Summary of Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee ("EHDDC") held its 7th meeting on 21 November 2014.

<u>Improvements to Existing Cycle Tracks and Cycle Parking Facilities in New Towns and</u> <u>Review of Existing Bicycle Prohibition Zones – Feasibility Study</u>

2. The Transport Department ("TD") and the Consultant gave a PowerPoint presentation on the improvements to the existing cycle tracks and cycle parking facilities in new towns. The EHDDC did not oppose the improvements recommended by the TD in principle, but was concerned about their impacts on cyclists and pedestrians. The TD was therefore requested to provide the PowerPoint file for Members' reference, and furnish data from the Tai Po Pilot Scheme at the next meeting. In addition, the EHDDC requested the TD to consult cycling organisations on Members' concern to facilitate further discussion at the next meeting.

<u>Thematic Mosquito Prevention and Control Special Operation by the Food and</u> <u>Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD")</u>

3. As the contractors of the FEHD were considered perfunctory, the EHDDC suggested the FEHD communicate the problem to their management, and requested the department to co-ordinate large-scale anti-mosquito work and give related talks. Besides, the EHDDC asked the District Lands Office, Tuen Mun to step up grass cutting and anti-mosquito work on Government lands, and the Housing Department to co-ordinate with The Link Management Limited to clarify the responsibility between them for anti-mosquito work at the junction of areas under their purview.

Request for Explanation on the Management and Land Use of EcoPark

4. The EHDDC resolved that another visit to EcoPark would be conducted upon the commencement of food waste recycling operation after Lunar New Year so as to inspect the problems raised by the Member who submitted the paper.

Tuen Mun Beach Water Quality Grading

5. Members enquired about the water quality grading and measure of beaches and the problem of water fleas. The EHDDC asked the Environmental Protection Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to provide supplementary information at the next meeting.

Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at October 2014

6. Members put forward their views and enquiries about the grass cutting work involved in the rural environmental hygiene improvement works in Tuen Mun District. The Tuen Mun District Office promised to strengthen supervision of contractors and keep an eye on the effectiveness of grass cutting work in response to Members' views.

<u>Report of Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities</u>

7. The Chairman encouraged Members to attend the cooking competition held by the Working Group on 22 November 2014 at Yan Oi Town Square, which aimed to promote energy saving and a "food wise" culture.

Progress Report as at 31 October 2014

8. The EHDDC resolved to enquire with the departments concerned about the scope of dredging works at the wholesale fish market and typhoon shelter in Area 44.

Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District

9. The EHDDC saw delays in the water main laying works, and resolved to write to the Water Supplies Department to enquire about the delays and the latest works progress.

<u>Report of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding</u> <u>Scheme</u>

10. The EHDDC commented on the uses of restored landfills in Tuen Mun District. The Chairman reported that part of the area of the Pillar Point Valley Landfill would be used for the construction of a shooting range by the Hong Kong Shooting Association, with the uses of the remaining land yet to be decided. While the arrangement for the restored Siu Lang Shui Landfill had not been penciled in, the Steering Committee was exploring the feasibility of building a butterfly park. The Chairman would report to the EHDDC on any further information provided by the Steering Committee.

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