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Minutes of the 13th Meeting of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (5/17-18)

Date: 4 January 2018 (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)
The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP
Mr KOO Yeung-pong, MH
Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
Mr LI Hung-por
Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, JP
Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH
Mr WONG Ka-wa
Mr WONG Wai-kit
Mr KOT Siu-yuen
Mr LO Siu-kit, MH
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Co-opted Members

Mr LAM Kwok-on
Ms CHOW Chin-tung
Mr CHUNG Ho-yin
Ms YU Sui-wan

Government Representatives

Mr CHOW Chun-hun, Gary	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr CHAN Kwok-hung	Chief Health Inspector 1 (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2, Environmental Protection Department
Mr YUI Ming-tak	Technical Manager, 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 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)

Mr YUNG Chi-wai Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office
Miss TAI Tsz-yan, Angie Executive Officer/Development, 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 8

Ms TANG Wai-han, Olivia Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr HUNG Kim-wei, Hilary Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan District), Police Community Relations Office, Hong Kong Police Force

For discussion of item 2C

Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2), Marine Department
Mr LU Jian-jian Marine Officer/Cargo Handling 1, Marine Department

For discussion of item 2F

Mr Andy KWAN Architect Assistant, Llewelyn-Davis Hong Kong Limited, Consultant Engaged by the Architectural Services Department
Ms NG Sze-chung, May Executive Officer (Planning)4, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

For discussion of item 2H

Mr LEUNG Cho-shing, Joe Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise) 33, Environmental Protection Department

For discussion of item 2I

Mr HO Wai-tat Resident Engineer, Atkins China Limited, Consultant Engaged by the Drainage Services Department

For discussion of item 3

Mr FUNG Ka-wai Senior Engineer/Project Management 4, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHEN Ka-yin Engineer/Project Management 12, Drainage Services Department
Mr LAU Wai Deputy Project Manager, KMP Technology (Project) Limited, Consultant Engaged by the Drainage Services Department

Mr LUK Yik-chun Project Engineer, KMP Technology (Project) Limited, Consultant Engaged by the Drainage Services Department

For discussion of item 7

Mr TSE Hing-chit Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)

For discussion of item 10

Mr CHU Tung-fai Senior Health Inspector, 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

Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, MH

Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

Co-opted Member

Mr LAM Fook-chuen

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 13th meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC).

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 smooth proceeding of the meeting.

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 12th Meeting held on 2.11.2017

3. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had distributed the minutes of the previous meeting to Members earlier. The Secretariat had received one amendment proposal before the meeting. He asked the Secretary to report the amendment proposal.

4. The Secretary reported that the Chairman proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2017 should be amended as follows:

- (1) Paragraph 129: To insert in the third line after (…與參加者的溝通作出檢討) (... to conduct a review on the communication with the participants) “他表示，他同意可以就攝影師的態度進行商討，但不拍攝穿著比堅尼泳裝人士的決定則沒有討論空間。他認為其他人不應強迫小組作出檢討，小組之事情是由他決定的。” (“He said he agreed that the attitude of the photographer could be discussed. However, there was no room for discussion about the decision of not taking photographs of people wearing bikinis. He opined that other people should not force the Working Group to conduct a review. The matters of the Working Group were decided by him.”)

5. The captioned minutes and amendment proposal were confirmed by the EHAC.

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

(A) Paragraphs 4 to 10 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 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

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

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

- (1) Ms TANG Wai-han Olivia, Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan) (Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Mr HUNG Kim-wei, Hilary, Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan District) (Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan Dist)), Police Community Relations Office of the HKPF;
- (3) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Tsuen Wan) (CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan)) of the Food and Environmental Health Department (FEHD); and
- (4) Mr KONG Tak-shing, Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (SLE/Control 2) of the District Lands Office (DLO).

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:38 p.m.)

8. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the joint operations conducted between the FEHD and other departments had been increased from three to five times a month since June 2017. During the ten joint operations conducted between November and December 2017, neither street obstruction nor cleansing obstruction was identified. The FEHD would continue to combat against shop front extension at public places by shop operators.

9. Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF had issued 234 and 219 tickets to motorists for illegal parking in Tak Wah Street in November and December 2017 respectively. The HKPF would continue to issue tickets to motorists for illegal parking.

(Note: Mr WONG Wai-kit joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

10. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that he still found illegal parking at Tak Wah Street and street obstruction which was caused by iron bars at some locations. He agreed that the departments should increase the number of operations and requested that the departments should conduct more operations when necessary. He said that the situation was improved during the joint operations. However, the problems would relapse after the joint operations and it was unsatisfactory.

11. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would review the frequency of operations and relevant strategies with other departments proactively. The joint operations would be conducted on an irregular basis in the form of surprise operations.

12. Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would continue to take prosecution action against illegal parking at the said locations.

13. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(B) Paragraphs 11 to 14 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Request for Taking Operation against the Easy-mount Frames on the Two Bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Citistore and Chung On Street

14. 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.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

15. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that since December 2017, the FEHD had changed its strategy by deploying some officers to station around Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Fung Centre and Chung On Street, and arranging some officers for carrying out blitz operations at other locations. From November to December 2017, the FEHD issued one fixed penalty notice (the “FPN”) on Chung On Street; issued a total of six FPNs and confiscated five unattended easy-mount frames on Sha Tsui Road and Tai Ho Road; issued one FPN at Lo Tak Court; and confiscated a total of 19 unattended easy-mount frames on Tai Ho Road and at the footbridge connecting Tsuen Wan MTR Station with Discovery Park and the footbridge connecting Nan Fung Centre with Lo Tak Court.

16. The Chairman said he hoped that the FEHD would take prosecution action at the footbridge connecting Nan Fung Centre and Lo Tak Court in order to enhance the deterrence effect.

17. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD added that apart from the vicinity of Tsuen Fung Centre and Chung On Street, the FEHD would adopt the new strategy at Discovery Park and Nam Fung Centre, with a view to improving the situation.

(Note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.)

18. Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would continue to monitor the situation.

(C) Paragraphs 15 to 19 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 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

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

- (1) Ms TSANG Ka-man Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)2 (SEPO(Regional W)2) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD);

- (2) Mr LU Jian-jian, Marine Officer/Cargo Handling 1 of the Marine Department (MD); and
- (3) Mr NG Chi-hong Caddy, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2) (SASM/Cargo Handling (2)) of the MD.

20. SASM/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD reported that the existing Berth Licence Agreement was effective for five years and would expire on 31 July 2021. The MD would then timely conduct the next review on the public cargo working area on a need basis. In November and December 2017, the MD did not give any verbal warning to the RC 27 Operator of Rambler Channel Public Cargo Working Area (the "PCWA") due to noise level exceeding 70 dB. When the noise level of the berth concerned in operation exceeded 70 dB, the staff of the MD would issue verbal warning to the contractor concerned and required the operator to lower the speed in order to reduce the noise nuisance.

21. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD continued to assess the noise level at the PCWA during operation on a regular basis. At around 10:00 a.m. on 24 November 2017 and at around 2:00 p.m. on 28 December 2017 at the rooftop of Hoi Sing Mansion of the Riviera Gardens, the noise level was measured and the results showed that the noise level did not exceed the noise standards set out in the Noise Control Ordinance.

22. Mr CHOW Ping-tim requested that the MD should conduct the review when the contract of the PCWA at Riviera Gardens would soon expire and consider the transfer of heavy scrap iron to the public cargo working area far away from residence for loading and unloading.

(D) Paragraphs 20 to 27 of the Minutes of Meeting held on 2 November 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

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

24. The Acting Chairman said that SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD and SLE/Control 2 of the DLO would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD and DLO respectively.

25. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD would take into account the EHAC's views. The EPD was currently studying other feasible proposals and would report to the EHAC after consolidating various plans.

26. SLE/Control 2 of the DLO said that the DLO had already relayed all dissenting views collected to the EPD. The reply from the EPD was pending.

27. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that he expressed dissatisfaction over the EPD's failure to accept the views of the EHAC and abandon the recycling scheme. He hoped that the EPD

would consider whether it should go against public opinions and insisted on implementing the scheme.

28. SEOP(Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that she would relay the views of the EHAC to the relevant parties for follow-up.

29. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(E) Paragraphs 28 to 31 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Installation of IP Camera at the Black Spots of Refuse Disposal by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

30. The Chairman asked Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD to report the latest status.

31. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the works concerned would be conducted in two phases. The IP cameras would be installed at the refuse collection points at Gemini Beaches and Lung Yue Road in April 2018 and at the refuse collection points at Bayside Villas and Tung Po To Monastery in September 2018. A review would be conducted after the implementation of the scheme.

32. The Chairman said in his opinion, the works progress of installation of the IP cameras was too slow and requested the FEHD to expedite the works.

33. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would pay attention to the progress of works.

(F) Paragraphs 55 to 68 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Request for an Overall Improvement of the Facilities and Hygienic Condition of the Public Toilets in Tsuen Wan District

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

- (1) Mr Andy KWAN, Architect Assistant of the Llewelyn-Davis Hong Kong Limited; and
- (2) Ms NG Sze-chung, May, Executive Officer (Planning)4 (EO (Planning)4) of the FEHD.

35. Architect Assistant of the Llewelyn-Davis Hong Kong Limited reported on Option 1 and Option 2 of the new refurbishment layout of public toilets in Tak Wah Street Park as follows:

- (1) in the existing public toilets in Tak Wah Street Park, there were 11 water closet cubicles, six lavatory basins, one electric hand dryer and one platform for parents to change the diapers of the infants in the female toilet; and four lavatory basins, seven water closet cubicles and 11 urinals in the male toilet. However, the number of lavatory basins did not meet the requirement of the FEHD's guidelines on toilet design;
- (2) the number of lavatory basins would be increased in the design after refurbishment;
- (3) after refurbishment under Option 1, there would be 11 water closet cubicles in the female toilet as well as five water closet cubicles and ten urinals in the male toilet. Besides, one lavatory basin would be provided for every two sanity appliances according to the FEHD's guidelines;

- (4) the barrier-free toilets would be renovated to meet the requirements of the existing legislations. One duty room would also be provided for the male and female toilets respectively;
- (5) in the female toilet, two wider water closet cubicles suitable for elderly users would be provided. Also, a pedestal type toilet for children would be provided in one water closet cubicle and a seat for infants would be set up in another water closet cubicle;
- (6) in the male toilet, one wider water closet cubicle suitable for elderly users would be provided. Also, a seat for infants would be set up in one water closet cubicle and one wider barrier-free urinal would be provided out of ten urinals;
- (7) the number of water closet cubicles and urinals in Option 2 was closer to that in the existing public toilets. There would be 11 water closet cubicles in the female toilet but there would be one lavatory basin less comparing to that in the existing female toilet. There would also be five lavatory basins, seven water closet cubicles and 11 urinals in the male toilet. However, the number of lavatory basins was smaller than that set out in the FEHD's guidelines; and
- (8) two wider water closet cubicles suitable for elderly users would be provided in the female toilet and one such water closet cubicle would be provided in the male toilet.

36. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD said that the utilisation rate of the public toilets in Tak Wah Street Park was higher. The FEHD had conducted a survey on the utilisation rate of the public toilets in Tak Wah Street Park. The survey was carried out from 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on a working day and a Sunday respectively. The findings of the survey showed that the number of users of the female and male toilets was 1 321 and 2 596 respectively on that working day; and that the number of users of the female and male toilets was 2 161 and 3 851 respectively on that Sunday. In addition, the users had to queue and wait occasionally but the queue was not very long. The FEHD recommended that Option 2 in which the number of water closet cubicles remained unchanged should be adopted as the design after refurbishment.

37. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he agreed that consideration should be firstly given to keep the same number of water closet cubicles in order to meet the demand (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (2) he proposed that the design in Option 1 for the female toilet should be adopted and the design in Option 2 for the male toilet should be adopted, and that the duty room in the male toilet in Option 2 should be converted into a barrier-free toilet, and the existing barrier-free toilet should be vacated for the female toilet (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (3) he opined that the duty room and barrier-free toilet could be swapped, so as to increase the number of facilities in the toilet without altering the structure (Mr LO Siu-kit);
 - (4) he opined that the design of lavatory basin in the male toilet in Option 1 was unsatisfactory and it was inconvenient to use the lavatory basin at the end of the passageway (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
 - (5) as the number of the lavatory basin in the female toilet was decreased by one in Option 2, he hoped that the area of the duty room would be reduced or the structure would be altered, with a view to increasing the number of water closet cubicles and lavatory basins in the female toilet (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (6) the perpendicular arrangement of some urinals in the male toilet in Option 2 would be inconvenient for users. Hence, he proposed that the parallel design of urinals in Option 1 should be adopted (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
 - (7) he proposed that the design in Option 1 for the female toilet should be adopted and the design in Option 2 for the male toilet should be adopted. The design of female toilet in Option 1 was convenient for wheelchair users and the number of water closet cubicles would remain 11. Besides, as the distribution of the lavatory basins and urinals in the male toilet in Option 1 was unsatisfactory, he opined that the design in Option 2 was more appropriate (the Chairman); and
 - (8) he introduced the three-in-one design of electric hand dryer, water tap and liquid soap dispenser (the “three-in-one design”) and hoped that the FEHD would introduce similar facilities for public toilets (the Vice Chairman).
38. Architect Assistant of the Llewelyn-Davis Hong Kong Limited responded as follows:
- (1) the wall-mount and table-top electric hand dryers in three-in-one design of the same brand were identified in the market for the time being. Both electric hand dryers could produce an air speed at 105 metres per second. The Architectural Services Department (Arch SD) and FEHD would take into consideration the proposal concerned; and
 - (2) if the design in Option 1 for the female toilet was adopted and the design in Option 2 for the male toilet was adopted, the duty room in the male toilet could not be provided. In view of the higher utilisation rate of the male toilet, only limited service might be provided if there was no duty room. However, the feasibility of the proposal would be studied.
39. EO (Planning)4 of the FEHD added as follows:
- (1) the Arch SD was currently studying the three-in-one design from the technical perspective. The Working Group set up by the FEHD and the Arch SD would discuss the feasibility on application of the product in three-in-one design for public toilets;
 - (2) according to the Cleansing Section of Tsuen Wan District Environmental Hygiene Office earlier, the service was readily available when one duty room was accommodated for both the male and female toilets; and
 - (3) the provision of two electric hand dryers for the male and female toilets respectively in the existing proposed design and layout was in compliance with the FEHD’s latest guidelines on toilet design.
40. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) as the three-in-one design might cause overcrowdedness, he objected to the adoption of this design (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
 - (2) she proposed that the design of family toilet cubicle should be incorporated into the barrier-free toilet in Option 1 (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
 - (3) he opined that in the design of the female toilet in Option 1, people outside the female toilet could see the users washing hands inside. Hence, he proposed that an entrance should be built at the duty room to replace the original entrance, so as to resolve the problem of privacy and increase the number of lavatory basins (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);

- (4) in Option 1, the pedestrians could see some lavatory basins in the female toilet from the street. Hence, he proposed that a bend should be created in the passageway in order to block the view (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
- (5) he proposed that in Option 2, the original entrance should be closed and the area of duty room should be reduced. The entrance of the female toilet should be set at the new access next to the duty room to resolve the problem of privacy and increase the number of lavatory basins or water closet cubicles (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris).

41. Architect Assistant of the Llewelyn-Davis Hong Kong Limited responded that he needed to firstly study whether any structural wall was involved in the proposal on the provision of an entrance next to the duty room in replacement of the original entrance and the feasibility of the proposal.

42. The Chairman said that Members agreed to adopt the design of the male toilet in Option 2 but they held different views on the design of the female toilet in Option 1 and Option 2. He hoped that the FEHD and Arch SD would give a briefing by application of the technological aid such as a projector or the three-dimensional diagrams at the next EHAC meeting.

(G) Paragraphs 36 to 39 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Request the EPD to Re-examine the Locations of the Air Quality Monitoring Stations in Tsuen Wan District

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

44. Members noted the written reply of the EPD.

(H) Paragraphs 40 to 41 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 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

45. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEUNG Cho-shing, Joe, Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise) 33 (Env Protection Offr (Assessment & Noise) 33) of the EPD who specially joined the meeting. Besides, the Highways Department (HyD) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

46. Env Protection Offr (Assessment & Noise) 33 of the EPD reported that under the assistance of Members and City Point Owners' Committee, the EPD had deployed staff to measure the noise level in residential flats of City Point. The results showed that the effectiveness of fixed windows in reducing noise impact was above 30 dB (A), which could provide necessary protection for the residents. Also, the noise level measured at the windows for ventilation facing away from Tsuen Wan Road did not exceed the planning standard of traffic noise as stipulated in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines.

(I) Paragraphs 42 to 48 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: 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

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

48. The Acting Chairman welcomed Mr YUI Ming-tak, Technical Manager of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) and Mr HO Wai-tat, Resident Engineer of Atkins China Limited who specially joined the meeting.

49. Resident Engineer of Atkins China Limited reported that the provisional traffic liaison group had held a meeting for discussion of the road closure measures and traffic improvement arrangement during the construction period with the Transport Department (TD) and HKPF on 16 December 2017. As the TD and HKPF had reservation about the road closure measures, another meeting would be held with the HKPF for discussion of the refined road closure and traffic diversion arrangements. The next meeting was scheduled in early February 2018. When the road closure and traffic diversion arrangements were accepted by the TD and HKPF, the proposal would be submitted to the Traffic and Transport Committee (T&TC) for discussion. Also, the public consultation with the markets, shop owners nearby, management companies as well as taxi and light bus associations was completed substantially.

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

- (1) he enquired whether objections had been received during the public consultation (Mr CHOW Ping-tim); and
- (2) he enquired whether the road closure and traffic diversion arrangements could be discussed at the T&TC meeting to be held in March 2018 (the Acting Chairman).

51. Resident Engineer of Atkins China Limited responded that no objection had been received from the shop owners or associations so far. After the design of temporary traffic arrangements was completed, the views of the T&TC would be sought in March 2018.

52. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(J) Paragraphs 49 to 53 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Request for Provision of Anti-mosquito Device in Tsuen Wan District

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

- (1) Mr WONG Shun-ping, Assistant Housing Manager/Shek Wai Kok 2 (Asst Housing Mgr/SWK 2) of the Housing Department (HD);
- (2) Mr TSE Hing-chit, Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (AA/Lands) of the DLO; and
- (3) Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)2 (DDLMTsuen Wan)2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).

Besides, CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the FEHD.

54. Asst Housing Mgr/SWK 2 of the HD said that currently, the anti-mosquito devices were installed at the exits/entrances of buildings in Shek Wai Kok Estate and Cheung Shan Estate. The HD would continue to step up the anti-mosquito work in the housing estates and enhance anti-mosquito at source. Besides, various Estate Managers would hold regular meetings with Estate Management Advisory Committee bi-monthly to discuss the cleaning and hygienic matters in the housing estates. The Estate Management Advisory Committee was consisted of district councillors of the constituencies concerned and representatives of Mutual Aid Committees of various buildings in the housing estates. Consideration could also be given to the provision of additional anti-mosquito devices at the suitable locations according to the actual needs in the housing estates.

55. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD reported that the LCSD would continue to implement the regular anti-mosquito measures. The LCSD would also review and consider the installation of additional anti-mosquito devices at the suitable locations.

56. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD said that the anti-mosquito devices should only be placed at the locations of high pedestrian flow such as the indoors or exits/entrances as the effectiveness of these devices varied subject to numerous factors.

57. 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.

(K) Paragraph 54 of the Minutes of Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Request for Improvement of the Ventilation and Waiting Environment of the Public Transport Interchanges in Tsuen Wan District

58. The Chairman said that the TD and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

59. The EHAC agreed with the TD's proposal on installation of additional fans.

(L) Paragraphs 81 to 87 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Request to Enhance the Inspection for and Efforts in Combating the Disposal of Construction Waste Casually in Tsuen Wan District

60. The Chairman said that the EPD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Besides, SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD and FEHD respectively.

61. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that after identifying the casual disposal of refuse or illegal dumping of construction waste, the FEHD would issue the FPNs to the offenders according to the existing laws and regulations. In 2017, the FEHD had issued a total of three FPNs for illegal dumping of construction waste.

62. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that in 2017, the EPD had issued a total of 16 FPNs and two summons for illegal dumping of construction waste.

63. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he requested the EPD to give an account of the effectiveness of law enforcement upon installation of cameras at Ting Kau Section of Castle Peak Road. Moreover, as the illegal dumping of construction waste was always found at several locations along Ting Kau Section of Castle Peak Road, he hoped that the EPD would report to the EHAC the locations of installation of additional cameras as soon as possible (the Vice Chairman);
 - (2) she hoped that the EPD would increase the number of trial locations for installation of cameras as soon as possible and seek Members' views before determining the trial locations (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
 - (3) there were many blackspots of illegal dumping of construction waste in Tsuen Wan. For example, the illegal dumping of construction waste was often found at Tai Chung Road off Superluck Industrial Centre and the waste was not cleared over time. He enquired the EPD about the definition of a blackspot (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and
 - (4) he enquired whether the EPD needed to discuss the trial locations for installation of cameras with other departments (the Chairman).
64. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD responded as follows:
- (1) the blackspots of illegal dumping of construction waste were jointly determined by several departments and the refuse collection points were monitored by the FEHD. Hence, the EPD would refer the information about the installation of cameras at the refuse collection points in Ting Kau to the FEHD;
 - (2) the EPD would draw reference from the views of the EHAC, complaints received and situation observed during inspections to determine the trial locations of installation of cameras. The EPD was currently planning to install cameras at Tai Chung Road, Tak Wah Street and Mei Wan Street;
 - (3) the EPD would consider installing cameras at other locations. However, three cameras would be installed in the first phase due to resource constraints; and
 - (4) all the 16 FPNs were issued for the cases of illegal disposal of waste in Tsuen Wan district by the EPD.
65. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) the FEHD would determine the locations of installation of cameras according to the complaint figures;
 - (2) if the construction waste was found on the road by the FEHD, the case would be referred to the HyD for follow-up. If the construction waste was found at the same location time and again, the FEHD would refer the case to the EPD and conduct a joint operation which lasted for two to three hours with the EPD on each occasion; and
 - (3) in 2017, the FEHD had issued a total of three FPNs for illegal dumping of construction waste when carrying out the departmental law enforcement actions.
66. The Chairman said he hoped that the EPD would provide the locations where the FPNs were issued after the meeting.

(M) Paragraphs 88 to 94 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2017: Recycling and Export of Waste Paper in Hong Kong

67. The Chairman said that the EPD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Besides, SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD and FEHD respectively.

68. Mr TAM Hoi-pong enquired how the contractors responsible for handling waste paper in recycling bins would deal with the waste paper or magazines collected. He worried that the contractors would deliver the waste paper to landfills. Besides, he enquired whether the policy of restricting the importation of 24 types of recyclable materials would only be implemented in the Mainland starting from March 2018.

69. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD responded she would forward the enquiries about the recycling of waste paper to the departments concerned.

70. 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.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 4:02 p.m.)

IV Item 3: Condition Survey and Rehabilitation of Underground Sewers and Stormwater Drains – Stage 1

(EHAC Paper No. 55/17-18)

71. The Chairman welcomed representatives of the DSD who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr FUNG Ka-wai, Senior Engineer/Project Management 4 (Sr Engr/Project Mgt 4);
- (2) Mr CHEN Ka-yin, Engineer/Project Management 12 (Engr/Project Mgt 12);
- (3) Mr LAU Wai, Deputy Project Manager of KMP Technology (Project) Limited; and
- (4) Mr LUK Yik-chun, Project Engineer of KMP Technology (Project) Limited.

72. Sr Engr/Project Mgt 4 of the DSD and Deputy Project Manager of KMP Technology (Project) Limited introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 3:42 p.m.)

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

- (1) he supported the rehabilitation of underground stormwater drains and opined that it could forestall the problems which might emerge during the rainy season (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (2) as the works involved different locations in Tsuen Wan district, he opined that the DSD should consider conducting the works in residential areas in the afternoon and at the locations with higher vehicular flow at night, in order to ensure that no traffic impact would be brought by the works (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (3) he hoped that the problem of emission of odour from some drains in Tsuen Wan district could be resolved upon the rehabilitation of underground stormwater drains (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);

- (4) he welcomed the DSD's rehabilitation of underground stormwater drains (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (5) recently, the buildings nearby were affected by the blockage of sewers at Heung Wo Street, Tai Pa Street and Sha Tsui Road. He therefore enquired the DSD about the short-term measures for the problem (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (6) he opined that Tsuen Wan was a relatively old community and it was necessary to conduct the works (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (7) he enquired whether the survey for the drains proposed to be rehabilitated in the paper had already been completed in the works in the past; and on the time slots during which the DSD planned to conduct the works at Sai Lau Kok Road, so as to ensure that the traffic would not be affected (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (8) he enquired how the DSD would handle the scenario in which the sewers of housing estates nearby were involved in the works; and how the housing estates should tie in with the works (Mr LI Hung-por);
- (9) she supported the project and opined that the technologies adopted by the DSD would bring less impact on the residents (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (10) she enquired whether the diameter of the pipes would be reduced due to the use of polyester sleeves in the rehabilitation of pipes (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (11) the manholes often gave out odour. She enquired whether the DSD found any sludge in the manholes during the investigation and how the DSD dealt with the sludge (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (12) she enquired the DSD about the reasons for not conducting rehabilitation of the pipes in other locations and whether the DSD had plans to conduct the works in other locations (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (13) he opined that the project should be carried out and welcomed the DSD to implement the project (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (14) he was concerned that the ground investigation on Hoi Hing Road at Belvedere Garden might cause impact on the traffic intermittently. He also requested the DSD to enhance communication with the district councillors of the constituencies concerned which fell within the construction area when planning and before the commencement of works, so as to remind the community of the relevant arrangements throughout the construction period (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (15) the investigation for six kilometres of sewers would be conducted but only 800 metres of pipes would be rehabilitated. He enquired when the DSD would follow up on the rest of the pipes (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (16) upon completion of the tendering exercise, he hoped that the DSD would submit to the EHAC the works schedule for review (Mr WONG Ka-wa); and
- (17) he enquired about the estimated expenditure of the project (the Chairman).

74. Sr Engr/Project Mgt 4 of the DSD responded as follows:

- (1) when the works was underway, it would only require to place the investigation equipment or rehabilitative materials into the pipes through the manholes which were located at both ends of the pipe. After the investigation or rehabilitation was completed, the equipment would be withdrawn and the manholes would be covered. The works for this section of pipe would be completed;
- (2) when the works was underway, although it was required to enclose the vehicular lanes at the location near the manholes which were located at both ends of the pipe or implement temporary traffic arrangements, it was

anticipated that only two working sessions in one or two days would be involved and each session would last for about four to six hours. Hence, the works could be flexibly arranged to be conducted during non-peak hours to minimise the impact on traffic;

- (3) upon the completion of consultation, the DSD would make funding application and proceed with the tendering exercise. After engaging the contractor, the implementation programme would be formulated according to the actual circumstances. The DSD would further communicate and discuss the time opportune for conducting the works with the district councillors of the constituencies concerned and stakeholders;
- (4) the phase I of the project would cover 18 districts over the territory. It was anticipated that the project would commence at the end of 2018 and would be completed in 2022;
- (5) before conducting the survey and rehabilitation, the DSD would firstly cleanse the pipelines and clear the sludge inside the pipelines;
- (6) after arranging the implementation schedule with the district councillors of the constituencies concerned, the schedule would be submitted to the EHAC for review;
- (7) based on the principles of risk assessment, the DSD would give an overall consideration to the factors such as the conditions of the pipes, the duration in use, locations and structure before conducting the investigation for the pipelines in phases. The work required would be formulated according to the findings of investigation; and
- (8) in the phase I of the project, priority would be given to the pipelines with structural damage which could be immediately rehabilitated. As for other pipelines, other phases of the project would be formulated subject to the progress of construction design and the results of resource allocation exercise.

75. Deputy Project Manager of the KMP Technology (Project) Limited responded as follows:

- (1) the rehabilitation of sewers would be arranged to be conducted by interception at night as far as possible when there was a smaller amount of sewage, so that the residents of the housing estates nearby would not be affected. Also, the residents would not be affected by the investigation of pipelines;
- (2) the traffic restriction and amount of sewage were the major factors for consideration in formulating the works arrangements. The DSD would keep up communication with Members frequently before the commencement of works in order to minimise impact on the residents; and
- (3) the estimated cost of phase I of the project was about \$400 million. The cost of the works in Tsuen Wan district would be provided after the meeting.

76. The Chairman said he hoped that the DSD would pay attention to the delayed replacement or rehabilitation of the pipes arising from the conduct of rehabilitation concurrently with other districts across the territory despite the ageing of pipes in Tsuen Wan district.

V Item 4: The Noise Nuisance Problem arising from the Flight Departure during Late Night
(EHAC Paper No. 56/17-18)

77. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

78. The Chairman said that the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

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

- (1) he opined that the CAD was accountable for sending representative to attend the meeting or submit a reply in response to the agenda item raised by the Member. He hoped that the CAD would send the representative to attend the next EHAC meeting (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (2) Lei Muk Shue Estate was affected by the flight paths in certain seasons. A more serious impact was brought by the aircraft noise to Lei Muk Shue Estate which was on an elevated terrain. Some residents complained that they were affected by aircraft noise in the afternoon (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (3) he enquired about the penalty for the flights which used the lower flight paths after 11:00 p.m. (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (4) according to the Airport Authority (AA) and CAD, after the completion of the third runway in the airport, the flight path of West Lamma Channel would be used during late night. It also served as an option for flight path currently. However, according to the departments concerned, the said flight path was not in use by any flight for the time being. Thus, he enquired whether the flight path of West Lamma Channel could be put into use earlier in order to reduce the impact of aircraft noise brought to the residents in Ma Wan and Tsing Lung Tau (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (5) he proposed that the AA and CAD should provide incentives for the airlines to use aircrafts which had navigation and aid with radius-to-fix turn in order to reduce the noise nuisance brought to the residents near the flight path (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (6) he enquired the CAD about the flight movements of aircrafts equipped with radius-to-fix turn aid in late night and the changes in the flight movements in late night in the past five years (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
- (7) he proposed that the EHAC should strongly request the AA and CAD to send the representatives to attend the EHAC meetings in writing (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.)

80. The Chairman said that the EHAC would strongly request the AA and CAD to send the representatives to attend the EHAC meetings and give response to Members' enquiries in writing.

VI Item 5: Proposal on Introduction of Solar-powered Outdoor Trash Compactor
(EHAC Paper No. 57/17-18)

81. The Chairman said that SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD, DDLM(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD, LCSD and FEHD respectively.

82. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

83. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD kept an open attitude towards the proposal in the paper and was studying the feasibility of introducing the

solar-powered trash compactor. The FEHD considered that this type of machine would be effective in reducing the volume of refuse. It was more suitable to conduct a trial run at the refuse collection points in rural areas.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.)

84. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD responded that the LCSD kept an open attitude towards the proposal. The LCSD was currently exploring the models and functions of solar-powered trash compactor provided by the suppliers for procurement. If there were suitable models, the LCSD would consider conducting a trial run in outdoor venues such as the major parks.

85. SEPO(Regional W)² of the EPD responded that currently, the management of rubbish bins was not under the purview of the EPD and Members' views were noted.

86. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he enquired how the cigarette butts disposed by the general public would be processed by the solar-powered trash compactor which was proposed to be introduced locally. He worried that the fire would be caused by the lit cigarette butts disposed by the public (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) he hoped that the FEHD would consider installing the aluminum box at the existing rubbish bins to facilitate the clearance of cigarette butts and reduce the possibility of causing injury to cleansing workers (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) he supported the proposal. However, he worried that after compression, the refuse of the same volume before compression would become heavier, which increased the risk of sustaining injury by the cleansing workers (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (4) she enquired whether this type of machine was durable and the limitations on location when such machines were in use (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (5) she proposed that this type of machine should be introduced to the housing estates with a higher utilisation of plastic bottles (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (6) she expressed dissatisfaction over the department for selectively recycling the plastic of category I and II and giving up the recycling of other types of plastic due to the constraints of the contractors. She opined that as foam plastic could be recycled at present, the Government should review the existing modes of tendering and outsourcing (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (7) he proposed that the Government should establish an inter-departmental task force to review and study the overseas technologies (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (8) he opined that as there was a greater quantity of refuse in urban areas, the use of solar-powered trash compactor in urban areas would be more effective. He proposed that a trial run should be conducted in urban areas (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (9) he agreed that the frequency of refuse collection could be reduced by the trial run of solar-powered trash compactor in rural areas. He also proposed that the trial run should be conducted at the locations in Tsuen Wan town centre such as Lo Tak Court and Tsuen Wan Plaza, so as to improve the hygienic conditions (the Vice Chairman);

- (10) he proposed that when conducting the trial run of solar-powered trash compactor, the departments should study how the waste water generated from the compression of refuse was processed (the Chairman);
- (11) he proposed that the departments should increase the number of overseas visits to study the new technologies and conduct trial runs locally, in order to improve the environmental hygiene in the long run (the Chairman); and
- (12) he hoped that the departments would conduct a trial run of solar-powered trash compactor in Tsuen Wan district (the Chairman).

87. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had not yet determined the model of machine in use. However, the factors such as fire hazards, personal injuries caused by the machine due to invasion of foreign objects such as human hands as well as the repair and maintenance of the machine would be taken into account. Some models supported fire detection as well as compressing refuse and putting out fire at the same time. Some models would suspend operation when it detected the invasion of the human hands;
- (2) the weight of the cover of rubbish bin in use was only 0.7 kilogram. The cleansing workers could clear the refuse by wiping the rubbish bins or turning the rubbish bins upside down;
- (3) the solar-powered trash compactor likely to be introduced was lockable. The cleansing workers only needed to make replacement with the cleaned solar-powered trash compactors;
- (4) the FEHD would consider conducting the trial run of the solar-powered trash compactor in rural areas. He would also relay the proposal on conducting a trial run at the locations with higher pedestrian flow such as Chung On Street and Tsuen Wan Plaza to the Headquarters of the FEHD; and
- (5) the Headquarters of the FEHD was actively studying the introduction of solar-powered trash compactor but so far, there was no timetable.

88. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD responded that the LCSD would study the models of solar-powered trash compactor to be introduced and the trial locations. But so far, there was no timetable.

89. Asst Housing Mgr/SWK 2 of the HD responded that currently, the cleaning work in the housing estates was undertaken by the cleansing contractors. As the cleansing contractors were stationed at the housing estates, the cleansing workers could be approached for carrying out the duty of refuse clearance. Hence, there was no pressing need to introduce the solar-powered trash compactor in the housing estates for the time being. However, when the Government upgraded the relevant equipment across-the-board and the solar-powered trash compactor was widely used, the HD would consider adopting the proposed solar-powered trash compactor according to the actual needs in the housing estates.

90. The Chairman said he hoped that the FEHD and LCSD would provide the timetable for trial run of solar-powered trash compactor.

VII Item 6: Request the Government to Clear the Drains and Channel Intakes in Tsuen Wan District during the Lunar New Year Festive Period

(EHAC Paper No. 58/17-18)

91. The Chairman said that Technical Manager of the DSD and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DSD and FEHD respectively.

92. Mr KOO Yeung-pong introduced the paper.

93. Technical Manager of the DSD responded as follows:

- (1) the DSD was mainly responsible for the maintenance of underground drains and would formulate the annual regular maintenance programme according to the information;
- (2) the DSD would step up inspections in the district during the Lunar New Year festive period. It was arranged that from December 2017 to February 2018, the rear lanes and locations with many restaurants such as Heung Wo Street and Sha Tsui Road would be cleansed regularly;
- (3) the repair and maintenance of roadside U-shaped nullahs would be undertaken by the HyD and FEHD; and
- (4) the DSD had already forwarded Members' views to the departments concerned for follow-up action.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.)

94. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) apart from clearing the refuse and waste in the drains at pavements and rear lanes in the district, the FEHD would also increase the frequency of clearance as and when necessary;
- (2) if the drains were found blocked, the FEHD would immediately contact the HyD and DSD to follow up; and
- (3) there were many restaurants and garages in the vicinity of Tai Pa Street, Heung Wo Street, Sha Tsui Road and Hoi Shing Road. The FEHD would deploy additional manpower for clearance as and when necessary.

95. The views, enquires and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he found that dried leaves would be accumulated at the channel intakes in winter and hoped that the departments would step up the clearance work (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and
- (2) he understood that the departments would clear the channel intakes more frequently during the rainy season. However, he opined that there were more dried leaves during the dry season, which would likely cause drain blockage and pest infestation. He hoped that the departments would increase the frequency of clearance work during the dry season (the Vice Chairman).

96. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would step up the clearance work.

VIII Item 7: Request the Government to Intervene in Following up the Cases involving Dangerous Dead Trees at Private Places that Threatening the Safety of Passers-by in order to Safeguard the Lives and Safety of the General Public
(EHAC Paper No. 59/17-18)

97. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHONG Kwok-wai, District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (Dist Engr/Tsuen Wan) of the HyD and Mr TSE Hing-chit, AA/Lands of the DLO who specially joined the meeting. Besides, DDLM(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the LCSD and FEHD respectively. In addition, the HyD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

98. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis introduced the paper.

99. AA/Lands of the DLO responded as follows:

- (1) the tree in question was located inside Allway Gardens and was not under the management of the DLO;
- (2) the DLO would request Allway Gardens to handle the dead tree as soon as possible in writing according to the terms in the land lease;
- (3) currently, different departments took up the management of the trees in the respective land and facilities under an integrated management approach;
- (4) according to the guidelines formulated by the Tree Management Office (TMO), the DLO was dedicated to the ad hoc maintenance for the vegetations which were not managed by any designated department on the unleased and unallocated government land, including felling of trees, pruning and clearance of weeds, when complaint or referral was received;
- (5) the lessee should abide by the terms in the land lease when land was granted by the DLO;
- (6) the terms in the land leases varied subject to the periods of entering the land leases and the terms on tree maintenance were not included in some land leases. The land owner could take the initiative to engage the qualified professionals to attend to the trees in the lot if the terms on tree maintenance were not included in the land lease. The land owner could refer to the list of contractors or professional organisations of tree management services prepared by the TMO;
- (7) if the terms on tree maintenance were set out in the land lease, except in emergency situation, the land owner should obtain a written consent from the DLO before felling the tree;
- (8) if the qualified contractor engaged by the land owner was of the view that the tree within the lot would pose imminent danger to the public after making assessment, the land owner could carry out pruning or removal of the tree as required for the sake of public safety and submit a detailed report including the justifications for pruning or removal of the tree, photographs taken before and after the works as well as the required compensatory replanting proposal to the DLO within 21 days;
- (9) if it was found that the land owner failed to comply with the terms on tree maintenance in the land lease, the DLO would take lease enforcement actions in the capacity of the lessor of the government lease, including issuance of warning letter or imposing an encumbrance;
- (10) the terms on tree maintenance were included in the land lease of Allway Gardens;

- (11) regardless of whether there were terms of tree maintenance in the land lease, the land owner was held responsible for properly maintaining the trees on the land. The land owner might be held legally or civilly liable for any casualties or loss arising from his failure to properly maintain the trees on the land;
- (12) if the lessee still failed to comply with the terms in the land lease after the DLO issued a warning letter to him, the DLO would register the letter with the Land Registry, so that the public would learn that there was encumbrance on the lot. The DLO could exercise the authority of the landlord to resume the land for serious non-compliance cases; and
- (13) currently, the DLO was not conferred with the power to institute prosecution against the lessee.

100. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he proposed that the DLO should draw reference from the practice of the Civil Engineering and Development Department of uploading the slope numbers onto the Internet, in order to facilitate Members' and public access to the information of the trees under departmental or private management (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) she enquired the DLO about the procedures, arrangements and time required for issuing a warning letter and imposing an encumbrance (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (3) after typhoons, many trees might pose risk of collapse in Hong Kong. If the DLO failed to timely rectify the situation because it took too long for the DLO to issue a warning letter and impose an encumbrance, the safety hazards would be posed to the pedestrians. Hence, she hoped that matter would be dealt with as soon as possible (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (4) many pedestrians would walk pass the location concerned. If accidents happened on the lot, the lot administrator would be held accountable. He hoped that the DLO would deal with the matter proactively in order to prevent accidents (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (5) he enquired about the current progress of handling the dead tree by the lot administrator (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
- (6) he enquired when the DLO issued the warning letter (the Chairman);
- (7) he requested the DLO to provide a copy of the advisory letter to the Member who raised this agenda item (Mr LAM Kwok-on); and
- (8) he enquired how the tree on a private lot which grew and reached a lot managed by the Government would be handled (Mr CHUNG Ho-yin).

101. AA/Lands of the DLO responded as follows:

- (1) there would be a standard period of 28 days for the land owner to rectify any breach of the terms of the land lease after the DLO issued a warning letter;
- (2) the DLO might need to seek legal advice on interpretation of the terms of the land lease before issuing a warning letter. Hence, an advisory letter would be issued by the DLO first;
- (3) when Members and the public spotted similar situations, they could call 1823 to refer the matter to the DLO concerned for sorting out the dedicated department for the tree concerned and request the department to follow up;

- (4) regardless of whether the tree was on a government or private land, the Fire Services Department and HKPF would deal with the tree immediately for emergency;
- (5) in order to avoid delay in handling the tree, the DLO would firstly issue an advisory letter to notify the land owner. If the land owner failed to take follow-up actions, the DLO would activate the procedures of issuing a warning letter and imposing an encumbrance. The DLO resorted to the resumption of land which was the ultimate feasible measure;
- (6) the DLO often received complaints related to the tree in Allway Gardens. In September 2017, the advisory letters with regard to the trees in other locations had been issued. As the DLO only received a letter which confirmed the location of the tree from its Contract Tree Management Section on 3 January 2018, the advisory letter would be issued on 4 or 5 January 2018;
- (7) the DLO would inform the district councillor of the constituency concerned after issuing the advisory letter to Allway Gardens Management Office. The DLO would also study whether the contents of the advisory letter could be forwarded to a third party;
- (8) the DLO would determine the party responsible for management of the tree by the location where the tree was grown; and
- (9) the boundaries of government and private lands were public information. The DLO would study whether such information was available online.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

102. The Chairman said that as it was confirmed that the tree concerned was managed by Allway Gardens, he hoped that Allway Gardens would deal with the matter as soon as possible and the EHAC could provide assistance when necessary. Moreover, he hoped that the Secretariat would provide the papers in colour printing for the EHAC meetings, so that Members could discuss the matter more effectively.

IX Item 8: Strongly Request the Relevant Government Departments to Make Concerted Efforts to Handle and Solve the Noise Problem affecting the Residents caused by Performing Songs at Park Island Pier in Tsuen Wan so as to Return a Quiet Living Environment to the Residents
(EHAC Paper No. 60/17-18)

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

104. The Acting Chairman said that the TD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Besides, SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD as well as Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF and Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD and HKPF respectively.

105. Mr CHOW Ping-tim introduced the paper.

106. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD said that the Noise Control Ordinance was jointly enforced by the EPD and HKPF. The EPD was responsible for enforcement of the Noise Control Ordinance at construction sites as well as industrial and commercial premises while the HKPF was responsible for taking enforcement actions in public places. The EPD would provide technical support for the HKPF upon request.

107. Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) any person who at any time in any domestic premises or public places made any noise due to the conduct of the prescribed activities was regulated under Section 4 or 5 of the Noise Control Ordinance. Any person who committed an offence as specified in the Noise Control Ordinance was liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000;
- (2) upon receiving a complaint, the HKPF would firstly learn about the situation from the person who made the report and confirm the source of noise. After the source of noise was confirmed, the police officers would give advice and warning at the scene. If the situation was not improved and the person who made the report was willing to testify at court, the Police would issue summons and institute prosecution against the persons concerned;
- (3) in most noise complaint cases in the past, the situation would be improved after the advice and warning were given by the police officers and it was not necessary to institute prosecution. However, it was difficult to institute prosecution in some cases because the complainants were unable to tie in with the investigation of the Police and testify at court due to personal reasons; and
- (4) she hoped that after receiving complaints, Members would provide information and assistance for the HKPF, so that the HKPF could conduct investigation and institute prosecution successfully.

108. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Chairman and Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he hoped that the Police would learn about the seriousness of the noise problem, step up patrol and gave advice. He was willing to assist in carrying out investigation at the scene for the Police and testify at court as and when necessary (the Chairman);
- (2) she had received the complaints about noise from the public in the past. Recently, she also received complaints about noise in Tsuen Wan town centre but the noise level did not exceed the standard after measurement. She was annoyed by the fact that members of the public were actually affected by noise nuisance but the law enforcement actions could only be taken after the staff of the department measured the noise level at the scene (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
- (3) the situation was improved when the police officers were at the scene but it relapsed after the police officers left the scene. Thus, she enquired whether the Police had a new approach to handle the situation (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie); and
- (4) she requested the Police to monitor whether there was the situation in which “lai-see” was given out in Tsuen Wan district (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

109. Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded as follows:

- (1) the HKPF would continue to monitor the situation and enhance communication with Members and the community. She hoped that the noise nuisance would be improved; and

- (2) she understood the situation as raised by Members. The HKPF would give advice and warning to the noise makers. She also hoped that the residents would be willing to provide information, with a view to facilitating the investigation, and testify at court, so that prosecution could be instituted by the HKPF.

110. The Chairman resumed the chair.

X Item 9: Procedure on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2018/19
(EHAC Paper No. 61/17-18)

111. The Secretary introduced the paper.

112. The EHAC endorsed the Procedure on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2018/19.

113. The Chairman said that the site visit for determining the priority of works projects would be held in the morning on 9 February 2018. He asked Members to spare time to join the site visit.

XI Item 10: Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District
(EHAC Paper No. 62/17-18)

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

- (1) Mr CHU Tung-fai, Senior Health Inspector of the Joint Office (JO)/FEHD;
- (2) Mr TSO Kwong-wing Tommy, Professional Officer (1) (Professional Offr (1)) of the JO/Buildings Department (BD); and
- (3) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/New Territories West (Customer Services) Inspection of the Water Supplies Department.

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

116. Professional Offr (1) of the JO/BD reported as follows:

- (1) as at late November 2017, the JO had received a total of 2 052 reports of water seepage in Tsuen Wan, among which 1 253 cases had been handled. Among the processed cases, 550 cases were screened out and 777 cases were concluded. Among the concluded cases, water seepage ceased during investigation amounted to 207 cases, the source of water seepage was identified for 409 cases, and the source of water seepage was identified for 161 cases. The JO had instituted prosecution for 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 into the Premises” under the law. The JO had issued a total of 25 “Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry” and had applied to the West Kowloon Magistrates’ Courts for “Warrants of Entry into Premises” for five cases among all.

117. The Chairman said it could be seen from the above figures that the situation was improved. He hoped that the departments would continue to make efforts to improve the situation.

118. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD introduced the work report on environmental hygiene in Tsuen Wan district.

119. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris enquired when the Internet Protocol (IP) cameras installed at the blackspots of refuse disposal would start operation. He also hoped that the FEHD would pay attention to whether there were changes in the figures of indiscriminate disposal of construction waste and whether the construction waste would be disposed at other locations after the installation of the IP cameras.

120. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that works concerned would be conducted in two phases. The installation of IP cameras at the refuse collection points at Gemini Beaches and Lung Yue Road would be conducted in May 2018 and that at the refuse collection points at Bayside Villas and Tung Po To Monastery would be conducted in September 2018. It would take about two weeks for the installation works. The FEHD would examine the footages of the IP cameras. If the information such as the vehicle registration mark was identified, the FEHD would institute prosecution according to the relevant laws and regulations. The FEHD would also arrange the manpower to take law enforcement actions with reference to the pattern of refuse disposal. The FEHD would monitor the prosecution figures after the installation of the IP cameras in order to take law enforcement actions effectively.

XII Item 11: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (October 2017 to November 2017)
(EHAC Paper No. 63/17-18)

121. SEPO(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD received a total of 116 complaints from 1 August 2017 to 30 September 2017. During the said period, the EPD conducted 888 inspections and instituted two prosecutions against improper handling of chemical waste.

XIII Item 12: Progress Report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects in 2017/18
(EHAC Paper No. 64/17-18)

122. Senior Inspector of Works of the Tsuen Wan District Office briefed Members on the progress of the projects. He also said that the tendering procedures for the new projects under the Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2017/18 would be completed soon. In order to make good use of the funding, the Works Section would transfer the balance of the funding for pursuing the implementation of other maintenance projects under the item of Maintenance Projects after the completion of tendering procedures for the projects on the list.

123. The EHAC endorsed the proposal.

XIV Item 13: Application for District Council Funds as regards Traffic Expenses for Site Visits of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2018/19
(EHAC Paper No. 65/17-18)

124. The Secretary introduced the paper.

125. The EHAC endorsed the funding application as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Approved Amount (\$)</u>
(1)	Site Visit of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2018/19	Environmental and Health Affairs Committee	3,500.00

XV Item 14: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community and Local Organisation

(EHAC Paper No. 66/17-18)

126. 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.

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

128. 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 funding application according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders. He asked if any Members needed to make declaration of other interest immediately. No Members made declaration of other interest.

129. The EHAC endorsed the funding application as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Approved Amount (\$)</u>
(1)	2018 Hong Kong Flower Show cum Game Stalls	Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre	14,000.00

130. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.)

XVI Item 15: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

131. Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis reported that the “All Green Dishes” Environmentally-friendly Cookery Workshop co-organised by the Monitoring Group and Tsuen Wan Safe and Healthy Community Steering Committee would be held from December 2017 to January 2018. The residents would learn to cook environmentally-friendly dishes by using food waste in the activity, so that they would understand the importance of recycling of food waste in improving the environment; learn to cherish food and develop the habit of environmental protection. Besides, the Green Dream Workshop co-organised by the

Monitoring Group and Tsuen Wan Youth Association was held from November 2017 to December 2017. The activity aimed at enabling the participants to learn more about the diversity of ecological system in Hong Kong and importance of conservation through participation in the workshop, exchange of used books, visit to the Resources Recovery Centre and field study of plants and insects as well as promoting public participation in conservation activities. In addition, the Use Less, Recycling - Environmentally-friendly Concert cum Carnival co-organised by the Monitoring Group and Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District was held on 1 January 2018 and 4 February 2018. The residents visited the organisations of environmentally friendly concepts or environmentally friendly industries in order to learn more about the green work. The Environmentally-friendly Concert cum Carnival was also held to promote the theme of “Recycle, Reuse, Enhance Education to Protect our Home” so as to raise the awareness of Tsuen Wan residents in environmental protection and cherishing resources and to build a green city together. Moreover, A Green Shek Wai Kok co-organised by the Monitoring Group and Caritas Community Centre-Tsuen Wan was held from November 2017 to January 2018. It aimed to enhance residents’ concept of “Community Waste Reduction and Clean Recycling”. Through teaching, practice and participation, the concept would be incorporated into the community and daily life of the residents. Furthermore, the Monitoring Group approved to earmark a provision of \$14,000 to co-organise the 2018 Hong Kong Flower Show cum Game Stalls with the Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre, which would be held in March 2018. A game stall with the theme “Flowers Blossom” would be set up in the Flower Show organised by the LCSD at Victoria Park to promote the message of green lifestyle to the general public through education and entertainment.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

132. The Chairman reported that the District Service Scheme cum Carnival under The First Thing is Health 2017 co-organised by the Monitoring Group and Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District was held from November 2017 to December 2017. Also, the Precaution against Virus Infection and Awareness of Food Safety cum Extravaganza in Tsuen Wan District would be held on 13 January 2018. It aimed to enhance Tsuen Wan residents’ concern over deadly viruses, awareness of healthy eating and joint efforts to build a healthy community through various activities promoting the theme of “Precaution against virus infection and Healthy Diets”.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

133. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Cleaning Programme for Rural Areas in Tsuen Wan District co-organised by the Task Force and Tsuen Wan Rural Committee was held in November 2017. The free indoors services such as home cleansing and simple home maintenance; as well as free outdoors services such as weeding, tree pruning, gully emptying and waste recycling for the elderly and residents living in rural areas of Tsuen Wan were provided in the programme, with a view to improving their living environment and enhance the awareness of the villagers to clean Hong Kong.

(D) Working Group on Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan

134. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Working Group had held its second meeting on 30 November 2017 to discuss the measures on waste reduction and recycling to be adopted by Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan district in the coming year. A trial run of the Green Lunar New Year Fair would be conducted in the Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan district in

2018 with Green Sense. A consultation centre would be set up in the Lunar New Year Fair to provide advice on the Green Lunar New Year Fair. At the entrance of the Lunar New Year Fair, a spot of shared shopping bags would also be set up to encourage the public to use less plastic bags. A scheme of resources donation would also be implemented on a trial basis in 2019 and a resources sharing zone would be set up, so that members of the public could take with them any useful articles. He hoped that the Green Lunar New Year Fair would be conducive to enhancing the community participation in green activities, achieving good use of remaining materials, reducing the use of plastic bags and promoting clean recycling. Besides, the Green Sense had already invited Members, schools and shopping malls to assist in collecting shopping bags for public use in the Lunar New Year Fair in writing.

135. The Chairman said he requested that Green Sense should provide a report for the EHAC after the Tsuen Wan Lunar New Year Fair concluded, with a view to reviewing the effectiveness of the activity.

XVII Item 16: Any Other Business

(A) Information papers

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

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 15 December 2017 (EHAC Paper No. 67/17-18);
- (2) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (October to November 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 68/17-18, submitted by the EPD);
- (3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (October to November 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 69/17-18, submitted by the EPD);
- (4) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (October to November 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 70/17-18, submitted by the EPD);
- (5) Tsuen Wan District Anti-rodent Campaign 2018 (Phase 1) (EHAC Paper No. 71/17-18, submitted by the FEHD); and
- (6) Tsuen Wan District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2018 (Phase 1) (EHAC Paper No. 72/17-18, submitted by the FEHD).

XVIII Adjournment of Meeting

137. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 1 March 2018 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 12 February 2018.

138. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
21 February 2018