

Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee of  
the Tuen Mun District Council

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Date : 13 July 2018 (Friday)

Time : 9:30 a.m.

Venue : Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung (Vice-chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	10:31 a.m.
Mr LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, BBS, MH	TMDC Vice-Chairman	9:30 a.m.	10:18 a.m.
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:39 a.m.	11:34 a.m.
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	10:11 a.m.
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:13 a.m.
Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:33 a.m.
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:42 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	12:23 p.m.
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms SO Ka-man	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YIP Man-pan	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr Yeung Chi-hang	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KEUNG Kai-pong	Co-opted Member	10:21 a.m.	11:01 a.m.
Mr CHAN Tsim-heng	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSOI Shing-hin	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Chui-wan, Ida (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council) <sup>2</sup> (Acting), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By Invitation

Mr LUK Sung-ki, Henry	Senior Architect 23, Housing Department
Ms TANG Hoi-ming, Alison	Architect 18, Housing Department
Mr LAU Wing-tat, Victor	Civil Engineer 27, Housing Department
Mr CHAN Yin-sang	Planning Officer, Housing Department
Ms CHIU Lai-chun, Kitty	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Social Welfare Department
Dr AU YEUNG Tung-wai	Service Director (Primary & Community Health Care), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority
Ms Cecilia HUI	Assistant Hospital Manager (Public Affairs and Donation Management), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority
Mr CHAN Chi-wai, Eric	Senior Engineer/New Territories West 2 (Acting), Water Supplies Department
Mr FUNG Yuk-ming	Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 2), Water Supplies Department
Mr LAW See-hon, Sean	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise)4, Environmental Protection Department

In Attendance

Miss TSUI Man-ye, Joanna	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Tsz-hong, Billy	Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)2, Home Affairs Department
Mr LEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr CHIU Man-cheong	Chief Health Inspector (Tuen Mun)2, Food and Environment Hygiene Department
Ms CHAN Wing-ye	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tuen Mun)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr CHAN Pui-shing, Michael	Engineer/Tuen Mun 4, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHEUNG Chun-kit	Housing Manager/Tuen Mun 1, Housing Department
Mr YEUNG Mo-man	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)1, Environmental Protection Department
Miss WU Ho-kei, Maggie	Town Planner/Tuen Mun 4, Planning Department
Mr CHAN Yuen-heng, Jason	Engineer/15 (West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr TAM Kwok-leung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (Acting) (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
Mr CHOW Hing-yu	Project Coordinator/Design 3,

Water Supplies Department

Absent with Apologies

Mr SO Shiu-shing

Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo

Mr YAN Siu-nam

Ms KWAN Daina Ho-yin

Mr LEUNG Kin-shing

TMDC Member

TMDC Member

TMDC Member

Co-opted Member

Co-opted Member

## **I. Opening Remarks**

The Chairlady extended welcome to all attendees attending the 5th meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) and to all departmental representatives in attendance.

2. The Chairlady reminded Members that any Member who was aware of a personal interest in a discussion item should declare the interest before the discussion. She would, in accordance with Order 39 (12) of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Standing Orders, decide whether the Member who had declared an interest might speak or vote on the matter, might remain in the meeting as an observer, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

## **II. Absence from Meeting**

3. The Secretary reported that Mr SO Shiu-shing sought leave of absence on the ground of having other commitments whereas Mr CHAN Man-wah applied for sick leave.

[Post-meeting note: Mr CHAN subsequently submitted a medical certificate to the Secretariat in accordance with the TMDC Standing Orders; so, his application for leave of absence was approved by the EHDDC.]

## **III. Confirmation of Minutes of The Last Meeting**

4. As Members had not proposed any amendment to the minutes of the 4th meeting of the EHDDC (2018-2019), the Chairlady announced that the minutes were confirmed.

## **IV. Discussion Items**

### **(A) Tuen Mun Area 29 (West) Public Housing Development (EHDDC Paper No. 38/2018)**

5. The Chairlady welcomed Mr LUK Sung-ki, Henry, Senior Architect; Ms TANG Hoi Ming, Alison, Architect; Mr LAU Wing-tat, Victor, Civil Engineer; and Mr CHAN Yin-sang, Planning Officer, of the Housing Department (“HD”); Ms CHIU Lai-chun, Kitty, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun) of Social Welfare Department (“SWD”); Dr AU-YEUNG Tung-wai, Cluster Chief Executive (New Territories West) and Ms HUI Wing-sau, Assistant Manager, of the Hospital Authority (“HA”), to the meeting.

6. Mr LUK of the HD gave a briefing on the captioned project through a Powerpoint presentation (Annex 1\*).

\*Only available in Chinese version.

7. Members' comments and enquires on the HD's briefing are summarised below:
- (i) A Member said the roundabout proposed in the project was very near the emergency exit of Siu Lung Court and was worried that it would cause obstruction. The Member also said the public carpark at Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool would be closed for 9 months for carrying out works and enquired whether the HD would provide temporary parking spaces for schools which held swimming gala at the swimming pool.
  - (ii) A Member endorsed the building of public housing and learnt that the Tuen Mun North West Area Committee had already discussed the captioned project in detail. She hoped that the HD would honour its pledge and bear the expenditure used in the alteration of the estate facilities required in the project, among which were works relating to the crashgate of the fire exit of Siu Lung Court and the railings near the roundabout ;
  - (iii) A Member supported public housing development but was worried about the arrangement of the maintenance of Po Tin Estate. She said the HD had proposed to route the sewage system through Po Tin Estate earlier on; but because the property ownership of Po Tin Estate was complicated, and the proposal involved the alteration of the fire exits of the estate, she was against it. She was glad that the HD accepted the opinion and revised the proposal, and expressed her support to the revised proposal;
  - (iv) A Member hoped that the HD would pledge to construct walkways at Po Tin Estate which could facilitate wheelchair users to go to Area 29 and residents to go to the proposed community health centre and other facilities at Area 29. The Member said this proposal could also facilitate the residents of Area 29 to use the transport facilities at Po Tin Estate or Leung King Estate.
  - (v) A Member hoped that the HD, HA and SWD would give briefings on the proposed walkway, the services offered by the community health centre, and the home for the aged respectively; and
  - (vi) A Member hoped that the HD could provide the transport assessment report for reference by the EHDDC.
8. Mr LUK of the HD responded that the HD had discussed with the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") about the carpark arrangement at Tuen Mun North West

Swimming Pool, and had proposed to include in the relevant contract a term of reserving space for the parking of coaches which transported passengers to the swimming pool when a school held activities there. Regarding the government funds applied for, the HD would reserve part of them for payment of the works discussed earlier in the North West Area Committee and the relevant Incorporated Owners. Furthermore, the walkway connecting Po Tin Estate with the community health centre at Area 29 was also included in the planning. To provide sufficient space for access by the disabled, the HD would widen the proposed walkway through the inclusion of the planter area located there.

9. Mr LAU of the HD responded that to increase the road surface area and make it convenient for the emergency vehicles to access, the proposed roundabout at Siu Lung Court would take up the spaces at the exit of Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool, the guard post and the storeroom. He said the roundabout was designed in accordance with the Transport Planning and Design Manual of Transport Department, conforming to the traffic safety standards. The HD would install road signs and railings in the vicinity. Regarding the proposal to install railings at the fire exits of Siu Lung Court, as the proposed railings were located within the boundary of Siu Lung Court, the HD would have to discuss with the Incorporated Owners of Siu Lung Court about it. In addition, in April 2014, the HD had commissioned consultants to count the traffic volume, and the result indicated that in the morning rush hour, there were approximately 115 vehicles/times going out from the road next to the swimming pool. The HD anticipated that after population intake, the extra traffic volume generated from Area 29 would be a maximum of 1 vehicle per minute (going in and out), so there was still room for admitting more vehicles. The HD had already submitted the relevant assessment report to the Transport Department (“TD”), which was endorsed by the latter.

10. Ms CHIU of the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) responded that the proposed contract Home for the Aged included in the captioned project would provide a quota of 100 residential care service places, for the residential care of those elderly persons who had been assessed as mildly or severely disabled. The basic facilities of the Home for the Aged included bedrooms, multi-purpose rooms, rehabilitation treatment rooms, kitchen and small group activity rooms.

11. Mr AU-YEUNG of the HA responded that in the long term, the HA hoped to set up a Community Health Centre in every district. The proposed Tuen Mun Community Health Centre had an area bigger than the Tin Shui Wai Community Health Centre and could provide a wider range of services, including an out-patient clinic and other specialised medical services such as physical therapy, vocational treatment, nurse clinic, Smoking Cessation Service, and Patient Empowerment Programme, with a view to provide a consolidated Primary Care Medical Service. He pointed out further that at present, New Territories West was provided with a quota of 800,000

general out-patient attendances each year. After the completion of the Tuen Mun Community Centre in year 2024, the said quota would be increased by 300,000 attendances each year, which was expected to be able to meet the demand for out-patient services of New Territories West for the next 10 to 20 years.

12. Members' comments and enquiries on the various departments' reply are summarised below:

- (i) A Member said the location of the proposed roundabout was at the guard post of the Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool and enquired whether in the future, swimmers could access the swimming pool through that area;
- (ii) A Member pointed out that at present, the maintenance of the area from the gate of Leung King Estate to the traffic light was the responsibility of the the Incorporated Owners of Leung King Estate, and enquired whether the HD would reclaim the said area before the commencement of the captioned housing project. He/she also urged the HD to discuss with the Incorporated Owners of Siu Lung Court about the arrangement of installing a crashgate at the fire exit; and
- (iii) A Member said as the traffic volume would increase after the completion of the captioned project, the HD must disclose the data of the relevant traffic assessment in the North West Area Committee meeting, and pointed out that the powerpoint presentation did not show the proposed walkway of Area 29.

13. Mr LAU of the HD responded that 2 vehicles/times per minute was the data recorded in April 2018, and 1 vehicle/time per minute was the extra traffic volume after the completion of Area 29 as forecasted in the traffic assessment, so the total traffic volume was about 3 vehicle/times per minute. He then demonstrated by powerpoint that the existing walkway led to the Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool, whereas the proposed walkway would be about 3 metres wide and would go along the roundabout to Area 29.

14. Mr LUK of the the HD responded that the HD was currently discussing with the Lands Department ("LandsD") about reclaiming the area from the gate of Leung King Estate to the traffic light, and would strive to ensure that while the works were ongoing, the works contractor would take up the traffic management there.

15. A Member said since the TD would be responsible for managing the proposed roundabout upon its completion, it should send representative to attend the meetings of the North West Area Committee and comment on the traffic assessment materials.

16. The Chairlady requested the representatives of the HD and the TD to follow up on the traffic assessment report and report the details in the meetings of the North West Area Housing Department Committee.

**(B) Strong Request for Speedy Replacement of Aged Water Mains in Tuen Mun Pier Area to Solve the Problem of Water Mains Burst (EHDDC Paper No. 39/2018)**  
**(Written Reply from Water Supplies Department)**

17. The Chairlady welcomed Mr. CHAN Chi-wai , Senior Engineer and Mr. FUNG Yuk-ming, Ricky, Engineer, of Water Supplies Department (“WSD”) to the meeting.

18. The first proposer of the paper opined that for the sake of convenience in arrangement, the WSD would only replaced a tiny section of the water mains each time, so the water mains replacement works for the entire road took several years to complete. On 17 May 2018, a water main burst incident occurred again at Wu Chui Road, which affected many citizens. He urged the WSD to speed up the replacement works of the water mains at Wu Chui Road and avoid splitting up the works. In addition, he suggested the WSD and Tuen Mun District Office (TMDO) to coordinate with each other, and inform the residents affected by a water main burst of the traffic diversion arrangement as soon as possible through various means (such as posters in the elevators of housing estates).

19. Mr CHAN of the WSD replied that the WSD was aware of the frequent water mains bursts at Wu Chui Road near Tuen Mun Ferry Pier area in recent years, and the section that burst or leaked was a 600 metre stretch of a 900 mm seawater pipe from Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road. This seawater pipe was the main pipe that transported seawater pumped from the Tuen Mun seawater pumping station to the Tuen Mun town centre for toilet flushing purpose. If this entire pipe was suspended for rehabilitation works, the seawater supply of the entire Tuen Mun town centre would be affected. Therefore, the WSD could only carry out the mains replacement works in sections to minimise the inconvenience caused to the citizens. He said the opening of the Lok On Pai seawater pumping station would increase seawater supply to Tuen Mun district and hence empower the WSD to carry out water mains replacement works in a large scale. Currently, the WSD was rehabilitating the severely ageing section of 900 mm seawater pipe from Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road. By 2019, upon the gradual completion of rehabilitation works, the stability of the water mains in Tuen Mun district would be much improved.

20. Mr CHAN of the WSD pointed out further that the section of pipe involved in the water mains burst at Wu Chui Road on 17 May 2018 was a 250 mm seawater pipe at the junction of Wu Chui Road and Mei Lok Lane. If in the past, since the junction was the only egress of Mei Lok



Lane, the WSD was unable to reach a consensus on the traffic arrangement with Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL). It was only after the said incident had happened that the MTRCL, the police and the TD reached consensus on a temporary traffic arrangement to allow the WSD to close the road for replacing the entire seawater pipe section of about 50 metres.

21. Members' comments on the WSD's reply are summarised below:

- (i) A Member said the various departments could only reach consensus after the said incident, which reflected the lack of adequate emergency measures; he/she also said the water mains bursts cases had been happening in Tuen Mun district for many years, and requested the WSD to complete the rehabilitation of the water mains in Tuen Mun district as soon as possible;
- (ii) A Member said the WSD had not responded to the query of how the citizens could be informed of the water mains bursts incidents as soon as possible. Even though the WSD would release the relevant information through the media or mobile app, most citizens might not constantly pay attention to the app; so, he requested the WSD to coordinate with the TMDO about informing the citizens of the traffic diversion arrangements as soon as possible;
- (iii) A Member said the WSD had carried out rehabilitation works simultaneously for the water mains near Lung Mun Road, Sun Tuen Mun Centre, and Melody Garden, but merely arranged the period of June 2018 to January 2019 for the rehabilitation of the water mains at the junction of Lung Mun Road and Wu Chui Road, and the rehabilitation for the water mains at Mei Lok Lane could only be carried out after the completion of the above works. He considered the area covered by the works was not large and did not comprehend why the above rehabilitation works could not be carried out simultaneously. Furthermore, as the WSD had laid temporary water pipes at the junction of Lung Mun Road and Wu Chui Road, he queried why the same measure could not be adopted at Mei Lok Lane. He said the WSD should increase manpower and resources to complete the works as soon as possible, instead of splitting up the works for the administrative convenience of the department; and
- (iv) A Member concurred with the above comment and said as there had been numerous water mains burst incidents in Tuen Mun town centre, the relevant departments (such as TD and Highways Department ("HyD")) should set up a routine communication mechanism to discuss with Members of the relevant constituency about methods of improvement.

22. The Chairlady referred to the captioned paper which requested the WSD to allocate more resources to replace the aged water mains around Wu Chui Road and said that the WSD had replied in writing that the bursts of seawater mains from Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road were mainly due to the ageing of the water pipes, and which had already been included in the water mains rehabilitation programme and was expected to be completed in year 2019. As the EHDDC would later on, discuss the suggestions about the notification mechanism narrated in Paper No. 41, she requested the WSD to only reply to the query why the water mains works at Mei Lok Lane had to be split up.

23. Mr CHAN of the WSD responded that the WSD had laid a temporary water pipe at the junction of Wu Chui Road and Lung Mun Road for the transportation of seawater while a section of the 900 mm seawater pipe there could be repaired. As space at the said location was limited, the WSD could only lay a 300 mm temporary water pipe, and the flow from Tuen Mun pumping station was thus affected. If another section of 300 mm diameter water pipe was laid at Mei Lok Lane, the volume of the whole water supply system would be further reduced, seriously affecting the seawater supply in Tuen Mun district. After weighing the different methods suggested in the proposals, the WSD decided to split the rehabilitation works of the water mains into stages to minimise the effect on the citizens. He said the anticipated completion dates of the two works projects were only 1 year apart, and the relevant arrangement was purely for the sake of practical operation.

24. The first proposer of the paper said currently, seawater was pumped from the pumping station at Mei Lok Lane, he suggested to install a 300 mm diameter temporary water pipe at that location and connect it with the 900 mm seawater pipe (Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road), and further connect it with the 300 mm diameter temporary water pipe at Melody Garden and Butterfly Estate. He said the seawater pipe of the Mei Lok Lane pumping station had a diameter of 300 mm, and considered the connection of a 300 mm diameter seawater pipe (Mei Lok Lane seawater pumping station) via a 900 mm diameter seawater pipe (Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road) with a 300 mm diameter temporary water pipe (Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road), the efficacy should be the same as the connection from a 900 mm diameter seawater pipe (Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road) with a 300 mm diameter temporary water pipe (Wu Chui Road to Lung Mun Road). He requested the WSD to consider arranging for the two works projects to be carried out simultaneously.

25. Mr CHAN of the WSD responded that when the diameter of the water pipe was reduced from 900 mm to 300 mm, the water pressure in the water supply system would drop. The longer the 300 mm diameter water pipe, the more decrease in the water pressure of the water supply system. Therefore, whenever a 300 mm temporary pipe was laid, its length had to be restricted

for maintaining the normal operation of the seawater supply system and hence ensuring normal seawater supply to the users while the relevant works were ongoing.

26. A Member said not every Member understood the technical operation involved in water mains rehabilitation and considered that the WSD should explain the relevant arrangement to Members before the commencement of the works, instead of wasting time in a meeting to give the above explanation.

27. The Chairlady said the water mains burst incident involved a vast area and was also the concern of Members of the constituency. She said after the WSD explained the technical arrangement regarding this paper, the WSD should also explain how to improve the notification mechanism for emergency cases when discussing paper No. 41 .

(C) **Concerns Over the Drifting of Poisonous Fireworms to Beaches in Tuen Mun by Water Currents**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 40/2018)**  
**(Written Reply from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)**

28. The first proposer of the paper said fireworms were found at the Golden Beach and Cafeteria Old Beach. He urged the the LCSD to monitor the situation so as to protect citizens from being stung by fireworms.

29. Ms CHAN Wing-yee of the LCSD thanked Members for their concern and said the LCSD would continue to monitor the situation at Golden Beach and Cafeteria Old Beach. She said according to the information provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”), fireworms were benthic and mostly active underneath the sand. She believed that fireworms showed up at beaches mainly due to climate changes and during their breeding season, the LCSD would monitor the situation closely.

30. A Member said there was a report by the media on 20 June 2018 regarding the appearance of fireworms on Lantau Island, it was believed that the fireworms had drifted in the water from Lantau Island to Tsuen Wan, Castle Peak Road and then to the various beaches. That report also pointed out that a life guard organization had discovered the fireworms in beaches, and she believed that the life guards should have already reported the situation to the LCSD. 18 June 2018 was the Tuen Ng Festival, many citizens had swum in the “dragon boat water”. She queried whether the LCSD had known the occurrence of fireworms at that time, or whether it was aware of them but still had not taken any action to protect the swimmers. She opined that even if the LCSD did not close the beaches in question, it should at least make broadcasts or notices to alert the swimmers of fireworms, but she did not observe any of these

alerts made to swimmers and considered such inertia worrying.

31. A Member said the aforesaid inertia response reflected problems in the notification mechanism. He/she pointed out that in the past, in case of emergency situations, the LCSD would have informed the chairman of the relevant committee and the relevant district councillors well before the media released their reports; so, he/she opined that in the future, the LCSD should first inform the Chairlady of the EHDDC of any emergency situation.

32. Ms CHAN of the LCSD responded that the LCSD would enhance the notification mechanism, increase communication with Members, and whenever necessary, inform the relevant committee and district councillors.

33. The Chairlady requested the representative of the LCSD to reflect the comments of Members to the authority and improve the notification mechanism.

**(D) Request for Speedy and Comprehensive Replacement of Water Mains in Tuen Mun District and Review on the Existing Mechanism for Handling Road Closure Related to Incidents**

**(EHDDC Paper No. 41/2018)**

**(Written reply from Transport Department)**

34. The first proposer of the paper said he had gone for a site inspection after the water mains burst incident and considered the notification mechanism and the arrangement for road closure dissatisfactory. When the water mains burst incident occurred at Wu Chui Road near Mei Lok Lane, the affected area was fenced off. Many vehicles were unaware of the road closure and still drove into the affected area, causing obstruction. He reckoned that when the department arranged for road closure, it should consider the needs of the citizens, such as beginning the closure a little bit ahead of the scene (at Wu King Road) so as to reduce the number of vehicles entering and avoid traffic congestion. In addition, the management offices of the housing estates in the vicinity of a road closure area should be informed so that the residents could know about it as early as possible.

35. Mr CHAN of the WSD responded that when the WSD arranged a road closure, it would discuss with the TD and the police first, and in general, the area would be limited to the that required for the emergency repairs. However, he comprehended the inconvenience caused to drivers and would discuss with the TD and police about erecting additional road signs to alert the drivers of the updated temporary traffic arrangement. The WSD also had the name list of the relevant Members for the Tuen Mun Ferry Pier constituency, and in case of a water mains burst, the WSD would inform the relevant Members of the location of the burst and the areas affected

by the stoppage of water supply. In response to the comment from Members, the WSD might set up a larger communication group, so that when a water main burst recurred, the incident could be disseminated through the communication group to Members, as well as Members outside the relevant constituency. In addition, the WSD would accept Members' suggestion to inform the TD and TMDO of the road closure for them to relay the arrangement to the management offices of the affected housing estates, which could help minimising the inconvenience caused to the citizens.

36. The Chairlady said in the water main burst happened earlier at Tuen Mun Ferry Pier, Lung Mun Oasis was also affected. As she had not joined the aforesaid communication group, no notification was received. She suggested that in informing district councillors of the emergency cases, the WSD should clearly identify the areas affected so that no councillors would be missed out and that the WSD must maintain communication with the TMDO regarding the notification to the management offices of housing estates about the emergencies.

37. Members' comments and enquiries on the the WSD's reply are summarised below:

- (i) A Member requested the WSD to replace the aged water pipes in Tuen Mun district as soon as possible, and also believed that the WSD should include all district councillors in the communication group for them to be alerted of the updated news of the emergency cases. In addition, he believed that when making arrangement for road closure, it should liaise with the public bus company, so that the bus company could inform the citizens of the road closure through its mobile app.
- (ii) A Member enquired the WSD as to the criteria of deciding which district required arrangement for water mains rehabilitation and said that if the WSD was unable to clearly explain the relevant arrangement, the EHDCC would consider continuing the discussion of this agenda item in the next meeting. In addition, he enquired whether the TMDO could increase resources to help notifying the public during large emergency incidents to reduce the impact on the citizens;
- (iii) A Member said the WSD should not pass the responsibility of reporting the water mains burst incident to the TMDO, and pointed out that in the past, the WSD inspectors would always be on site to coordinate about emergency arrangements; but now, everything was handled by outside contractors, whose staff quality varied. He said the WSD could request assistance from the TMDO if an emergency incident was significant, but small water mains incidents should be handled by the WSD itself;
- (iv) A Member said if a road closure involved traffic diversion, some of the bus stops might

be relocated, and that the transition from traffic diversion and its cancellation was not satisfactory. Some bus drivers were unaware that some passengers were still waiting in some bus stops that were relocated. He/she suggested the WSD to relay it to the TD for improvement;

- (v) A Member said although the WSD had already followed the notification procedure in informing the district councillors about ad hoc incidents, the arrangement still had room for improvement and that he/she had no objection for the WSD to inform all district councillors of all water mains burst incidents. He/she also said that if a burst occurred at midnight, the TMDO would be unable to give any assistance, so the WSD should discuss with TMDO about notifying the management offices of the housing estates in the vicinity of the burst about any road closure arrangement through a 24 hour emergency centre so that the residents learnt about the traffic situation before going to work in the morning, and the 24 hour emergency centre should be managed by government staff;
- (vi) A Member said in the seawater main burst incident taking place at Siu Hong Court earlier, the WSD contractor had notified the relevant Members and the management offices of housing estates, and he himself was able to communicate with the contractor until night time. As the areas around the Tuen Mun Ferry Pier had frequent water mains bursts, he reckoned that it was appropriate for the WSD to notify Members and management offices even late at night, so that the residents could be aware of the relevant arrangement;
- (vii) A Member said she received the WSD's alerts about the temporary seawater suspension from Sam Shing to Tai Lam, including Siu Sau Village through the communication group, but failed to get further information from the WSD's staff when she made enquiries in the group. She hoped the WSD would make improvement by providing detailed information in the alerts; and
- (viii) A Member said she learnt of a burst seawater main in her constituency through the notification system; but since most of the flush was done by drinking water, she took it for granted that the said burst would not affect the seawater supply of the area. After enquiring the WSD, she realised that the burst seawater main was used in transporting drinking water and the residents supposed to have been affected by the burst reflected that they had flushing water through out the date of incident; hence, she reckoned that the information provided by the WSD was inaccurate.

38. Mr. CHAN of the WSD replied that regarding the suspension of seawater in Siu Sau Village, the staff of the WSD had already notified the relevant Members, but as they had not identified causes of seawater seepage and the exact location, they were unable to provide the

details. In general, the flush water was supplied from the water tank of an estate building to different households; hence, even though the flush water was suspended by WSD, the water tank had stored enough flush water to last for some time. As the repairs were completed in a short time, the supply of flush water resumed quickly, and the burst only had little impact on the residents. The WSD stressed that it would notify the relevant district councillors of any burst incidents as early as possible, but it was not able to estimate how long the flush water supply from the water tank of the building concerned could last.

39. Mr. CHAN of the WSD further said that as soon as the frontline officers had closed a burst main and completed the road closure, they would immediately notify the nearby housing estates about the temporary suspension of water supply. Since the staff of the WSD might not have instant information about any temporary traffic arrangement, the WSD suggested the TD to notify the public about the traffic arrangement once it had obtained the details from the bus company. The WSD would also consider Members' suggestion of reminding the TD and bus company to notify the public about any temporary traffic arrangement. Concerning the communication group, the WSD had asked whether Members were happy to join the group through the Secretariat. In response to Members' suggestion of enlarging the notification system, the WSD would enquire Members again (through the Secretariat) whether they would join the group or not and would ask for their contact details. He also indicated that the major mains rehabilitation works of Tuen Mun were near completion and that the WSD would strive to finish the works as quickly as possible. The places having frequent serious water leaking problems would be included in the target projects and their pipes would be replaced under a risk-based approach. Besides, the WSD would arrange for the installation of monitoring equipment at some places for monitoring the water supply system and spotting any problem instantly and solving it quickly.

40. A Member considered that if the notification mechanism was found to have faults after operating for a period of time, the WSD should fix them. He also suggested the WSD to enquire Members again whether they wished to join the communication group. A Member said during non-office hours, a security guard might not be able to prepare WSD's emergency notice in a short time, he suggested the WSD to send out the notice through mobile app and fax it to the relevant estate office.

41. Mr CHAN of the WSD responded that the WSD Mobile App had the option of "Area of Concern" which would automatically send out notification to the relevant Member once suspension of water supply was required due to burst mains. As for the "temporary water supply suspension notice" introduced in response to the demand of Members, he was happy that all Members had joined the communication group, but the WSD needed to consult Members again about arrangement matters.

42. The Chairlady requested the Secretariat to prepare questionnaire for enquiring if Secretariat Members wished to join the group.

[Post-meeting note: The Secretariat sent email to all Members on 6 September 2008 to enquire if they wished to join the communication group set up by the WSD for the notification of emergency water supply suspension and ask for their contact information for forwarding to the WSD.]

(E) **Request for Extension of Noise Barriers along Tuen Mun Road to The Bloomsway Area**

**(EHDDC Paper No. 42/2018)**

**(Written reply from Environmental Protection Department)**

(F) **Request for Provision of Noise Barriers at Lung Fu Road (the Section Near Lung Mun Oasis)**

**(EHDDC Paper No. 43/2018)**

**(Written reply from Environmental Protection Department)**

43. The Chairlady said Paper No. 42 and 43 would be combined for discussion as they were both related to the construction of acoustic barrier. As she was the first proposer of Paper No. 43, she would ask the Vice-Chairman to chair the meeting instead.

44. The Vice-Chairman welcomed Mr. Sean LAW, Senior Environmental Protection Officer of the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) to the meeting.

45. The first proposer of the paper said with the completion of more housing estates around Tuen Mun Road, there would be more residents and traffic. He was aware that the developers of some housing estates built the club houses on the side of Tuen Mun Road to separate the residential units from the road, but such design was insufficient to block off the noise for all units. Blocks 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 of The Bloomsway were still very close to Tuen Mun Road, and the noise nuisance was so severe that the residents dare not open the windows. As more and more residential projects near Tuen Mun Road were due to complete, he considered that both the Government and the developer had responsibility to build acoustic barriers to reduce noise nuisance.

46. The Chairlady, who was also the first proposer of the paper No. 43, said when the residents purchased the flats of Lung Mun Oasis, they were not aware of the proximity of a motorway. At that time, the developer gave out free air-conditioners to the purchasers of Flat A of 7 to 26th floors of Block 4. It was only some time later that the purchasers realised that those



gifts were meant to block off the noise generated from Lung Fu Road. She said the TMDC had discussed about the case, and the EPD replied that they had asked the developer of Lung Mun Oasis to use a one-sided design. She said the flat of Lung Mun Oasis nearest to Lung Fu Road was less than 100 metres from it, and as the traffic at Lung Fu Road became busier and busier, more and more residents complained about noise pollution. She went to an affected unit in Block 11 of Lung Mun Oasis on 20 June 2018 with a representative of the HyD to measure the noise level. Once the door of the flat was open, she could hear loud noise coming from inside. However, the HyD said the noise did not come from Lung Fu Road since its repairs had already been completed in 2017 and that the current condition of the road surface remained satisfactory. She quoted the HyD's statement that the section of Lung Fu Road near Lung Mun Oasis was oblique and heavy vehicles going uphill needed to accelerate; so, the noise actually came from the engines of the vehicles. But, she hoped the EPD understood that the flats currently affected by noise were not facing Lung Fu Road but were located at the inner side of Lung Mun Oasis. She considered that when the EPD examined the noise mitigation measures of Lung Mun Oasis, it had overlooked this situation; so, she requested the EPD to build an acoustic barrier on the section of Tuen Mun Road near Lung Mun Oasis.

47. Members' comments and enquires on the two discussion papers are summarised below:
- (i) A Member said in the EHDDC meeting held in November 2017, it was suggested that the EPD built an acoustic barrier on Tuen Mun Road near The Bloomsway, and according to "Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines" ("HKPSG"), the developer was required to provide noise mitigation measures to the affected residential units; she asked about the criteria as to the year of completion of building to which the said requirement applied;
  - (ii) A Member pointed out that there were many residential houses in the vicinity of Tuen Mun Road, but the HKPSG only protected the residents of housing estates. She enquired if the affected party of noise nuisance was a resident of a squatter, how would the EPD offer them protection from noise.
  - (iii) A Member requested the EPD to provide the data of noise level measured at various locations in The Bloomsway and Lung Mun Oasis for the EHDDC's reference and focus of discussion. The Member also enquired that in case the EPD received a complaint from an anonymous person but who had provided detailed information in the complaint, whether it would accept the case.
48. Mr LAW of the EPD responded to Members' comments and enquiries as follows:
- (i) He said the Government was very concerned with the problem of noise created by road

traffic and over the years, the EPD had put efforts to alleviate the impacts of traffic noise on the public by different means, such as requiring new developments (such as new roads or residential buildings) to carry out Noise Impact Assessments in the planning stage; enacting laws to require all motor vehicles first registered in Hong Kong to meet with stringent noise emission standards; resurfacing the roads with low noise materials and the use of noise barriers and enclosures if practicable and resource was available.

- (ii) He pointed out that when planning The Bloomsway, the developer had already included various noise mitigation measures, such as building the club house between the residential buildings and Tuen Mun Road to block off part of the noise; extending the noise barriers of some of the units, so that the angle of noise reception of the ventilation windows would be reduced; constructing 1.1 metre deep acoustic balconies in some living rooms and bedrooms; enclosing three sides of a room with solid parapet of 1.2m in depth; laying noise-absorbing materials on balconies to reduce the reflection of noise into the inside of the flat; and increasing the height of solid fencing walls at various locations in the estate so that the effect of noise on the residential flats would be further reduced. After taking the above measures, 90% of the units of The Bloomsway conformed with the relevant planning guidelines in the HKPSG; that is, the noise level recorded outside the windows should not be over 70 decibels;
- (iii) He said the developer of The Bloomsway had also complied with the HKPSG in that for around 100 residential flats having sub-standard windows for noise blocking, it had replaced them with windows that could effectively screen traffic noise to enable the occupants enjoy better indoor environment. The relevant noise mitigation measures were included in the Noise Impact Assessment report. The sales brochure and Deed of Mutual Covenant of the estate had referred to the said report; if the residents wanted to know which flat had adopted which kind of noise mitigation measure, they could ask the management office for it;
- (iv) He said the HKPSG indicated that it introduced the noise assessment in the planning stage in 1985. For the residential projects thereafter, noise was also controlled through planning conditions imposed by the Town Planning Board (TPB) of the Planning Department or the terms of land lease imposed by the LandsD according to individual cases; requiring a project proposer to carry out a Noise Impact Assessment according to HKPSG; and carrying out practical noise mitigation designs and measures. All these measures aimed to reduce the impact of traffic noise on the residents and to meet the relevant traffic noise standard in the planning stage. When the EPD received referral cases from the relevant departments, it would give them opinions on how the developer could mitigate traffic noise; and

- (v) He said the situation of Lung Mun Oasis was similar to The Bloomsway. Lung Mun Oasis had already used the one-sided design, that is designing the parts of the flat that were more noise-resistant, such as the bathroom, kitchen, elevator shaft and staircase, to face towards Lung Fu Road, whereas the living room and bedrooms would avoid facing Lung Fu Road, and to provide suitable windows to reduce noise. Lung Mun Oasis included 16 blocks, of which blocks 1 to 7 faced Lung Fu Road. There were a total of 3,800 units in the whole estate; after assessment, 99.5% of the units met the requirements of the HKPSG. As for the roughly 20 units which were slightly below standard, the developer had installed suitable windows for them to enable the residents enjoy a quiet living environment.

49. Mr YEUNG Mo-man of the EPD supplemented that regarding the handling of noise complaints, at present road traffic noise was not dealt with by the Noise Control Ordinance, so the EPD would have to follow the HKPSG in handling noise issues.

50. The Chairlady said Lung Mun Oasis had used the one-sided design in that Block 1 to Block 7 formed a 90 degree angle to block off the noise from Lung Fu Road. But the flats currently affected by noise were not facing Lung Fu Road but were located at the inner side of Lung Mun Oasis with noise coming through the gaps between buildings. In addition, as Lung Fu Road was connected with the River Trade Terminal of Area 38, the traffic volume was increasing and caused serious noise problems, so she requested the EPD to build an acoustic barrier there. She reckoned that the design of Lung Mun Oasis had not taken into consideration the noise transmitted through the gaps between buildings; so, she requested the EPD to solve the problem of noise nuisance to the residents of Lung Mun Oasis.

51. Mr LAW responded that the design of noise mitigation measures for every housing estate would take into consideration the effect of noise on all units. Lung Mun Oasis designed blocks 1 to 7 to face Lung Fu Road to reduce the effect of noise on the buildings in the inner side. The assessment made at that time was not based on the year of occupation but the estimated maximum traffic volume in the next 15 years. Therefore, the planning had already taken into consideration the increase in traffic volume as a result of the development of the district.

52. Members' comments on the EPD's reply are summarised below:

- (i) A Member pointed out that Lung Mun Oasis had population intake in 1998 and Lung Fu Road commenced use in 2002, a lapse of over 15 years; so, the noise assessment report was out of date. The Member also observed that many plannings in Hong Kong could not meet the actual demand (such as insufficient parking spaces and congested railway),

so he/she queried the accuracy of the Government's planning;

- (ii) A Member said when a Member reflected on problems, the department should take action to confirm the matters. The captioned paper was concerned with the noise nuisance suffered by the flats located in the inner side of Lung Mun Oasis, but the EPD just kept talking about the flats facing Lung Fu Road and the standards made over 10 years ago. He opined that the EPD should study the actual situation before making a reply; and
- (iii) A Member said the EPD had not given a direct answer as to since when the developers had to comply with the HKPSG's noise assessment requirement and requested the EPD to provide a list of the housing estates in Tuen Mun that had to comply with such requirement. The Member considered that the Government had the responsibility to supervise developers, so it should verify the data provided by the developer first and then released it to the public, rather than the property owners asking for the noise assessment report of The Bloomsway from the developer directly.

53. The Vice-Chairman said Members requested the EPD's representative to personally visit the affected units of Lung Mun Oasis with the first proposer of the paper and asked the EPD to provide a list of the housing estates in Tuen Mun that were required to comply with the HKPSG's noise assessment requirement. He requested the representative of the EPD to respond to the above two requests.

54. Mr LAW of the EPD responded that there were a large number of housing estates that were required to comply with the HKPSG's noise assessment requirement and the EPD might not be able to provide a full list of them but would strive to provide the relevant information. Regarding Lung Mun Oasis, the EPD comprehended that the flats at the inner side of the estate might be affected by noise, but according to the data provided by the TD, the traffic volume of Lung Fu Road in 2016 was even lower than the panning estimate made by the developer; however, he would try to follow up on the situation reported by the Member.

55. A Member thought that it was unimaginable for the 2016 traffic volume of Lung Fu Road to be lower than the panning estimate made by the developer and reckoned that the EPD should measure the noise level at different locations of the areas concerned several times and take the average, such actual data was the right way to reply to the captioned paper. If the EPD could not confirm the erection of an acoustic barrier within a short time, then it must propose an effective way to mitigate noise to solve the problem.

56. The Vice-Chairman requested the Secretariat to follow up on the list of housing estates that were required to comply with the HKPSG's noise assessment requirement and requested the EPD to reply whether it would carry out a site inspection with Members at Lung Mun Oasis.

57. Mr LAW of the EPD responded that he would discuss with the relevant team about Members' demand.

58. The Vice-Chairman requested the EPD's representative to liaise with Members himself regarding the said site inspection; if the EPD failed to make the arrangement, the EHDDC would continue the discussion of this agenda item in the future meetings.

EPD

[Post-meeting note: As arranged by the relevant Member, the EPD measured the noise level at the affected residential unit(s) located on the inner side of Lung Mun Oasis during busy traffic hours on 23 August 2018, the result of which showed that the noise level complied with the relevant planning standard.]

**(G) Request for Provision of Public Toilets at Hung Kiu Area**

**(EHDDC Paper No. 44/2018)**

**(Written reply from Food and Environmental Hygiene Department)**

**(Written Reply from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)**

59. The first proposer of the paper said at present Hung Kiu only had a temporary toilet. She said as there was no shopping mall in Hung Kiu, citizens had to use the toilets in the restaurants. She said it was not appropriate for the departments to treat the temporary toilet as a permanent one and suggested they construct toilet compartments separately for the male, female and disabled.

60. Ms CHAN of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had assessed the situation at Tsing Min Playground; to avoid affecting the existing leisure facilities and trees there, the LCSD would not consider constructing a toilet there at the moment.

61. Mr CHIU Man-cheong of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") responded that a site inspection was carried out upon receipt of Members' suggestion; however, they were unable to locate a suitable spot for constructing a toilet within the areas managed of the FEHD. What the FEHD could do was to increase the frequency of cleaning of the temporary toilet and to minimise the nuisance caused to the citizens in the vicinity.

62. The first proposer of the paper was disappointed at the replies given by the LCSD and the FEHD, and considered it unsatisfactory to use the temporary toilet as a permanent temporary

toilet. She said since the dismantling of the public toilet at Tseng Choi Street Market (Kwong Choi Market), the departments should construct another one in the district.

63. Ms CHAN of the LCSD responded that in considering the construction of a public toilet, apart from the toilet compartments, the LCSD had to consider other supporting facilities as well: for instance, the provision of hand-washing facilities and whether there was any underground sewage system; therefore, the construction of a toilet did have some requirement so far as space was concerned. If a toilet was constructed at Tsing Min Playground; due to its limited area, the LCSD would have to remove some of the trees or leisure facilities in the playground. To avoid affecting the citizens' use of these facilities, the LCSD would not consider building a toilet at Tsing Min Playground for the time being.

64. Members' comments and enquiries on the LCSD's reply are summarised below:

- (i) A Member suggested the proposer of the paper and an LCSD officer visit the Tsing Min Playground to see if there was any suitable spot for constructing a toilet.
- (ii) A Member concurred with the proposal of the paper and considered that there was demand for a public toilet in Hung Kiu since it was a vast area with many bus stops. He understood that the LCSD wished to avoid affecting the public's use of leisure facilities, but the paper only proposed to build a small public toilet and hoped the LCSD would consider the proposal. Since the removal of Tseng Choi Street Market (Kwong Choi Market) 10 years ago, there had been no public toilet around Hung Kiu. Tseng Choi Street Community Centre was located at the end of Tseng Choi Street, so he suggested the relevant departments discuss and make long term planning with the stakeholders in the district regarding this proposal;
- (iii) A Member considered that no matter how frequent the FEHD cleaned the temporary toilet, its hygiene condition would not be as good as public toilets in general. He/she also said that if the LCSD did not wish citizens to be affected in their use of their facilities, it should all the more consider constructing a public toilet to replace the existing temporary aqua privy;
- (iv) A Member said the LCSD should not resist changes. If the construction of a public toilet required the sacrifice of some leisure facilities, it should consult the public about it and accept whatever outcome, instead of giving a blanket rejection to the proposal on the ground of affecting the use of other leisure facilities. She urged the department to communicate more with the residents on matters that were affecting them and deal with problems in a pragmatic manner; and

- (v) A Member said a public toilet was also an important facility; if its construction required tree removal, the residents should have the right to choose between a public toilet or the trees. The Member hoped that the elderly would no longer be forced to pee at the road side because of the lack of a public toilet.

65. Ms CHAN of the LCSD responded that as a result of the complaint of Members, the LCSD would make appointment with the first proposer of the paper to visit Tsing Min Playground and look for any suitable spot for constructing a public toilet.

[Post-meeting note: On 13 August 2018, an LCSD's officer and the first proposer of the paper had a site visit at the playground. The first proposer of the paper suggested to construct a public toilet at the spot of the flower bed behind the water ground in the Tsing Min Playground. The LCSD would study with the engineering department concerned on the feasibility of constructing a toilet at that location.]

66. The Vice-Chairman requested the representative of the LCSD and the proposer of the paper to follow up on the matter after the meeting. LCSD

[The Chairlady resumed the chair at this point.]

**(H) Request for Addressing the Problem of Illegal Feeding of Animals**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 45/2018)**  
**(Written reply from Food and Environmental Hygiene Department)**

67. The first proposer of the paper said in the vicinity of King Fung, illegally feeding of animals was very serious and bird droppings were culminating near the bird feeding blackspots, and even wild boars regularly waited there for eating the droppings. There were incidents of dogs being attacked by wild boars and there was potential danger to drivers when the wild boars crossed the road. She suggested the FEHD to strengthen the law enforcement efforts and install video cameras at the animal feeding blackspots, and erect fences at the locations frequented by wild boars to block them off.

68. A Member said the situation of illegal bird feeding at Siu Lun Court was serious. When a feeder splashed birds' feed on the road, some of it fell into the nearby residential flats. He enquired the FEHD that if a feeder splashed the feed at a public place, whether it had power to take prosecution action and what the penalty was. He was worried that the birds' feed might attract rats and requested the FEHD to deal with the matter seriously.

69. Mr CHIU of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was very concerned with the

environmental hygiene problems caused by the illegal feeding of animals. He said the FEHD set up a plainclothes patrol team to take law enforcement action (such as issuing fixed penalty tickets) against citizens who neglected public hygiene on 20 June 2018; in the past week, 10 prosecutions were executed against illegal animal feeding. In addition, the FEHD would continue to arrange manpower to patrol various locations with a view to step up law enforcement actions. He said the FEHD kept an open mind on the proposal to install video cameras. It knew that video cameras could have a deterrent effect and would consult with the LandsD and local communities about the proposal. If suitable locations were found, the FEHD would consider installing video cameras.

70. The first proposer of the paper said she had made enquires with the Agricultural, Fisheries and Conservation Department, which replied that it had installed video cameras at feeding blackspots and had videoed citizens feeding wild boars; it would give birth control injections to the wild boars later on, but it would take quite some time before the medicine took effect. Besides, she had consulted the opinion of the representatives of the residents on the installation of video cameras, who concurred that video cameras could help preventing citizens from illegally feeding wild boars. She said she would give a list of the feeding blackspots to the FEHD for it to enforce the law.

71. A Member enquired on the amount of the fine of a fixed penalty ticket. He opined that video cameras might lead to privacy issues and might not suit every location and reminded the FEHD to carry out consultation before implementing the said proposal. Apart from penalty, he considered that publicity was very important; so, he enquired whether the FEHD would strengthen publicity activities (such as putting up posters at feeding blackspots) and warn the public that they would be fined for illegally feeding animals.

72. Mr CHIU of the FEHD responded that they already put up posters at various locations, but the content in the posters was different from the suggestion made by Members. The fixed penalty was currently \$1,500 and there was no imprisonment sentence. He said if the FEHD implemented the installation of video cameras, it would certainly conduct consultations beforehand, and hoped that the new team could deter citizens from illegally feeding animals.

73. The Chairlady said if Members discovered any locations with illegal animal feeding, they could supply the details to the FEHD for action. Regarding the proposal to install video cameras, as not every location was suitable for the installation, she requested the FEHD to continue with the feasibility study. In addition, the paper also proposed to install railings on the hill slope behind Elegance Garden, and she requested the LandsD to respond to it.



74. Mr TAM Kwok-leung of the LandsD responded that the LandsD was in charge of the management of part of the hill slope behind Elegance Garden and the HyD was responsible for the maintenance of part of it. As the walkway between the slope and Elegance Garden was under the management of the HyD, the LandsD would have to clarify with the Member on the exact location of the railings to be installed before following up the matter with the HyD.

75. The Chairlady requested the LandsD's representative to follow up with the Member concerned about the installation of railings on the slopes behind Elegance Garden after the meeting. Lands Department

[Post-meeting note: the LandsD had a site visit with the Member concerned in the second half of July 2018 to identify the location for installing railings as proposed by her and was currently carrying out consultation with the relevant government departments about the proposal.]

## V. Reporting Items

### (A) Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches (EHDDC Paper No. 46/2018)

76. Members noted the report.

### (B) Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (EHDDC Paper No. 47/2018)

77. A Member said the ovitrap index at So Kwun Wat was rising and enquired whether the FEHD would step up the anti-mosquito work there.

78. Mr CHIU of the FEHD responded that in May 2018, the FEHD increased the number of anti-mosquito teams from 18 to 20, and later, funded by the District-led Actions Scheme, one more anti-mosquito team was added in June 2018, making a total of 21 teams. He believed that due to the increase in manpower in mosquito control, the ovitrap index of the three monitor points in Tuen Mun had shown improvement in June 2018 over May 2018. He also said the FEHD would set up one more ovitrap index monitor point at Tuen Mun West in July 2018, and would increase the length of monitoring period from one week to two weeks. It was anticipated that the ovitrap index would rise, but the FEHD would continue to strengthen its anti-mosquito work.

79. Members' comments and enquiries on the FEHD's reply are summarised below:

- (i) A Member pointed out the worsening of mosquito and rodent infestation in the vicinity of Tuen Mun Ferry Pier, such as Butterfly Estate and Wu King Estate. He knew that cleaning public housing and private estates was not the FEHD's duty, but suggested that the FEHD arrange health inspectors to lead the cleaning contractors in inspecting the

housing estates and offer professional advice on anti-mosquito and anti-rodent matters;

- (ii) A Member said on Tsing Lun Road near Siu Hong Court, a street hawker always sold things there; although the hawker had a licence, the goods caused obstruction. The residents also worried that seeing that hawker's example, other hawkers would gather there too; so, the Member requested the FEHD to pay attention;
- (iii) Apart from anti-mosquito work, a Member said the FEHD should also deal with midge problems and pointed out that the midge problem in the vicinity of San Wai Light Rail Stop was serious. She said in a previous meeting, she learned that the FEHD had anti-midge experts and that the drug Methomy could exterminate midges; so, she enquired whether the FEHD would carry out anti-midge work; and
- (iv) A Member said the ovitrap index of May 2018 at Tuen Mun North was relatively high, but in June 2018 it dropped to zero. She enquired whether the anti-mosquito work of different areas was done by different contractors, and viewed that So Kwun Wat could follow the example of Tuen Mun North for improvement. She suggested that if the FEHD wished to carry out a focused publicity campaign on anti-mosquito, it could consider doing it at So Kwun Wat.

80. Mr CHIU of the FEHD responded that although the FEHD was responsible for the cleansing of public areas, in the past few months, it had contacted Link REIT and various housing estates to give technical advice. The FEHD would carry on with such assistance and if any housing estates needed it, they were welcome to contact the FEHD. Regarding hawker control, the FEHD anticipated that population intake in new public housing estates would attract street hawkers, so it would strengthen management to prevent residents' daily living from being disturbed. He said he was not familiar with the anti-midge drug Methomy mentioned by the Member but would relay the suggestion to the relevant team. He thanked Members suggesting the FEHD to carry out anti-mosquito publicity campaign at So Kwun Wat, and said if any location had a relatively high ovitrap index, the FEHD would find out the cause and solution.

81. A Member said rodent infestation at Hung Kiu in the month of June 2018 had some improvement over May 2018, and hoped to see the FEHD carry on with the rodent extermination work there. She also enquired why so many dead rats were found at the Tuen Mun San Hui Market Carpark.

82. Mr CHIU of the FEHD replied that they had carried out a large scale anti-rodent campaign at Tuen Mun San Hui Market Carpark in June 2018, including the use of rat baits and

rat traps, so the number of dead rats found there had increased.

83. Members noted the report.

(C) **Anti-rodent Campaign 2018 (Phase II) in Tuen Mun District**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 48/2018)**

84. A Member said the data on rodent infestation submitted by the FEHD to EHDDC was only confined to the rats caught in public places, but rats caught in private housing estates were not included. He believed that the data was insufficient to reflect the situation of rodent infestation in the Tuen Mun district, he enquired whether the FEHD had any means to overcome this shortcoming. Besides, he believed that the pest control companies employed by private housing estates varied in quality, he enquired whether the FEHD kept a list of recommended pest control companies for reference by the private housing estates, and whether there was any subsidy to housing estates to install mouse blockers to solve the rodent problem.

85. Mr CHIU of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would give advice to those housing estates that intended to install mouse blockers, and would intensify publicity education, remind the public about rodent prevention and eliminate rodent infestation.

86. The Chairlady enquired whether the FEHD would consider requiring private housing estates to report the number of rats caught, to enable Members to have a clearer picture about rodent infestation in Tuen Mun.

87. Mr CHIU of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was glad to provide the number of rats caught in private housing estates in the report, but believed that there might be difficulty in asking all housing estates to submit the relevant figures.

88. Members noted the report.

(D) **Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at June 2018**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 49/2018)**

89. Members noted the report.

(E) **Reports of Working Groups under EHDDC**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 50/2018)**

(i) **Working Group on Tuen Mun Environmental Protection Activities**

90. Members noted the report.

(ii) Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

91. Members noted the report.

(iii) Working Group on the Development and Complementary Facilities in Area 54

92. Members noted the report.

93. The Chairlady announced that the above three reports were endorsed.

**(F) Other Government Departments' Progress Reports as at 17 June 2018**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 51/2018)**(i) Drainage Improvement Works in Tuen Mun District by Drainage Services Department

94. Members noted the report.

(ii) Report on Environmental Monitoring of Mud Pit V

95. Members noted the report.

(iii) Report on Water Seepage Problems at Buildings in Tuen Mun District

96. Members noted the report.

(iv) Progress Report of Water Main Laying Works in Tuen Mun District

97. Members noted the report.

**(G) Air Quality Health Index of Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station**  
**(EHDDC Paper No. 52/2018)**

98. Members noted the report.

**VI. Any Other Business****(A) Request for Replanting of Trees in the Vicinity of Tuen Hing Road Interchange**

99. A Member said he had submitted a discussion paper requesting for the landscaping of slopes on both sides of Tuen Hing Road, and the EHDDC had accepted the proposal and passed it to the HyD. He would like to know the progress of the matter. In addition, he pointed out that the slopes on both sides of Tuen Hing Road had now been covered with plants, but the effect was not satisfactory, and requested the HyD to report about it in the next meeting.

100. The Chairlady said the EHDDC would invite HyD's representative to the next meeting and reply about the landscaping work of the slopes of Tuen Hing Road. Secretariat

[Post-meeting note: The HyD said, after on site inspection and assessment of the scope of the slopes managed by them, and an overall consideration of all factors (including the conditions of the slope, restrictions of the site, effects on the traffic, and the relevant technical guidelines), the HyD had the following conclusions: (i) to ensure that the slope outside Tuen Mun Law Courts (reference number: 6SW-A/F89) have appropriate space for trees to grow, and considering the effect to the safety of the road users and the effect to the stability of the slope after the trees were grown, the HyD proposed to plant some flowering trees suitable to grown on road side slope (such as yellow flower suzuki) for beautifying the road side, and it was anticipated the works would be carried out in the first quarter of 2019; (ii) the slope outside New Town Plaza (reference number 6SW-A/F94) was currently undergoing elevator works carried out by the Civil Engineering Development Department, so it was not suitable for tree planting; and (iii) the HyD had already completed planting trees on the slope outside Siu On Court (reference number: 6SW-A/F88), the contractor would replace the plants that were not growing well, and this was anticipated to be complete by the second half of September 2018.]

#### **VII. Date of Next Meeting**

101. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:29 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 28 September 2018 (Friday).

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