

Summary of Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (2014-2015)

Meeting

The Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) held its eighth meeting on 16 January 2015.

Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection 2015/16

2. The Environmental Protection Department briefed Members on the Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection. Members discussed the programme and the activities to be held by the Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities in the coming year. The Chairman said that Members’ views would be relayed to the appropriate level, and that the working group would further discuss the work programme of the coming year and report to the EHDDC after the finalisation of the programme.

Review on the Occupation of Streets and Roads at Various Locations in Tuen Mun Area 4B

3. The EHDDC discussed the issues of occupation of streets and roads at various locations in Tuen Mun Area 4B as well as the illegal parking of motor cycles in the vicinity of Hip Pont Building and expressed the hope that the Police and other departments concerned could step up the efforts in tackling the problems. A Member expressed the concern over the problems of illegal parking and the operation of crane lorries on footpaths. While considering that the problems fell outside the purview of the EHDDC, the Chairman opined that they had indeed caused nuisance to Tuen Mun District and hoped that the Police could pay more attention in this regard. The EHDDC resolved to write to the Transport Department, asking it to strengthen the road management in collaboration with the Police.

Improvement to the Conditions of the San Hui Market

4. The EHDDC discussed the issues of long-term parking of vehicles at the cargo handling area of San Hui Market and not reprovisioning the toilets after their demolition. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) said that it would further discuss the length of stay of lorries with the stall operators and consider the feasibility of the provision of public toilets. It would also carry out further study in respect of other suggestions involving planning issues. The EHDDC resolved that the issues concerned would be followed up by the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities.

Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

5. The EHDDC enquired about the number of Sushi/Sashimi Permit issued and the credibility of the data on mosquito infestation. The FEHD provided the information accordingly and said that the number of food premises which had obtained endorsement for sale of sushi and sashimi could be provided for Members’ reference after the meeting if necessary.

Fuk Hang Tsuen Road Aqua Privy Conversion Project in Tuen Mun

6. Members enquired whether the aqua privy improvement project in Tuen Mun had been fully completed. The FEHD remarked that there were three aqua privies where improvement works were pending for implementation because of issues of private land and water supplies, and that the FEHD would continue to follow up.

Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

7. The EHDDC agreed to the transfer of \$2,000 from the allocation for the Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities to that for the Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities for the implementation of programmes in the coming year. The Convenor of the working group said that it would follow up the issues of rubbish clearing at the shop fronts on Kai Man Path, San Hui and penalty for shop premises causing obstructions at streets.

Progress Report on Works under Drainage Services Department

8. The EHDDC opined that the nullah decking works had been completed in a perfunctory manner which had resulted in uneven road surface. The EHDDC requested the department to urge the contractor to take follow-up actions.

Report on Water Seepage Problems at Buildings in Tuen Mun District

9. The EHDDC discussed the way of handling the water seepage issue currently adopted by the department. The FEHD remarked that it had held discussions on complaint procedures, procedures on handling water seepage cases, testing materials and equipment etc with the Buildings Department regularly. The FEHD would reflect Members' views during the meetings with the BD and report to Members at the next EHDDC meeting.

Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District

10. The EHDDC resolved to write to the Water Supplies Department to request the information regarding the date of completion of the works for Members' reference.

Report of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme

11. The EHDDC put forward its views on the uses of the restored landfills in Tuen Mun District. The Chairman who was also a member of the Steering Committee on the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme remarked that while part of the Pillar Point Valley Landfill would be allocated to the Hong Kong Shooting Association for the provision of a shooting range, the uses of the remaining area had yet to be confirmed. The steering committee would consider whether to construct a youth hostel in the remaining area. It was also considering the construction of a butterfly park at the restored Siu Lang Shui Landfill.