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Minutes of the 11th Meeting of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (3/17-18)

Date: 7 September 2017 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr CHOW Ping-tim (Chairman)
Mr CHENG Chit-pun (Vice Chairman)
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH
Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH
Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
Mr LI Hung-por
Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
Mr CHAN Chun-chung Jones
Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH
Mr WONG Wai-kit
Mr KOT Siu-yuen
The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP
Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH
Mr LO Siu-kit, MH
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Co-opted Members

Mr LAM Kwok-on
Mr LAM Fook-chuen
Ms CHOW Chin-tung
Mr TSE Wing-hong

Government Representatives

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr CHAN Kwok-hung	Chief Health Inspector 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr NG Wai-kwong, Issac	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)2, Environmental Protection Department
Mr TSE Man-hong	Engineer (Tsuen Kwai) 1/Kowloon and New Territories South 1, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHONG Kwok-wai	District Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Highways Department

Mr LI Pui-sang	Contract Project Coordinator/2 (New Territories West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHAN Siu-wan, Wallace	Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 1, Planning Department
Mr WONG Shun-ping	Assistant Housing Manager (Shek Wai Kok 2), Housing Department
Mr KONG Tak-shing	Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr YUNG Chi-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat Representatives

Miss LAM Siu-yung, Daisy	Senior Executive Officer (District Council), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr LEE Nelson (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

For discussion of items 2A, 2B and 2C

Mr WONG Wan-chi, Anbrose	Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1) (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
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For discussion of item 2D

Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2), Marine Department
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For discussion of item 2E

Mr WONG Hung-lok, Steven	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 2, Environmental Protection Department
Dr CHAN Shing-yan, Jackie	Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 22, Environmental Protection Department

For discussion of item 2J

Mr KAM Man-yiu, Philip	Property Services Manager/Project Management 24, Architectural Services Department
Ms TANG Kit-yee	Architect, Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong Limited, Consultant Engaged by the Architectural Services Department

Ms CHEUNG Ming-wai, Luca	Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 5, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Ms NG Sze-chung, May	Executive Officer (Planning) 4, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YIU Shi-leung	Health Inspector (Cleansing), Tsuen Wan District, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
<u>For discussion of item 3</u>	
Mr TSE Man-hong	Engineer (Tsuen Kwai 1)/Kowloon and New Territories South (1), Drainage Services Department
<u>For discussion of item 4</u>	
Mr TO Chi-keung, Gary	Senior Transport Officer/Islands, Transport Department
Ms KEE Pui-yi	Housing Manager (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan 9), Housing Department
<u>For discussion of item 5</u>	
Mr TO Chi-keung, Gary	Senior Transport Officer/Islands, Transport Department
Mr NGAI Tin-pau	Engineer/Transport, Security and Central Services 3/2, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Mr MOK Wai-po	Senior Electronics Inspector/Transport, Security and Central Services 3/Transport Services, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
<u>For discussion of item 7</u>	
Mr KO Po-wai	Senior Health Inspector (Environmental Hygiene) 2, Joint Office/Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr TSO Kwong-wing, Tommy	Professional Officer 1, Joint Office/Buildings Department
Mr KAN Ka-man	Engineer/New Territories West (Customer Services) Inspection, Water Supplies Department

Absent:

Members

The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP
Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

Co-opted Member

Ms LUI Dik-ming

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 11th meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC) and introduced Mr NG Wai-kwong, Issac who replaced Mr TAI Moon-kwong, Daniel to assume the post of Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)2 (SEPO (Regional W)2) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and attended the EHAC meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to Section 15(3) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”), “in the course of a meeting of the Council, all persons attending or sitting in on the meeting at the place of the meeting shall switch off all devices which might emit sound and shall not use any telecommunications devices for conversation” in order to ensure the smooth progress of the meeting.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 10th Meeting held on 6.7.2017

3. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously confirmed by Members without amendment.

III Item 2: Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(A) Paragraphs 4 to 12 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Request Government Departments to Assist in Resolving the Matters Concerning Occupation of Public Area by Metals and Waste Paper Recycling Shops at Tak Wah Street

4. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

5. The Acting Chairman welcomed the representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr WONG Wan-chi, Anbrose, Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1), (Tsuen Wan) (CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, Chief Health Inspector 1/Tsuen Wan District (CHI 1) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD); and
- (3) Mr KONG Tak-shing, Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and

Kwai Tsing)) of the District Lands Office (DLO).

6. CHI 1 of the FEHD reported that in order to further improve the situation, the joint operations conducted between the FEHD and other government departments had been increased from three to five times since June 2017. During a total of nine joint operations conducted between July and August 2017, the FEHD had issued a total of ten verbal warnings and one notice of removal of obstacles. The situation was greatly improved. The FEHD had also discussed with the HKPF time and again about the improvement measures for the situation. The FEHD would continue to combat against shop front extension at public places by shop operators.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones and Ms CHOW Chin-tung joined the meeting at 2:42 p.m.)

7. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that recently, there were still sundries causing obstruction at Tak Wah Street. He opined that the actions taken other than the joint operations were not effective in improving the problem of street obstructions. Moreover, illegally parked vehicles were often seen on the carriageway of Tak Wah Street which was not designated as restricted areas. He hoped that the Police would give priority to handling the problem of illegal parking and provide relevant figures on prosecution.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

8. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF had already classified Tak Wah Street into a major location for combating illegal parking. He would report on the relevant figures on prosecution at the next meeting.

9. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(B) Paragraphs 13 to 14 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Strongly Request the Government Departments to Strengthen the Joint Law Enforcement Actions Against the Black Spots of Shop Extensions

10. The Chairman asked CHI 1 of the FEHD to report on the progress of the operations.

11. CHI 1 of the FEHD said that a total of 507 fixed penalty tickets had been issued between 24 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. Among which, 195 tickets were issued at Chuen Lung Street, San Tsuen Street and Ho Pui Street under the District-led Actions Scheme, and the remaining 312 tickets were issued at the other areas in Tsuen Wan such as Lo Tak Court, Tai Ho Road, Dung Fat Street, Ham Tin Street, Tso Kung Square, Heung Wo Street, Tai Pa Street, Sha Tsui Road and Chung On Street. The FEHD would continue to law enforcement action to alleviate shop extensions.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHUNG Wai-ping joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m. and 2:52 p.m. respectively.)

12. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(C) Paragraphs 15 to 21 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Request for Taking Operation against the Easy-mount Frames on the Two Bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Citistore and Chung On Street

13. The Chairman asked the representative of the FEHD to report on the follow-up work taken by the FEHD on the obstructions caused by the easy-mount frames on the two bridges of Fou Wah Centre and Citistore as well as the walkway of Chung On Street. Besides, the HKPF had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

14. CHI 1 of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had deployed staff to the two bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Fung Centre and Chung On Street walkway from time to time and conduct blitz inspections to combat against the obstruction of access by easy-mount frames. During the three joint operations conducted between July and August 2017, the FEHD issued one fixed penalty notice for causing obstruction in public place at Chung On street and three fixed penalty notices for displaying easy-mount frames at the footbridge connecting Tsuen Wan MTR Station to Discovery Park respectively. The FEHD also issued one fixed penalty notice for the unauthorised display of a poster at the footbridge from Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan to Tsuen Wan Centre shopping mall. During the said period, a total of 45 unattended easy-mount frames were confiscated.

(D) Paragraphs 22 to 25 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Strongly Request the Marine Department and Environmental Protection Department to Stop the Contractors of the Gin Drinkers Bay Public Cargo Working Area from Making Noise Nuisance whilst Operation in order to Safeguard a Quiet Living Environment in the Waterfront Area of Tsuen Wan

15. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr NG Wai-kwong, Issac, SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD; and
- (2) Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2) (SASM/Cargo Handling (2)) of the Marine Department (MD).

Besides, the Transport and Housing Bureau had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. In addition, the Development Bureau noted the captioned matter but did not give response yet. He asked the representative of the MD, Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy, to report the latest status.

16. SASM/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD said that according to Kwai Chung Outline Zoning Plans S/KC/28, the current site of the Rambler Channel Public Cargo Working Area (the “PCWA”) had been zoned for “Other Specified Uses (Cargo Handling Area)”, which was a permitted use. The PCWA was commissioned in early 1982 for handling the cargoes such as containers, steel, construction materials, recyclable materials and ordinary cargoes. It was an indispensable part of the port of Hong Kong. As there was no appropriate waterfront site for developing cargo handling areas in nearby areas, the Government currently had no plan to relocate the PCWA. In order to further alleviate the impacts of cargo handling at the berths on the residents and environment nearby, the MD always maintained close communication with the contractors concerned to explore various methods to lower the noise volume. The operators had voluntarily shortened the operation hours on Sundays from 0700-2100 hours to 1000-1600 hours and only the quieter cargo receiving procedures would be in operation on Sundays. According to the observation in the past six months, the operators had actually kept this promise. From Monday to Saturday, the operators also undertook to start working after 8:30 a.m. every day. On this basis, the operator recently planned to pile up a number of containers in the working area to serve as the noise barriers in order to minimise the noise impacts on residents nearby when handling cargoes.

17. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he suggested that the MD should provide the briefing notes for Members’ perusal for the meetings in future in order to save time (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
 - (2) the PCWA was commissioned in 1982. He considered that the ordinances were outdated and should be reviewed (the Chairman);
 - (3) the function of the PCWA was changed. The berths in the area were used by the contractors for private operations, which contravened the original intention of setting up the PCWA (the Chairman);
 - (4) there were complaints from the general public that the berths in the PCWA had been idled for a long time. Only one or two ships at most unloaded cargoes at the PCWA monthly. At other times, the area was used for workshop operation (the Chairman); and
 - (5) he hoped that the MD would provide the figures on the utilisation rate of the PCWA by ships and the cargo volume (the Chairman).

18. SASM/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD responded that according to the records of previous months, at the berths of the PCWA for recyclable waste iron, a considerable large amount of waste iron was unloaded from ships to barges that carried the waste iron to the piers every month. The figures were as follows: in May 2017, a total of seven ships used Berth No. 27 of the PCWA and unloaded a total of 4 830 tonnes of waste iron onto barges; in June 2017, a total of seven ships used Berth No. 27 of the PCWA and unloaded a total of 5 721 tonnes of waste iron onto barges; in July 2017, a total of ten ships used Berth No. 27 of the PCWA and unloaded a total of 9 407 tonnes of waste iron onto barges;

and in August 2017, a total of seven ships used Berth No. 27 of the PCWA and unloaded a total of 6 960 tonnes of waste iron onto barges.

19. The Chairman said that a video camera was installed at Riviera Gardens, which was under greater impact, to monitor the operations of the PCWA and keep records. He hoped that the departments would review the relevant ordinances to improve the planning and development as well as submitting the related figures after the meeting.

(E) Paragraphs 26 to 29 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Strongly Request the District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing to Specify the Requirement of Provision of Professional Consultancy Report on Environmental and Traffic Assessment by the Successful Tenderer in the Tender for the Grant of the Temporary Allocated Area in the Proposal in question, with a view to Ensuring that the Living of Residents of the Housing Estates Nearby would not be Adversely Affected due to the Grant of the Site, and Request the Departments to Review the District Consultation Mechanism of Grant of Sites, under which Communication and Cooperation with District Council and Members should be an Integral Part in future

20. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

21. The Acting Chairman welcomed the representatives of the EPD who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr WONG Hung-lok, Steven, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 2 (SEPO (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 2); and
- (2) Dr CHAN Shing-yan, Jackie, Environmental Protection Officer (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 22 (EPO (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 22).

Besides, SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DLO.

(Note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis left the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

22. SEPO (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 2 of the EPD reported as follows:

- (1) the EPD understood that Members raised objection to granting the site to the recycling industry for recycle vehicles to park and collect recyclable materials out of their concern about the nuisance that might be caused by the grant of the site. However, in order to support the recycling industry's need for sites, the EPD suggested that the original proposal should be amended and hoped that it would be accepted by Members. It was suggested that the recycle vehicles should carry the recyclable materials to larger recycle sites for further treatment or export after collecting the

recyclable materials from the site on the same day. The site would not be used for storing recyclable materials;

- (2) the EPD would restrict the site for the use of only three recycle vehicles at the same time each day. The recycle vehicles had to leave the site every day together with the recyclable materials; and
- (3) the EPD would conduct a review one year after the implementation of the programme and consider whether the program would continue to be implemented and improved.

23. SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO responded that the DLO had already conducted a public consultation via the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) and Kwai Tsing District Office (K&TDO) and relayed the views collected to the departments concerned for follow-ups and study.

24. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he expressed dissatisfaction at the department for conducting the public consultation without firstly reporting the latest amendments to the Tsuen Wan District Council (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (2) the Mainland would temporarily suspend the collection of waste papers and waste plastics for recycling. He was concerned about the type of materials which would be collected by the recycle vehicles (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (3) the funding provided by the EPD was not sufficient to support the operation of the recycling industry. The Government should start to reduce the amount of wastes at source (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (4) a recycling station was once set up in Tsuen Wan to serve Tsuen Wan district. The reservation of a site in Kwai Tsing to support the recycling industry would affect the waterfront housing estates in Tsuen Wan (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (5) it was not appropriate to set up a recycling site near residential areas. Currently, it was not an opportune time for the EPD to propose that the temporary site should be used for the parking of recycle vehicles (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (6) the EHAC had clearly expressed its opposition to the proposal of the EPD at previous meetings. He hoped that the EPD would consider the mainstream views of the EHAC (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (7) he hoped that the EPD would pay attention to the impact of the Mainland's suspension of collection of waste papers and waste plastics for recycling on the recycle facilities along the coast of Tsuen Wan and give report to the EHAC (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (8) there was a shortage of parking spaces near the site and goods vehicles often loaded and unloaded cargoes over there. The increased traffic flow arising from the parking of recycle vehicles at the site would cause traffic

- congestion, affecting existing and future housing estates in the vicinity (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (9) the site was in Kwai Tsing district but Tsuen Wan district would also be affected. The site might not be suitable for use by the recycling industry. The departments should consider whether there were more appropriate uses for the site or other sites could be provided for the parking of recycle vehicles (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
 - (10) he enquired whether the K&TDO agreed to the proposals in question (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
 - (11) he raised objection to the proposal because the departments did not have proper measures to tackle the potential impacts (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
 - (12) in view of the Mainland's suspension of collection of waste papers and waste plastics for recycling, he requested the departments to provide the figures on vehicle and vessel traffic near the site, in order to review the impact of the Mainland's policy on Hong Kong and study whether it was still appropriate for recycle vehicles to be parked at the site (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
 - (13) after the in-take of a large number of private housing units at the waterfront of Tsuen Wan from 2018 to 2020, the site would bring about the great impacts. In recent years, the destination of recyclable materials had been diverted to South East Asia. He hoped that the EPD would consult the recycling industry and study whether the site was still suitable for the parking of recycle vehicles (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
 - (14) according to the EPD, it had already informed the DLO about the views but had not conducted the public consultation yet. On the other hand, according to the DLO, it had already conducted the public consultation via the TWDO and K&TDO. He enquired about the progress currently (the Acting Chairman).

25. SEPO (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 2 of the EPD said that in view of the recycling industry's strong demand for a site, he would like to explain to Members the revised proposals of the EPD. He clarified that the EPD had only sought the views from other departments and organisations on the ideas brought up at the EHAC meeting held in May 2017 for revising the original proposal. The EPD understood Members' dissenting views on the use of the site and would reconsider revising the proposals and consult the Highways Department (HyD) on transport issues.

26. SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO responded that according to the officer-in-charge of this issue, the dissenting views were received. The DLO would trace the source of these views.

27. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) some housing estates had already received formal consultation papers from the departments and raised objections (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (2) dissatisfaction was expressed over the EPD's brief introduction of the proposal at the EHAC meeting and its remark that Members' views would be considered and revised without putting forward a specific plan (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (3) he enquired whether the site in question was suitable for being used to support the recycling industry. The EPD should be held accountable if problems arose or if residents were affected when the proposal was implemented (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (4) the EPD's amendments to the proposal were not agreed by other departments. Informing other departments about the proposed plan was different from consulting other departments and discussing with them (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (5) the discussion should not be continued when the EPD's proposal was regarded as impracticable in the mainstream views (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping); and
- (6) he enquired whether the K&TDO agreed to the proposal (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping).

28. SEPO (Waste Reduction and Recycling) 2 of the EPD responded that according to general procedures, the EPD would consult relevant departments and organisations on its initial ideas through the DLO. After that, the DLO would consider whether the plan was implemented or revised on the basis of the views collected. The initial ideas of the EPD were presented in the consultation paper and the proposal had not been confirmed yet. After examining the views, the EPD would consider further refinement to the proposal and follow-up actions. Furthermore, the EPD had consulted the K&TDO via the DLO regarding the initial proposal.

29. The Acting Chairman expressed dissatisfaction at the EPD for consulting other organisations before submitting the proposals to the EHAC for discussion. He requested that the departments, when putting forward plans in the future, should not conduct district consultation prior to the consensus of the EHAC. Moreover, the EHAC objected to the use of the temporary site for the parking of recycle vehicles to collect recyclable materials. He noted the impact of the change of the Mainland's recycling policy and would discuss the use of the temporary site at the next meeting.

(F) Paragraphs 30 to 34 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Request the Departments Concerned to Pay Serious Attention to the Environmental Hygiene Problems under the Flyover at Tsuen Wan Road near Clague Garden Estate

30. The Chairman asked SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO to report the latest status.

31. SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO reported that the DLO had completed the clearance of vegetation at the site by the end of August 2017.

32. Mr KOO Yeung-pong said he was pleased to learn that the DLO had removed the banana trees at the site but one banana tree near the fence of Claque Garden Estate was pending for removal. He hoped that the DLO would follow up and keep the environment of the site clean.

33. SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO replied that his DLO would check whether this banana tree was located within the enclosed Government site or in a site granted by the Government. If the banana tree was on a site granted by the Government, the DLO would liaise with the department responsible for management of the site and hoped that the banana tree would be removed.

34. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(G) Paragraphs 35 to 41 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July, 2017: Follow-up Report of the Drainage Services Department on the Use of Plastic Canvas at Tai Ho Road, Tai Chung Road and Ma Tau Pa Road for Odour Prevention

35. The Chairman welcomed Mr TSE Man-hong, Engineer (Tsuen Kwai) 1/Kowloon and New Territories South 1 (Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 1) of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) who specially joined the meeting. Besides, the DSD had submitted a written reply prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

36. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 1 of the DSD reported that the DSD replaced the large plastic sheet which sustained normal wear and tear at the discharge culvert at Tai Chung Road. The DSD would also monitor the odour at the culvert regularly and carry out maintenance work when necessary.

37. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(H) Paragraphs 42 to 43 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Installation of IP Camera at the Black Spots of Refuse Disposal by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

38. The Chairman asked CHI 1 of the FEHD to report the latest status.

39. CHI 1 of the FEHD reported that the FEHD was currently collating the views of various districts and was carrying out the tender exercise. It was anticipated that IP cameras would be installed starting from early 2018. The plan would be reviewed one year after implementation.

(I) Paragraphs 44 to 49 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan

40. The Chairman said that the EPD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal and asked CHI 1 of the FEHD to report the latest status.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.)

41. CHI 1 of the FEHD reported that the FEHD attached great importance to environmental protection and was discussing with the EPD on the environmental protection work of the 2018 Lunar New Year Fair. The green initiatives on Lunar New Year Fairs would be rolled out in 2018 Lunar New Year Fairs in Tsuen Wan, Tseung Kwan O, Kwun Tong, Yuen Long and Cheung Sha Wan. Stall owners and members of the public would be encouraged to use less, waste less, recycle properly and share resources at the fairs.

42. Mr WONG Ka-wah said he hoped that various departments would reserve space for green organisations to store recyclable materials temporarily after the closure of the Lunar New Year Fairs.

(Note: Mr TSE Wing-hong joined the meeting at 3:39 p.m.)

(J) Paragraphs 50 to 53 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Request for an Overall Improvement of the Facilities and Hygienic Condition of the Public Toilets in Tsuen Wan District

43. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr KAM Man-yiu, Philip, Property Services Manager/Project Management 24 of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD);
- (2) Ms TANG Kit-ye, Architect of Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong Limited, Architect appointed by Architectural Services Department;
- (3) Ms CHEUNG Ming-wai, Luca, Senior Executive Officer (Planning) 5 (SEO (Planning) 5) of the FEHD;
- (4) Ms NG Sze-chung, May, Executive Officer (Planning) 4 of the FEHD; and
- (5) Mr YIU Shi-leung, Health Inspector (Cleansing), Tsuen Wan District of the FEHD.

44. Architect of Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong Limited reported as follows:

- (1) she briefed Members on the design, layout and materials chosen for the public toilet at Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building after refurbishment;

- (2) after refurbishment, the compartments of the female toilet would be wide enough and two much wider compartments would be provided for people in need;
 - (3) after refurbishment, the male toilet would be consisted of four compartments, two of sitting type and two of squatting type. One of the urinals would also meet the requirements of barrier-free access;
 - (4) an additional uni-sex toilet for the use of families would be provided between the male and female toilets. It would be equipped with handrails and sitting toilets for children;
 - (5) the above designs were submitted to the FEHD for preliminary assessment and were endorsed. The detailed design could be carried out upon the consent of the relevant working groups. Then, the tender exercise would be carried out after the approval of the ArchSD; and
 - (6) the ceramic tiles in beige would be used for the walls of the toilet. The floor bricks would mainly be in grey. The partition planks of the compartments of male toilet would be green, and those of the female toilets would be orange-yellow or in a more neutral wood-grain colour. As the entrances of male and female toilets were very close to each other, it was suggested that the colours of the wall bricks be green and orange-yellow for ease of distinction.
45. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) the hygienic conditions of the public toilets in Tsuen Wan district were greatly improved and satisfactory after the change of the contractor. The FEHD was commended for following up Members' views (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
 - (2) the design of the ancillary software of most public toilets was not satisfactory. For example, the wash-hand basins were too far away from the hand dryers, and therefore the floor was often wet (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
 - (3) due to environmental protection reasons, the FEHD only provided hand dryers but no paper towels for drying hands in public toilets. Some people used toilet paper in the compartments to wipe their hands. As environment-friendly paper towels would serve the purpose better than toilet paper, he suggested that the Government should invest in local waste paper recycling and provide paper towels for drying hands in public toilets (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
 - (4) he suggested that liquid soap should be provided for every two basins with environment-friendly paper towels for drying hands nearby and a hand dryer installed next to the basins. This would prevent the floor from becoming wet and slippery. He also requested the FEHD to study where the hardware items were to be located in the public toilets so that they

- would match with the sequence of actions of users (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (5) they hoped that the one stair-step at the entrance of the public toilets at Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building would be removed (Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (6) he suggested that the partition planks of the toilet compartments should be close to the floor and that a water trough should be used instead of basins. This would reduce the workload of the cleansing staff (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
 - (7) he hoped that the number of urinals could remain unchanged or that the urinals could be replaced by water closets (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
 - (8) he raised objection to the provision of paper towels for drying hands in public toilets (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (9) the reduction in the number of compartments for the provision of uni-sex toilets was not desirable. Besides, uni-sex toilets would cause difficulty in management (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (10) the compartments of the public toilet in Tsuen Wan Market were wider and the seats for children were also provided. He suggested that the design of this public toilet be used as reference for the public toilet in Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (11) the colours and graphic signs of the male and female toilets should be clearer for ease of distinction (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (12) he enquired about the improvement on ventilation so as to solve the problem of odour after the refurbishment of the public toilet and whether non-slip materials would be used to pave the floor of the public toilet (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
 - (13) he suggested that auto-sensor designs should be adopted for the water taps, the liquid soap dispensers and the flush mechanisms in the public toilet to maintain the hygiene (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
 - (14) he enquired about the reasons for retaining the squatting toilets (Mr LI Hung-por).

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:47 p.m.)

46. Architect of Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong Limited responded as follows:
 - (1) considering the positions of the drain and manhole and levelling concerns of the public toilet and in Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building, the step at the entrance of the public toilet should be remained for the time being. The floor of the public toilet was flat, but the feasibility of removing the step would be studied;
 - (2) the partition planks of the toilet compartments would be close to the floor. According to the guidelines of the FEHD, the compartment door would be 100 mm from the floor and the height of partition planks would be 2 400 mm;

- (3) enamel basins cum epoxy resin tables would be easier to clean than water troughs;
- (4) the gap between the newly designed urinals would be wider than that in the past and a study on increasing the number of urinals under the requirements of barrier-free access would be conducted;
- (5) according to the guidelines of the FEHD, each compartment should be 900 mm wide and one in every four compartments had to be wider for the benefit of the elderly. Calculating on this basis, there should be two wider compartments in every seven compartments and the number of standard-width compartments would be reduced;
- (6) the baby care seats were also provided in the new design of the public toilet and the compartments were wider;
- (7) uni-sex toilets could be used by transgender people;
- (8) except for the liquid soap dispensers, all water taps, urinals, flush mechanisms of sitting/squatting toilets were operated by auto-sensor;
- (9) in the newly designed public toilet, adequate ventilation facilities had been provided, for example, each compartment was equipped with a separate exhaust system; the urinals had separate exhaust systems; small fans were installed under the wash-hand basins; and fans were provided in the toilet to enhance ventilation; and
- (10) the non-slippery materials could be used for the floor as required by the relevant guidelines. The materials for the walls would also be easy to clean. The plastic planks for the compartment partitions would also be suitable for use in humid and wet places.

47. SEO (Planning) 5 of the FEHD responded that for the sake of environmental protection, the FEHD would not consider the provision of paper towels for drying hands in public toilets for the time being. The FEHD and the consultant company would make reference to the practice of the other departments or venues, for example, installation of the hand dryers in the mirror cabinets above the basins. Also, the FEHD would consider whether such practice would be adopted or applied in the refurbished public toilets.

48. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he enquired what measures the FEHD would take to eradicate smoking by public toilet users (Mr TSE Wing-hong);
- (2) he enquired whether the FEHD had formulated guidelines which required the provision of uni-sex toilets for the use of transgender people (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (3) there was a large number of people who queued and waited for taking buses or mini-buses at Tsuen wan Multi-storey Carpark Building. The area of the uni-sex toilet was relatively large. If the space for the uni-sex toilet could be used to increase the number of toilet compartments, more people would be benefited (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);

- (4) he suggested that brighter colours should be painted for the public toilets and more conspicuous signs should be displayed at the entrances (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (5) the public toilets at both Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building and at Tak Wah Street Park would be very different after refurbishment and the changes in colour would be the most prominent sign of change. He thought it would be more desirable if the facilities in public toilets were close to the standard of those in shopping mall toilets. He hoped that the FEHD would provide, in addition to hand dryers, paper towels made from recyclable paper for drying hands (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
- (6) he was dissatisfied with the ArchSD and consultant company for including the provision of uni-sex toilets before consulting the district councillors of the constituency areas (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (7) if only transgender people were allowed to use the uni-sex toilets, there would be difficulty in management. He said he could accept the provision of uni-sex toilets if the Government had formulated a guideline on its use and if the uni-sex toilets would not affect other users. However, the reduced number of urinals and compartments in the newly designed public toilet would affect the people who queued and waited for the buses at the cross border bus stops. Hence, he raised objection to the provision of uni-sex toilets, which led to the reduced number of urinals and compartments in public toilets. He suggested that the uni-sex toilets should be replaced by accessible toilets and the number of compartments in female toilets should be increased (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (8) as the existing public toilets at the Tsuen Wan Multi-story Carpark Building failed to meet the demand, he was of the view that uni-sex toilets should be provided depending on the resources and actual situation (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (9) in view of the high utilisation rate of public toilets, he enquired how the problem of abuse of uni-sex toilets by non-family members could be solved (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (10) as the space was limited, he opined that the needs of the general public should be firstly considered (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (11) he opined that the functions of uni-sex and accessible toilets were similar and that these two types of toilets could be merged (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (12) he agreed that there was a need to retrofit the baby care boards in public toilets (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (13) he suggested that the FEHD should communicate with the district councillors of the constituency areas before the next EHAC meeting (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (14) he suggested that members of the public should inform the toilet management staff before using the uni-sex toilets and that the number of uni-sex sitting toilets should be reduced to make room for increasing the

number of ordinary compartments. Family users could use the toilets in shopping malls nearby (Mr WONG Ka-wa);

- (15) members of the public would certainly be dissatisfied with the reduced numbers of compartments in public toilets after the refurbishment works. He was of the view that there was no need to change the number of compartments but the public toilets should be clean and hygienic and no luxurious facilities were required (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and
 - (16) the utilisation rate of the public toilets at Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building was very high. Uni-sex toilets occupied more space and the number of compartments was reduced. This would cause inconvenience and management problems. He opined that the highly utilised public toilets should be clean, hygienic and well ventilated. This was more important than provision of luxurious facilities (Mr MAN Yu-ming).
49. SEO (Planning) 5 of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) at the Legislative Council (LegCo) meeting held in late 2015, the Secretary for Development said that when the ArchSD designed government buildings, it would take into consideration the requirements of the responsible departments and provide additional uni-sex toilets if technically feasible for the people in need, say, the children, the elderly and the mobility-handicapped who needed the company of a person of a different gender. The accessible toilets had to be designed according to the standards stipulated in the relevant ordinances, so that they would be suitable for wheelchair users. The main target users and functions of the two types of toilets were different;
 - (2) uni-sex toilets were not indispensable facilities. The provision of uni-sex toilets would be considered on the basis of whether the particular public toilets had adequate space and whether it was operationally feasible. If the users thought that the provision of uni-sex toilets would affect the number of compartments, the FEHD would consider revising the layout of the public toilet in Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building; and
 - (3) the FEHD would study the ways to increase the number of compartments and would discuss their feasibility with the ArchSD and consultant company.
50. Architect of Llewelyn-Davies Hong Kong Limited responded as follows:
- (1) in order to provide the general public with a more comfortable environment, the newly designed compartments in public toilets were wider than those in the old toilets. This was one of the reasons for the reduced number of compartments; and
 - (2) uni-sex toilets were provided by using the space which was not properly utilised in the old public toilets. The provision of the uni-sex toilets was not the main cause of the reduced number of compartments.

51. The Chairman said the EHAC hoped that the environment and hygienic conditions of the refurbished public toilets would be significantly improved to the satisfaction of the members of the public. The majority of the Members had reservation about the provision of uni-sex toilets and considered that it would cause management problems. He suggested that the FEHD should consider replacing uni-sex toilets with lactation rooms which would achieve a more remarkable effect. He also opined that the current utilisation rate should be taken into consideration when the departments conducted the design or refurbishing works for public toilets and made deliberations as to whether it was appropriate to reduce the number of compartments in provision of other facilities. He hoped that the departments would collect scientific data and gauge Members' views to make improvements.

(K) Paragraphs 54 to 55 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Proposal on Provision of Acrylic Panels for the Seafood Stalls in the Markets of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

52. The Chairman asked CHI 1 of the FEHD to report the latest status.

53. CHI 1 of the FEHD reported that the FEHD was currently discussing with the tenants of the markets about the provision of acrylic panels. The FEHD would also step up efforts in clearing the stagnant water on the floor and cleaning the drain grates, with a view to improving the environment of the market. The FEHD would follow up the status of individual markets.

54. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(L) Paragraphs 56 to 65 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Request the Environmental Protection Department to Re-examine the Location of the Air Quality Monitoring Stations in Tsuen Wan District

55. The Chairman said that the EPD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

(M) Paragraphs 66 to 78 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017: Request to Review afresh the Noise Problem at Tsuen Wan Road and Fix a Timetable for Provision of Noise Barriers at Tsuen Wan Road

56. The Chairman said that the EPD and HyD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

57. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie said the residents of City Point relayed to her that they were unable to rest due to the noise nuisance caused by the late-night construction works in Tsuen Wan Road off City Point. The HyD had not informed the district councillors of the constituency areas and the management office of the affected housing estates about the

construction works before commencement. She hoped that the HyD would consider retrofitting Tsuen Wan Road with noise barriers.

58. The Chairman said that the EPD indicated in its written reply that the EPD was currently liaising with the management office of City Point. The EPD wished to assign its staff to measure the noise levels in the residential units of City Point. The HyD indicated in its written reply that the provision of noise barriers at Tsuen Wan Road was technically infeasible.

59. District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (Dist Engr/TW) of the HyD responded that the re-surfacing works for Tsuen Wan Road was underway by the HyD. He would relay Members' concern to the maintenance engineer of the area concerned and inform him to contact the Members as soon as possible.

60. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) the arrangements for road re-surfacing works had been made in advance. The HyD should have informed the district councillors of the constituency areas about the construction works which might affect the residents in the vicinity (the Chairman);
 - (2) in the past, the HyD used to inform the district councillors of the constituency areas before the commencement of construction works, so that the residents could make preparations. However, the HyD did not inform the district councillors of the constituency areas about the said road re-surfacing works. Hence, she hoped that the HyD would communicate with Members as soon as possible and make improvements (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

IV Item 3: Strongly Request the Drainage Services Department to Press Ahead the “Upgrading of Tsuen Wan Sewerage” and Advance the Period of Completion to mid 2019 for Commissioning of the Four Dry Weather Flow Interceptors As Far As Possible in order to Prevent the Residents from Suffering the Odour Nuisance of the Seawater Following the In-take of Various New Properties along the Coast at Tsuen Wan West Rail One after Another Starting from 2018
(EHAC Paper No. 27/17-18)

61. The Chairman said that as this agenda item was raised by him, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

62. The Acting Chairman said that Mr TSE Man-hong, Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 1 of the DSD would give response to Members' enquiries.

63. Mr CHOW Ping-tim introduced the paper.

64. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 1 of the DSD responded that the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee of the LegCo had approved the funding of this project at the end of July 2017. The DSD was currently assessing the project tenders. It was anticipated that the vetting and approval would be completed between late September and early October 2017 and the construction works would commence subsequently. The works would be completed in the third quarter of 2019.

65. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he enquired the DSD whether the tenders received were valid and the construction works could commence as scheduled (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (2) the DSD had changed part of the project and would construct dry weather flow interceptors in Market Street. This could reduce the impact of the project on Tsuen Wan district. He hoped that after the completion of the tender procedure, the DSD would submit a traffic impact assessment of the project to the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC), so that traffic arrangements in the progress of the works could be discussed. He hoped that the DSD would discuss the details of the traffic arrangements with the district councillors of the constituency areas (Mr LO Siu-kit); and
- (3) as the traffic in Tsuen Wan district would be affected by the project, she hoped that the DSD would discuss the traffic arrangements in detail with Members as soon as possible (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

66. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 1 of the DSD responded that the DSD was currently assessing the project tenders. It was anticipated that the vetting and approval would be completed between late September and early October 2017 and the construction works would commence subsequently. After the temporary traffic design and arrangements were completed, the DSD would inform Members and the district councillors of the constituency areas.

67. The Acting Chairman said he hoped that once the tender procedure was completed, the DSD would consult the district councillors of the constituency areas on the details of the project and submit the temporary traffic arrangements for the project to the T&TC for discussion and complete the works as soon as possible.

68. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.)

V Item 4: Request for Provision of Anti-mosquito Device in Tsuen Wan District
(EHAC Paper No. 28/17-18)

69. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr TO Chi-keung, Gary, Senior Transport Officer/Islands (Sr Transp Offr/Islands) of the Transport Department (TD);
- (2) Ms KEE Pui-yi, Housing Manager (Wong Tai Sin, Tsing Yi and Tsuen Wan 9) (Housing Mgr/WTT9) of the Housing Department (HD); and
- (3) Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2 (DDL(M)Tsuen Wan)2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Besides, SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) and CHI 1 would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DLO and FEHD.

70. Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

71. The Chairman said that the HyD and Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

(Note: Mr CHAN Sung-ip left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.)

72. Sr Transp Offr/Islands of the TD responded that the anti-mosquito devices installed by the KMB were mainly for the use of its frontline staff. The KMB would install about 400 anti-mosquito devices at various bus stops as planned.

73. DDL(M)Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD would assign its staff to remove dead twigs and clear drainage pipes every day at the venues managed by the LCSD and require the contractors to apply mosquito-repellent spray and larvicidal oil regularly. Besides, the LCSD had already installed anti-mosquito devices at outdoor venues such as Tsuen Wan Park, Shing Mun Valley Park and Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool. The LCSD had also installed a total of 50 anti-mosquito devices at 16 venues in Tsuen Wan district and would continue to strengthen the anti-mosquito.

74. SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO said that the DLO had nothing to add.

75. Housing Mgr/WTT9 of the HD responded that combating mosquito-breeding was a major duty of the HD. The HD would firstly identify the source of mosquito breeding and place anti-mosquito tools such as mosquito papers as well as applying mosquito-repellent sprays at the source. Upon receipt of the public's report, the HD would consider the feasibility of installing outdoor devices such as anti-mosquito machines.

76. CHI 1 of the FEHD said that the FEHD considered that strengthening anti-mosquito efforts was the most effective way to eliminate and control mosquitoes. The Pest Advisory Section of the FEHD advised that the effect of anti-mosquito devices would be affected by different factors such as sunshine, air flow and lighting. Thus, it

would be appropriate to place them indoors or at the exits/entrances to safeguard these densely populated venues against the nuisance of mosquitoes.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.)

77. The Chairman said that the KMB indicated in its written reply that it would install about 400 anti-mosquito devices but did not mention the installation locations of these devices. The EHAC would request the KMB to provide the locations with the installed anti-mosquito devices in Tsuen Wan in writing.

78. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he hoped that while combating mosquito-breeding, the departments would study at the same time how to deal with the nuisance caused by biting midges to members of the public (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (2) he opined that sustained efforts would be required to eliminate mosquitoes. He understood that the departments had made every effort to carry out the anti-mosquito work. However, the problem of mosquito-breeding in the places such as the housing estates could not be solved merely through the cleansing work. He opined that it was necessary to increase the number of anti-mosquito devices in order to effectively solve the problem (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (3) there were parks and vegetation in most housing estates and members of the public were easily affected by the nuisance of mosquitoes and biting midges. He opined that it was necessary to tackle the problems of mosquitoes and biting midges at the same time (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (4) it was necessary to increase the number of anti-mosquito devices at refuse collection points in housing estates including Cheung Shan Estate and Shek Wai Kok Estate (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (5) he hoped that the KMB would install anti-mosquito devices outside the bus regulator's kiosk to benefit the passengers who waited for buses. He also requested the TD to consider providing anti-mosquito devices at the major public transport interchanges under its management (Mr CHENG Chit-pun); and
- (6) he hoped that the TD would request the mini-bus companies to install anti-mosquito devices at their stations (the Chairman).

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:38 p.m.)

79. Sr Transp Offr/Islands of the TD responded that the anti-mosquito devices installed by the KMB were mainly for the use of its frontline staff. The TD would tie in with the KMB in the provision of anti-mosquito devices.

80. Housing Mgr/WTT9 of the HD responded that she would relay Members' views to the housing managers of the public housing estates concerned for follow-ups.

81. The Chairman said that dealing with the nuisance caused by mosquitoes and biting midges to the general public was long-term work. He hoped the departments would start from controlling the breeding of mosquitoes and biting midges.

VI Item 5: Request for Improvement of the Ventilation and Waiting Environment of the Public Transport Interchanges in Tsuen Wan District
(EHAC Paper No. 29/17-18)

82. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr TO Chi-keung, Gary, Sr Transp Offr/Islands of the TD;
- (2) Mr NGAI Tin-pau, Engineer/Transport, Security and Central Services 3/2 (Engr/Transp, Security & Central Services 3/2) of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD); and
- (3) Mr MOK Wai-po, Senior Electronics Inspector/Transport, Security and Central Services 3/Transport Services (Sr Electronics Insp/Transp, Security & Central Services 3/Transport Services) of the EMSD.

Besides, the Government Property Agency and ArchSD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

83. Mr KOO yeung-pong and Mr WONG Wai-kit introduced the paper.

84. Sr Transp Offr/Islands of the TD responded as follows:

- (1) the exhaust systems at public transport interchanges would be designed according to the requirements specified in the Practice Note on Control of Air Pollution in Semi-confined Public Transport Interchanges which was formulated by the EPD, in order to reduce the concentration of pollutants emitted by vehicles at the public transport interchanges and maintain the ventilation flow there;
- (2) the EMSD would send its staff to check and maintain the exhaust systems of the public transport interchanges regularly;
- (3) the TD would send letters to the bus companies, mini-bus companies and Taxi Owners' Association Limited to remind drivers to observe the regulation for idling engines to be switched off to reduce exhaust emissions; and
- (4) the TD and EMSD would continue to pay attention to the operation of exhaust systems in the public transport interchanges to ensure the improvement of the air quality there.

85. Engr/Transp, Security & Central Services 3/2 of the EMSD responded as follows:

- (1) the EMSD would regularly check the exhaust systems of the public transport interchanges and would make arrangements for the annual cleansing work. The cleaning work for the exhaust systems of the five public transport interchanges in Tsuen Wan were completed between May to June 2017;
- (2) spraying devices had not been introduced to the public transport interchanges in Hong Kong yet;
- (3) the public transport interchanges were semi-confined. Water drops from spraying devices could accumulate on the floor of the interchanges and the general public would be exposed to the risk of slipping. Also, the members of the public might not accept the sprayed-out water drops and complaints might also be triggered;
- (4) the installation of spraying devices at public transport interchanges might give rise to the risk of spreading Legionnaires' disease. According to the Code of Practice for Prevention of Legionnaires' Disease, the germs of Legionnaires' disease bred mainly in water storage devices in room temperature. The cases of Legionnaires' disease had occurred in densely populated places such as public housing estates; and
- (5) the temperature lowering effect of spraying devices installed at semi-confined public transport interchanges with larger areas might not be comparable to the effect of devices installed at outdoor bus stops with smaller areas on the Mainland.

(Note: Mr LAM Kwok-on left the meeting at 4:53 p.m.)

86. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) some members of the public complained that the public transport interchange at Tsuen Wan West Station was stuffy and hot. Members had also raised this issue in 2015. The then Commissioner for Transport had said that he would study with the EMSD about how to improve the exhaust systems at the bus stations, including the installation of fans to reduce the temperature of the public transport interchanges. He enquired about the result of the study (the Vice Chairman);
 - (2) he opined that the EMSD could install the spraying systems on a trial run complemented with other measures, for example, adjusting the amount of water coming out from the spray devices. This could avert the complaints from the general public while lowering the temperature of the bus stations (the Vice Chairman);
 - (3) the main function of the exhaust systems at public transport interchanges was to reduce the concentration of pollutants. At present, the temperature at the interchanges was 3 degrees higher than the temperature outdoors. He requested the EMSD to study how to improve the ventilation and lower the temperature at public transport interchanges (the Vice Chairman);

- (4) he considered that it was necessary to understand the level of acceptance by the general public of using spray devices to lower the temperature and to study how to prevent the risk of disease infection through inhalation of sprays (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
 - (5) he enquired whether devices such as heat exchangers could be used at public transport interchanges which were connected with buildings, and whether the residual cool air of the buildings could be used to lower the temperature of the fresh air drawn into public transport interchanges. He suggested that the EMSD should retrofit the said systems when the exhaust systems at transport interchanges were to be replaced (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
 - (6) the EMSD was requested to increase the frequency of cleaning work for the exhaust systems and to install fans at public transport interchanges as soon as possible (Mr TSE Wing-hong).
87. Engr/Transp, Security & Central Services 3/2 of the EMSD responded as follows:
- (1) the EMSD was mainly commissioned by the TD to maintain and repair the exhaust systems of public transport interchanges. The EMSD would need to discuss and study with the TD. New projects would be launched subject to availability of resources;
 - (2) the EMSD would study with the TD on the feasibility of the application of the heat exchangers. The public transport interchanges were currently not equipped with devices for the use of heat exchangers; and
 - (3) the EMSD would study with the TD the possibility of increasing the frequencies of cleaning the exhaust systems.

88. Sr Transp Offr/Islands of the TD responded that the main function of the ventilation system was to reduce the concentration of pollutants such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide emitted by vehicles at public transport interchanges. The TD conducted the Air Quality survey for all bus stations once biannually and the air pollution indices had not exceeded the standard so far. The TD would study the feasibility of retrofitting fans in accordance with the specific design of each public transport interchange.

89. The Chairman said he requested the TD and EMSD to study the improvement measures for the exhaust systems of Tsuen Wan Public Transport Interchange in order to lower its temperature by 3 degrees. The TD failed to control vehicle emissions at the public transport interchange, resulting in the higher temperature therein. It showed that the exhaust system was aged and failed to function effectively. Moreover, the air pollution index was already outdated. He requested the TD to find a solution to this problem.

VI Item 6: Set up a Non-standing Working Group to Follow up on “Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan”

(EHAC Paper No. 30/17-18)

90. The Secretary introduced the paper.

91. After discussion, the EHAC endorsed the setting up of the Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan and its terms of reference. The terms of reference of the Working Group were set out in Annex 1.

92. Members expressed their intentions to join the Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan by a show of hands.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretary invited the Members who were unable to express their intentions at the meeting in writing to join the Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan on 15 September 2017. The membership list was set out in Annex 2.)

93. The Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan elected Mr LO Siu-kit as the Convenor of the Working Group for which the Vice Convenor was excluded.

VII Item 7: Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District

(EHAC Paper No. 31/17-18)

94. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr KO Po-wai, Senior Health Inspector 2 (SHI 2) of the Joint Office (JO)/FEHD;
- (2) Mr TSO Kwong-wing, Tommy, Professional Officer 1 (Professional Officer 1) of the JO/Buildings Department (BD); and
- (3) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/New Territories West (Customer Service) Inspection of the Water Supplies Department (WSD).

95. The Chairman asked the representatives of the JO to report the latest status of water seepage in buildings in the district.

96. Professional Officer 1 of the JO/BD reported as follows:

- (1) as at late July 2017, the JO received a total of 1 106 reports of water seepage in Tsuen Wan, among which 755 cases had been handled. Among the handled water seepage cases, 270 cases were identified to be uninvestigated, and investigation was completed for 485 cases. Among the investigated cases, the number of cases in which water seepage ceased during investigation was 142, with 235 cases in which the source of water

seepage was confirmed, and 108 cases in which the source of water seepage was not be confirmed. The JO had initiated prosecution in four cases; and

- (2) during investigation, if the staff of the JO were denied entry into the premises for investigation, the JO would apply to the court for a warrant to effect entry in premises in accordance with legislation to enter the premises for investigation and testing. The JO had issued a total of 15 Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry and had applied to the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts for entry warrants for five cases.

97. Mr WONG Wai-kit said that the investigation methods adopted for some specific water seepage cases were different from those in the past. In one case, colour appeared in the sample during the colour water test, but the final report said that the source of water seepage could not be identified. The JO's progress in replying to the cases was not satisfactory. It often failed to provide further replies or investigation results after the interim replies. It was hoped that the JO would make improvement. On the other hand, he commended WSD's efficiency in handling the cases of fresh water seepage.

98. SHI, Joint Office, responded that the JO would learn more about the cases that had not received replies from Members after the meeting and take follow-up actions. If the JO found colour in the sample of a stage 2 colour water test, it would send the sample to the Government Laboratory to confirm the source of the seepage. If the source of the seepage still could not be identified, the JO would carry out stage 3 investigation.

99. Professional Offr 1 of the JOBD added that if colour appeared in the sample of a colour water test at the third stage of investigation and the source still could not be identified, then the JO would extract some sample when necessary and send the sample to the Government Laboratory for examination.

100. The Chairman indicated that the numbers of reports on water seepage in 2017 and on cases that had been dealt within 2017 were smaller compared to that in 2016. He hoped that the reduction in number was caused by less cases of water seepage.

101. CHI 1 of the FEHD presented the work report on environmental hygiene in Tsuen Wan district and added that the FEHD had issued a notice of fixed penalty offence to a person who allowed a dog to foul on a slope adjacent to Sham Tseng Market at about 8:00 p.m. on 26 July 2017. The FEHD had also issued notices of fixed penalty offence to people who allowed dogs to foul in Tsuen Wan town centre, for example, at Tak Wah Street. It had issued two notices and one notice respectively at Wo Tik Street and Tsuen Cheong Centre in 2017. The FEHD would continue to carry out the work.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.)

102. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he felt encouraged by the FEHD's successful prosecution against the offenders who allowed a dog to foul anywhere. He also commended the observation power of the staff of the FEHD and hoped that the FEHD would continue to enforce the law resolutely in Sham Tseng and Tsing Lung Tau. This would enhance people's civic-mindedness (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
 - (2) he commended the FEHD for its hard work and hoped that it would strengthen law-enforcement work to enhance deterrence (the Vice Chairman).

103. The Chairman reported that a hawker was hawking on the fire-fighting passageway between Tsuen Kam Centre and Nan Fung Centre. The hawker told the staff of the FEHD that he had obtained approval from the management office of Nan Fung Centre. He requested the DLO to investigate whether hawking at that location was in violation of the land lease terms and to take law-enforcement actions to ban hawking there.

104. SLE/Control 2(DLO, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) of the DLO responded that the DLO would conduct follow ups and investigations. If the above-mentioned location fell within the Nan Fung Centre shopping mall and was governed by the relevant land lease, the relevant team of the DLO would study whether hawking there violated the terms of the land lease. If this was the case, the DLO would take lease enforcement actions.

IX Item 8: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (June 2017 to July 2017)

(EHAC Paper No. 32/17-18)

105. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported the EPD's work on environmental pollution control.

X Item 9: Progress Report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects in 2017/18

(EHAC Paper No. 33/17-18)

106. Senior Inspector of Works of the TWDO briefed Members on the progress of various work projects, and said that after the advanced site survey at the location of Project 10 (construction work of the rainshelter at Block 1, City Point, near Wing Shun Street, Tsuen Wan), it was found that the ground beneath the proposed location was full of pipelines, and there was not enough space for building the foundation of the rainshelter. The District Office had considered changing the location of the rainshelter to the existing temporary carpark nearby. However, this involved a Government site let by way of short-term tenancies. The TWDO had liaised with the DLO and the Member who proposed the project to discuss the feasibility of this project. This project involved a relatively large amount of funds and regulations on the amendment of contents of

Government's short-term tenancies. If the required preparatory work and construction work could not be completed by an appropriate time, the follow-up work of other projects might be affected.

107. The Chairman said that it was September 2017 already. If the problems of this project was not solved soon, the principle of fairness would not be adopted for the projects further down the list of minor environmental improvement projects. As the DLO had not given a reply on the implementation of the project on the site concerned, it was suggested that two weeks' time be given to the Member who proposed this project to discuss with the departments. If there was still no reply in two weeks' time or if it was decided that the project could not be implemented, the funds allocated to this project would be re-allocated to the project immediately following it on the list of minor environmental improvement projects, so that other projects would have enough time to complete.

108. Members agreed to the above proposal.

XI Item 10: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community and Local Organisation
(EHAC Paper 34/17-18)

109. The Secretary introduced the paper and said that the Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr WONG Wai-kit were the Members of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership.

110. As the Chairman had made declaration of interest, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

111. The Acting Chairman permitted that the Members who were concurrently the Members of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community could speak and vote on the matter according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders, and asked if any Members needed to make declaration of other interest immediately. No Members made declaration of other interest.

112. The EHAC unanimously endorsed the funding application as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1)	Food Waste Recovery Makes a Family Happy 2017	Women's Association of Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing District	49,000.00

XI Item 11: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety and Local Organisation
(EHAC Paper No. 35/17-18)

113. The Secretary introduced the paper and said that the Chairman, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr KOT Siu-yuen, Ms CHOW Chin-tung, Mr LAM Fook-chuen and Mr LAM Kwok-on were the Members of the Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership.

114. As the Chairman had made declaration of interest, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily.

115. The Acting Chairman permitted that the Members who were concurrently the Members of the Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety could speak and vote on the matter according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders, and asked if any Members needed to make declaration of other interest immediately. Mr CHOW Ping-tim made declaration of his appointment as the President of the Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District.

116. The Acting Chairman permitted that the Member who made declaration of other interest to remain in the meeting as an observer but the Member could not speak or vote on the matter.

117. The EHAC unanimously endorsed the funding application as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1)	Health is Always First 2017	Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District	207,000.00

XI Item 12: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

118. The Secretary reported that the Working Group had held its 5th Meeting on 8 August 2017 to discuss the work plan for the current year. The Monitoring Group approved to earmark an allocation of \$49,000 for co-organising the Food Waste Recovery Makes a Family Happy 2017 with Women's Association of Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing District, which would be held on 21 October 2017, 4 November 2017 and 11 November 2017 respectively. The Working Group aimed to allow the participants to realise the environmental problems caused by wastes in daily life through the inspection activities. The participants would also understand the importance and urgency of waste

classification and recycling. They would then consciously reduce and recycle domestic wastes.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

119. The Chairman reported that the Monitoring Group had held its 2nd meeting on 25 August 2017 to discuss the work plan for the current year. The Monitoring Group approved to earmark an allocation of \$207,000 for co-organising the Health is Always First 2017 with the Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District. The activity consisted of two events, namely, District Services Plan cum Carnival to be held from November to December 2017 and Prevention of Viral Infection and Knowing Food Safety cum Carnival in Tsuen Wan to be held on 13 January 2018. The Monitoring Group hoped that by holding activities under the theme of “Prevention of Viral Infection and Health Food”, the residents of Tsuen Wan would pay more attention to the century virus and understand more about health food so as to build a healthy community together.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Environmental Improvement

120. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Tsuen Wan Parent-Child Beach Cleaning Campaign 2017 co-organised by the Task Force and Tsuen Wan District Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations Limited was rescheduled and held on 17 September 2017 due to bad weather. Furthermore, the Cleaning Campaign in the Rural Areas of Tsuen Wan District co-organised by the Task Force and Tsuen Wan Rural Committee would be held in November 2017. The Task Force hoped that this activity would improve the living environment of seniors and citizens in the rural areas of Tsuen Wan district through the provision of free services in household cleaning, simple household repair and maintenance and weeding, pruning, desilting and refuse recovery outside village houses. Also, a Cleanliness of Rural Areas Promotion Day would be held to enhance the villagers’ awareness of a clean Hong Kong.

XII Item 13: Any Other Business

(A) Information Papers

121. Members noted the contents of the following information papers:

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 23 August 2017 (EHAC Paper No. 36/17-18);
- (2) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (June 2017 to July 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 37/17-18, submitted by the EPD);
- (3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (June 2017 to July 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 38/17-18, submitted by the EPD);
- (4) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (June 2017 to July 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 39/17-18, submitted by the EPD); and

- (5) Tsuen Wan District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2017 (Phase 3)
(EHAC Paper No. 40/17-18, submitted by the FEHD).

XIII Adjournment of Meeting

122. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 2 November 2017 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 18 October 2017.

123. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

13 October 2017

Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

Terms of Reference

During September 2017 and April 2018,

1. to discuss, advise and follow up on the measures in relation to the waste reduction and recycling enhancement for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan with the relevant government departments; and
2. to report the implementation of the relevant measures to the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee.

Membership List of the Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year
Fair in Tsuen Wan of Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

- Convenor : Mr LO Siu-kit, MH
- Members : Mr WONG Wai-kit
Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH
Mr WONG Ka-wa
Mr TAM Hoi-pong
- Other member : Mr LAM Fook-chuen