

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of
the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date : 25 November 2016 (Friday)

Time : 9:32 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 LEE Hung-sham, Lothar, MH	TMDC Vice-Chairman	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KWU Hon-keung	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	12:43pm
Mr TO Shek-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Yiu-wah	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:41 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	TMDC Member	9:40 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSUI Fan, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:33am
Ms CHING Chi-hung	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
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 YAN Siu-nam	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TAM Chun-yin	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEE Wai-lam	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Chun-bang	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	13:24pm
Ms KWAN Daina Ho-yin	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	11:49am
Ms LEE Wen-choi, Winnie (Secretary)	Executive Officer I (District Council)2, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department		

Absent with Apologies

Mr NG Koon-hung	TMDC Member
Mr LAM Chung-hoi	TMDC Member
Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo	TMDC Member

Mr KEUNG Kai-pong Co-opted Member
Mr PAK Hon-pan Co-opted Member

By Invitation

Mr WAN Cheuk Keung Senior Engineer 3/Tuen Mun Road, Highways Department
Mr CHOW Chung Kwong Senior Engineer 4 /Tuen Mun Road (Acting), Highways Department
Mr CHAN Tak Yeung Chief Engineer /Consultants Mgt, Water Supplies Department
Mr LEUNG Siu Kau Senior Engineer /Consultants Mgt 5, Water Supplies Department
Mr HO Sing Yiu Senior Chemist 4, Water Supplies Department
Mr MAN Ka Leung Mechanical Engineer /Consultants Mgt, Water Supplies Department
Ms CHAN Hoi Wing Engineer /Consultants Mgt 18, Water Supplies Department
Mr NG Kai Cheung Engineer /Design 4, Water Supplies Department
Dr James CHEN Senior Engineer, Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.
Ms Viola CHAN Senior Public Relations Officer , Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.
Mr LAM Lap Tak, Daniel Chief Engineer /NTW 2(NTW), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr TSANG Lap Kei, Freddie Senior Engineer /2 (NTW), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr LEE Kit Fung, Peter Engineer /14 (NTW), Civil Engineering and Development Department
CHAN Kar-lock, Eric Director, Arup
LEUNG Koon-yu Associate Director, Arup
Mr LIU Hing Wah Dist Engineer /TM, Highways Department

In Attendance

Mr LO Chun-hang, Simpson Assistant District Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Home Affairs Department
Mr LI Chi Keung, Ringo Senior Inspector (Acting) of Works, Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr TSE Lai-chi District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tuen Mun), Food and Environment Hygiene Department
Ms BOW Lok-sin, Rosaline Deputy District Leisure Manager (Teun Mun)2,

Mrs LEUNG LUK Mei Yin	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr POON Tsz Ming	Housing Manager/Tuen Mun1, Housing Department
Mr TANG King-yan, Sunny	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)1, Environmental Protection Department
Mr MOK Hing-cheung	Town planner/Tuen Mun 4, Planning Department
Ms CHAM Suet-ying, Cheryl	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tuen Mun), Lands Department
	Engineer/15 (New Territories West), Civil Engineering and Development Department

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all to the 6th meeting of the Environment, Hygiene and District Development Committee (“EHDDC”) and welcomed representatives of government departments to be in attendance.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that any Member who was aware of a personal interest in a discussion item should declare the interest before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Standing Orders, decide whether the Member who had declared the 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. Notice of Resigning from and Joining the EHDDC

3. The Secretariat reported that it had received notices from Mr. HO Kwan-yiu and Mr. TO Tang-shu that they resigned and Mr. TSANG Hin-hong joined the EHDDC.

III. Absence from Meeting

4. The Secretariat reported that it had received applications by Mr. CHAN Manwell and LAM Chung-hoi for leave of absence as they were unwell. If they submitted medical certificates later in accordance with Order (42)1, the EHDDC would approve their applications for absence.

[Post-meeting note: Mr. CHAN Manwell submitted a medical certificate after the meeting in accordance with the Standing Order so his absence was approved by the EHDDC.]

IV. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

5. As there were no amendments to the minutes, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 5th meeting of the EHDDC 2016-2017 were endorsed

V. Matters Arising

(A) Issue of Hawker Licence to Unlicensed Tradesmen

(Paras. 10-12 of the minutes of the 5th meeting of EHDDC in 2016-2017)
(EHDDC Paper No. 55/2016)

6. The Chairman said the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”) had provided supplementary information about the aforesaid matter and would like to

consult Members again.

7. Mr. TSE Lai-chi of the FEHD said the department had listed the unlicensed on-street tradesmen mentioned in the recommendation for issue of licence in the new paper submitted in light of Members' views at last meeting. They were those unlicensed tradesmen whose trading locations, types of business and length of services were registered and confirmed during the department's fact-finding survey on the on-street hawkers operating as unlicensed tradesmen in each district in 2009. He added that there were ten tradesmen registered in Tuen Mun district including six Chinese facial cosmeticians, three cobblers and one watch repairer. Of them, one Chinese facial cosmetician, one cobbler and one watch repairer had ceased operation while the other two Chinese facial cosmeticians' applications for the issue of licence were rejected by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD"). At this meeting, the District Council ("DC") would be consulted on the issue of licence to the three Chinese facial cosmeticians while the conditions of the remaining registered unlicensed tradesmen would be examined later. The DC would be consulted again on the recommendation for issue of licence based on the principle that they would not cause any obstruction to the public or pose any hygienic problems.

8. Members offered their views on the matter, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) It was expected that the department would provide details of the licensing system;
- (ii) It was enquired why this paper covered three Chinese facial cosmeticians only and not all the registered tradesmen;
- (iii) It was learned that one of the Chinese facial cosmeticians did not want to be a neighbour of another tradesman who was doing the same business. Another Member opined there would be commercial disputes when the stalls of the tradesmen were closed to each other. The department should ensure that the new location would not cause any obstruction to pedestrians; and
- (iv) A cobbler said the FEHD did not contact him for the issue of licence. It was worried that some people who were eligible for the issue of licence did not know the department's arrangement on the issue of licence. A Member enquired about the mode of fact-finding survey in 2009 and whether the tradesmen not covered in the related survey could ask for the issue of licence, and if yes,

whether there would be a ceiling for the issue of licence.

9. Mr. TSE of the FEHD replied to Members' enquiries, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) The location recommended in the paper was decided after considering the tradesmen's wish and consulting the department's views. Besides, the licence provided that the area of operation would not be larger than 1.2 m X 0.9 m. If the business was operated outside the area, the department would lay prosecution, and the licence would be disqualified for serious cases;
- (ii) On the licensing system, only the tradesmen registered in the fact-finding survey in 2009 were recommended for the issue of licence. Before making a reply, the department would examine the related information and record of the cobbler not covered in the recommendation for the issue of licence as indicated by Members; and

(Post-meeting note: the FEHD added that the said cobbler not covered in the recommendation for the issue of licence was known to have run business in an alley near Luk Yuen Street. Later, he rented part of a medicine shop in Tuen Mun Heung Sze Wui Road and continued operation until 2016 when the business was closed down. The department's fact-finding survey in 2009 had covered all the on-street unlicensed tradesmen who often ran business in Tuen Mun district at the time. The said cobbler was not included perhaps it was because he had moved into the shop for business or he rejected the officer's survey as he had no interest in the hawker licence)

- (iii) There were ten registered tradesmen in Tuen Mun district. After long term observation and consultation with the departments concerned, the three Chinese facial cosmeticians recommended for the issue of licence were confirmed to be not causing any nuisance or obstruction to the public. Other tradesmen were not recommended for the issue of licence for the time being as it had not been confirmed whether they would cause any impact on the public and the environmental hygiene.

10. The Chairman said the EHDDC did not oppose the recommendation of the paper. The FEHD was requested to continue follow-up action on the issue of licence and the condition of the cobbler not covered in the survey as mentioned by the EHDDC.

FEHD

VI. Discussion Items

(A) Upgrading of Disinfection Facilities in Water Treatment Works

(EHDDC Paper No. 56/2016)

11. The Chairman welcomed Mr. CHAN Tak-yeung, Chief Engineer, Mr. LEUNG Siu-kau, Senior Engineer, Mr. HO Sing-yiu, Senior Chemist, Mr. MAN Ka-leung, Mechanical Engineer, Ms. CHAN Hoi-wing, Engineer, Mr. NG Kai-cheung, Assistant Engineer of the Water Supplies Department and Dr. CHAN Wai-leung, Senior Engineer and Ms. CHAN Sin-sum, Senior Public Relation Officer representing Arup Group Limited, to the meeting.

12. Mr. CHAN of the Water Supplies Department briefed on the content of the paper with slideshow. Members offered their views and made enquiries on the matter concerned, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) Many Members said they supported upgrading the water treatment facility. Other Members enquired about the construction schedule of upgrading the facility and whether the Hung Shui Kiu Water Treatment Works in Yuen Long would be upgraded at the same time;
- (ii) There were concerns that the facility was near residence. It was worried whether the facility would have emission of harmful substance, thus affecting residents' health and causing a safety problem. It was also enquired about the actual measures for the reduction of risk and the evacuation arrangement for accidents provided by the department. The department was asked to closely monitor the facility;
- (iii) There was not enough time of consultation. It was suggested that there should be communication with the citizens on the safety problem and noise. There should also be arrangement for citizens to pay a visit and provision of a report on the progress of the works. Besides, a Member asked the department to consult the North East Area Committee and the Rural Committee. As there was TO clan's Fung Shui involved at Fung Tei, a Member requested that TO clan should be informed by the department via the Rural Committee;
- (iv) The department was requested to consider the safety of the workers in the plant, monitor them properly and provide suitable protection gear;

- (v) It was enquired about the reserve water supply proposal in case of accidents in the facility;
- (vi) It was enquired whether the new facility would cause an increase of the cost of water processing, thus making the water charges go up; and
- (vii) It was suggested that the department would, in future, provide Members with the information on the slideshow before the meeting so Members could read and prepare.

13. Mr. CHAN of the Water Supplies Department replied to Members' enquiries, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) This project would all be done inside the water treatment works. The department had taken note of the international water processing technology. The new technology recommended at present could eliminate risk from the storage and transportation of chlorine. Studies also showed that this technology was safe, reliable and applicable to Hong Kong so it was recommended for use;

(Post-meeting note: the Water Supplies Department said there was no water treatment works in Hung Shui Kiu)

- (ii) The department had rich experience in the treatment of water sterilization by using chlorine. This project was planned thoroughly. There were safety measures in the water treatment works to control the risks including chlorine monitor, fire service system, enclosed plant, chlorine absorber, current control system, hydrogen dilution system and emergency shut-down system, which would be operated by professionally trained and experienced staff. The department would have close contacts with the Environmental Protection Department, Fire Services Department and Labour Department. There were also regular drills on contingent measures with the Fire Service Department and the related drills included notification and evacuation arrangements in order to control the risk within the area of the water treatment works, thus avoiding impacts on the residents nearby. The department had consulted the representatives of the residents near the water treatment works, briefed on the project and explained that the facility would upgrade the safety of fresh water sterilisation and were generally supported by the residents. The department

would continue communicating with the residents and consider inviting residents to visit the related drills. If necessary, a progress report on the project would be submitted to the DC;

- (iii) The facility would have a small amount of diluted hydrogen emission which would not affect the environment. The waste saline water produced during the operation of the facility would be transported to the sewage treatment works regularly for processing;
- (iv) Several factors needed to be considered for the review on water charges including the financial situations of water supply operation, citizens' affordability, economic conditions of the society, overall conditions of water use and Legco members' views, etc;
- (v) The department worked out a contingency plan for water supply, including reserve chlorine production facility and reserve electricity during power failure. Besides, the processed water would be stored in a water service reservoir. In case of malfunction of the facility, water supply would still be normal during the period of emergency repair;
- (vi) The project would improve the safety of the area effectively and it was critical. It was hoped that the DC would show support. Otherwise, the progress of the overall project would be affected. According to the current planning, it was expected that the installation works would be carried out in the middle of 2018 and completed at the end of 2020 if funding was granted in the third quarter of 2017; and
- (vii) The department had conducted an environmental impact assessment on the 11 large scale water treatment works and the Tai Lam Chung No. 2 Chlorination Station involved and the findings showed that upgrading the facility would not cause any risk to the environment nearby.

14. Some Members opined that decision should be made only after public consultation. Other Members said the EHDDC could show no objection to the project first and the department consulted the public at the same time and make a report timely. As Members had different views, the Chairman instructed Members to vote on the motion: No Objection to the Facility in Principle. Meanwhile, Mr. MO Sing-fung said Mr. TSANG Hin-hong had authorized him to vote for him and a letter of authorization was

produced. After voting, the EHDDC approved the motion: No Objection to the Facility in Principle by 15 votes for the motion, 0 vote against the motion and 7 abstains. The Chairman also requested that the department should widely consult the local people and report to the EHDDC pending any progress.

(Post-meeting note: the Water Supplies Department said the department consulted the Tuen Mun Rural Committee on 17 December 2016 and the rural committee showed support for this project. The Water Supplies Department would consult the North East Area Committee on 20 February 2017 and would make a progress report to the EHDDC under the TMDC later.

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(B) PWP Item No. 268RS - Cycle Track between Tsuen Wan and Tuen Mun
(EHDDC Paper No. 57/2016)

15. The Chairman welcomes Mr. LAM Lap-tak, Daniel, Chief Engineer, Mr. Tsang Lap-kei, Freddie and Mr. LEE Kit-fung, Engineer of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) and Mr. CHAN Ka-lok, director, and Mr. LEUNG Kwun-yue, Assistant Director of the Arup Group Limited to the meeting.

16. Mr. LAM of the CEDD and Mr. CHAN of the Arup Group Limited briefed on the content of the project with slideshow. Members made enquiries and offered their views on the matter concerned, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) The route of the cycle-track should not be too winding or require the cyclists to push the bicycles across the road. It should also avoid passing the intersection with pavement or beaches so there would be no danger caused or swimmers affected. Another Member opined that it was difficult to build an unbroken cycle track after the Tuen Mun Highway was built and the Castle Peak Road was widened. There was no consensus on the routing either. It was suggested that the cycle track should be designed along the Tuen Mun Highway by way of flyovers or tunnels;
- (ii) The project concerned had been discussed for a long time but the department did not accept the views offered by Members in the past. The study by the consulting firm had involved a large amount of public money;
- (iii) It was suggested that the cycle track should be split into several sections and handled with those easier ones first. Another Member opined that the residents should be consulted about the changes to the environment nearby

caused by the projects. It was pointed out that residents of Aegean Coast had repeatedly said they did not want the cycle track to pass the open space in front of the estate. It was suggested that the cycle track should be built by way of tunnels;

- (iv) It was queried whether opening gaps on the noise barriers to build the cycle track would affect the acoustic effect, and
- (v) This project involved many problems like resumption of land so it was difficult to reach a consensus on the routing with all parties. It was suggested that no consulting firm should be commissioned for the design. Instead, the department should design and build the section between Chi Lok and the Tuen Mun Substation which was easier to handle. Otherwise, the whole project should be shelved and allow Members to submit a new project.

17. Mr. Lam of the Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”) replied to Members’ views and enquiries, which were summarised as follows:

- (i) The works of the first phase from Tuen Mun to Sheung Shui had linked the pieces of sections together and the sections concerned would be open at the beginning of next year, connecting the broken pieces of the cycle track at present. The department learned that Members had suggested dealing with the rest of the cycle track by doing the easier ones first. It was opined that the advance works of the Tsuen Wan section and the part connecting the current section of the cycle track and the section from Tuen Mun to So Kwun Wat could be given priority. The department was employing a consultant in design to put it out for tender to further implement the works. The department would continue optimising the design and take into consideration of the safety of pedestrians and cyclists. It would also ensure that the routing of the cycle track would comply with the Transport Department’s standard on the width and gradient of cycle tracks;
- (ii) The department would choose a suitable consultant according to the declared selection procedure to conduct necessary study on the project. The department would ask the consulting firm to study and design possible sections, and ensure that the design would take into account the overall cost-effectiveness;

- (iii) During the design process, the views collected in the past would be taken as reference and the actual situation would be examined. If it was necessary to revise the current facilities, it would be ensured that there were no unacceptable impacts caused to the traffic and pedestrian flow. There would also be an environmental impact assessment. The department noted that the residents of Aegean Coast opposed the routing of the cycle track passing the open space in front of their estate. There would be communication with the residents at suitable time. If it was decided that the routing concerned would pass the open space in front of the estate, there would be suitable measure to reduce the nuisance to the residents; and
- (iv) It was hoped that apart from being a recreational facility of the citizens, the cycle track would provide a safe environment for the people who prefer cycling to walking.

18. The Chairman concluded by saying that it was hoped the CEDD would refer to Members' views and take a priority in dealing with the cycle track from Chi Lok to the Tuen Mun Substation based on the principle of easier ones should be done first. She requested that the department should sort out the views and report at the next meeting after consideration was made.

CEDD

[The Chairman left the conference room at this moment and the meeting would be held by the Vice-chairman.]

(C) **Greening of Noise Barriers**
(EHDDC Paper No. 58/2016)

19. The Vice-chairman welcomed Mr. WAN Cheuk-keung, Senior Engineer and Mr. CHOW Chung-kwong of the Highways Department to the meeting.

20. The proposer of the paper showed concerns about some of the plants which withered on the noise barriers in the Tuen Mun Highway. It was enquired whether the noise barriers in the Tuen Mun Highway were suitable for greening, why they withered and whether there was any solution proposal.

21. Mr. CHOW of the Highways Department replied that the species planted on the noise barriers were wind enduring and drought tolerant species screened by a team of professionals including horticulturists, engineers and agricultural officers. The reason why some of the plants withered this time was that the contractor's maintenance was not

good and the water supply of the temporary irrigation system was unstable.

22. Members requested that the department should provide details of the withered plants, improvement proposals, credentials of the professionals who selected the plants, how the contractor was selected, mechanism of punishment, maintenance period and arrangements of maintenance, etc.

23. Mr. CHOW of the Highways Department said the *Sansevieria trifasciata* planted on the noise barriers were wind-enduring and drought tolerant species. The locations of the withered plants were mostly situated at the noise barriers in the Tuen Mun-bound section of the Tuen Mun Highway near Tsuen Wan. The contractor initially predicted that the greening works and the auto-spray and irrigation system would be completed at the same time. However, for a certain reason, the auto-spray and irrigation system could not be completed at the same time so the contractor had to use a temporary irrigation system. As the water supply of the temporary irrigation system was unstable and the contractor's maintenance work of the plants was not good, some of the plants withered. The contractor then connected the auto-spray irrigation system to a permanent water supply in October 2016. On the performance of the contractor's maintenance of the plants, the department had written a warning letter to the contractor and reflected it in the quarterly report. He added that the contractor's maintenance period of the plants was 12 months. After the contractor had properly satisfied the requirements of the contract and the period of maintenance expired, the plants would be passed to the Highways Department for maintenance works. It was expected the contractor would complete the replacement of the plants in December 2016. If the department was satisfied with the growth of the plants, the contractor would commence the maintenance of the plants until the end of the following year.

24. Members did not have any further enquiries. The Vice-chairman thanked the representatives of the Highways Department for attending the meeting.

[The Chairman returned to the conference room and continued holding the meeting.]

(D) **Request for Facility Improvements to Chi Lok Footbridge and Retrofitting of Escalators**

(EHDDC Paper No. 59/2016)

(Written Reply from the Highways Department)

25. The Chairman welcomed Mr. LIU Hing-wah, District Engineer of the

Highways Department (“HyD”) to the meeting. The Chairman said the major recommendation in the paper did not fall within the terms of reference of the EHDDC and only the part involving ventilation was related to the EHDDC. Therefore, she suggested that this meeting would only take follow-up action on the part related to ventilation while other parts and the motions and amended motions which Members had raised for this project should be followed up by the Traffic and Transport Committee (“TTC”) together. The Chairman said the matters concerned had been discussed at the meetings of the EHDDC and TTC respectively and Members submitted a paper to the TTC in 2013. After discussion by the TTC, it was resolved that the Working Group on Tuen Mun External Traffic would take follow-up action. Later, the Working Group on Tuen Mun External Traffic suggested that the issue should be followed up by the EHDDC, which agreed to take follow up action on the part related to ventilation and environmental hygiene e.g. the problem of cleanliness on the footbridge, dripping air-conditioners and ventilation. The matter involving the retrofitting of escalators would be followed up by the TTC. At the meeting in July 2014, the TTC resolved that the Transport Department was asked to prepare statistics on the pedestrian flow for the retrofitting of escalators and make a report timely.

26. The TTC Chairman attending the meeting said he supported the retrofitting of escalators. However, he opined that the TTC found it difficult to handle the matter so he suggested that the meeting of the DC should take follow up action. On this, the EHDDC Chairman said the matter concerned fell within the terms of reference of the TTC so the TTC should first discuss whether the matter concerned should be raised at the meeting of the DC. The TTC Chairman replied that the matters of maintenance of the lifts should be handled by the maintenance department i.e. the HyD at this meeting together. The escalators and ramps would be followed up by the TTC. On this, Mr. LIU of the HyD said the maintenance work of the Chi Lok footbridge was the responsibility of the Electrical and Mechanism Services Department as commissioned by the HyD. The retrofitting of escalators fell within the terms of reference of the Transport Department. The EHDDC Chairman opined that the matters of maintenance should fall within the terms of reference of the TTC so it should be followed up by the TTC. Members did not offer any views on this so the Chairman said that the parts other than the ventilation facility and the motions and amended motions which Members raised for this project would be followed up by the TTC together.

27. On the issue of ventilation, the proposer of the paper added that there were residents who often waited for the lift on the Chi Lok footbridge. Although there were vents at either end of the footbridge, the effect was not good. It was suggested that fans

or exhaust system should be provided and the pedestrian flow should be properly eased. There should be appropriate yellow line marking on the location where people waited for the lift so the waiting people would not cram together thus causing stuffy air.

28. A Member opined that the design of the current Chi Lok Footbridge was not good with bad ventilation causing inconvenience to citizens. In the past, the South East Area Committee and other different meetings had discussed the matter concerned so it was suggested forming a non-standing working group for follow-up action. Another Member said the problem of environmental hygiene of the Chi Lok Footbridge was improved after Members had offered their views. It was expected that the department concerned would continue improvement on the facility gradually.

29. Mr. LIU of the HyD replied to the enquiries and views on the ventilation facility that there was normally no ventilation system on footbridges or subways as pedestrians would pass the footbridge or pedestrian subway in a short period of time. The Chi Lok Footbridge was relatively wider than the average footbridge. There were two open ends with vents on the roof the footbridge, which was designed with natural ventilation. Therefore, the retrofitting of a ventilation system was not needed according to the current policy. The provision of marking on the location where people waited for the lift fell within the responsibilities of the Transport Department.

30. The Chairman concluded by saying that Members were dissatisfied with the current situation of ventilation at the Chi Kok Footbridge. The HyD was requested to note Members' views, take follow-up action with the departments concerned, and make a report to the EHDDC on any progress of the matter concerned. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to forward the paper to the TTC for follow-up action on the remaining parts.

Highways Department,
Secretary

VII. Reporting Items

(A) Water Quality of Tuen Mun Beaches

(EHDDC Paper No. 60/2016)

31. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(B) Suggest Providing Additional Public Market in Tuen Mun

(EHDDC Paper No. 61/2016)

32. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(C) **First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2017 in Tuen Mun District**
(EHDDC Paper No. 62/2016)

33. A Member said the number of anti-rodent exercises would be revised according to the situation of rodent infestations but the paper did not list the number of rodent infestations at each location. It was suggested that the department should provide supplementary information so it would be considered whether the arrangement of anti-rodent exercises at each location was appropriate.

34. Mr TSE of the FEHD replied that the rodent infestation reference index in Tuen Mun district was 1.7% while the average index across Hong Kong was 4.2%. This showed that the problem of rodent infestation was not too serious in Tuen Mun district. The department did not prepare rodent infestation index for individual locations in the district but would decide on the arrangement of anti-rodent exercise by referring to such objective factors as the number of dead rats picked up and number of complaints about rodent infestation at the location concerned. Members could inform the department of rodent infestations in each location for follow-up action.

(D) **Report of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**
(EHDDC Paper No. 63/2016)

35. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(E) **2017 Tuen Mun Lunar New Year Fair**
(EHDDC Paper No. 64/2016)

36. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(F) **Food and Environmental Hygiene Department - Tuen Mun District 2017**
Year-end Clean-up
(EHDDC Paper No. 65/2016)

37. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(G) **Progress Report of Local Public Works and Rural Public Works as at**
October 2016
(EHDDC Paper No. 66/2016)

38. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(H) Reports of Working Groups under EHDDC
(EHDDC Paper No. 67/2016)

(i) Working Group on Tuen Mun Greening

39. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(ii) Working Group on Markets and Illegal Hawking Activities

40. Members noted all the contents of the report.

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

41. Members noted all the contents of the report.

42. As there were no enquiries, the Chairman announced that the three reports of the working groups above were endorsed.

(I) Progress Report as at 31.10.2016
(EHDDC Paper No. 68/2016)

(i) Drainage Services Department's Progress Report on Works in Tuen Mun District

43. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(ii) Environmental Monitoring Report on Mud Pit No. 5

44. Members noted all the contents of the report.

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

45. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(iv) Progress Report on Water Pipes Installation in Tuen Mun District

46. Members noted all the contents of the report.

(J) Air Quality Health Index of Tuen Mun Air Quality Monitoring Station
(EHDDC Paper No. 69/2016)

47. Members noted all the contents of the report.

VII. Any Other Business and Date of Next Meeting

48. There being no other matters, the meeting closed at 1:31 pm. The next meeting would be held on 20 January 2017

Tuen Mun District Council Secretariat

Date: 12 January 2017