

**Minutes of the 1st Meeting in 2026**  
**of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee**  
**of Tai Po District Council**

Date: 9 January 2026 (Friday)  
Time: 2:28 p.m. – 3:54 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”)

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Arrival</u></b>	<b><u>Time of Withdrawal</u></b>
<b><u>Chairman</u></b>		
Ms. WONG Pik-kiu, SBS, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Vice-chairman</u></b>		
Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
<b><u>Members</u></b>		
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
Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Siu-fung	Beginning of the meeting	End of the meeting
Mr. MUI Ching-hung, MH	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. 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
<b><u>Secretary</u></b>		
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**

Mr. TAM Kwok-yin	Senior Inspector of Works / Maintenance 1D / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. CHEUNG Chi-hing	Administrative Assistant / Lands / District Lands Office, Tai Po (“TPDLO”) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Mr. LAI Chun-cheung	Housing Manager / Tai Po, North & Shatin 10 / Housing Department (“HD”)
Mr. LAU Wai-cheung	Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)1 / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)
Mr. POON Ming-ho	Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)2 (Atg.) / FEHD
Ms. FAN Wing-man	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 2 / FEHD
Mr. WONG Wai-sing, Penny	Structural Engineer / C2-1 / Buildings Department (“BD”)
Ms. HO Mei-yung	Engineer / Tai Po 2 / Drainage Services Department (“DSD”)
Mr. WONG Pak-ki	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional North)1 / Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”)
Miss TSANG Hok-yau, Bibiana	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) (Designate) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. LEUNG Kim-bong	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. HUEN Lai-yan, Sara	Senior Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed Members and departmental representatives to the 1st meeting in 2026 of the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) of TPDC, and announced the following:

- (i) All Members and departmental representatives were in attendance and had been seated. The Chairman decided to commence the meeting at 2:28 p.m.
- (ii) Miss TSANG Hok-yau, Bibiana and Mr. LEUNG Kim-bong, Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) (Designate) and Senior Executive Officer (District Management), of TPDO respectively, were attending the meeting.
- (iii) Mr. TAM Kwok-yin, Senior Inspector of Works / Maintenance 1D of CEDD, was attending the meeting in place of Mr. WONG Hoi-tung, Jimmy.
- (iv) Mr. POON Ming-ho, Chief Health Inspector (Tai Po)2 (Atg.) of FEHD, was attending the meeting in place of Ms. WAN Yuk-chi.

- (v) Ms. HO Mei-yung, Engineer / Tai Po 2 of DSD, was attending the meeting in place of Mr. FUNG Cheuk-pong, Ronald.

**I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 6th meeting in 2025 of the FEHC on 5 November 2025**

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. Enquiry on the effectiveness of enforcement against illegal feeding of feral pigeons in Tai Po District**

(TPDC Paper Nos. FEH 1/2026, FEH 1a/2026, FEH 1b/2026, FEH 1c/2026, FEH 1d/2026 and FEH 1e/2026)

3. The Chairman welcomed Mr. LAI Chun-cheung, Housing Manager / Tai Po, North & Shatin 10 of HD, to attend the meeting for the second and third agenda items.

4. A Member went through Paper No. FEH 1/2026.

5. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the written responses of the departments.

6. A Member suggested that the relevant departments step up not only law enforcement, but also education of those who illegally fed feral pigeons on the consequences of such action.

7. The representative of FEHD went through Paper No. FEH 1d/2026.

8. The representative of HD went through Paper No. FEH 1c/2026.

9. The Chairman suggested that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") step up patrolling the areas of urban recreational parks such as On Pong Road Sitting-out Area and Tai Po Central Sitting-out Area.

**III. Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Housing Department to strengthen mosquito prevention and control measures in Tai Po District and continue to stay vigilant against chikungunya fever**

(TPDC Paper Nos. FEH 2/2026, FEH 2a/2026 and FEH 2b/2026)

10. A Member went through Paper No. FEH 2/2026.
11. The representative of FEHD went through Paper No. FEH 2a/2026.
12. The representative of HD went through Paper No. FEH 2b/2026.

**IV. Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Tai Po District 2026 Year-end Clean-up**

(TPDC Paper No. FEH 3/2026)

13. The representative of FEHD went through the captioned paper.
14. Members' comments were as follows:
  - (i) They suggested that the FEHD carry out the Year-end Clean-up in conjunction with departments including the HD, LCSD and Highways Department ("HyD").
  - (ii) They suggested that the departments step up coordination on spots such as planters and curbs that involved different departments.
15. The Chairman suggested that departments pay more attention to the environmental hygiene of the pedestrian subway and pavement near MTR Tai Po Market Station ("TPM Station").
16. Members' comments were as follows:
  - (i) There was an odour problem at the pedestrian subway between Tai Po Swimming Pool and Chui Lok Street. They suggested that cleaning efforts be stepped up in the Year-end Clean-up.
  - (ii) They suggested improving the hygiene situation at the back alley between Yan Hing Street and Fu Shin Street.
  - (iii) There was an odour problem at the pavements in the vicinity of Fo Chun Road in Pak Shek Kok. They suggested stepping up cleaning efforts.
  - (iv) They suggested that the relevant departments coordinate to also clean the roadside

planters and walls when cleaning the road surface with high-pressure water jets.

- (v) Wild pigs often searched for food at rural refuse collection points and rubbish bins, thereby causing environmental hygiene problems. After daily cleaning by the FEHD, wild pigs would again overturn rubbish bins to search for food, and the problem could not be effectively handled. They suggested that a representative of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (“AFCD”) be invited to attend the next meeting for discussion.

17. The representative of FEHD noted Members’ comments, and said that the department would step up communication with other departments and follow up on the relevant hygiene situations. In addition to regular cleansing work, the FEHD would also provide more dog excreta collection bins at specified locations and arrange for extra cleaning. The department was also concerned about the issue of wild pigs overturning rural rubbish bins to search for food, and was carrying out relevant improvement works.

(Post-meeting note: The FEHD had arranged for the contractor to clean the pavements in the area of Fo Chun Road in Pak Shek Kok and outside the pedestrian subway between Tai Po Swimming Pool and Chui Lok Street, as well as stepped up clearing the refuse at the back alley between Yan Hing Street and Fu Shin Street, to ensure environmental hygiene. FEHD staff mainly used high-pressure water jets to clean pavement surfaces in public spaces. Should any issues be found with respect to cleaning roadside planters and walls, the FEHD would refer the matter to the relevant management staff or departments responsible for follow-up. On the issue of wild pigs overturning rubbish bins when searching for food, in addition to sending staff to clear the scene, the department would also refer cases to the AFCD in due course for follow-up.)

18. The Chairman said that she would invite the AFCD to send a representative to attend the next meeting, for discussion on the environmental hygiene problem caused by wild pigs overturning rural rubbish bins to search for food.

V. **Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – First Phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2026 in Tai Po District**  
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 4/2026)

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

20. Members' questions and comments were as follows:

- (i) They asked about the period of time the FEHD's thermal imaging cameras were placed.
- (ii) They asked when the FEHD would announce the data of the rodent survey.
- (iii) Some residents reflected that rodents had been sighted at Tai Po Centre near the bus terminus and in the vicinity of Tai Yuen Market. They asked whether the FEHD would carry out anti-rodent actions at the said locations.
- (iv) With reference to figures such as "number of cage traps and snap traps", "number of live rodents caught" and "number of dead rodents collected" in Annex I to the paper, they asked what types of snap traps the FEHD had placed in Tai Po District, as well as whether the effect of anti-rodent actions could be enhanced by increasing the attractiveness of rodent baits and adjusting the placement locations of cage traps and snap traps.
- (v) They suggested that the FEHD raise the awareness of rodent prevention and control of restaurants and property management companies through publicity and education efforts.
- (vi) They suggested placing cage traps or snap traps near rural rubbish bins.

21. The representative of FEHD said that the department had placed over 100 thermal imaging cameras supported by artificial intelligence technology in Tai Po District, which detected rodent activities by capturing thermal images over three consecutive days. The Rodent Activity Survey was conducted twice a year, with results announced at the middle and end of the year respectively. On rodent sightings at Tai Po Centre near the bus terminus and in the vicinity of Tai Yuen Market, the department would step up follow-up actions, which included reminding stakeholders such as relevant property management companies and restaurants to step up rodent prevention and control. At present, the department had placed cage traps in Tai Po District, but not snap traps. Departmental staff would place cage traps at night, then check the following morning whether any live rodents had been caught, as well as whether there were dead rodents nearby, and the relevant data would be included in the statistics. The department noted Members' comments on the placement locations of cage traps and would make adjustments according to the actual situation.

**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 5/2026)

22. The representatives of FEHD, EPD, CEDD and DSD went through the captioned paper one by one.

23. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) They hoped the relevant departments would step up monitoring and following up on the matter of sewage discharge.
- (ii) The rainstorms last year had flooded and caused damage in the area of Lin Au. They suggested that the relevant departments improve the embankment and drainage facilities at the said location.

24. The Chairman suggested that the DSD follow up on the matter of Lin Au and if necessary, further discuss at the relevant committees.

25. The Chairman said that many vessels were currently moored at Lam Tsuen River, causing environmental hygiene issues, and she hoped to further clarify whether vessels were allowed to moor in the river channel. The Chairman said that she would invite the Marine Department (“MD”) to send a representative to attend the next meeting for discussion.

26. The representative of DSD said that she would visit Lin Au with Members and follow up on the relevant situation.

(Post-meeting note: The DSD had visited the relevant location with Members on 16 January 2026. Based on the result of the visit, the DSD had raised comments to the TPDO on embankment repairs and improvements of the fences of the relevant footbridge across the river.)

**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**  
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 6/2026)

27. The representatives of FEHD, TPDLO, BD and EPD went through the captioned paper one by one.

28. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the reports of HKPF and HyD in Appendices II and IV to the captioned paper respectively.

29. The representative of TPDO reported that inter-departmental joint operations had been conducted in the area around Jade Plaza and the Four Lanes area in Tai Po Market on 24 October, 14 November and 18 December of 2025 respectively to monitor the illegal extension of business by shops.

**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 7/2026)

30. The representative of TPDO reported that inter-departmental bicycle clearance joint operations were conducted on 17 October, 22 October, 12 November, 21 November, 26 November, 10 December and 17 December of 2025, with a total of 1 360 notices issued and 313 illegally parked bicycles confiscated (of which four were shared bicycles). In addition, in conjunction with the HKPF and TD, the department had also invoked the relevant provisions of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228) to seize illegally parked bicycles causing obstruction in the area of the pedestrian subway near TPM Station. A total of 30 illegally parked bicycles had been seized between October and December 2025.

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

**IX. Marine Department and Food and Environmental Hygiene Department – Reports on the quantity of marine and coastal refuse collected by the departments**  
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 8/2026)

32. The Chairman drew Members' attention to the report of MD in Appendix I to the captioned paper.

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

**X. Tai Po District Office – List of target operation locations for improvement of environmental hygiene under the District-led Actions Scheme in Tai Po District**  
(TPDC Paper No. FEH 9/2026)

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

35. Members' comments were as follows:

- (i) Water often accumulated on the ground surface where Tai Yuen Market and Jade Plaza intersected. They suggested that the said location be included into the list of target operation locations for improvement of environmental hygiene.
- (ii) There was also a water accumulation problem between Jade Plaza and Tai Po Centre Bus Terminus. They suggested that the said location be included in the list of target operation locations for improvement of environmental hygiene.

36. The Chairman said that if a tree on the pavement in urban areas fell, after the removal of the fallen tree, it was likely for weed and water accumulation problems to arise in the tree pit. She suggested considering to even the tree pit according to the situation, and that it was not necessary to plant again.

37. The Chairman suggested that the TPDO arrange for the relevant departments to carry out site visits with the Members who raised the comments on target operation locations.

(Post-meeting note: The TPDO was currently following up on the relevant situation with the relevant departments and the Members who raised the comments on target operation locations.)

**XI. Any other business**

38. A Member suggested that the relevant departments report on the progress of the tree-pruning work around the junction of Kwong Fuk Road and Wan Tau Kok Lane, so as to learn whether the problem of egret droppings had improved.

39. The Chairman said she would invite the relevant departments to attend the next meeting

for a progress report.

**XII. Date of next meeting**

40. The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. on 6 March 2026 (Friday).

41. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Tai Po District Council Secretariat  
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