

Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2025
of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee
of Tai Po District Council

Date: 8 January 2025 (Wednesday)
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Time of Arrival</u>	<u>Time of Withdrawal</u>
<u>Chairman</u>		
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Vice-chairman</u>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Members</u>		
Mr. LEE Man-kit	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, BBS, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Wah-kwong, Rex, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LI Yiu-ban, BBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LAM Yick-kuen, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WU Cheuk-him	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Pok-chi, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WAN Koon-kau	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. WONG Wai-tung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. LOK Siu-luen	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. LO Hiu-fung, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Ms. CHAN Ching-yin	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<u>Secretary</u>		
Mr. LEE Sung-hei, Marcus	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Executive Officer (District Council) 2 / Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) / Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)		

In Attendance

Dr. WONG Yick-him, Simon	Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance) / Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”)
Mr. LUI Kwok-man	Structural Engineer / C2-1 / Buildings Department (“BD”)
Mr. MA Ping-hing	Project Coordinator / Maintenance 1D / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. NG Wing-hung	Senior Engineer / Tai Po / Drainage Services Department (“DSD”)
Mr. WONG Pak-ki	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North)1 / Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”)
Mr. LAU Wai-cheung	Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)1 / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)
Ms. WAN Yuk-chi	Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)2 / FEHD
Miss FAN Wing-man	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 2 / FEHD
Miss LAI Hiu-wing	Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) Tai Po / FEHD
Ms. YIU Cho-yee	Operations Support Sub-Unit Commander / Tai Po Division / Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”)
Mr. LI Tsz-yau, Roy	District Engineer / Tai Po (1) (Doubling-sideways District Engineer / Tai Po (2)) / Highways Department (“HyD”)
Mr. TUNG Wai-lam	Administrative Assistant (Atg.) / Lands / District Lands Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) / TPDO / HAD

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the 1st meeting in 2025 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) of TPDC, and announced the following:

- (i) Dr. WONG Yick-him, Simon, Veterinary Officer (Avian Influenza Surveillance) of EPD, was attending the meeting for the third agenda item.
- (ii) Miss LAI Hiu-wing, Senior Health Inspector (Hawker) Tai Po of FEHD, was attending the meeting.
- (iii) Ms. YIU Cho-yee, Operations Support Sub-Unit Commander of Tai Po Division of HKPF, would attend future meetings in place of Ms. CHAN Wing-kwan, Wendy.
- (iv) Mr. TUNG Wai-lam, Administrative Assistant (Atg.) of TPDLO, was attending the meeting in place of Mr. TSUI Chun-sing.

I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 6th meeting in 2024 of the FEHC on 6 November 2024

2. The Chairman reported that as the Secretariat did not receive any proposed amendments prior to the meeting, and no Members on the floor had put forward any amendments, the captioned minutes therefore were confirmed.

II. Concerns over the application for food waste smart recycling bins by private housing estates in Tai Po District

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 1/2025)

3. A Member went through the captioned paper, and hoped that the EPD would step up efforts in assisting private housing estates (“PHEs”) to apply for participation in the Pilot Scheme on Food Waste Smart Recycling Bins in PHEs (“the Scheme”).

4. The representative of EPD responded as follows:

- (i) At present, ten housing estates in Tai Po, namely Ming Nga Court, Fu Heng Estate, Elegance Garden, Chung Nga Court, Mayfair By The Sea I and II, Tai Po Centre, Serenity Park I, St. Martin, Yee Nga Court and Centra Horizon, had applied to participate in the Scheme, among which the applications of Ming Nga Court, Fu Heng Estate and Elegance Garden had already been approved. Food waste recycling had commenced at Ming Nga Court in September 2024.
- (ii) The Scheme had been accepting applications since December 2023, and approved housing estates had been installed with food waste smart bins (“FWSBs”) since the end of February 2024. As at the end of December 2024, the department had completed the installation of FWSBs in 51 PHEs across the territory. The operation of the Scheme had been smooth, with the amount of food waste collected increased from an average of 0.4 tonne per day in March 2024 to 9 tonnes per day in December 2024. The Scheme had received positive response from the residents.
- (iii) The department would continue to closely monitor the use of FWSBs, provide additional promotional and educational activities as well as technical support to housing estates in need, and strengthen promotional efforts to housing estates not yet in the Scheme.

5. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked the department how long it took to process an application.
- (ii) They asked whether the department would publicise the Scheme to PHEs.

- (iii) They asked whether this was the case that the department would send staff to recover the food waste collected forthwith if the FWSBs were full, or the housing estates had to take care of the matter on their own.
- (iv) They asked whether the department could provide Members with the application guidelines and details for them to convey to the housing estates.
- (v) They asked whether the department would distribute domestic food waste buckets (“DFWBs”) to residents of PHEs with FWSBs installed.

6. The representative of EPD responded as follows:

- (i) In general, it took about 3 to 4 months for the department to process an application.
- (ii) Each FWSB was attached with a telephone number. If the bin was full, the matter could be dealt with as soon as possible by calling the telephone number.
- (iii) Members were welcome to contact the department after the meeting to know more about the details of the distribution of DFWBs.

(Post-meeting note: The EPD had issued invitation letters to PHEs in all districts at the early stage of the Scheme to encourage their participation in the Scheme. Since then, the department had been maintaining close liaison with major property management companies (“PMCs”), such as promoting and explaining details in the form of talks to management offices of all housing estates under the same PMC. The EPD had also collaborated with the Property Management Services Authority to introduce the Scheme on its website for reference by major PMCs.

Members could download the Guideline Notes and Application Form from the following website: https://www.ecc.org.hk/en/publicity/pilot_fwsb.html

Members were welcome to contact the department for more details on the application.

Each FWSB was equipped with an inner bin with a capacity of 120 litres. When the collected food waste reached 70 per cent of its capacity, the system would automatically notify the cleansing staff of the housing estate to replace the inner bin. The cleansing staff would transport the fully loaded inner bins to a specific location (such as the refuse room) in the housing estate for temporary storage, where the food waste recycling contractor of the EPD would then collect food waste from the specific location each day for delivery to government treatment facilities, for treatment and conversion into electricity and compost.

Under the Scheme, one small DFWB had been reserved for each household in all participating housing estates. Taking into account space constraints, the EPD would deliver the small DFWBs in batches to PHEs with FWSBs, and their management offices would be responsible for the distribution of DFWBs. Should all the small DFWBs be distributed, the management offices would notify the EPD and arrange for delivery of the next batch of DFWBs.)

7. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was said that odours were coming from the food waste recycling facilities at Tai Po Hui Market ("TPH Market"), and a meeting with market tenants and the representatives of FEHD had been held earlier in this regard.
- (ii) Some residents had reflected that the opening of FWSB was rather narrow. It was hoped that the design would be modified to reduce the spillage of food waste liquids.
- (iii) It was opined that the Scheme could be adjusted in light of the current utilisation, such as by adjusting the trial locations and trial period.
- (iv) It was asked whether the department would install more FWSBs if the amount of food waste recovered from housing estates was higher.
- (v) It was asked whether the department would introduce FWSBs that could start treatment of food waste on the spot.
- (vi) It was asked how the department would assess the effectiveness of the Scheme.
- (vii) It was said that there were users who disposed of plastic bags stained with food remnants and liquids into nearby rubbish bins, giving rise to another environmental hygiene problem.
- (viii) It was suggested that the department continue to step up publicity and education efforts.

8. The representative of EPD responded as follows:

- (i) He noted the views on unpleasant odours from the food waste recycling facilities at TPH Market.
- (ii) He would provide Members with supplementary information on the effectiveness of the Scheme after the meeting.
- (iii) He noted the views on the design of FWSBs and, at the same time, housing estates were welcome to install appropriate facilities (such as handwashing facilities) on their own as required.
- (iv) Eligible PHEs were welcome to apply to the department for installing more FWSBs according to actual circumstances.
- (v) Apart from the Scheme, the department had other schemes for promoting recycling for environmental protection available for application. Members were welcome to request information after the meeting.
- (vi) He noted the suggestion of stepping up publicity and education efforts.

(Post-meeting note: Since March 2024, a food waste pre-treatment system (“FWPTS”) had been installed at the refuse collection point (“RCP”) on G/F of TPH Market to enhance the efficiency of food waste treatment. The FWPTS adopted advanced technology to convert food waste into slurry and was stored in sealed odour-controlled tanks before being delivered to the centralised food waste treatment facilities of the Government on a regular basis, for further treatment and conversion into electricity and compost. The EPD had been closely monitoring the operation of FWPTS and, in addition to conducting multiple inspections, had continued to maintain close communication with market stall tenants and FEHD staff, as well as to arrange the contractor to increase the frequency of system checks and maintenance. According to the inspection results in recent months, the operation of FWPTS was normal and stable without any odour problems. Since the roll-out of the Scheme, the amount of food waste had seen a steady rise, with an average of about 200 kilograms of food waste being treated each day. As market tenants had been progressively developing the good habit of food waste separation and recycling and the FWPTS was also operating smoothly and effectively, the department would carry on with the implementation of this initiative in TPH Market and continue to promote food waste recycling.

When planning for ancillary food waste recycling facilities in future, the EPD would enhance existing facilities and explore various more cost-effective technologies for food waste collection, such as modifying existing FWSBs and conducting trials of different types of on-site food waste treatment facilities.

Regarding the pilot scheme in PHEs, under the existing scheme, one FWSB was allocated to every 500 households. Since there was no limit to the number of times an inner bin could be replaced, and the participation rate varied from one housing estate to another, the number of FWSBs currently provided was sufficient based on real operational experience. The EPD would closely monitor the usage of FWSBs and provide additional support to housing estates in need.

The Scheme aimed to encourage and facilitate source separation and collection of food waste in large-scale PHEs, and raise residents’ awareness of and promote food waste recycling in the community by adopting FWSB technology. As such, the EPD would assess the effectiveness of the Scheme in terms of the resident participation rate and the amount of food waste recovered. Since the launch of the Scheme, the resident participation rate had seen a steady increase, with a daily average of 12% of households participating in the Scheme in December 2024, which was more than double the rate in March 2024. A significant increase in the amount of food waste recovered was also recorded, with a leap from an average of 0.4 tonne per day in March 2024 to 9 tonnes per day in December 2024.

The food waste treatment facility O·PARK2, which was commissioned in March 2024, was capable of separating impurities such as bones and plastic bags in the pre-treatment process. Members of the public could now put plastic bags containing food waste (including bones) directly into FWSBs without the need of having to empty them out, making it more convenient and preventing environmental hygiene problems that might arise from the disposal of plastic bags. The EPD would step up public education

and publicity efforts to enable public understanding of food waste recycling methods.)

III. Suggestion to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for stepping up enforcement against illegal feeding of feral pigeons

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 2/2025)

9. A Member went through the captioned paper, and pointed out that it was suspected that there were members of the public feeding feral pigeons at a fixed time and location every day. It was hoped that the relevant departments would step up law enforcement.

10. The representative of AFCD responded that the department had been working with the FEHD, Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) and Housing Department (“HD”) to enforce the law under their respective purview. Members were welcome to report breaches of law to the department, and detailed reporting information would facilitate their law enforcement.

11. Members’ comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) They asked the department about the specific measures and effectiveness of the inter-departmental joint operations conducted since the coming into force of the Wild Animals Protection (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (“Amendment Ordinance”).
- (ii) It was suggested that the department display publicity materials such as exhibition panels at black spots of illegal feeding of feral pigeons.

12. The representative of AFCD responded as follows:

- (i) Since the coming into force of the Amendment Ordinance on 1 August 2024 and as at the end of December 2024, the department had participated in 16 inter-departmental joint operations against illegal feeding of feral pigeons across the territory. A total of over 70 fixed penalty notices (“FPNs”) had been issued by the departments in the law enforcement actions. The department would continue to maintain communication with various departments and carry on with law enforcement actions on an on-going basis.
- (ii) The department had earlier set up “Mission P.” educational booths at points of feral pigeon congregation across the territory to publicise the message of not feeding feral pigeons and to educate the public on the knowledge of animal welfare and hygiene. In addition, since the first quarter of 2024, the department had also launched a series of publicity and education campaigns themed “All For No Feeding” to publicise the ban on feeding feral pigeons and wild animals.

13. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) Some members of the public had reflected that someone was suspected to have placed poisonous baits in the district to poison pets, and hoped that Members and the department would pay attention to this.
- (ii) Some members of the public had been bitten by wild pigs on Tap Mun. It was hoped that the department would pay attention to this.
- (iii) There were quite a number of monkeys foraging for food at Yung Shue O RCP. It was hoped that the department would pay attention to this.

14. The representative of AFCD responded as follows:

- (i) He noted the views on poisonous baits, wild pigs and monkeys, and would convey them to the section concerned.
- (ii) The department would invite Members to participate in education and publicity programmes (such as the setup of publicity booths at public places) against illegal feeding of feral pigeons or other wild animals from time to time. Members were welcome to support and participate in such programmes.

IV. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Tai Po District 2025 Year-end Clean-up
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 3/2025)

15. The representative of FEHD went through the captioned paper, and invited Members to participate in the captioned clean-up and the associated publicity work. The department would provide details after the meeting.

16. A Member suggested that the department carry out the captioned clean-up in conjunction with the HD and management companies at public housing estates and their shopping malls. He also asked about the specific actions of adopting the “zero-tolerance” approach as stated in the captioned paper.

17. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would strengthen liaison with various government departments on the captioned clean-up.
- (ii) Regarding the illegal feeding of feral pigeons, the department had continued to take enforcement actions and conduct joint operations having regard to the situation. Since the coming into force of the Amendment Ordinance on 1 August 2024 and as at the end of December 2024, the department had issued a total of 12 FPNs to

persons fouling public places by feeding feral pigeons and leaving behind residual feed on the ground. During the operations, the department would deploy special teams and send plainclothes officers to carry out law enforcement having regard to the situation.

18. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) It was suggested that the department conduct publicity and education through banners, with prosecution figures printed on the banners for a deterrent effect.
- (ii) It was suggested that cleaning and law enforcement actions in the vicinity of garages be stepped up under the captioned clean-up to prevent the discharge of waste water into stormwater drains and watercourses by garage staff.

V. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2025 in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 4/2025)

19. The representative of FEHD went through the captioned paper.

20. Members' comments and questions were as follows:

- (i) It was hoped that the department would pay attention to the hygiene conditions of the planters near Jade Plaza as well as that of the area underneath the bridge at Hong Lok Yuen.
- (ii) It was asked whether the department could provide data for a comparison of the rodent infestation before and after the Anti-Rodent Campaign ("the Campaign").
- (iii) They asked about the criteria of the department for the delineation of the targeted rear lanes under the Campaign.
- (iv) They asked about the effectiveness of the use of T-shaped bait boxes.

21. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would step up cleansing and pest control work, and consider the installation of additional Internet Protocol cameras underneath the bridge near Hong Lok Yuen to combat illegal garbage disposal.
- (ii) The department conducted two rounds of Rodent Activity Survey each year and the Rodent Absence Rate for Tai Po District in the first round of 2024 was 98.30. Members were welcome to contact the department after the meeting for discussion on the details of anti-rodent operations.

- (iii) The routine work plan of the department included rodent disinfection, whereas the Campaign was to strengthen rodent prevention and control at potential spots of rodent infestation by conducting anti-rodent operations, and to provide members of the public with technical guidance on rodent prevention and control.
- (iv) The department adopted a two-pronged strategy for rodent disinfection by using T-shaped bait boxes having regard to the environment on the spot, or putting rodenticide into perforated plastic packets for rodent consumption based on actual circumstances. The rodenticide used by the department was an anticoagulant that was fatal to rodents only after continuous consumption of a certain amount.

VI. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Environmental Protection Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department and Drainage Services Department – Reports on the clearing of rubbish and sludge in Lam Tsuen River and Tai Po River in Tai Po
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 5/2025)

- 22. The representatives of FEHD, EPD, CEDD and DSD each went through the captioned paper one by one.
- 23. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) It was suggested that the relevant departments pay attention to the source of floating refuse (especially styrofoam) for follow-up and prosecution.
 - (ii) They pointed out that there was more sludge in Lam Tsuen River and Tai Po River in summer, and asked about the plan and timetable for the clearing of sludge, and whether departmental staff would be present to supervise the contractor.
 - (iii) It was opined that the relevant departments should step up cleaning of the flood protection walls when the water level of the rivers was relatively low.
 - (iv) It was hoped that the relevant departments would pay more attention to the illegal discharge of waste water into the rivers.
 - (v) It was suggested that the relevant departments step up grass cutting on both sides of the rivers in summer.
- 24. The representative of FEHD said that the department would keep in view the situation, and prosecution actions would be taken if littering in the rivers was discovered.
- 25. The representative of EPD said that the four discharge cases suspected of breaching the Water Pollution Control Ordinance as stated in the captioned paper did not include those dealt

with by way of fixed penalty. The department would trace the pollution to its source as soon as possible upon receipt of a complaint and take follow-up action.

26. The representative of CEDD said that the department had all along been assisting the DSD in monitoring the riverbed level of Lam Tsuen River (from Kwong Fuk Bridge to the outfall) and Tai Po River (from the railway bridge to Lam Tsuen River), and had carried out maintenance dredging works and embankment structural repairs according to the actual need. The department had cleaned the embankment concerned of Lam Tsuen River in the second half of 2024, and would step up inspection and carry out cleaning work as necessary.

27. The representative of DSD said that the department had cleaned the flood protection walls in the second half of 2024, and would arrange for cleaning again according to individual site circumstances. On suspected cases of illegal discharge of waste water, the department would maintain liaison with Members or refer the cases to the relevant departments for follow-up. In addition, the department would increase the frequency of grass cutting along the rivers in summer.

28. A Member asked the CEDD about the number of large machinery to be used in river cleaning and the cleaning frequency.

29. The representative of CEDD said that the department had completed the clearing of sludge at the confluence of Lam Tsuen River and Tai Po River in the first quarter of 2024. Thereafter, the department had carried out a bathymetric survey, the result of which showed that the riverbed level had not reached the preset level. The department would continue to monitor the riverbed level and carry out maintenance dredging works according to the actual need.

30. A Member suggested that the CEDD invite Members to a visit to inspect the next round of clearing of sludge.

VII. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force, District Lands Office, Tai Po, Highways Department, Buildings Department and Environmental Protection Department – Departmental reports on the environmental hygiene issues in Tai Po District (TPDC Paper No. FEH 6/2025)

31. The representative of TPDO reported that inter-departmental joint operations had been conducted at Four Lanes in Tai Po Market and in the area around Jade Plaza on 15 October, 24 October, 21 November, 27 November, 16 December and 23 December 2024 respectively.

32. The representative of FEHD went through Appendix I to the captioned paper.

33. The representative of HKPF went through Appendix II to the captioned paper.

34. The representative of TPDLO went through Appendix III to the captioned paper.
35. The representative of HyD went through Appendix IV to the captioned paper.
36. The representative of BD went through Appendix V to the captioned paper.
37. The representative of EPD went through Appendix VI to the captioned paper.
38. Members' comments and questions were as follows:
 - (i) They asked about the time taken for the Joint Office for Investigation of Water Seepage Complaints ("Joint Office") to handle water seepage complaints.
 - (ii) They asked about the progress in handling the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners at Kwong Fuk Road.
 - (iii) They asked about the methods adopted by the FEHD in calculating the figures recorded in the routine anti-rodent work and the Campaign.
 - (iv) Some residents of "three nil" buildings had reflected that it was difficult for them to comply with the statutory orders issued by the BD, and hoped that the TPDO and BD would provide more support and assistance.
 - (v) They said that the ground surface at Tai Po Plaza near the HKJC Off-course Betting Branch was uneven, and hoped that the relevant departments would follow up on it.
 - (vi) It was suggested that the departments provide more photos taken in operations for reference.
39. The representative of FEHD responded as follows:
 - (i) Members were welcome to provide details of water seepage cases for follow-up after the meeting.
 - (ii) The figures for the routine anti-rodent work had already included those for the Campaign.
 - (iii) The department had stepped up law enforcement efforts against water dripping from air conditioners, and had issued 13 Nuisance Notices in October 2024, 16 verbal warnings in November 2024, and 3 verbal warnings from 1 to 15 December 2024. The department would continue to carry out relevant enforcement actions.

40. The representative of BD responded as follows:

- (i) Members were welcome to provide information on “three nil” building cases for follow-up after the meeting.
- (ii) The department primarily followed up on retractable canopies that needed to be dealt with immediately during the joint operations. Relevant photos would be provided at the next meeting.

41. A Member hoped that the Joint Office set up by the BD and FEHD would review whether adjustments could be made to the time limit for enforcing statutory orders, and that the relevant departments would handle water seepage cases as soon as possible.

42. The representative of HyD responded as follows:

- (i) The department would fully co-operate with the TPDLO in inter-departmental joint operations to deal with platforms illegally built on government land that had not been removed by the prescribed deadline in accordance with departmental guidelines.
- (ii) He noted the views on the uneven ground surface.

(Post-meeting note: The HyD followed up with the relevant Members after the meeting and completed the repair of ground surface on 27 January.)

VIII. District Lands Office, Tai Po – Report on abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping of soil and inter-departmental bicycle clearance joint operations
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 7/2025)

43. The representative of TPDLO went through the captioned paper.

44. The representative of TPDO reported as follows:

- (i) Inter-departmental bicycle clearance joint operations were conducted on 18 October, 31 October, 15 November, 28 November, 6 December and 19 December 2024, with a total of 2 265 notices issued and 190 illegally parked bicycles confiscated.
- (ii) Regarding the problem of illegal parking of bicycles in the area outside MTR Tai Po Market Station near the pedestrian subway and the sidewalk, the department, in conjunction with the Transport Department and HKPF, would conduct clearance operations against illegally parked bicycles by invoking the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228) (“SOO”) from 22 January 2025. The department had hung

up large publicity banners conspicuously at the location concerned so as to remind the public of the consequences of illegal parking of bicycles and the location of bicycle parking spaces nearby. The department had invited Members and co-opted members of TPDC, as well as members of Tai Po South Area Committee, to distribute publicity leaflets on 14 January 2025 at the location concerned.

45. A Member suggested that bicycles illegally parked at other locations in the district be cleared in the same manner by invoking the SOO.

IX. Marine Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Reports on the quantity of refuse collected from Tolo Harbour between October and December 2024
(TPDC Paper Nos. FEH 8/2025 and FEH 9/2025)

46. The Chairman asked Members to take note of the paper (No. FEH 8/2025).

47. The representative of FEHD went through the paper (No. FEH 9/2025).

X. Tai Po District Office – Target operation locations for improvement of environmental hygiene in Tai Po District
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 10/2025)

48. The representative of TPDO went through the captioned paper.

49. The Chairman reported that following a visit by Members and the representatives of AFCD, FEHD, TPDO and LCSD to Kwong Fuk Road and Wan Tau Kok Lane in August 2024 to inspect the environmental hygiene problems arising from egret droppings, a further visit was made to the same locations by Members and the representatives of TPDLO in December 2024. The Chairman hoped that the relevant departments would carry out appropriate pruning work as soon as possible.

50. A Member added that he hoped that the FEHD would continue to step up cleansing of the said locations.

XI. Any other business

51. A Member was concerned about the begging activities near TPH Market, and the nuisance caused by dogs barking at night near Ma Wo to residents in the vicinity.

52. The Chairman hoped that the relevant departments would take note of the above views and provide assistance.

XII. Date of next meeting

53. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 5 March 2025 (Wednesday).

54. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat
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