

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
the Social Services Committee (2018-2019) of
the Tuen Mun District Council

Date: 13 March 2018 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Venue: Tuen Mun District Council (“TMDC”) Conference Room

<u>Present</u>		<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Departure</u>
Ms 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.	10:50 a.m.
Mr TO Sheck-yuen, MH	TMDC Member	9:34 a.m.	10:39 a.m.
Ms KONG Fung-yi	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHAN Yau-hoi, BBS, MH, JP	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
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.	End of meeting
Ms CHU Shun-nga, Beatrice	TMDC Member	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr KAM Man-fung	TMDC Member	10:08 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr MO Shing-fung	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	9:30 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr YU Tai-wai	Co-opted Member	9:47 a.m.	End of meeting
Mr CHU Wai-ming	Co-opted Member	10:49 a.m.	End of meeting
Ms TSANG Ka-lai	Co-opted Member	9:40 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

Dr CHAN Chi-keung, Steve	Cluster General Manager (Administrative Services), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority
Dr CHENG Koi-man	Deputy Service Director (Quality & Safety), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority / Consultant, Department of General Adult Psychiatry, Castle Peak Hospital
Ms Joana YU	Hospital Manager (Public Affairs & Donation Management), New Territories West Cluster, Hospital Authority
Mr WONG Chi-leung	Senior Project Manager 125, Architectural Services Department
Mr YEUNG Shun-shing, Willy	Project Manager 144, Architectural Services Department
Mr CHIU Tseng-hung, Horace	Project Manager (School Building) ⁴ , Education Bureau

In Attendance

Mr CHAU Ka-nin, Eric	Senior Liaison Officer (2), Tuen Mun District Office, Home Affairs Department
Mr LAM Man-kwong	Senior School Development Officer (Tuen Mun) ³ , Education Bureau
Mrs NG NG Lai-chun	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Tuen Mun) ² , Social Welfare Department
Mr LEE Wai-ming	Neighbourhood Police Coordinator, Police Community Relations Office (Tuen Mun District), Hong Kong Police Force
Ms WA Lei-chun, Winnie	Senior Community Relations Officer, Independent Commission Against Corruption

Absent with Apologies

Mr TSANG Hing-chung	Co-opted Member
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I. Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all present to the 3rd 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 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 (II)(D), namely “Request for Extension of Tuen Mun Hospital” and agenda item (IV)(A), namely “Progress Report on the Extension of Operating Theatre Block of Tuen Mun Hospital”, were related. She asked if Members agreed to let the Hospital Authority (“HA”) report on the progress before discussion. Members agreed to this arrangement.

II. Notification on Members’ Resignation from SSC

4. The Committee noted that Mr CHAN Manwell, Leo and Mr YIP Man-pan had resigned from the SSC.

III. Absence from Meeting

5. The Secretary reported that no application for leave of absence from Members had been received.

IV. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

6. As Members proposed no amendments to the minutes, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 2nd meeting of the SSC (2018-2019) were confirmed.

V. Matters Arising

(A) **Request for Expeditious Completion of the Premises Extension Plan for Hong Chi Morninghill School, Tuen Mun**
(SSC Paper No. 52/2017)
(Paragraphs 36-43 of the Minutes of the 12th Meeting of SSC (2016-2017) and paragraphs 25-29 of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of SSC (2018-2019))

7. The Chairman welcomed Mr Horace CHIU, Project Manager (School Building) of the Education Bureau (“EDB”), Mr WONG Chi-leung, Senior Manager, and Mr Willy YEUNG, Project Manager, of the Architectural Services Department (“ArchSD”) to the meeting.

8. The Chairman said that, at an earlier meeting, the SSC had requested the EDB to

provide further information about the extension works of Hong Chi Morninghill School, Tuen Mun (“Morninghill School”), including their commencement and completion dates and the layout plan. She asked the EDB to provide supplementary information in this regard.

9. Mr Horace CHIU of the EDB responded that the bureau had all along maintained close liaison with Morninghill School regarding the extension works, which would provide, among others, five classrooms, a staff room, a social worker room, a speech therapy room and ancillary facilities such as lifts and toilets. A parking area and a cargo loading and unloading area would be provided in the new building to address the needs of the school. The cost of the works was estimated to exceed \$30 million so according to the mechanism, the works had to be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) for approval. The EDB and the ArchSD had all along followed up on the progress of the extension works proactively, and had completed a technical feasibility study and consulted relevant government departments on the study report. At the current stage, the bureau was preparing for the engagement of an engineering design consultant who was anticipated to assume duty at the end of 2018. The bureau also expected that it could, together with the ArchSD and the design consultant, consult the TMDC about the extension works in the fourth quarter of 2019 at the earliest.

10. A Member said that the TMDC would be in recess during the next District Councils election at the end of 2019. He asked whether the EDB could consult the TMDC earlier in the first or second quarter of 2019, so that the extension works could commence as soon as possible. A Member agreed with the above proposal, saying that there should not be further delay since the TMDC had been discussing the extension works for five years.

11. Mr Horace CHIU of the EDB responded that the bureau would strive to fit the consultation into the meeting schedule of the TMDC and would continue to maintain close liaison with Morninghill School to keep it updated on the progress of the works.

12. The Vice-chairman expressed the hope that the EDB would consult the TMDC at different stages of the works. In addition, since the works had to be submitted to the LegCo for approval, he hoped that the LegCo could discuss the proposal rationally so as to improve the learning environment of this group of disadvantaged people as soon as possible.

13. Mr Horace CHIU of the EDB responded that the bureau also hoped that the proposal would be passed by the LegCo smoothly and the EDB would report to the TMDC on the progress of the works in due course.

14. The Chairman concluded that all TMDC Members were very concerned about the progress of the extension works as the TMDC had been following up on the matter since the previous term. She asked the EDB to note Members’ comments and report to the SSC on

the progress of the works in due course.

(B) Request the Education Bureau to Amend the Service Agreement with the Harrow International School

(SSC Paper No. 5/2018)

(Paragraphs 48-63 of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of SSC (2018-2019))

(Written Response of EDB)

15. The Chairman said the SSC had asked at an earlier meeting whether, in the negotiation for the service agreement with Harrow International School Hong Kong (“Harrow HK”), the EDB could request the school to open up more facilities for public use and make it compulsory for its students to use school buses for transport to and from the school. In this respect, Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB referred Members to the written response of the bureau.

16. A proposer of the paper opined that the written response of the EDB only stated the number of times Harrow HK lent its facilities to non-profit-making organisations without providing information about the borrowing organisations and the activities concerned, making it difficult for Members to discuss the matter. The EDB’s written response also mentioned that upon the request of Permanent Secretary for Education or organisations with his/her approval, Harrow HK should open up its campus and facilities for the purposes of public examination, education, recreation, sports and so forth. In this respect, she requested the EDB to provide a list of approved organisations and asked whether the EDB allowed Harrow HK to determine the charges for borrowing facilities on the principle of cost recovery, and if the above arrangement was not included in the current service agreement, whether the EDB would make amendments when negotiating the service agreement with Harrow HK in the future.

17. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that organisations (mainly educational bodies) interested in hiring facilities of other schools could apply to the bureau on a need basis so the bureau did not draw up a list of approved organisations. Regarding whether Harrow HK could determine the charges for borrowing facilities on the principle of cost recovery, he would give a response after making enquiries to the relevant sections.

18. The first proposer of the paper said that occupying a large piece of land, Harrow HK indirectly deprived residents in Tuen Mun East of many public facilities. She reckoned that if the EDB agreed that Harrow HK should open up more facilities for public use, the bureau should take different measures to proactively encourage the school to implement relevant arrangements.

19. The Chairman concluded that Members were very concerned about the matter and hoped that in the negotiation for the service agreement, the EDB would request Harrow HK

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to open up more facilities for use by Tuen Mun residents at affordable prices and suggest its students use school buses for transport to and from the school. She said that the SSC would further discuss the matter and asked the EDB to consider sending relevant representatives to the meeting to respond to Members' enquiries.

(C) **Request for a Thorough Investigation into a Suspected Incident of Bullying in Schools**
(SSC Paper No. 6/2018)
(Paragraphs 64-74 of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of SSC (2018-2019))
(Written Response of EDB)

20. The Chairman said, at an earlier meeting, the SSC had expressed concerns whether schools had observed the EDB's guidelines in handling bullying cases and put forward various proposals. She referred Members to the written response of the EDB and asked Members whether they had any further comments.

21. Members made different comments on the matter, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member suggested the EDB organise talks in primary schools to teach parents and students about effective emotion management and recruit post-secondary students as volunteers to communicate with primary students on a regular basis;
- (ii) A Member opined that the majority of the bullied students were so weak or relatively introverted that teachers were unable to identify their bullying cases at an early stage. The Member therefore hoped that schools could implement the "one school social worker for each school" policy as soon as possible;
- (iii) A Member reckoned that it was more important for students to learn how to express and protect themselves and that schools should also encourage students to help each other in a bid to create a harmonious atmosphere on campus and curb bullying; and
- (iv) A Member believed that instead of relying solely on social workers to reduce cases of bullying in schools, teachers should pay extra attention to students.

22. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that the bureau had all along handled cases of bullying in schools with a zero-tolerance attitude, and it not only encouraged schools to draw up and implement anti-bullying policy, but also required schools, through relevant circulars and guidelines, to take proactive measures to protect students' safety. In addition, the bureau supported schools in adopting a "home-school co-operation" approach to bullying cases. The EDB had also invited specialists to hold talks in different schools to share their experiences in preventing bullying in school.

23. The Chairman asked the EDB to provide supplementary information on manpower

deployment of schools and proposals to create a caring atmosphere on campus.

24. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that in 2011 the bureau had launched the “Harmonious School - Anti-bullying” Campaign, under which senior students had been selected to join the “Peace Ambassadors” training and students had been encouraged to report bullying. In addition, the bureau would also provide different kinds of professional support to schools in a bid to curb bullying.

25. Members made different comments and enquiries on the EDB’s response, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) Believing that some students might not know whether their behaviours were considered as bullying, a Member suggested the EDB hold seminars to deepen students’ and parents’ understanding of the definition of bullying;
- (ii) A Member opined that while providing additional resources to schools, the EDB should at the same time set indicators and let schools utilise the resources to meet them on their own instead of allowing schools to focus the resources only on specific aspects; and
- (iii) A Member asked how often educational psychologists visited schools.

26. Mr LAM Man-kwong of the EDB responded that he would relay the views of Members to relevant sections and provide supplementary information on the arrangements for educational psychologists’ visits to schools after the meeting.

27. The Chairman asked the EDB representative to relay the views of Members and provide the relevant supplementary information for Members’ perusal after the meeting. EDB

VI. Reporting Items

(A) Progress Report on the Extension of Operating Theatre Block of Tuen Mun Hospital **(SSC Paper No. 20/2018)**

28. The Chairman welcomed Dr Steve CHAN, Cluster General Manager (Administrative Services), and Ms Joana YU, Hospital Manager (Public Affairs & Donation Management), of the New Territories West Cluster of the HA to the meeting.

29. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation (Annex 1)*, Dr Steve CHAN of the HA briefed Members on the progress of the extension of the Operating Theatre Block of Tuen Mun Hospital.

*Only available in Chinese version.

30. A Member expressed support for the extension but reckoned that due to the ever-rising public demand for medical services, facilities of Tuen Mun Hospital would still be inadequate even after the completion of the extension works. The Member therefore suggested the authority consider using the laundry and Pathology Block of the hospital for future extension.

31. The Chairman enquired about the number of trees removed due to the extension works and whether the authority had any plans to replant trees elsewhere.

32. Dr Steve CHAN of the HA thanked Members for supporting the extension. He said that the authority had earlier drawn up a Clinical Services Plan for the New Territories West Cluster, which included role delineation and future service directions of Tuen Mun Hospital. In respect of the plan, the authority had devised an overall development outline for Tuen Mun Hospital which served as a blueprint for its future redevelopment or extension, with a view to satisfying the long-term medical needs of local residents. Moreover, the laundry and Pathology Block mentioned by the Member would be taken into account when studying how to increase clinical space of Tuen Mun Hospital in the future. He added that there were 10 trees or so removed due to the extension works. The authority had already engaged horticulturalists to handle the matter and hoped that trees could be replanted in the vicinity of Tuen Mun Hospital so as to provide its patients with a green environment.

33. A Member was concerned that the noise produced by piling works of the extension might affect nearby residents and thus enquired when the works concerned would be carried out.

34. Dr Steve CHAN of the HA responded that the authority would strike a balance between the progress of the works and the operation of operating theatres and avoid carrying out piling works during intricate surgeries. The authority was applying to the Environmental Protection Department for the extension of construction time to ensure that the progress of the works was on schedule, and would maintain communication with nearby residents.

35. A Member pressed on the specific time of carrying out piling works.

36. Dr Steve CHAN of the HA responded that based on the current progress, part of the piling works would be scheduled in the evening. Since the contractor used hydraulic machines for underground grouting works to minimise the number of times and the frequency of percussions, noise would not be produced during the works. The authority had urged the contractor not to carry out works which would produce noise in the evening so as not to affect nearby residents.

37. The Chairman thanked the HA representatives for reporting on the progress of the extension to Members at the meeting and asked them to relay the views of Members to relevant parties.

VII. Matters Arising (Continued)

(D) Request for Extension of Tuen Mun Hospital

(SSC Paper No. 7/2018)

(Paragraphs 75-82 of the Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of SSC (2018-2019))

38. The Chairman said that the SSC had written to the Food and Health Bureau and the HA expressing the views of Members after the previous meeting. She asked whether Members had further comments.

39. As Members had no comments, the Chairman said the SSC would end the discussion on this matter.

VIII. Discussion Items

(A) Request for Speedy Conversion of the Vacant School Premises of the Ex-CCC Kei Leung Primary School into Facilities for the Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, Etc

(SSC Paper No. 16/2018)

(Written Response of Social Welfare Department)

40. The first proposer of the paper said that the premises of the former CCC Kei Leung Primary School (“Kei Leung Primary School”) had been vacant for nearly 10 years but still had not been converted into elderly facilities. He noted that as at end-2017, there were around 32 500 places in subsidised residential care homes for the elderly (“RCHE”) in Hong Kong but the number of elderly people waiting for places was as high as around 40 000. In 2016, some 6 000 elderly people passed away during the wait. Apart from RCHEs, there was also a severe shortage in places in residential care homes for persons with disabilities (“RCHD”), taking an applicant 8 to 16 years on average to be arranged a place. He urged the Government to address the situation concerned and convert the premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School into facilities for the elderly and persons with disabilities as soon as possible.

41. Members made different comments and enquiries on the matter, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member pointed out that the local community welcomed the proposal to convert the premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School into elderly facilities when it was put forward by the Government years ago, but the progress of the proposal was delayed repeatedly due to different reasons. The Member opined that the Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) should commence the works as soon as possible;

- (ii) A Member said that the EDB had returned the premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School to the Government in 2011. In 2014, the Government confirmed the plan to convert the premises into elderly facilities and successfully sought funding from Lotteries Fund, but still had not commenced works so far;
- (iii) A Member said that the SSC had all along been concerned about the progress of the works but the SWD still had not provided any details of the works. The Member suggested the SSC further discuss this matter and requested the SWD to give a detailed account of the progress of the works, the application for change in land use, and whether facilities proposed in the paper but not included in the conversion plan (e.g. RCHDs, care homes for the mentally disabled, RCHEs and day care centres) would be built elsewhere in Tuen Mun; and
- (iv) A Member asked the SWD to provide the anticipated completion date of the conversion works.

42. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that the department had finished the district consultation on the conversion project in 2013, conducted technical assessments with funding from Lotteries Fund in 2014 as well as negotiated the use of emergency vehicular access and the setting up of the passenger/cargo loading and unloading area with relevant departments and the Owners' Corporation of Leung King Estate. The department hoped to complete the application for change in land use with the Housing Department ("HD") as soon as possible and convert the land use of the site from educational purpose to welfare purpose. The SWD would then seek funding from Lotteries Fund for the conversion works and the entire project was anticipated to be completed in 2022 or earlier. Regarding a Member's enquiry whether the department had any plan to build facilities proposed in the paper elsewhere in Tuen Mun, she would provide supplementary information at the next meeting.

43. Members made different comments on the SWD's response, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member found it unacceptable that the SWD still had not finished the application for change in land use after a prolonged discussion on the conversion works, and suggested that, when further discussing the matter, the SSC invite the Lands Department and the ArchSD to send representatives to the meeting to respond to Members' enquiries concerning the application for change in land use and project designs;
- (ii) A Member pointed out that from the SWD's response, the department had already planned to use the covered area below the basketball court near the school premises as a permanent site for the Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (The Club) which was then temporarily housed in the Providence Garden for Rehab of

Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council. The Member doubted whether the incomplete application for change in land use in respect of the site at this stage was consistent with the procedures and whether human errors were involved;

- (iii) A Member noted that the vacant premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School had been borrowed for film shooting and enquired about the government department responsible for the relevant application for borrowing the premises; and
- (iv) A Member remarked that the SWD had consulted relevant government departments on the technical assessments of the conversion project in 2016 and thus suggested the SWD invite all consulted departments to send representatives to the meeting.

44. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that the HD and the SWD were still preparing for the application for change in land use for the project concerned so the application had not been submitted to the Lands Department at this stage, and also the SWD was not involved in the arrangement for lending the vacant premises of the former Kei Leung Primary School for film shooting. Regarding a Member's enquiry about government departments which had given advice on the technical assessments of the project, she would provide supplementary information at the next meeting.

45. The Chairman concluded that the SSC would further discuss this matter. Since the project involved the SWD and the HD at this stage, she requested the SWD to consider attending the next meeting with relevant representatives from the HD. In addition, the SSC would write to the SWD and the HD requesting their responses to Members' enquiries. Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: The above two letters were sent on 20 April 2018.)

(B) Concern about the Problem of Medical Negligence in Castle Peak Hospital, Request for Improvement on Reporting Mechanism and Guidelines (SSC Paper No. 17/2018) (Written Response of HA)

46. The Chairman welcomed Dr CHENG Koi-man, Deputy Service Director (Quality & Safety) of the New Territories West Cluster of the HA / Consultant of the Department of General Adult Psychiatry of Castle Peak Hospital, to the meeting.

47. Mr TSANG Hin-hong declared his interest as a member of the Hospital Governing Committee of Castle Peak Hospital so he would not speak on the matter. Members had no objection to the above arrangement.

48. The first proposer of the paper said that medical incidents would undermine patients' trust in the healthcare system and healthcare personnel, and the medical incident concerning

Castle Peak Hospital reflected that its healthcare personnel had not paid attention to the data in the patient's laboratory report. He hoped that the HA could give a response to whether appropriate guidelines and reporting mechanism were put in place after the above incident in order to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

49. Dr CHENG Koi-man of the HA responded that both the authority and the hospital were very concerned about the above medical incident and had reviewed the incident in depth several times and drawn up improvement measures. They included requesting healthcare personnel to explain thoroughly to patients and their families when prescribing the psychiatric drug "Clozapine", adding markings to laboratory reports to remind healthcare personnel to pay attention to abnormal data as well as requesting doctors to review inpatients' normal laboratory reports of that week and confirm them by signing. Since the implementation of the above measures, Castle Peak Hospital had conducted two rounds of review and confirmed that the implementation was satisfactory. No similar medical incidents had recurred.

50. A Member said that patients in Castle Peak Hospital might not be able to clearly express their sickness so healthcare personnel should scrutinise medical reports. She opined that to prevent a doctor from reviewing inpatients' laboratory reports carelessly, another doctor should be requested to review the reports again.

51. Dr CHENG Koi-man of the HA responded that to prevent the situation described by the Member, the hospital had conducted two rounds of clinical audit after the implementation of the relevant measure in a bid to check whether healthcare personnel had been negligent of the contents of the reports. The results of both two rounds of audit confirmed the effectiveness of the measure.

52. The Chairman concluded that no medical incident should be tolerated and requested the HA representative to consider Members' views in a bid to strengthen and improve the healthcare system.

(C) **Concern about the Problem of Insufficient Training and Rehabilitation Facilities for Cerebral Palsied Children**
(SSC Paper No. 18/2018)
(Written Response of EDB)
(Written Response of SWD)

53. The first proposer of the paper said that the paper expressed concern over babies having different levels of impairments (e.g. muscle weakness, speaking and swallowing difficulties) caused by insufficient oxygen supply to the brain cells and hence the death of the brain cells due to various reasons at birth. Those babies had to wait for several years for consultation and to grasp the optimal timing for treatment, their parents would spend their

fortune so that their children could receive proper treatment. She pointed out that So Wa-wai, a disabled Hong Kong athlete, had suffered from cerebral palsy when he was young but he could win championships in athletic meets then because he had received proper treatment. This showed that if cerebral palsied children were treated at an early stage, their recovery could be effectively improved. However, this group of babies currently had to wait for about one year for intellectual assessments and 1.5 years more after completing the assessments for placements in special schools. She reckoned that the Government should allocate additional resources to render more support for cerebral palsied children and their parents.

54. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that the department had submitted a response paper regarding the concern about the problem of insufficient training and rehabilitation facilities for cerebral palsied children. In respect of the Member's concern elaborated in paragraph 53, Mrs NG NG Lai-chun confirmed with the Member whether she wished to learn about the overall situation of pre-school rehabilitation services and said that relevant information could be provided later if necessary.

55. The first proposer of the paper added that currently there was a group of cerebral palsied babies using the hydrotherapy pool in Caritas Li Ka Shing Care and Attention Home for muscle training. Since the site would soon be converted into residential places for the elderly and there were no similar facilities in the district for their use, parents of the group of cerebral palsied babies were very worried.

56. The Chairman said that the arrangement for cerebral palsied babies waiting for treatment was under the purview of the HA so the SSC would further discuss the matter and invite the HA to send representatives to the meeting to, jointly with the EDB and the SWD, respond to Members' enquiries.

(D) Request the Social Welfare Department to Give an Account of the Whole Story Concerning the Reprovisioning of Yau Chong Home (SSC Paper No. 19/2018) (Written Response of SWD)

57. The first proposer of the paper said that families of residents in Fu Hong Society Yau Chong Home ("Yau Chong Home") had sought her help on 22 February 2018, saying that in January 2018 they had received notification from Fu Hong Society that in respect of the amendments to the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan, all residents had to move to King Tai Court in San Po Kong at the end of 2018, and the families were very worried about such an arrangement. The first proposer of the paper also noted that the consultation period for the amendments to the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan had ended on 3 January 2018 but the families of the residents had received the above notification only after the end of the consultation period and thus did not have any opportunity to express their views on the

consultation. She said that Yau Chong Home had served Tuen Mun district for over 20 years but the SWD had not consulted the SSC on its reprovisioning. In addition, she remarked that the department had not considered residents' needs in the reprovisioning arrangement. She continued that representatives of different government departments and policy bureaux had contacted the families of the residents in Yau Chong Home only after the revelation of the incident and opined that government departments might not have proactively followed up on the matter if this group of disadvantaged people had not sought help from the TMDC. Worried about the approach taken by the department, she requested the SWD to give a clear account of the situation of Yau Chong Home and urged the department to proactively consult the TMDC when handling the relevant matter in the future.

58. Members made different comments on the matter, which are summarised as follows:
- (i) A Member reckoned that the Yau Chong Home incident was only the tip of an iceberg and opined that the SWD had not protected this group of disadvantaged people to the best of its ability. She requested the SWD not to relocate or demolish Yau Chong Home;
 - (ii) A Member said that Yau Chong Home was one of the few care homes providing home-like residential care services to mildly mentally handicapped persons and its care approach suited the needs of residents. The Member hoped that the SWD would relay relevant views to the Development Bureau and preserve Yau Chong Home;
 - (iii) A Member pointed out that the TMDC had earlier written to the relevant departments urging them to examine the situation of Yau Chong Home. The Member reckoned that government departments should enhance their coordination in the future and make long-term plans for services the disadvantaged people needed;
 - (iv) A Member said that when the Planning Department ("PlanD") conducted a consultation on the amendments to the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan at a TMDC meeting in 2017, the TMDC had moved a motion on and voiced objections to the matter, and Yau Chong Home was exactly located within the rezoning area. The Member opined that the department could not disregard the stance of the TMDC and request Yau Chong Home to relocate; and
 - (v) A Member pointed out that the residents of Yau Chong Home had been trained for over 10 years and the majority of them had already acquired self-care skills and jobs so the Member hoped that the SWD would consider the significance of Yau Chong Home for the residents and arrange for preserving Yau Chong Home in-situ.
59. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD responded that before the PlanD consulted the

TMDC about the proposed amendments of the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan on 5 September 2017, the SWD had informed Fu Hong Society about the proposed reprovisioning arrangement for Yau Chong Home on 1 September 2017. During that time, representatives from the PlanD and the SWD had maintained close contact and proactively studied with Fu Hong Society the feasibility of various reprovisioning arrangements. Among them, the site in King Tai Court in San Po Kong was a specially built supported hostel. It was one of the reprovisioning sites the SWD had considered since the architectural design of the site and the nature of the prescribed service were coherent with those of Yau Chong Home. The department had arranged for representatives from Fu Hong Society to visit the site in King Tai Court in San Po Kong on 11 January 2018 and for service users to visit on 12 and 19 January 2018. After considering the aspirations of residents of Yau Chong Home and their families, the department decided not to consider the proposal to relocate Yau Chong Home to King Tai Court. The department would continue to examine the situation of Yau Chong Home and render appropriate support to the residents and their families.

(Post-meeting note: After consideration, relevant policy bureaux and departments decided to amend the proposed public housing development plan on Hin Fat Lane, Tuen Mun and remove Yau Chong Home from the development area so that it could be preserved in-situ.)

60. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD added that home-like residential care homes were one of the mainstream rehabilitation services and the department hoped to continue providing similar services to persons with disabilities in a bid to improve their rehabilitation progress. Generally speaking, the department would consult the TMDC only when a plan had entered a more advanced stage. Even so, she would relay the Members' concern to the department so that it would consider consulting the TMDC at an early stage when handling similar projects in the future. She said that the department had been very concerned about the aspirations of residents of Yau Chong Home and their families and would continue to proactively maintain close contact with relevant departments and examine the situation concerned.

61. Members made different comments on the SWD's response, which are summarised as follows:

- (i) A Member said that since the SWD had already contacted Fu Hong Society on 1 September 2017, it should all together bring up the situation of Yau Chong Home when the PlanD consulted the TMDC on the proposed amendments of the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan. The SWD should also approach Fu Hong Society to gain an understanding of the reasons why residents of Yau Chong Home and their families had received notification of the reprovisioning arrangement concerned only in January 2018;
- (ii) A Member reckoned that as the Town Planning Board was still deliberating the proposed amendments of the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan, informing Fu

Hong Society about the re-provisioning arrangement for Yau Chong Home by the SWD before the approval of the amendments had been in breach of procedural justice; and

- (iii) A Member requested the SWD to update the TMDC on the arrangement for Yau Chong Home as soon as possible and urged all government departments to consult the TMDC at an early stage when handling similar projects in the future.

62. Mrs NG NG Lai-chun of the SWD thanked Members for their comments and said that the department would pay more attention when arranging consultations with the TMDC in the future. The department would report to the SSC on any progress on the arrangement for Yau Chong Home when appropriate.

63. The Chairman concluded that the SSC would write to the Labour and Welfare Bureau, the Transport and Housing Bureau, the SWD and the PlanD expressing Members' views and reiterating that the TMDC had previously written to object the proposed amendments of the approved Tuen Mun Outline Zoning Plan. The Chairman also urged the relevant departments to consider the aspirations of residents of Yau Chong Home and their families. Secretariat

64. The first proposer of the paper reckoned that when writing to the relevant departments, the SSC should remind all government departments to proactively consult the TMDC when handling similar matters in the future. Since the PlanD was under the Development Bureau, a Member suggested the SSC write to the Development Bureau at the same time.

65. Members had no objection to the above proposal. The Chairman said that the SSC would also write to the Development Bureau expressing Members' views. Secretariat

(Post-meeting note: The above five letters were sent on 8 May 2018.)

IX. Reporting Items (Continued)

(B) "All for Integrity" Tuen Mun District Project 2017-18 **(SSC Paper No. 21/2018)**

66. Members noted the contents of the relevant report by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

(C) Work Reports by the Working Groups under the Social Services Committee **(SSC Paper No. 22/2018)**

(i) Working Group on Medical and Rehabilitation Services

67. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

(ii) Working Group on Community Care

68. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

(iii) Working Group on Education and Youth Services

69. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

(iv) Working Group on Promotion of Healthy Diet

70. Members noted the contents of the report by the above working group.

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

(D) Report by the Tuen Mun District School Development Section of the Education Bureau**(SSC Paper No. 23/2018)**

72. Members noted the contents of the relevant report by the EDB.

(E) Report by the Social Welfare Department**(SSC Paper No. 24/2018)**

73. Members noted the contents of the relevant report by the SWD.

(F) Report on Crime Figures in the Tuen Mun District**(SSC Paper No. 25/2018)**

74. Members noted the contents of the relevant report by the Hong Kong Police Force.

X. Any Other Business**(A) 9th “Quit to Win” Smoke-free Community Campaign**

75. The Chairman said that the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health would organise the ninth “Quit to Win” Smoke-free Community Campaign and had invited the TMDC to be a supporting organisation. At the meeting held on 2 May 2018, the TMDC had decided to become a supporting organisation of the above campaign and passed the matter concerned to the SSC for follow up. The SSC could follow previous arrangements and pass the matter concerned to the Working Group on Community Care for follow-ups.

76. As Members had no objection, the SSC decided that the matter concerned be passed to the Working Group on Community Care for follow-ups.

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XI. Date of Next Meeting

77. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting would be held on 15 May 2018.

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