Summary of Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee ("EHDDC") held its 5th meeting on 18 July 2014.

<u>Calling for Improvement of New Chi Lok Footbridge (Matters Relating to</u> <u>Environmental Hygiene, Lift and Ventilation)</u>

2. The EHDDC asked the Highways Department ("HyD") to increase the frequency of cleaning Chi Lok Footbridge, and give due consideration to the ventilation problem thereof. As no representative from the HyD attended this meeting, the EHDDC would write to the HyD seeking its reply to Members' enquiries. The EHDDC also asked the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department ("EMSD") to report on the improvement of water dripping in the lift car when test results were available.

<u>Request for Relocation of Tuen Mun Public Cargo Working Area to Areas 38</u> and 40

3. The EHDDC discussed the relocation of Tuen Mun Public Cargo Working Area to Areas 38 and 40. The Planning Department ("PlanD") said that the feasibility of relocating the cargo working area to Area 40 would be examined in the consultancy study on the development of Areas 40 and 46 commissioned by the Government, which was considered a breakthrough. The EHDDC hoped that the Transport and Housing Bureau would co-operate actively with the PlanD and report on any new progress.

<u>Retrofitting of Noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section)</u> ("TMRTCS")

4. The EHDDC noted the HyD's written reply on this matter.

World Health Day 2014 – Vector-Borne Diseases

5. Members supported this project to promote health in the community.

<u>PWP Item No. 6814TH – Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Fu</u> <u>Tei Section)</u> Latest Project Progress after Gazettal and Proposed Amendment of Gazettal

6. The EHDDC did not oppose the proposed amendment to this project, but requested the HyD to take follow-up action on the minor noise problem arising from the works and design, co-ordinate better with the Members concerned, and report on any progress. The EHDDC also asked the HyD to examine the acoustic effectiveness

of the noise barriers on TMRTCS in general and use the results as a reference for this project.

Development of a Community Green Station in Tuen Mun

7. The EHDDC did not oppose the project site, but uncertainties remained as to the future mode of operation. The EHDDC asked the Environmental Protection Department ("EPD") to perform its supervisory role, and report on the method for operational management of the project and the mechanism for reporting to the Tuen Mun District Council ("TMDC") after the same were available.

Request for Enhancement of Facilities and Management of San Hui Market

8. The EHDDC expressed regret about the absence of the EMSD's representative at the meeting, and would write to the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services to request a representative from the EMSD to respond at the next meeting. In addition, the EHDDC asked the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") to relay Members' views on the problems and policies in the management of San Hui Market to the Food and Health Bureau, and asked the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities to co-ordinate where necessary.

Request for Clarification of Land Ownership

9. The representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") said that the channel below the slope in Tuen Mun Park was maintained by the Architectural Services Department, and that the LCSD had noted Members' concern about stagnant water, and was following up on the problem. The EHDDC pointed out that part of the ill-designed drain at this location had been blocked, and asked the LCSD to co-ordinate for the clearance and improvement of the blocked drain.

Anti-rodent Campaign 2014 (Phase 2) in Tuen Mun

10. The FEHD said that particular attention would be drawn to the situation of rodent infestation in San Hui Market to address Members' concern. The EHDDC also asked the FEHD to take follow-up action on the problem of underground rat burrows.

Report of Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities

11. The EHDDC noted the Programme Plan of the Working Group, and agreed to the Working Group's transfer of \$12,500 from the estimated provision of the TMDC funds to the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities.

Report of Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

12. The Working Group hoped to be allocated more provision for project implementation in the next financial year.

Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District

13. The EHDDC was concerned about the significant delays in the water main laying works at a number of road sections, and enquired about the progress of "Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains Stage 3 – Mains in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long". The EHDDC resolved to write to the Water Supplies Department to convey its views and make enquiries.

Water Quality of Tuen Mun River

14. The EHDDC asked the EPD to report properly on the water quality of Tuen Mun River.

Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme

15. The Chairman, who was also a member of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme, reported on the Steering Committee's follow-up action on restored landfills.

Maintenance Arrangements for Stickers of Thematic Graphic Design of Noise Barriers/Noise Enclosures on and Footbridges across TMRTCS

16. The EHDDC endorsed the future maintenance arrangements for the stickers of thematic graphic design of noise barriers/noise enclosures on and footbridges across TMRTCS. Starting from 19 February 2015, the TMDC would be responsible for maintaining all the stickers, and the Works Section of the Tuen Mun District Office ("TMDO") could assist in conducting bi-monthly cleansing operations. Other maintenance and replacement works would be implemented as required and covered by the recurrent expenditure of district minor works. Fund applications of major maintenance works would be submitted to the District Facilities Management Committee where necessary. The TMDO also suggested that before undertaking any future maintenance works as requested by government departments, the TMDC could request the departments concerned to provide detailed information and discuss with the TMDO as soon as possible.

17. Another Member reflected that the stickers of thematic graphic design of Siu On Footbridge had been damaged. The EHDDC asked China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd. to arrange early restoration.

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