

**Summary of Minutes of the 23rd Meeting
of the Tuen Mun District Council (2012-2015)**

Meeting

The Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) held its 23rd meeting on 7 July 2015.

Meeting between the Director of Health and Tuen Mun District Councillors

2. The Director of Health (“D of H”) attended the meeting of the TMDC to brief Members on the work of the Department of Health (“DH”) and listen to the views of Members on items of concern of the local community. A number of Members put forward their views and questions which included: (a) they asked the DH to directly disseminate the latest information about communicable diseases to the TMDC; (b) they suggested that the staff of the DH should attend more seminars on cleaning work held for front-line cleansing workers; (c) they urged the DH to enhance the public dental services in Hong Kong; (d) they suggested that the Government should improve the medical services for women and allocate more resources to the breast cancer screening programme; (e) they suggested that the Government should relax the age requirement for joining the Elderly Vaccination Subsidy Scheme from 65 or above to 60 or above; (f) they suggested that the DH should strengthen the promotion of the message of anti-smoking; (g) they requested the DH to strengthen its cooperation with the relevant government departments in the areas of drainage cleaning and prevention of mosquito breeding so as to combat dengue fever; (h) they suggested that the Government should facilitate the promotion of breastfeeding at policy level; (i) they requested the DH to consider arranging early comprehensive assessment for preschool children and timely Child Assessment Service; (j) they requested the DH to study Hong Kong’s mechanism of issuing the Outbound Travel Alert on individual countries affected by infectious diseases; and (k) they suggested that the DH should strengthen the Chinese medicine services in the district and optimise the use of the existing facilities in Tuen Mun Clinic. The D of H thanked Members for their views and gave a consolidated reply accordingly.

Meeting between the Director of Highways and Tuen Mun District Councillors

3. The Director of Highways (“D of Hy”) attended the meeting of the TMDC to brief Members on the work of the Highways Department and listen to the views of

Members on items of concern of the local community. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on various projects in the district which included: (a) the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (“TMWB”); (b) the Widening of Castle Peak Road – Castle Peak Bay Section; (c) the Tuen Mun Road Bus-Bus Interchange; (d) the Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section); (e) the Retrofitting of Noise Barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Fu Tei Section); (f) excavation permits and road reinstatement; and (g) the Tuen Mun South Extension. The D of Hy responded accordingly.

Stage 3 Community Engagement of the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study

4. The representatives of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”), the Planning Department (“PlanD”) and the Consultant briefed the TMDC on the paper on Stage 3 Community Engagement of the Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study and invited Members to give views on the Recommended Outline Development Plan. A number of Members put forward their views and questions on the paper which were highlighted as follows: (a) they opined that due arrangements should be made for the relocation of residents of Yick Yuen so that they could continue to live in situ; (b) they suggested that the overhead high voltage cables located in the affected area should be laid underground in the form of tunnel; (c) they suggested that the existing Light Rail system – Lam Tei to Hung Shui Kiu Section should be elevated to spare space for other uses; (d) they requested the department concerned to consider the transportation of waste to the North West New Territories Refuse Transfer Station at Shun Tat Street, Lam Tei through a tunnel; (e) they urged the department concerned to follow up the traffic planning of various junctions of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor (“HKSWC”) and to implement and commence the various related projects as soon as possible; (f) they suggested that the department concerned should consider connecting the HKSWC to the Pillar Point and the Castle Peak Range with a tunnel so as to link up with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; (g) they enquired whether one of the new roads under planning was another alignment of the TMWB and requested the department concerned to liaise with the Transport and Housing Bureau in this regard for compatibility; (h) they expressed the hope to learn more about the planning details of the tram system, the hospital, the tertiary institution and the technology park as well as the details of the relevant policy support; (i) while expressing no objection to the proposed development of the tram system in the area, they requested the department concerned to consider, during the design stage, linking up the tram system

with the existing railway system; (j) they expressed concern over issues related to the agricultural resite, compensation for land resumption and brownfield operations; (k) they requested for a joint meeting with the Yuen Long District Council; (l) they suggested that the department concerned should implement proper conservation measures while carrying out the development plan; and (m) while expressing support for the development of the brownfield by the Government, they hoped that it could make proper rehousing arrangements for and reasonable compensation to the existing users. The representatives of the CEDD and PlanD gave a consolidated reply accordingly.

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