of the STDC (as at 30 June 2021) (Paper No. STDC 46/2021)

70. The Council noted the above paper.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

- 71. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 pm on 23 September 2021 (Thursday).
- 72. The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Sha Tin District Council Secretariat STDC 13/15/15/1

September 2021