Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Social Services Committee (2018-2019) of the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 16 January 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) Conference Room

Present		Time of Arrival	Time of Departure
Ms SO Ka-man (Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TSANG Hin-hong (Vice-Chairman)	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr LEUNG Kin-man, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Chairman	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr SO Shiu-shing	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:31 a.m.	10:47 a.m.
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	12:12 p.m.
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	12:01 p.m.
Ms WONG Lai-sheung, Catherine	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Hang-mui	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.	End of meeting
Ms LUNG Shui-hing, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Man-wah, MH	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	11:37 a.m.
Mr CHAN Manwell	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	12:36 p.m.
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	9:41 a.m.	10:59 a.m.
Mr MO Shing-fung	TMDC Member	9:31 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
Ms NG Dip-pui	Co-opted Member	9:31 a.m.	10:57 a.m.
Mr TSANG Hing-chung	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr IP Chun-yuen	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Pak-sum	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr WONG Chi-chun	Co-opted Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms HO Chui-wan, Ida (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tuen Mun		
	District Office, Home Affairs Department		

By Invitation

Mr AU Ka-keung Inspector (Placement and Support)1, Non-attendance Cases

Team, Education Bureau

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun)1, Ms CHIU Lai-chun, Kitty

Social Welfare Department

Miss TSANG Sau-fong Social Work Officer 1 (Planning and Coordinating),

Social Welfare Department

Dr LOH Lai-ting, Taron Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison)1,

Department of Health

Ms TSANG Shuk-yee, Ella Housing Manager/Tuen Mun 3, Housing Department

Senior Pharmacist, Hospital Authority

Ms Teresa NGAN

Ms Pauline CHU Clinical Stream Coordinator (Pharmacy), New Territories

West Cluster, Hospital Authority

Ms Yan NG Corporate Communication Manager (External Relations),

Hospital Authority

In Attendance

Mr CHAU Ka-nin, Eric Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tuen Mun District Office,

Home Affairs Department

Senior School Development Officer (Tuen Mun)3, Mr LAM Man-kwong

Education Bureau

Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun)2, Mrs NG NG Lai-chun

Social Welfare Department

Neighbourhood Police Coordinator, Police Community Relations Mr LEE Wai-ming

Office (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force

Absent with Apologies

Mr YU Tai-wai Co-opted Member Mr CHU Wai-ming Co-opted Member Ms TSANG Ka-lai Co-opted Member

I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 2nd meeting of the Social Services Committee ("SSC").

- 2. The Chairman reminded Members that Members who were aware of their personal interests in any matters discussed at the meeting should declare the interests before the discussion. The Chairman would, in accordance with Order 39(12) of the Tuen Mun District Council ("TMDC") Standing Orders, decide whether the Members who had declared interests might speak or vote on the matters, might remain at the meeting as observers, or should withdraw from the meeting. All cases of declaration of interests would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 3. The Chairman said agenda item (III)(H), namely "Responding to Population Ageing, Strengthening Services for the Elderly in Tuen Mun" and agenda item (IV)(B), namely "Briefing and Reporting on Social Welfare Department's Planned Elderly Service Facilities in Tuen Mun", were both related to elderly services. She asked if Members agreed to let the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") give a brief introduction before discussion. Members agreed to this arrangement.

II. Notification on Members' Resignation from SSC

4. The Secretary reported that Mr CHU Yiu-wah had resigned from the SSC.

III. Absence from Meeting

5. The Secretary reported that notifications for leave of absence had been received from Mr YU Tai-wai, Mr CHU Wai-ming and Ms TSANG Ka-lai.

IV. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of the 12th Meeting of SSC (2016-2017) and the 1st Meeting of SSC (2018-2019)</u>

6. As Members proposed no amendments to the minutes, the Chairman announced that the above minutes were confirmed.

V. Matters Arising

(A) Raising Concerns about Death of Mother and Son in Shan King
Estate, Request for Closer Coordination among Departments to
Prevent Recurrence of Tragedy

(SSC Paper No. 51/2017)

(Paragraphs 16 to 35 of Minutes of the 12th Meeting of SSC (2016-2017)

(Written Response of Education Bureau)

- 7. The Chairman welcomed Mr AU Ka-keung, Inspector (Placement and Support)1 of the Education Bureau ("EDB"), and Ms Ella TSANG, Housing Manager of the Housing Department ("HD"), to the meeting.
- 8. The Chairman said that at an earlier meeting, the SSC had respectively requested the EDB, the Hong Kong Police Force ("HKPF") and the SWD to follow up on the matter. She asked whether the HKPF had received any referral from the EDB or other departments in relation to the case under discussion.
- 9. Mr LEE Wai-ming of the HKPF responded that the Police had not received any referral from the EDB in relation to the case under discussion, and that the case was under investigation by Tuen Mun District Crime Squad (1) and the cause of death was to be ascertained pending the toxicological report by the Government Laboratory.
- 10. Members made comments and enquiries on the matter, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member asked the SWD about the progress and direction of the work of the interdepartmental case reporting mechanism and whether a mechanism would be put in place to identify high-risk family cases;
- (ii) A Member asked why the EDB kept only part, but not the whole, of case information and whether it had contacted the HD and the Immigration Department for assistance in finding absent students and their parents;
- (iii) A Member enquired whether the EDB could provide a review timetable for improvements to the procedures for follow up on cases of students' absence from school. The Member also asked about the cumulative number of cases that could not be followed up due to failure to contact the students or their parents; and

- (iv) A Member suggested the reporting mechanism for students' absence from school, which were currently in place at primary and secondary schools only, be extended to cover kindergartens to protect more children.
- 11. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that the Family and Child Welfare Branch of the department had been discussing the case referral procedures with the EDB, and if the EDB was unable to obtain consent from the parents of absent students, it should refer the cases to the SWD for follow up in accordance with the relevant exemption clauses under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. She had no information to provide at the moment regarding the mechanism for identification of high-risk family cases.
- 12. Mr AU Ka-keung of the EDB responded that all the case records kept by the bureau were the reports provided by schools, whereas detailed case records were kept by schools. After a long lapse of time, the bureau could merely hold limited information. After the case at Shan King Estate, the bureau had discussed with the relevant departments the details of the reporting mechanism for referral (e.g. how to judge the risk levels of cases and give equal weight to the privacy of the persons involved in cases). The bureau could not provide any relevant timetable at the moment but would complete the follow-up work as soon as possible. In the 2015-16 school year, some 20 cases could not be followed up due to the bureau's unsuccessful attempts to make contact. Cases of students' absence at kindergartens were currently not covered by the reporting mechanism, and the bureau would review the mechanism in due course. For cases involving emergency, kindergartens might notify the bureau or other relevant departments by themselves for follow up.
- 13. Members made different comments on the EDB's response, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) Believing that it was not difficult to extend the reporting mechanism for absence to cover kindergartens, a Member was disappointed with the bureau's failure to provide an implementation timetable;
- (ii) A Member held the view that schools should play the gate-keeping role properly, and if they were suspicious about the situation of a student's family, they should immediately take follow-up action or refer the case to the relevant departments;

- (iii) A Member remarked that the current reporting mechanism of the EDB was highly passive, and suggested the bureau put in place a mechanism to identify potential child abuse cases;
- (iv) A Member suggested the EDB should provide schools and teachers with clear guidelines on the reporting mechanism so that the bureau could be promptly informed about cases for follow up, and should propose appropriate improvement measures after reviewing the approach to the case under discussion;
- (v) A Member reckoned that more government departments should be involved in the interdepartmental case reporting mechanism and requested the EDB to explain the privacy issues that required attention in case referrals; and
- (vi) A Member pointed out that absence for seven consecutive days was already a sign of a risky case. The Member reckoned that the EDB should take cases of this kind seriously and keep relevant records properly when handling cases.
- 14. Mr AU Ka-keung of the EDB responded that while kindergartens were currently not covered by the reporting mechanism for cases of students' absence from school, the bureau would certainly take follow-up action if it received reports from kindergartens. And procedurally, government departments had to obtain consent from the persons involved in cases before making case referrals, but parents involved in child abuse cases usually did not agree to the departments making case referrals, and the bureau would handle the cases as appropriate having regard to the degree of their severity. As departments had different considerations when handling referred cases, the bureau was unable to provide a relevant implementation timetable. He further said the bureau expected schools to take preliminary steps to get information and handle cases of students' absence instead of taking action only when they were required to notify the EDB after the students were absent for seven days.
- 15. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the bureau had issued a circular to schools in 2012, stating that if they found any child abuse cases, they might notify the SWD or the HKPF for follow up, and if they found any cases of

suspected child abuse, they might first pass them to school social workers for follow up and the social workers would consider if referrals were necessary.

- 16. The Chairman asked why the EDB had not notified the HKPF in accordance with the mechanism despite the fact that the teenage in the Shan King Estate case had been absent from school for many years.
- 17. Mr AU Ka-keung of the EDB responded that when the bureau referred a case to the HKPF, the bureau's staff had to give a statement to the Police, and in cases involving failure to make contact with the parents of absent students, the staff could provide only limited information. The bureau would strengthen communication with the HKPF in the future and, if necessary, ask the Police to offer assistance in cases.
- 18. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that the department had set up the Child Fatality Review Panel and published regular reports on the review of different cases of child death. If Members wished to know more about the previous work of the panel, she could provide the relevant information after the meeting. Moreover, the department had revised the Procedural Guide for Handling Child Abuse Cases in 2015 to provide clearer guidelines for government departments and non-governmental organisations ("NGO"). The SWD would examine how to improve the current mechanism and enhance the relevant services.
- 19. Members made further comments on the responses of the EDB and the SWD, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member remarked that there were many deficiencies in the EDB's mechanism for handling cases of students' absence from school. Also, the Member was dissatisfied with the bureau's failure to keep detailed records of high-risk cases of this kind;
- (ii) A Member opined that all the departments should enhance the reporting mechanism; and
- (iii) A Member reckoned that the EDB had not given an appropriate response as to how to enhance the reporting mechanism or the handling procedures.
- 20. Mr AU Ka-keung of the EDB responded that while the bureau kept

records of students' absence from school, he believed that schools did not keep information about cases that happened many years before. In the future when the bureau handled cases of students' absence from school, it would request the HKPF to offer assistance if necessary.

- 21. Members made further comments on the EDB's response as follows:
- (i) A Member opined that the reporting mechanism was flawed and suggested the bureau review it and launch improvement measures, such as the implementation of a reward and punishment mechanism under which schools complying with guidelines would be recognised;
- (ii) A Member requested the EDB to provide clear guidelines for schools to observe; and
- (iii) A Member considered that a reward and punishment mechanism would add to the pressure on schools and teachers.
- 22. Mr AU Ka-keung of the EDB responded that the bureau would from time to time remind schools to follow the relevant guidelines when handling cases of students' absence from school. Regarding case record-keeping, the bureau would review the record-keeping procedures to improve the ways in which cases were handled.
- 23. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that Integrated Family Service Centres in Tuen Mun would strengthen collaboration with schools and nurseries in a bid to enhance the services provided for families in need. In addition, the bureau would include the work concerned in its work plan for the current year.
- 24. The Chairman would like the SWD to provide more information about the Child Fatality Review Panel for the SSC after the meeting. Besides, the SSC would write to the EDB and the SWD pointing out the deficiencies in the reporting mechanism and requesting the relevant departments to improve the reporting mechanism, strengthen communication among departments, and put in place a mechanism for identifying high-risk family cases.

SWD Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: The above two letters were sent on 23 and 27 February 2018 respectively.)

(B) Request for Expeditious Completion of Premises Extension Plan for Hong Chi Morninghill School, Tuen Mun

(SSC Paper No. 52/2017)

Paragraphs 36 to 43 of Minutes of the 12th Meeting of SSC (2016-2017))

(Written Response of EDB)

- 25. The Chairman said the SSC had written to the EDB expressing Members' concerns after an earlier meeting, and the bureau concerned had given its responses before the current meeting. She invited Members' comments on the bureau's responses.
- 26. Members made different comments and enquiries, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member was disappointed with the EDB's responses, saying that at the earlier meeting, many Members had requested the bureau to provide details on the extension of Hong Chi Morninghill School, Tuen Mun ("Morninghill School"), but the bureau did not provide relevant information in the current response. The Member requested the EDB to provide the commencement and completion dates and the layout plan for the extension works as soon as possible;
- (ii) A Member enquired whether the EDB had engaged a consultant for the extension works;
- (iii) A Member was dissatisfied as the bureau refused to provide such facilities as physiotherapy treatment rooms, occupational therapy rooms and "calm down rooms" in Morninghill School on the grounds that they were not among the standard facilities of a school for children with mild intellectual disability. The Member requested the EDB to seriously address the needs of children with mild intellectual disability;
- (iv) A Member opined that if the EDB was still unable to provide further information about the extension works, the SSC should consider raising the matter for discussion at a TMDC meeting; and
- (v) A Member opined that the EDB should have long-term plans for schools for children with special needs in Tuen Mun and make a funding

application in respect of the extension works for Morninghill School as soon as possible.

- 27. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the bureau was unable to provide a concrete timetable for the extension works at the moment, but the section responsible for the works would attend an SSC meeting in due course to consult with Members, and further information about the works would also be provided then.
- 28. Members made comments and enquiries on the EDB's response, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member opined that the SSC should continue to follow up on this matter, rather than casually raise the matter for discussion at a TMDC meeting;
- (ii) A Member said the SSC had been discussing the extension works for Morninghill School for five years, but the EDB was still unable to hold concrete information about the works. The Member opined that there was nothing wrong with the proposal to raise the matter for follow up at a TMDC meeting;
- (iii) A Member reckoned that the EDB should be open-minded and hear different views about whether such facilities as physiotherapy treatment rooms, occupational therapy rooms and "calm down rooms" should be provided in Morninghill School; and
- (iv) A Member agreed that the SSC should further discuss this matter and urged the EDB to follow it up promptly and provide further information about the extension works.
- 29. The Chairman said the SSC would further discuss this matter and asked the EDB to consider arranging for the section responsible for the extension works to send its staff to a meeting to answer Members' questions.

EDB

VI. Discussion Items

- (A) Terms of Reference of SSC (2018-2019) of TMDC (SSC Paper No. 1/2018) [Information Paper]
- 30. The Chairman said the terms of reference of the SSC of the current term

had been endorsed by the TMDC on 7 November 2017. As there were no proposed amendments, the Chairman asked Members to note above terms of reference.

(B) <u>Formation of Working Groups under SSC (2018-2019)</u> (SSC Paper No. 2/2018)

- 31. The Chairman invited Members to comment on whether to keep the working groups set out in the paper. Besides, she said the Working Group on the Promotion of Healthy Diet was a non-standing working group whose term of office had already expired at the end of December 2017, but the activities organised by the working group in response to the Subsidy Scheme on the Promotion of Low-salt and Low-sugar Diet Culture in the District launched by the Committee on Reduction of Salt and Sugar in Food were still underway, so she would like Members to consider whether there was a need to form this working group again.
- 32. As Members had no objection, the SSC decided to form the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services, the Working Group on Community Care, the Working Group on Education and Youth Services, and the Working Group on the Promotion of Healthy Diet again.
- 33. The Chairman invited Members' nominations for the convenors of the working groups.
- 34. Mr TSANG Hin-hong nominated Mr MO Shing-fung as the Convenor of the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services. The nomination was seconded by Ms CHING Chi-hung and accepted by Mr MO Shing-fung. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced that Mr MO Shing-fung became the Convenor of the above working group.
- 35. Mr KAM Man-fung nominated Mr TSANG Hin-hong as the Convenor of the Working Group on Community Care. The nomination was seconded by Ms LUNG Shui-hing and accepted by Mr TSANG Hin-hong. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced that Mr TSANG Hin-hong became the Convenor of the above working group.
- 36. Mr MO Shing-fung nominated Mr KAM Man-fung as the Convenor of the Working Group on Education and Youth Services. The nomination was

seconded by Mr SO Shiu-shing and Mr TSANG Hin-hong, and accepted by Mr KAM Man-fung. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced that Mr KAM Man-fung became the Convenor of the above working group.

- 37. Ms CHING Chi-hung nominated Mr TSANG Hin-hong as the Convenor of the Working Group on the Promotion of Healthy Diet. The nomination was seconded by Ms LUNG Shui-hing and Mr MO Shing-fung, and accepted by Mr TSANG Hin-hong. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced that Mr TSANG Hin-hong became the Convenor of the above working group.
- 38. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to write to all Members inviting them Secretariat to join the above working groups.

(Post-meeting note: On 17 January 2018, the Secretariat wrote to all Members inviting them to join the above four working groups.)

(C) <u>Public Education Activities on Rehabilitation 2018-19</u> (SSC Paper No. 3/2018)

- 39. The Chairman said the Labour and Welfare Bureau had earlier written to the TMDC Chairman indicating that a sum of \$53,000 would again be allocated to each of the 18 District Councils ("DC") in the year 2018-2019 to subsidise the public education activities on various rehabilitation services, including the celebrations for the International Day of Disabled Persons 2018, to be organised by the districts under the general theme "All-round promotion of the spirit of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and cross-sectoral collaboration towards building an equal and inclusive society". With the consent of the TMDC Chairman, the matter concerned was passed to the SSC for follow up. She would like Members to consider whether to accept the funding and whether to follow the previous arrangements, by which the funding would be passed to the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services for further action.
- 40. As Members had no objection, the SSC decided that the funding for public education activities on rehabilitation services in the year 2018-2019 be passed to the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services for further action.

(D) <u>Co-operation Scheme with DCs 2018-2019</u> (SSC Paper No. 4/2018)

- 41. The Chairman said the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education ("CPCE") had earlier written to the TMDC Chairman, indicating that a sum of \$200,000 would again be allocated to each of the 18 DCs in the year 2018-2019 to subsidise the civic education promotion activities to be organised by the districts with the focus on promoting core civic values such as "respect and inclusiveness", "responsibility" and "love". With the consent of the TMDC Chairman, the matter concerned was passed to the SSC for follow up. She would like Members to consider whether to accept the funding and whether to follow the previous arrangements, by which the activities concerned would be organised in collaboration with the Tuen Mun District Civic Education Committee ("TMDCEC"). Besides, she reminded the Members who were also TMDCEC members to make declarations before speaking.
- 42. A Member enquired whether it was possible to allocate only part of the funding for activities to be organised in collaboration with the TMDCEC and let the SSC use the balance to organise activities on its own or in collaboration with other district organisations.
- 43. The Secretary responded that the CPCE had for many years allocated funding for civic education activities organised by the 18 DCs and the activities in Tuen Mun had always been organised in collaboration with the TMDCEC, which had assisted in inviting district organisations to submit proposals. For the funding criteria under the co-operation scheme, the main considerations were, among others, whether the activities could highlight the promotion focus as well as the contents and objectives of the activities. The TMDC was not restricted to choosing only one mode in organising activities.
- 44. A Member enquired about the details of the activities previously held by the TMDCEC.
- 45. The Secretary responded that the TMDCEC had organised 12 activities Secretariat with district organisations in the year 2017-2018 with approved funding of \$161,512. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to provide the details of the activities after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat provided the above information for the SSC

by email on 26 January 2018.)

- 46. Mr TSANG Hin-hong declared his interest as a TMDCEC member. He said the SSC had always allocated funding through the TMDCEC to different organisations including social services institutions and schools for organising the activities concerned. In his view, the SSC might consider following the previous arrangements, by which activities would be organised in collaboration with the TMDCEC.
- 47. As Members had no objection, the SSC decided to join the above scheme Secretariat and organise activities in collaboration with the TMDCEC. The Chairman would like the Secretariat to help invite the TMDCEC to co-organise the activities concerned and prepare proposals. As the proposals had to be submitted to the CPCE on or before 29 March 2018 for examination, the Chairman would like the Secretariat to email the proposals to SSC Members for perusal upon receipt thereof. Members' comments, if any, on the proposals should be made before 23 March 2018; if they had no particular comments, the proposals would be sent to the CPCE before the deadline of 29 March 2018 for consideration.

(Post-meeting note: On 17 January 2018, the Secretariat invited the TMDCEC to co-organise the above activities and, on the same day, the TMDCEC replied that it accepted the invitation by the SSC.)

(E) Request EDB to Amend Service Agreement with Harrow International School (SSC Paper No. 5/2018) (Written Bernange of Harrow International School Hang Kong)

- (Written Response of Harrow International School Hong Kong)
- 48. The Chairman said that in the second proposal in the discussion paper, the EDB was requested to revise the service agreement with Harrow International School Hong Kong ("Harrow HK") so that all its students would be required to use school buses for transport to and from the school. This proposal had come up for detailed discussion at the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee on 12 January 2018, so to avoid repeated discussion, she would like Members to focus on the first proposal in the discussion paper, namely the arrangements for the opening up of facilities in Harrow HK for public use.
- 49. The first proposer of the paper said she had for many years been

following up on the school bus arrangements of Harrow HK, and the above proposal was mentioned again in the discussion paper because she believed that the crux of the matter was whether the EDB would revise the service agreement with the school. Moreover, she noted that the cost of hiring the hall of Harrow HK for a conference for two hours was \$3,000 to \$4,000, which was much higher than the \$700 cost of hiring a school hall in Tuen Mun for four hours. The school had indicated that the public were welcome to hire its facilities and consideration would be given to waving the hire charges payable by charity organisations, but it had never disclosed information about hirers and the criteria for hire charge waivers, making it impossible for the public to make comments. Furthermore, Tuen Mun East was a community with a large area, a dispersed population but no community facilities. As Harrow HK had leased nearly four hectares of land there on concessionary terms in 2010, she opined that the school should fulfil its social responsibility by helping improve the traffic and community facilities in the area.

- 50. A Member noted that the political party to which the proposers of the paper belonged was stated in the discussion paper in question. He was of the view that discussion papers were DC documents and should not be marked with any political party information, and that the discussion paper should have not been accepted. He said he had stated the political party to which he belonged in discussion papers submitted to other committees, but the papers had not been accepted. He opined that the arrangement should be applied across the board.
- 51. The Secretary responded that the TMDC Standing Orders did not provide that Members were not allowed to state their political affiliations in discussion papers, and the Secretariat would give more details in response to the enquiry of the above Member after checking the relevant information.
- 52. A Member opined that stating the political party to which Members belonged in a discussion paper was just a trivial matter. The Member said other Members had also mentioned their political parties when they spoke at the meeting.
- 53. The Vice-chairman reckoned that the tradition of the TMDC should be respected and meetings should not be used to publicise the political party to which one belonged. He asked the Secretariat to see whether it was necessary to amend this discussion paper after checking the relevant information. In view

of this, the Chairman invited Members to offer ideas on how to deal with the amendments concerned.

- 54. The first proposer of the paper said she was not clear about whether the Standing Orders provided that Members were not allowed to state the political parties to which they belonged in the discussion papers they submitted, but she held the view that necessary amendments, if any, should have been duly made before the deadline for submission of discussion papers.
- 55. The Chairman said the criteria for handling discussion papers were within Secretariat the scope of the Secretariat's administrative arrangements. She asked the Secretariat to report back to the SSC after checking the relevant information. The Chairman asked Members to go on with the discussion of the matter in question and the EDB to respond to the elaboration given by the proposer of the paper.

(Post-meeting note: After checking the TMDC Standing Orders and consulting the TMDC Chairman about whether proposers of discussion papers were allowed to state the political parties to which they belonged in the papers, the Secretariat confirmed that while the Standing Orders did not expressly provide that the proposers of discussion papers were not allowed to state the political parties to which they belonged in the papers, there had been such a consensus among TMDC Members many years before. The matter would be passed to the Finance, Administration and Publicity Committee for follow up.)

- 56. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that Harrow HK was a self-financing school, and the bureau always encouraged the school to open up its facilities for public use as long as its daily operation was not affected. When the lease terms and the service agreement had been signed between the EDB and Harrow HK, it had been clearly stated that upon the request of Permanent Secretary for Education, the school should open up its campus and facilities for the purposes of public examination, education or recreation. The EDB would further discuss the above arrangements with Harrow HK and consider introducing relevant terms as appropriate when signing another service agreement with the school.
- 57. The first proposer of the paper said that each year Harrow HK paid a government rent of only \$1,000 to the Government. In her view, the school

should enhance the transparency of the arrangements for opening up its facilities for public use instead of merely providing such general information as the total number of hours of hire each year. She requested the EDB to follow up on this.

- 58. The Chairman asked whether the EDB had the power to revise the service agreement with Harrow HK.
- 59. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the bureau would give more relevant information to the SSC after making enquiries to Harrow HK about the details of the hire of its facilities by the public. The EDB would further discuss with the school the matter concerning revision to the service agreement.

EDB

- 60. A Member believed that the EDB was absolutely influential in ensuring Harrow HK's compliance with the service agreement and it was obligated to do so. Therefore, the Member requested that the bureau should examine the areas where the school was still not in compliance with the service agreement, and should request the school's strict compliance when drawing up new service terms in 2020.
- 61. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that he would relay Members' views to the relevant sections, and relevant terms would be introduced as appropriate when a new service agreement was drawn up.
- 62. A Member opined that the EDB representative failed to provide further information about the service agreement and, for more efficient discussion, the bureau should do adequate preparation before the meeting. Besides, he said he knew that some schools had requested their students to use school buses for transport to and from the schools, so he asked whether, in the negotiation for the service agreement, the EDB could request Harrow HK to make it a strict requirement that its students must take school buses.
- 63. The Chairman said the SSC would further discuss this matter. Besides, she would like the EDB representative to relay the views of Members and respond to their enquiries at the next meeting.

EDB

(F) Request for Thorough Investigation into Suspected Incidents of Bullying in Schools (SSC Paper No. 6/2018) (Written Response of EDB)

- 64. A proposer of the paper said the results of a survey recently released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development revealed that Hong Kong topped the world for its proportion of students being bullied, but most schools handled bullying incidents with understatement. Believing that the bullying case described in the paper was just the tip of an iceberg, she urged the EDB to draw up clear guidelines and request schools' strict compliance.
- 65. A Member suggested the EDB put in more resources to address students' needs by, for example, extending the "one school social worker for each school" policy to primary schools to provide right listeners and helpers for students and drawing up student protection measures.
- 66. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the bureau had provided a clear definition of bullying case in the School Administration Guide and launched the online "Co-creating a Harmonious School Stop Bullying" Resource Package to offer detailed guidelines on handling bullying cases in schools. By virtue of the guidelines, the bureau requested all schools to carry out anti-bullying policies to ensure students' safety. Regarding a Member's proposal on "one school social worker for each school", the EDB and the SWD would further explore the arrangements concerned.
- 67. A Member pointed out that to safeguard their reputations, some schools would choose to handle bullying cases in a low-profile way without reporting them to the EDB. She asked the bureau how it would deal with schools that failed to observe the guidelines.
- 68. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that if schools failed to observe the guidelines in the School Administration Guide, the EDB would issue instructions or warning letters to the schools.
- 69. A proposer of the paper said that as shown in the case described in the paper, the school involved was exactly one that had failed to follow the EDB's guidelines. She enquired whether the bureau had taken any follow up action.

- 70. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the case was still under investigation and, after the results were available, the bureau would give a reply directly to the victim in the case.
- 71. The Chairman asked whether the EDB had issued any warning letters to schools that failed to observe the guidelines in handling bullying cases. Another Member reckoned that if the EDB had taken follow-up action, it should give Members a detailed account of the follow-up action it had taken.
- 72. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the bureau was unable to provide further information at the current stage because the above case was still under police investigation. Yet, the bureau welcomed Members' ideas as to how to better handle bullying cases.
- 73. The Chairman invited Members' comments to decide whether to pass the matter to the Working Group on Education and Youth Services for follow up or write a letter to the EDB to express opinions. A Member held the view that the SSC should further discuss this matter because not all Members had joined the working group.
- 74. As Members had no objection, the Chairman said the SSC would further discuss this matter.

(G) Request for Extension of Tuen Mun Hospital (SSC Paper No. 5/2018) (Written Response of EDB)

- 75. The first proposer of the paper said Tuen Mun Hospital was overloaded during peak flu seasons as the resources allocated to the New Territories West Cluster were always inadequate. In view of this and the anticipated significant growth in the population of New Territories West in the coming 10 years or more, she urged the Hospital Authority ("HA") to seriously consider the extension of Tuen Mun Hospital to meet the ever-rising demand.
- 76. A Member said that according to a recent news report, the occupancy rate of Tuen Mun Hospital was as high as 130%, so there was an urgent need to extend Tuen Mun Hospital, with consideration given to carrying out extension works above the car park to provide more wards. Moreover, she noted that Tin Shui Wai Hospital, which provided only limited services at the moment, was not

effective in sharing Tuen Mun Hospital's burden. She suggested the HA extend the accident and emergency service at Tin Shui Wai Hospital to 24 hours without delay. Another Member suggested the SSC further discuss this matter and invited again the HA to send its representatives to a meeting.

- 77. The Chairman suggested that Members pass this matter to the Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services for follow up, and that Members who did not serve on the working group consider attending the meetings of the working group to join the discussion.
- 78. A Member held the view that the HA would pay even less attention to the matter if it was passed to the working group for follow up, so the SSC should further discuss it. Besides, the SSC should write to the HA requesting it to send representatives to the next meeting and write to the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB") expressing Members' concerns. Another Member reckoned that as the HA had no plan to extend Tuen Mun Hospital at the current stage, it could hardly provide relevant details even if its representatives attended a meeting. The Member therefore suggested the SSC write to the authority expressing Members' concerns.
- 79. The first proposer of the paper said a representative of the HA had contacted her, saying that it would receive petition letters on this matter. She did not understand why the authority sent representatives to receive petition letters but refused to attend the meeting.
- 80. The Secretary responded that the HA's representatives would attend the current meeting to give Members a brief introduction on the agenda item "'E-Fill' HA Drug Refill Services Pilot Programme", but the authority did not send any representatives to the meeting for the matter under discussion.
- 81. A Member said that the relationship between the HA and the TMDC had always been good, but the HA sent no representatives to the current meeting. The Member expressed dissatisfaction with this and requested the Tuen Mun District Office to assist in making contact with the authority and expressing opinions.
- 82. The Chairman said the SSC would further discuss this matter and write to Secretariat the HA condemning it for sending no staff to discuss the matter, and it would also

write to the FHB expressing Members' concerns.

(Post-meeting note: The above two letters were sent on 23 and 27 February 2018 respectively.)

VII. Reporting Items and Discussion Items

(B) <u>Briefing and Reporting on SWD's Planned Elderly Service Facilities</u> <u>in Tuen Mun</u>

(SSC Paper No. 11/2018)

(H) Responding to Population Ageing, Strengthening Services for Elderly in Tuen Mun
(SSC Paper No. 8/2018)

(Written Response of SWD)

- 83. The Chairman welcomed Ms Kitty CHIU, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun)1, and Miss TSANG Sau-fong, Social Work Officer 1 (Planning and Coordinating) (Tuen Mun), of the SWD to the meeting.
- 84. Ms Kitty CHIU of the SWD gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 1)* to Members to briefly introduce the elderly facilities to be provided by the department in Tuen Mun.

*Only available in Chinese

- 85. Members made comments and enquiries on elderly services in Tuen Mun, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member was glad to know that the SWD would provide elderly facilities at Yan Tin Estate and Area 44 respectively amid the increasingly serious population ageing in Tuen Mun;
- (ii) A Member pointed out that at the premises of the former CCC Kei Leung Primary School ("Kei Leung Primary School") at Leung King Estate and in Area 29, there were already sites available for the department to carry out redevelopment, but no progress had been seen as yet. In view of this and the fact that day care centres for the elderly ("DCCE") in the district could provide only limited residential places, the Member asked the department whether there were any plans to increase elderly services and any relevant timetables;

- (iii) A Member noted that the Government subsidised the services provided by NGOs for elderly people in need. The Member doubted whether this was effective in addressing population ageing, opining that the Government's elderly policy with home and community care being the focus and residential care homes playing a supplementary role was not effective in easing the impact of population ageing;
- (iv) A Member opined that the SWD's plan to increase elderly services in Tuen Mun by 173% was not adequate to meet the demand generated by rapid population aging. The Member asked whether the department had any long-term plans on the provision of elderly services. Besides, the Member said the report made no mention of any works under planning or to be carried out soon;
- (v) A Member opined that the Government's efforts to strengthen elderly services did not match expectations, and that most elderly facilities adjacent to public housing could provide only limited residential places, which were not adequate to cope with the problem of population ageing;
- (vi) A Member opined that the Government's elderly policy with residential care homes playing a supplementary role was not in line with the needs of the public, as there were currently some 3 000 people or so queuing for DCCEs but more than 30 000 people queuing for residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHE"). Besides, the Member reckoned that resources were not distributed in proportion with population because among the 75 DCCEs in Hong Kong, only three were in Tuen Mun;
- (vii) A Member suggested the SWD set up a mechanism for identifying high-risk elderly people and provide training courses for families of elderly people to learn how to take care of the elderly and subsidise elderly people's purchase of intelligent home equipment;
- (viii) A Member suggested expanding voluntary teams in districts to strengthen the support for elderly services and considering recruiting them to be home caregivers;
- (ix) A Member pointed out that some children in Tuen Mun needed to regularly use the hydrotherapy pool at Caritas Li Ka Shing Care and

Attention Home to improve their neurodevelopmental conditions. The Member asked whether there were any other similar facilities in the district available for use by residents after the conversion of the hydrotherapy pool;

- (x) A Member asked whether the SWD had assessed the demand for elderly services in Hong Kong or Tuen Mun, and suggested the department consider providing community-based elderly services by, for example, converting shops or units in public housing estates into integrated elderly service centres; and
- (xi) A Member noted that many elderly people were not willing to live in RCHEs, but the application criteria for some elderly services (e.g. meal delivery service) were too strict. The Member suggested the Government put more resources in to expand services of this kind.
- 86. Ms Kitty CHIU of the SWD thanked Members for their valuable comments and responded as follows:
- (i) The department had increased the resources for elderly services over the previous few years to answer the community's strong demand for the services;
- (ii) In providing elderly services, the department pursued the policy direction in which home and community care served as the focus whereas residential care homes played a supplementary role, because it appreciated that many elderly people wished to spend their twilight years in a familiar environment;
- (iii) Elderly people had different needs at different stages, so in addition to DCCEs, district elderly community centres, neighbourhood elderly centres, enhanced home care service teams and integrated home care service teams had also been set up in Tuen Mun to provide various community care services for elderly people in need, thus helping them to spend their twilight years in the community. Moreover, the department had launched the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly in September 2013 and made it a territory-wide scheme in 2016 to provide diversified care services that met different elderly needs;

- (iv) The services needed in some of the cases waiting for integrated home care services teams in Tuen Mun could be made available through the Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment launched by the department in December this year with funding from the Community Care Fund;
- (v) In recent years, the department had been actively looking for suitable locations or development projects for establishment of RCHEs and encouraging NGOs to provide more elderly service facilities through extension, redevelopment or new development under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses;
- (vi) Through the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses, Pok Oi Hospital would build an RCHE that would provide about 1 400 residential places in the east of Fuk Hang Tsuen Road, Lam Tei;
- (vii) The department had launched the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly in 2017, under which a total of 3 000 residential care service vouchers were issued in five batches within three years for elderly people to choose suitable RCHEs;
- (viii) The department set great store by the quality of residential care homes, and had therefore formed the Licensing and Regulation Branch in May 2017, which was specifically tasked with the regulation of residential care homes or centres (including RCHEs) licensed by or registered with the department;
- Discussion had been held with the owners' corporation of Leung King Estate in July 2017 on the use of emergency access and the arrangements for setting up a passenger/cargo loading and unloading area in front of the entrance of the premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School. The setting up of the passenger/cargo loading and unloading area involved amendments to the land lease, so after study, the SWD considered that it was feasible to set up the passenger/cargo loading and unloading area within the school premises and hence, had made amendments accordingly. It would consult the owners' corporation again about the new amendments with a view to gaining its support;

- (x) It was proposed in the Elderly Services Programme Plan drawn up by the Elderly Commission that the population-based planning ratios for elderly services be reinstated in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines;
- (xi) The department paid great attention to the manpower arrangements for elderly services, and had therefore provided more resources in 2007 for subvented NGOs to hire more staff, so that they could strengthen their outreach services for the singleton and hidden elderly;
- (xii) DCCEs not only served frail elderly people in need but also offered suitable support services to caregivers;
- (xiii) As neighbourhood support played an important part in elderly services, initiatives such as the Opportunities for the Elderly Project and the Elder Academy Scheme had been launched in districts. Besides, there would be collaborations with schools to let students understand the elderly and foster an inclusive community; and
- (xiv) The hydrotherapy pool at Caritas Li Ka Shing Care and Attention Home was a facility self-financed by the residential care home. As the usage of the hydrotherapy pool was low, the residential care home hoped the conversion project could make more effective use of resources and address the community's strong demand for elderly services.
- 87. Members made comments on the SWD's responses as follows:
- (i) A Member said the redevelopment works for the premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School had been discussed for a prolonged period of time due to the arrangements for setting up the loading and unloading area. The Member requested the SWD to provide a relevant timetable and keep a closer eye on the progress;
- (ii) A Member reiterated that the number of elderly people queuing for RCHEs was much higher than that queuing for DCCEs. The Member opined that the Government's elderly policy with residential care homes playing a supplementary role paid no attention to the needs of the public;
- (iii) A Member considered that the SWD made too slow progress in extending

the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly. The Member enquired whether this was because it took time to make an application with the Lotteries Fund; and

- (iv) A Member reckoned that the SWD should revise the project to redevelop the former Kei Leung Primary School and consider setting up the loading and unloading area somewhere else.
- 88. Ms Kitty CHIU of the SWD responded that the department had made amendments in respect of the passenger/cargo loading and unloading area in the redevelopment project for the premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School, and it would also discuss the arrangements concerned with the owners' corporation of Leung King Estate as soon as possible. The department expected that the works would be complete in 2022 if everything went well.
- 89. The Chairman would like the SWD representatives to express the views SWD of Members.

(I) Request Increase in Amount of Elderly Healthcare Vouchers (SSC Paper No. 9/2018)

(Written Response of Department of Health)

- 90. The Chairman welcomed Dr Taron LOH, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison)1, of the Department of Health ("DH") to the meeting.
- 91. The first proposer of the paper said that currently, as private clinics charged high fees, elderly people would switch to public hospitals or clinics for medical consultation after they used up all their healthcare vouchers, and the demand for public healthcare services would rise as a result. In her view, the costs of public healthcare services were high too. She therefore suggested the authority consider increasing the voucher amount under the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme ("EHCVS") to provide subsidies for elderly people to seek medical consultation at private clinics, so as to reduce the elderly's demand for, and hence expenditure on, public healthcare services.
- 92. Members made comments and enquiries on the matter as follows:
- (i) A Member said there were more and more EHCVS-subsidised items (e.g. dental services and eyeglass purchase), so the healthcare voucher amount

- should be increased accordingly;
- (ii) A Member suggested the DH lower the EHCVS eligibility age to 65; and
- (iii) A Member reckoned that as some EHCVS service providers overcharged, the department should impose regulation on their charging arrangements.
- 93. Dr Taron LOH of the DH responded that the Elderly Health Care Voucher Pilot Scheme launched in 2009 had served to provide financial assistance for elderly Hong Kong people aged 70 or above to use primary care services from the private sector. Since the implementation of the scheme, a number of enhancement measures had been rolled out, which included converting the pilot scheme into a recurrent one, progressively increasing the annual voucher amount from the initial sum of \$250 to the current sum of \$2,000, raising the cap on the cumulative amount from \$3,000 to \$4,000, and changing the face value of each voucher from \$50 to \$1 for convenient use by elderly people. Moreover, the EHCVS eligibility age had been lowered from 70 to 65 starting from 1 July 2017. With an ageing population and the enhancement measures concerned, the department expected that the number of elderly people using healthcare vouchers and the financial commitments in this regard would keep growing, so it would consider whether to increase the healthcare voucher amount only after a careful review of the usage of healthcare vouchers and an assessment of the long-term financial implications of the expenditure concerned on the Government. For the charging arrangements of service providers, the department had sent a letter to remind service providers participating in the EHCVS that the voucher amount they charged an elderly person should not exceed the amount of the fee for the healthcare service provided on that particular occasion. The department also recommended that the elderly should seek detailed information on charges from service providers before deciding and agreeing to use healthcare vouchers.
- 94. The first proposer of the paper held the view that while an increase in the healthcare voucher amount would result in higher government expenditure, the elderly people who used healthcare vouchers would switch to private clinics for medical consultation, which meant that the Government's expenditure on public healthcare services would reduce at the same time. For this reason, she believed that an increase in the healthcare voucher amount would not result in a substantial rise in the Government's overall expenditure.

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- 95. Dr Taron LOH of the DH responded that in the previous year, the department had lowered the EHCVS eligibility age from 70 to 65, so it needed time to examine the usage of healthcare vouchers. Moreover, the DH worked together with the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong for a full review of the scheme, and it would consider further enhancements to the EHCVS as appropriate after collecting opinions on the scheme from the elderly and service providers.
- 96. The Chairman remarked that the current EHCVS amount of \$2,000 was not enough. She would like the DH representative to express the views of Members.

VIII. Reporting Items (Continued)

(A) "E-Fill" Hospital Authority Drug Refill Services Pilot Programme (SSC Paper No. 10/2018)

- 97. The Chairman welcomed Ms Teresa NGAN, Senior Pharmacist, Ms Pauline CHU, Clinical Stream Coordinator (Pharmacy), New Territories West Cluster, and Ms Yan NG, Corporate Communication Manager (External Relations), of the HA to the meeting.
- 98. Ms Teresa NGAN of the HA gave a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 2)* to Members to briefly introduce the programme under discussion.

*Only available in Chinese

- 99. Members made different comments and enquiries on the brief introduction given by the HA, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member asked whether patients would have less time to meet with their attending doctors after joining the programme;
- (ii) A Member asked how an attending doctor would follow up on a hypothetical case where a pharmacist found that after taking medication, a patient suffered from a problem that could not solved by the prescription of another medication;
- (iii) A Member enquired whether the qualification accreditation staff in the programme were registered pharmacists;

- (iv) A Member pointed out that some patients needed to visit different specialists for follow-up consultation. In view of this, the Member worried that they would have to go to hospitals more frequently because of the programme, and hence, spend more money on transport and more time on queuing for services;
- (v) A Member enquired whether follow-up attendances at general out-patient clinics were included in the follow-up attendance mentioned in the programme;
- (vi) A Member held the view that the conditions of patients who went to hospitals frequently for medical consultation were usually unstable. The Member asked why the authority chose to invite patients of this kind to join the pilot programme;
- (vii) A Member enquired when the authority would review the programme and whether it would consult with the SSC beforehand if the pilot programme was converted into a recurrent one; and
- (viii) A Member pointed out that some patients needed to take multiple medications on a long-term basis and, if they collected all the drugs they needed at one go, they might be confused as there were too many drugs; whereas patients participating in the programme could collect drugs in separate batches to avoid confusion.
- 100. Ms Teresa NGAN of the HA responded that the time for consultation with attending doctors would not reduce as a result of this programme, which targeted medical patients. Taking an example, she said that if a patient participating in the programme needed to attend a follow-up consultation 24 weeks later, pharmacists would examine the latest condition of the patient before the 12th week and arrange a meeting with a pharmacist if necessary, and the pharmacist might discuss the case with the attending doctor or make a referral as appropriate. All pharmacists participating in the programme were registered pharmacists in hospitals, and they would work out treatment strategies with attending doctors. While patients might make more visits to hospitals under the programme, the authority hoped that in the long term, it could arrange for patients to collect drugs at hospitals near their homes and extend the programme to all specialities. As the programme was just launched in January this year, the authority expected to

review it in 2019.

- 101. Ms Pauline CHU of the HA added that all the 8 000 or so patients mentioned in the programme came from the medicine and geriatrics specialities of Tuen Mun Hospital, and there were no patients from general out-patient clinics in the programme.
- 102. A Member said the programme mainly targeted patients who needed to attend follow-up consultations 16 weeks later or longer, and the transport costs of patients would increase if they had to meet with pharmacists while waiting for follow-up consultations. The Member therefore hoped the authority would consult with the SSC again after reviewing the effectiveness of the programme. Another Member agreed with the objective of the programme and opined that the programme was convenient for the elderly as it allowed families of patients to collect drugs on the latter's behalf.
- 103. Ms Teresa NGAN of the HA responded that the programme aimed to prevent patients from keeping too many drugs at home, and that meetings with pharmacists could enhance the protection for patients in unstable conditions. She thanked Members for their comments and support for the programme.
- 104. The Chairman thanked the HA representatives for giving the brief introduction to the SSC.

(C) Work Reports by Working Groups under SSC (2016-2017) (SSC Paper No. 12/2018)

- (i) Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services
- 105. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.
 - (ii) Working Group on Community Care
- 106. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.
 - (iii) Working Group on Education and Youth Services
- 107. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.
 - (iv) Working Group on Promotion of Healthy Diet
- 108. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

109. The Chairman announced that the above four working group reports were endorsed.

(D) Report by Tuen Mun District School Development Section of EDB (SSC Paper No. 13/2018)

110. Members noted the contents of the report by the EDB.

(E) Report by SWD

(SSC Paper No. 14/2018)

111. Members noted the contents of the report by the SWD.

(F) Report on Crime Figures in Tuen Mun District (SSC Paper No. 15/2018)

112. Members noted the contents of the report by the HKPF.

IX. Date of Next Meeting

- 113. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1:55
- p.m. The next meeting would be held on 13 March 2018.

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