

## **Minutes of the 3rd Meeting in 2024 of Tai Po District Council**

Date: 7 May 2024 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:35 a.m. – 12:36 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Tai Po District Council

### **Present**

### **Time of Arrival**

### **Time of Withdrawal**

#### **Chairman**

Ms. CHAN Hau-man, Eunice, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

#### **Members**

Mr. YU Chi-wing, MH

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

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. LEE Hon-cheung

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

Mr. CHAN Tsz-kin

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHAN Cho-leung, MH, JP

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHAN Yung-wa

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen, MH, JP

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, BBS, 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

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

#### **Secretary**

Ms. SING Hoi-shan, Wendy

Beginning of the meeting

End of the meeting

Senior Executive Officer (District Council) /

Tai Po District Office (“TPDO”) /

Home Affairs Department (“HAD”)

**In Attendance**

Mr. MA Wai-hing, Adrian	District Commander (Tai Po) / Hong Kong Police Force (“HKPF”)
Ms. CHOI Ying-tung	Police Community Relations Officer (Tai Po) / HKPF
Ms. FUNG Man-yu, May	District Social Welfare Officer (Tai Po / North) / Social Welfare Department (“SWD”)
Mr. CHAU Chun-wing	Chief Leisure Manager (New Territories East) / Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”)
Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris	District Leisure Manager (Tai Po) / LCSD
Miss LEE Mei-yee, May	Senior Librarian (Tai Po) / LCSD
Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella	Senior Manager (New Territories East) Promotion / LCSD
Ms. LAU Fung-yi, Connie	Manager (New Territories East) Marketing & District Activities / LCSD
Ms. WONG Yee-fang, Eva	Chief Transport Officer / New Territories East / Transport Department (“TD”)
Ms. CHAN Hau-yin, Margaret	District Planning Officer / Sha Tin, Tai Po and North / Planning Department (“PlanD”)
Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen	Chief Engineer / N3 / Civil Engineering and Development Department (“CEDD”)
Mr. WAT Wai-ching, Stephen	Senior Engineer / 11 (N) / CEDD
Mr. LAM Chi-ming, Kempis	District Lands Officer / TP (District Land Office, Tai Po) / Lands Department (“LandsD”)
Mr. TSUI Chun-sing	Administration Assistant / Lands / District Lands Office, Tai Po / LandsD
Mr. FOCK Wai-wa	Chief Manager / Management (TNS) / Housing Department (“HD”)
Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (“FEHD”)
Miss FAN Wing-man	Senior Health Inspector (Cleansing & Pest Control) Tai Po 2 / FEHD
Ms. WONG Mei-yin	Chief School Development Officer (Tai Po) / Education Bureau (“EDB”)
Ms. LY Uyen-g, Debbie	Principal Youth and Education Officer / New Territories East / Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”)
Ms. LING Wai-chi	Senior Youth and Education Officer / ICAC
Miss YU Wing-lam, Phoebe	Assistant District Officer (Tai Po) / HAD
Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline	Senior Executive Officer (District Management) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. LUI Kan-man, Raymond	Senior Liaison Officer (1) / TPDO / HAD
Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie	Senior Liaison Officer (2) / TPDO / HAD
Mr. CHOW Tsz-yan, Daniel	Executive Officer (District Council) / TPDO / HAD

The Chairman welcomed District Council Members (“Members”) and representatives of government departments to the third meeting of the 7th Tai Po District Council (“TPDC”).

**I. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2nd meeting in 2024 of the TPDC on 5 March 2024**

2. Neither had the Secretariat received any proposed amendments before the meeting, nor had any participants put forward amendments at the meeting. The minutes of the captioned meeting were confirmed without amendment.

**II. District Work Plans 2024/25 of Government Departments**

**(Tai Po District Office, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Housing Department and Transport Department)**

(TPDC Paper No. 13/2024)

3. The Secretary went through the captioned paper.

4. Miss YU Wing-lam, Phoebe, Ms. WONG Sze-man, Queenie, Mr. LUI Kan-man, Raymond, and Miss CHAN Sui-king, Madeline, went through Appendix I to the captioned paper.

5. Mr. LEE Hon-cheung suggested that the elements of national education be included in the activities in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China, such as organising exhibitions or quizzes, so as to enhance the public's sense of national identity.

6. Mr. MUI Siu-fung suggested that the emblem of TPDC should be added to the backdrops of district major events.

7. Ms. LOK Siu-luen suggested that booths of Members' ward offices could be included in district major events to help promote the work of TPDO and District Council ("DC").

8. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu hoped that the TPDO would continue to co-organise activities to commemorate the May Fourth Movement with secondary schools and youth groups in the district in future. Besides, in view of the serious traffic congestion on Plover Cove Road during the "Grand Parade at Tai Po Market for Celebration of Tin Hau Festival" held earlier, she suggested that traffic diversion measures for future parades should be announced to the public well in advance, and that traffic diversions or prohibition of all vehicular traffic to Plover Cove Road should be implemented on the day of the event, so as to alleviate the traffic congestion.

9. Mr. CHAN Pok-chi opined that "Tai Po District Lantern Boat Night Tour along Lam Tsuen River in Celebration of 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" would enable stakeholders in the district to appreciate Lam Tsuen River from different angles.

10. Mr. LEE Man-kit commended the inter-departmental bicycle clearance joint operations. He hoped that the department could assist in the clearance of shared bicycles that had ceased operations and Members could also provide the TPDO with more illegal parking black spots for bicycles so that the problem could be rectified progressively. Besides, as there were street prostitutes hanging around quite a number of buildings in the district recently, he suggested that education for owners should be enhanced in building management courses to safeguard security within buildings.

11. The Chairman responded as follows:

- (i) District Youth Development and Civic Education Committee (“CEC”) and District Youth Community Building Committee under the TPDO were new committees established in all 18 districts as mentioned by the Chief Executive in the Policy Address, and the Tai Po CEC was chaired by Mr. KWOK Wing-keung, the Principal. In the past, there had been a National Education Committee which had organised a number of national education activities over the years, including the Civic Education Quiz Competition which was well received by primary and secondary schools in the district. She would provide Members’ suggestion of dovetailing national education activities and National Day celebration activities together to the CEC for reference.
- (ii) The TPDO had been arranging for DC and Members to cooperate in the activities of TPDO. The suggestion of allowing DC and Members to play a more active role in activity arrangements raised by Members just now was constructive and DC could be one of the co-organising organisations if complementary efforts could be made. The TPDO could follow up with Members on how to arrange for Members to take part in the form of booths of Members’ ward offices or other forms of participation.
- (iii) The activities to commemorate the May Fourth Movement held this year were a good start. Members could discuss with Tai Po School Liaison Committee in advance the co-organisation of such activities in future and the TPDO could make complementary efforts in terms of resources.
- (iv) Lantern Boat Night Tour along Lam Tsuen River had been held in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong’s return to the motherland in the past and the response had been positive. She hoped that Members could assist in publicising the event so that more people could participate in it.
- (v) The inter-departmental bicycle clearance joint operations covering all bicycles, including shared bicycles, were conducted on a regular monthly basis. The operation locations would be drawn up according to complaints or suggestions

received during the period.

12. Mr. MA Wai-hing, Adrian, responded as follows:

- (i) The Police would review the relevant traffic arrangements after each major event. Although no public complaint had been received for this parade, the Police would still listen to the views of different stakeholders. The Police and relevant departments would discuss traffic arrangements before holding a major event, taking into consideration public safety and interests of various parties, and arrange for traffic diversions in the hope that the event would not be obstructed and the impact on the public would be minimised. It was necessary to consult the TD on traffic diversions, where a number of factors, such as whether changing the direction of travel on a carriageway within a short period of time would cause confusion, had to be taken into account. The Police was open to all approaches and would listen to Members' views after the meeting. It would convene a meeting well in advance of the event next year so as to improve the situation.
- (ii) Combating street prostitution was one of the Police's specialised operations. The problem of street prostitutes had not only affected the cityscape, but also caused nuisance to passers-by. The Police was aware of the situation and would follow up on it. The Police Tai Po District and Immigration Department had been taking on-going enforcement actions against street prostitution, including arresting illegal workers and mounting decoy operations. If Members witnessed any crime or suspicious circumstances in the district, they might send photographs or directly notify the Police Community Relations Officers for referral to a special task force or dedicated team for immediate follow-up.

13. Mr. CHAN Yung-wa suggested that the TPDO could promote the district activities of Tai Po District in Shenzhen so as to boost the local economy and employment.

14. The Chairman responded that the resources for organising activities by the TPDO mainly came from funding under the Community Involvement Programme, which aimed at serving the respective community. The main target group of the activities was residents in the respective district, while members of the public in Hong Kong and cross-boundary travellers were also welcome to participate in them. Members could assist in the promotion of the activities through various channels. The Chairman thanked Members for their views on the work plan of TPDO, which would be actively followed up.

15. Mr. MA Hing-sum, Patrick, went through Appendix II to the captioned paper.

16. The Chairman suggested that Members first give a brief account of their views on the report of FEHD, while more detailed and specific views could be referred to the Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee (“FEHC”) for detailed follow-up.

17. Ms. LOK Siu-luen said that some residents had reflected that a large amount of miscellaneous articles had been piled up on the ground floor and at the backlane of Block A of Greenery Plaza for a long time, causing hygiene, pest and rodent problems as well as nuisance to residents on the lower floors. The problems had been reflected to FEHD on a number of occasions in the past but to no avail. It was hoped that the department would follow up on the matter in its annual plan.

18. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen was satisfied with the report of FEHD, in particular the fact that the inter-departmental joint operations had greatly improved the cityscape in the area of Four Lane and that the department had followed up promptly on the problems in the district as raised by Members. In addition, he hoped that the department would continue to keep an eye on whether roadside drains were blocked by leaves to avoid backflow.

19. Mr. MAK Shing-ho, Gary, said that some residents of Tai Wo Estate had reflected that there were still rodent sightings in nearby streets and public area. He believed that Members would be willing to co-operate with the department in educating the public about carrying out anti-rodent work at home, for example, by adding glue traps in cleansing packs distributed during the Year-end Clean-up.

20. Mr. CHAN Pok-chi asked the FEHD about the ratio of cases successfully proved by means of Internet Protocol (“IP”) cameras among the somewhat 44 400 fixed penalty notices (“FPNs”) issued against cleanliness offences in 2023. Besides, he hoped to provide the departmental staff with more effective strategies to crack down on sale of chilled or frozen meat disguised as fresh meat at a later time.

21. Mr. WONG Wai-tung said that many incorporated owners (“IOs”) and other organisations had reflected that the pest control work was relatively one-sided. He suggested that the FEHD should communicate and co-operate with relevant stakeholders, such as IOs of individual buildings, in carrying out pest control work, so as to render the work more effective.

22. Ms. LEE Sai-yin, Jeanne, suggested that measures against nuisance caused to pedestrians by water dripping from air-conditioners and pipes in shopping malls should be included in the operations of the department.

23. Mr. LO Hiu-fung suggested that the department should provide quantifiable data such as the number of operations and oviposition trap (“ovitrap”) indices for each anti-mosquito and pest control service location in the report.

24. Mr. Patrick MA responded as follows:

- (i) He did not have information on the accumulation of miscellaneous articles at the backlane of Block A of Greenery Plaza for the time being and deduced that the area might fall within private land. The department would clean backlanes on public land on a regular basis, but it was relatively difficult to identify the owners or occupiers concerned if the relevant locations fell within private land. The department would do their utmost to deploy staff to carry out cleansing work as far as practicable, having regard to the hygiene conditions of the locations. As for the problem of construction waste on private streets, it would be referred to the Environmental Protection Department (“EPD”) or Highways Department (“HyD”) for follow-up.
- (ii) The Flood Prevention Teams of FEHD would be mobilised when a Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal, or a Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 was in force to prevent bulky waste and miscellaneous articles from blocking the drains.
- (iii) The department had been carrying out public publicity and education on rodent and pest control, usually at housing estates or management office of individual buildings. In the past, the department had rarely invited Members for collaboration and it would arrange for Members to jointly participate in the relevant work in future.
- (iv) To his understanding, the number of FPNs issued might not have a direct correlation with IP cameras, and the relevant information had yet to be available for the time being.
- (v) The department had invited Members to carry out publicity work on the problem of water dripping from air-conditioners earlier, and Members might also provide the department with locations where they wished to step up the relevant work and inspection. In accordance with the established practice, the department would patrol blackspots in the district based on complaints and issue a Nuisance Notice to home owners or occupiers to improve the situation.
- (vi) The contractors would keep records of every anti-mosquito and pest control operation and the department could provide the relevant data in the papers. The Pest Control Advisory Section was responsible for the ovitrap index, which was normally measured for a specific area only. If ovitraps were installed in the vicinity of anti-mosquito and pest control service locations, the department would supplement the ovitrap indices to the relevant locations.

25. Mr. LO Hiu-fung said that the department had set out anti-mosquito service locations and pest control service locations in the same table, which led to the misunderstanding that ovitraps

were placed at all locations. He suggested that the department display the locations of the two services separately, with relevant data to show the effectiveness of the services. In addition, he suggested that the relevant data be added to Annexes II and III of Appendix II.

26. Ms. LOK Siu-luen said that she could provide information on Greenery Plaza to the departmental staff after the meeting, and would also write to the department to reflect the situation.

27. Mr. Patrick MA said that Annex I to Appendix II was a list of locations where the FEHD had conducted anti-mosquito and pest control services, and not all the locations would be surveyed for ovitrap index.

28. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris, Ms. OR Hiu-man, Stella, and Miss LEE Mei-yee, May, went through Appendix III to the captioned paper.

29. Mr. MUI Siu-fung asked the department whether the parking locations for mobile libraries would be adjusted in light of the pedestrian flow.

30. Miss LEE Mei-yee, May, said that the department would pay close attention to the situation at the parking locations for all mobile libraries and liaise closely with Members.

31. Mr. LEE Man-kit suggested that the LCSD set out in its annual work plan the details of competitions or activities planned to be held in Tai Po District, so as to enable Members to publicise them to the public in advance.

32. Mr. FUNG Hon-wa, Harris, said that the work plan of LCSD for Tai Po District in 2024/25 was a whole-year plan of recreation and sports programmes formulated for the local community by the department, including the types of programmes, the estimated numbers of programmes and the number of participants. The department would make a report at the Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee (“CCRC”) meetings to brief Members on details of programmes to be held, and publicity information would also be available on the Internet and in the district. He thanked Members for their assistance in publicising the programmes.

33. Mr. LO Hiu-fung commended the LCSD for inviting Members to participate in “Hong Kong Reading Week” earlier, and hoped that the department would organise similar activities next year. Besides, a district library would be introduced at the Ex-Jockey Club Swimming Pool Site in Tai Po, and he asked about the progress and implementation of the works.

34. Mr. WU Cheuk-him asked whether the department had any annual plans for upgrading its venue facilities.



35. Mr. Harris FUNG said that the LCSD would make regular reports at the meetings of District Facilities and Works Committee (“DFWC”), and the department could provide the relevant information to Members at a later time.

36. Miss May LEE thanked Members for their participation in the activities of Hong Kong Reading Week organised by the LCSD earlier. Besides, the district library project at the Ex-Jockey Club Swimming Pool Site was mainly under the charge of the Health Bureau (“HHB”). The department would keep a close watch on the project and report to the DC if there was any progress.

37. The Chairman said that Members’ views were clear, including the hope that the department would provide the committee with an annual programme plan well in advance so that Members could assist in promotion. It was also hoped that the department would report to the DC in a timely manner should there be any progress on the district library project at the Ex-Jockey Club Swimming Pool Site, which would be referred to the committee concerned for continued follow-up.

(Post-meeting note: The HHB advised the Secretariat that it would send representatives to attend the Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee (“SHDC”) meeting soon to present the progress of the works at the Ex-Jockey Club Swimming Pool Site.)

38. Mr. Adrian MA went through Appendix IV to the captioned paper.

39. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan said that there was a robbery case at the pedestrian subway near Serenity Park earlier and a member of Area Committee (“AC”) was present at scene to offer assistance. She hoped that the Police could arrest the robber as soon as possible. In addition, she hoped that the Police would clear the abandoned motorcycles in the area around Serenity Park and Chui Lok Street. Besides, she commended the Little Grape Ambassadors Programme for being very positive.

40. Mr. MUI Siu-fung suggested that the Police should enhance promotion of “Scameter+” to the elders and assist them in installing it.

41. Mr. YU Chi-wing also commended the Little Grape Ambassadors Programme, and said that he would teach the public to download and use “Scameter+” at street counters. He suggested that the Police step up efforts in promoting the above two programmes.

42. Mr. WONG Wai-tung said that he had assisted in handling cases where bank accounts of members of the public were frozen after remittance of money through money exchange companies, and cases where leaflets for peddling of illicit cigarettes were distributed in the district. As the above matters fell within the purview of the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department (“C&ED”)

and other departments, he hoped that the Police would co-operate with the C&ED in publicising the relevant matters.

43. Mr. LO Hiu-fung said that many young people would not seek help after being defrauded. He would like to know more about the efforts of the Police in fraud prevention for the youth. In addition, he hoped that the Police would deploy more manpower to remove vehicles at MTR Tai Po Market and Tai Wo Stations during the morning and evening peak hours to avoid traffic congestion.

44. Mr. Adrian MA responded as follows:

- (i) He thanked Mr. LAU Man-kit, Vice-chairman of Tai Po North AC, for his assistance to the Police in preventing a robbery case at the pedestrian subway near Serenity Park, for which a certificate of appreciation would be presented to him.
- (ii) Abandoned vehicles were handled by different departments depending on their locations. The Police and TPDO would keep a consolidated record of the locations of abandoned vehicles in the district and follow up on them regularly. Even if the abandoned vehicles mentioned by Members had not been recorded, the departments would handle them collectively.
- (iii) As the number of fraud cases had increased during the epidemic and the Police hoped to disseminate anti-deception messages to the public through primary school students, it had rolled out the Little Grape Ambassadors Programme. The programme had been launched for three years and the number of Little Grape Ambassadors from schools in Tai Po and North District had increased from the initial 40 to 79. Training and performance opportunities were provided to the participants under the programme. The Police would continue to expand the scale of the programme to allow the participation of more schools if resources permitted.
- (iv) The Police hoped to increase the elders' anti-deception awareness and alertness, so as to minimise their chances of being defrauded. As the elders were relatively unfamiliar with "Scameter+", the Police had worked with the Care Teams to carry out publicity in this regard during their visits to the elderly. The Police would carry out such work subject to the availability of resources and manpower.
- (v) Members of the public could follow up through the appeal mechanism if their bank accounts were frozen.
- (vi) Since illicit cigarette activities fell within the purview of C&ED, the Police would not interfere with the matter as Members had already contacted the relevant department on the incident.
- (vii) Young people were easy to fall foul of investment frauds and "naked chat" extortion scams, and by not making payment after being extorted, secondary

victimisation could be minimised. Regarding fraud prevention for the youth, the Police mainly wished to publicise the work through “Scameter+”, television programmes, radio programmes, pop-up windows, broadcasting of Announcements of Public Interest in MTR compartments or setting up booths of the Little Grape Ambassadors Programme at events, and so on, but young people might not be aware of them. The Police would continue to carry out publicity from different perspectives to enhance public awareness of fraud prevention.

- (viii) The Police would do their utmost to tackle traffic problems in the district and deploy additional manpower as far as possible to divert traffic flow on busy corridors during the morning and evening peak hours as well as on holidays to keep the traffic smooth and avoid obstructing the passage of emergency vehicles.

45. The Chairman greatly welcomed the participation of Little Grape Ambassadors in activities organised by the TPDO, such as the Beach Festival and those in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the National Day in Tai Po District.

46. Ms. CHENG Nga-see, Ellen, went through Appendix V to the captioned paper.

47. Mr. LI Yiu-ban said that PWP No. 4125DS “Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas Stage 2” were implemented in three phases, but there was no commencement date for Phase 3 of the works. He pointed out that the Phase 3 works covered 13 villages in Shap Sze Heung and quite a number of buildings would be completed in future, which would multiply the demand for sewage disposal. As such, he hoped that the department would formulate a timetable for the Phase 3 works as soon as possible and consult the village representatives on the construction works.

48. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung said that he would submit the PWP number of drainage works near Lam Tsuen River, which was of his concern, to the CEDD for follow-up after the meeting.

49. Mr. LI Wah-kwong asked about PWP No. 4183CD-2 “Drainage Improvement Works in Tai Po — the remaining works”, and hoped that the department could follow up with him after the meeting on the timetable for the drainage improvement works in the vicinity of Sai Sha Road, Sai Kung.

50. Mr. LO Hiu-fung reflected on behalf of the residents their views on PWP No. B866CL “Site Formation and Infrastructure Works for Public Housing Development (“PHD”) at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po”, including the design of roads and entrances/exits, environmental and noise impacts during construction period, the orientation and height of the three proposed public housing blocks (including whether the height of the buildings would be maintained at 135 metres above Principal Datum, which would exceed the height of surrounding residential blocks if 41-storey blocks were to be constructed as planned), as well as the issue of community facilities (including whether

facilities such as parking spaces or shops would be constructed). He also asked about the progress of the study by TD on the construction of a pedestrian subway and a footbridge there. In addition, he would like to know the reasons for bundling the above project with road improvement works at Kwong Fuk Estate roundabout, instead of combining it with Tat Wan Road project to connect with Tolo Highway. Meanwhile, the rehousing arrangements for the affected residents had to be discussed as well. He hoped that the department would take note of the views for discussion at the relevant committee.

51. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu suggested that the engineers responsible for the PHD planning at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po, attend the meeting to respond to Members' questions.

52. Ms. Ellen CHENG responded as follows:

- (i) As sewerage projects and drainage improvement works were undertaken by the DSD, she would reflect Members' views to the DSD for follow-up and provide the relevant information after the meeting.
- (ii) She noted Members' views on PWP No. B866CL, and would reflect them to the relevant division of CEDD for follow-up.
- (iii) Regarding the PHD planning at To Yuen Tung, Tai Po, she indicated that the CEDD had consulted the Planning, Housing and Works Committee on the rezoning of To Yuen Tung, Tai Po, for residential uses in 2021, and the committee concerned on the infrastructure and site formation works of the project in January 2023. The relevant division of CEDD would contact Members after the meeting to listen to their views and assist in consolidating the replies of relevant departments (including the HD).

(Post-meeting note: The CEDD added as follows:

- (i) The CEDD had referred the matters in paragraphs 47, 48 and 49 above to the DSD on 7 May 2024 for follow-up.
- (ii) Regarding paragraph 47 above, the DSD indicated that the villages in the area of Shap Sze Heung had been included in the Phase 3 of PWP No. 4125DS "Tolo Harbour Sewerage of Unsewered Areas Stage 2". The relevant department would take into account various factors, including level of environmental improvement associated with the projects, density of village population, preference of residents, technical feasibility, cost effectiveness and resources availability, etc. in taking forward the planning of relevant works to cover the remaining unsewered village areas.
- (iii) Regarding paragraph 48 above, the CEDD had sent information on the drainage

projects (including “4183CD-1”, “4183CD-2” and “4615CD”) to Mr. CHAN Cho-leung by e-mail on 10 May 2024.

- (iv) Regarding paragraph 49 above, the DSD indicated that the detailed design of Drainage Improvement Works in Tai Po (“PWP No. 4183CD”) was underway and the works schedule was under review.
- (v) Regarding paragraphs 50 and 51 above, the CEDD was following up and would respond to Members’ views in a timely manner.)

53. Mr. MUI Siu-fung said that the DSD had carried out works in the vicinity of Tolo Highway near Yuen Chau Tsai, but flooding still occurred at the site due to rainstorms recently. He hoped that the department would follow up on it.

(Post-meeting note: The CEDD added as follows:

The DSD replied that it had conducted a site investigation together with the HyD on 4 June 2024 on the frequent flooding in the vicinity of Tolo Harbour near Yuen Chau Tsai leading to Kwong Fuk Park, and would reply to Mr. MUI Siu-fung in due course based on the findings of the investigation.)

54. The Chairman said that the departments had noted Members’ views. She suggested that the follow-up work be referred to the SHDC for follow-up. If matters raised by Members at the SHDC meetings could not be dealt with at the committee level, they could be raised at the DC meetings.

55. Mr. FOCK Wai-wa went through Appendix VI to the captioned paper.

56. Ms. LOK Siu-luen said that she hoped that the HD would expedite the installation and increase the number of food waste smart recycling bins (“FWSRBs”) in public housing estates (“PHEs”) in Tai Po North. In addition, as there were frequent cases of bicycles and motorcycles travelling within Fu Shin Estate at noon recently, she hoped that the HD would follow up as well.

57. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung said that he hoped that the HD would strengthen the acceptance inspection of new units, for example, arrangements should be made for the intake of flats only after the water leakage problem had been solved.

58. Mr. FOCK Wai-wa responded as follows:

- (i) The HD planned to install FWSRBs in all PHEs, and the installation was tentatively expected to be completed by the end of this year.
- (ii) Fu Shin Estate was a housing estate under the Tenants Purchase Scheme of Hong

Kong Housing Authority. Regarding the problem of bicycles and motorcycles, the department would reflect the matter to the stakeholders and request the management companies of IOs to strengthen management.

- (iii) Upon completion of a new PHE, the HD would carry out a detailed inspection of each unit to ensure that all facilities were in proper working order before arranging for residents to move in. If residents found any building defects upon intake, they might report them to the estate offices so that contractors could follow up on repair works.

59. Ms. WONG Yee-fang, Eva, went through Appendix VII to the captioned paper.

60. Ms. LOK Siu-luen said that some residents had reflected that no stop for bus route 72K had yet been provided at Fu Tip Estate (Phase 1), which was inconvenient. It was hoped that the department would follow up on it.

61. Mr. LI Yiu-ban commended the provision of two-way sectional fares for bus routes 581 and 582 for the convenience of passengers and saving in public money. He hoped that more bus routes (especially long haul bus routes) would be provided with similar concessionary sectional fares.

62. Ms. Eva WONG responded as follows:

- (i) The TD would continue to monitor the service of bus route 72K and explore with the bus company to further improve the service as necessary.
- (ii) She noted Members' views on two-way sectional fares. The department had all along been encouraging bus companies to provide more concessions in light of their operation and would keep a close eye on the services of new routes 581, 582 and 287.

63. Ms. LOK Siu-luen suggested that the frequency of bus route 75X should be increased during peak hours, and hoped that bus route NR507 would resume its normal frequency to, say, two trips per day from Mondays to Fridays.

64. Mr. LO Hiu-fung said that the works of the roundabout at Ng Tung Chai had been completed, and asked whether the department would provide additional bus routes for Lam Tsuen so as to facilitate the locals. As the introduction of route 582 by Citybus Limited was greatly welcomed by residents of Pak Shek Kok, he would like to know whether there was room for adjustment in the routeing design, such as the arrangements during peak hours. In addition, he would like to learn about the implementation of minibus route 24, including the current patronage and the age group of passengers.

65. Ms. Eva WONG responded as follows:

- (i) Regarding the service level of bus routes 75X and NR507, the department would review the actual passenger demand and explore with bus companies the need to adjust the service level.
- (ii) As bus route 582 was a new route, it took time for the department to analyse the passenger data to explore whether there was room for adjustment. Regarding green minibus route 24, the department could follow up with Members after the meeting.

**III. Independent Commission Against Corruption Regional Office (New Territories East) Work Strategy 2024/25 cum “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” All for Integrity Programme in Tai Po District 2024/25 Proposal**  
(TPDC Paper No. 14/2024)

66. Ms. LY Uyen-g, Debbie, went through the captioned paper.

67. The TPDC agreed to become a supporting organisation of “Fighting Corruption: The Mission Continues” All for Integrity Programme in Tai Po District 2024/25.

**IV. Study of topics of concern in the district and collection of views from members of the public**  
(TPDC Paper No. 15/2024)

68. The Chairman said that the functions of the DC were to collect the views of the people in the district in respect of district affairs and topics, and to submit to the Government the suggested corresponding measures. At the last TPDC meeting, Members agreed that the DC should collect views from members of the public on “For the project to construct a carriageway in conjunction with Kwong Fuk Bridge, what suggestions members of the public had regarding the improvement of the pavement on and facilities along the banks on both sides of Lam Tsuen River?” Members had submitted a written consolidated report to the Secretariat in April and the report was set out in TPDC Paper No. 15/2024 for Members’ reference.

69. Ms. CHAN Kin-kwan said that by making reference to the heritage trail in Central and Western District, some residents had suggested that installations relating to the historical heritage of Tai Po be set up on both sides of Kwong Fuk Bridge.

70. Mr. CHAN Yung-wa suggested that pet latrines be provided in the vicinity of private

buildings on both sides of Lam Tsuen River to reduce hygiene problems caused by pets fouling everywhere.

71. The Chairman said that the next step would be to concretise the views of the public and follow up with relevant departments to designate specific details as further follow-up options for the DC. The Secretariat would contact Members to follow up on their views in this regard afterwards, and discuss with relevant departments on matters such as the finalisation of works schedule.

V. **Reports of committees under the TPDC**  
**(TPDC Paper No. 16/2024)**

**District Facilities and Works Committee**

72. Ms. WONG Pik-kiu reported that the second meeting in 2024 of the DFWC was held on 6 March 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

**Food, Environment and Hygiene Committee**

73. Mr. CHAN Siu-kuen reported that the second meeting in 2024 of the FEHC was held on 6 March 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

**Community Involvement, Culture and Recreation Committee**

74. Mr. CHAN Cho-leung reported that the second meeting in 2024 of the CCRC was held on 7 March 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

**Traffic and Transport Committee**

75. Mr. LI Yiu-ban reported that second meeting in 2024 of the Traffic and Transport Committee was held on 7 March 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.



### **Social Welfare, Housing and Development Planning Committee**

76. Mr. LO Hiu-fung reported that the second meeting in 2024 of the SHDC was held on 8 March 2024, and the discussions on major items were set out in the paper. Members noted the contents of the report.

#### **VI. Any other business**

77. Ms. LOK Siu-luen thanked the Police Community Relations Office and Transport Complaints Unit of HKPF for their prompt and effective actions against illegal parking black spots at Fu Shin Estate, Ming Nga Court and Sun Hing Garden, and hoped that the Police would continue to pay close attention to the situation. Besides, some resident representatives hoped that the FEHD would make public the procurement details of designated bags for municipal solid waste charging (“MSW charging”).

78. The Chairman responded that the MSW charging was under the purview of EPD, and the Secretariat would follow up on the relevant arrangements with Members after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: For the latest news and frequently asked questions on the MSW charging scheme, please visit the EPD website at: <https://www.mswcharging.gov.hk/en/>)

#### **VII. Date of next meeting**

79. The next meeting would be held at 9:30 a.m. on 2 July 2024 (Tuesday).

80. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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