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Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (6/17-18)

Date: 1 March 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)  
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH  
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 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  
Mr CHUNG Ho-yin

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 TSE Man-hong	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 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 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 2P

Mr IP Long-hin, Vincent	Patrol Sub-Unit Commander 1 (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr YU Wing-chin	Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan District), Hong Kong Police Force

For discussion of item 2I

Mr NG Ming-lau	Resident Engineer, Atkins China Limited, Consultant Engaged by the Drainage Services Department
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For discussion of item 3

Dr LOH Lai-ting, Taron	Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 1, Department of Health
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For discussion of item 5

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:

Member

Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH

Co-opted Members

Ms CHOW Chin-tung

Ms YU Sui-wan

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC).

2. The Chairman said that for Members' information, Mr LAM Faat-kang was absent with apologies.

3. 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 13th Meeting held on 4.1.2018

4. 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 6 to 13 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: 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

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

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

- (1) Mr IP Long-hin, Vincent, Patrol Sub-Unit Commander 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Mr YU Wing-chin, Assistant Police Community Relations Officer (Tsuen Wan District) (Asst Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan Dist)) of the HKPF;
- (3) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Tsuen Wan) (CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan)) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene 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 MAN Yu-ming joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.)

7. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the joint operations conducted by 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 January and February 2018, it was not required to take prosecution action immediately because neither footpath obstruction nor cleansing obstruction was identified. The FEHD would continue to combat against shop front extension at public places by shop operators.

8. Asst Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF had issued 213 and 149 tickets to motorists for illegal parking in Tak Wah Street in January and February 2018 respectively. The HKPF would continue to issue tickets to motorists for illegal parking.

9. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said it was shown in the photos that the number of articles which caused serious obstruction on the carriageway did not drop after the operation was conducted on 27 February 2018. He had observed a joint operation conducted at Tak Wah Street and found that when taking prosecution action, the Police did not issue tickets for illegal parking at the locations with the most serious problem of illegal parking. It gave rise to an impression that insufficient enforcement efforts were made and the situation was not improved. He enquired how the departments would solve the problem of relocating the articles which caused obstruction from the footpath to carriageway by the shop operators.

10. Patrol Sub-Unit Commander 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would continue to take prosecution action against illegal parking at the locations concerned. The HKPF took prosecution action against illegal parking according to the manpower arrangement without a specific sequence. The HKPF would continue to step up the enforcement efforts against illegal acts on carriageway.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 2:49 p.m.)

11. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was responsible for the cleansing of footpath and was unable to handle the articles which caused obstruction on carriageway.

12. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that the problem of street obstruction persisted because the FEHD was only responsible for the cleansing of footpath and the Police would not accord priority to handling the trolleys which were piled up on carriageway. He suggested that the EHAC should request the Chief Secretary for Administration to plug the loopholes in the legislation against street obstruction caused by collection cages in writing, with a view to ensuring smooth traffic flow.

(Note: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping and Mr TAM Hoi-pong joined the meeting at 2:51 p.m. and 2:53 p.m. respectively.)

13. The Acting Chairman said that the EHAC would request the Chief Secretary for Administration to find solutions to the problem concerned.

14. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(B) Paragraphs 14 to 18 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request for Taking Operation against the Easy-mount Frames on the Two Bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Citistore and Chung On Street

15. 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.

16. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that starting from December 2017, the FEHD changed its strategy by deploying some officers to be stationed around Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Fung Centre and Chung On Street and arranged some officers for carrying out blitz operations at other locations. From January to February 2018, the FEHD issued 17 fixed penalty notices (the “FPNs”) at the footbridge off Tsuen Wan Centre, the footbridge connecting Tsuen Wan MTR Station with Discovery Park and around T. mark and Tsuen Wan Donor Centre of the Hong Kong Red Cross on Tai Ho Road; and confiscated a total of 14 unattended easy-mount frames on Tai Ho Road as well as at the footbridge connecting Tsuen Wan MTR Station with Discovery Park and the footbridge connecting Nan Fung Centre with Lo Tak Court. The FEHD would continue to monitor the situation.

17. Patrol Sub-Unit Commander 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would continue to monitor the situation.

18. Mr LO Siu-kit said that recently, obstruction at the footpath on Chung On Street was caused by sunshades and easy-mount frames for the display of advertisements. He hoped that the FEHD would study how to deal with the display of advertisement by using sunshades for promotion.

19. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would discuss the future corresponding measures.

20. The Chairman hoped that the departments would follow up on the situation.

(C) Paragraphs 19 to 22 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: 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

21. The Chairman welcomed Ms TSANG Ka-man, Carmen, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) 2 (SEPO (Regional W)2) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) who specially joined the meeting. Besides, the Marine Department had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

22. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD continued to regularly assess the noise level at the Public Cargo Working Area during operation. At around 10:00 a.m. on 17 January 2018 and at around 3:00 p.m. on 9 February 2018 at the roof 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.

23. The Chairman said that the EHAC would continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(D) Paragraphs 23 to 29 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: 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

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

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

26. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD was still exploring the feasible options and would seek views from the EHAC after consolidating various plans.

27. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO said that the DLO had nothing to add for the time being.

28. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(E) Paragraphs 30 to 33 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Installation of IP Camera at the Black Spots of Refuse Disposal by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

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

30. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD would install IP cameras at four black spots of refuse disposal in April and September 2018 as planned and would conduct a review after the implementation of the scheme.

(F) Paragraphs 34 to 42 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request for an Overall Improvement of the Facilities and Hygienic Condition of the Public Toilets in Tsuen Wan District

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

32. Members noted the written reply of the FEHD.

(G) Paragraphs 43 to 44 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request the Environmental Protection Department to Re-examine the Locations of the Air Quality Monitoring Stations in Tsuen Wan District

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

34. Members noted the written reply of the EPD.

35. The Chairman said that the EHAC would continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. The EPD would report to the EHAC after setting up the additional air quality monitoring stations.

(H) Paragraphs 45 to 46 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request to Review afresh the Noise Problem at Tsuen Wan Road and Fix a Timetable for Provision of Noise Barriers at Tsuen Wan Road

36. The Chairman said that the Highways Department (HyD) and EPD had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

37. Members noted the written replies of the HyD and EPD.

38. The Chairman said that the EHAC would 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 3:02 p.m.)

(I) Paragraphs 47 to 52 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: 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

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

40. The Acting Chairman welcomed Mr TSE Man-hong, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 1 (Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1) of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) and Mr NG Ming-lau, Resident Engineer of Atkins China Limited who specially joined the meeting.

41. Resident Engineer of Atkins China Limited reported that to tie in with the projects, the traffic liaison group had agreed on implementation of the temporary traffic arrangements. The departments concerned would report the relevant arrangements at the meeting of the Traffic and Transport Committee on 5 March 2018. It was expected that the projects would be commenced one after another from April 2018.

42. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(J) Paragraphs 58 to 59 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request for Improvement of the Ventilation and Waiting Environment of the Public Transport Interchanges in Tsuen Wan District

43. The Chairman said that the Transport Department (TD) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members’ perusal.

44. The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael said that he had submitted the captioned agenda item for improving the ventilation of the public transport interchanges in the district at the meeting of the Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) in June 2015, including the provision of additional fans at Tsuen Wan West MTR Station. However, at that time, the department replied that the proposal was not feasible; he thus enquired about the progress of the improvement work at present and requested for completing the installation of additional fans before summer.

45. The Chairman said the TD pointed out in its written reply that it had already secured the resources and made arrangement with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department for providing additional fans at the Tsuen Wan West Public Transport Interchange and Bus Terminus at Bayview Garden. It was anticipated that the works would be completed within 2018. Besides, the EHAC would request the TD to complete the installation of additional fans before summer in writing.

(K) Paragraphs 60 to 66 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request to Enhance the Inspection for and Efforts in Combating the Disposal of Construction Waste Casually in Tsuen Wan District

46. The Chairman said that Sr Env Protection Offr (Regional W)2 of the EPD and Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the EPD and FEHD respectively.

47. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had all along been deploying its staff to conduct inspections at the locations concerned. After identifying the indiscriminate disposal of refuse or illegal dumping of construction waste, the inspection staff would issue the FPNs to the offenders. From January to February 2018, the FEHD had issued a total of 136 FPNs for indiscriminate disposal of refuse but no FPN had been issued for illegal dumping of construction waste.

48. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD would continue to enhance inspection and combat illegal dumping of construction waste. Also, the EPD planned to install IP cameras at three black spots in Tsuen Wan. It was expected that the installation work would be completed in mid-2018.

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

- (1) he requested the EPD to deploy more staff to take prosecution action against the offenders of illegal dumping of construction waste under the footbridge and planters around Superluck Industrial Centre and Po On Commercial Association Wong Siu Ching Secondary School (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (2) he enquired the EPD about the progress of installing global positioning system (GPS) devices on refuse collection vehicles (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
- (3) the illegal disposal of construction waste was regularly found in the vicinity of Superluck Industrial Centre. He hoped that the EPD would deploy staff to station at the location concerned and institute prosecution against the offenders (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

50. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD was aware of the illegal disposal of construction waste in the vicinity of Superluck Industrial Centre. An IP camera would be installed at the location in question and inspection would be carried out more frequently. Moreover, the installation of GPS devices on refuse collection vehicles was a territory-wide programme. The EPD would report to the EHAC when further information was available.

51. The Chairman requested the EPD to provide information on the installation of GPS devices on refuse collection vehicles after the meeting. He also hoped that the FEHD and EPD would deploy staff to take prosecution action against the offenders of illegal dumping of construction waste in the vicinity of Superluck Industrial Centre and Po On Commercial Association Wong Siu Ching Secondary School.

(L) Paragraphs 77 to 80 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: The Noise Nuisance Problem arising from the Flight Departure during Late Night

52. The Chairman said that the Airport Authority (AA) and Civil Aviation Department (CAD) had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

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

- (1) he expressed disappointment and regret at the AA and CAD for their failure to send representatives to attend the EHAC meeting (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (2) the CAD undertook to change the frequency on submission of data on aircraft noise from once every three months to once a month. However, the submission of data was often behind schedule in the past and Members were unable to give timely response to the noise problem (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) the CAD submitted an overall figure on aircraft noise, from which the noise level generated by the cargo aircrafts of some airlines could not be reflected. He hoped that the CAD would provide the details of the flights which generated noise exceeding the standards such as the take-off/landing time and airlines of such cargo aircrafts (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (4) he hoped that the EHAC would strongly request the CAD to send representatives to attend the EHAC meeting in writing (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (5) he requested the AA and CAD to send representatives to attend the EHAC meeting to give an account of the frequent aircraft noise nuisance to Lei Muk Shue Estate (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

54. The Chairman said that the EHAC would strongly request the AA and CAD to send representatives to attend the EHAC meeting and give response to Members' enquiries as well as expressing dissatisfaction at their failure to send representatives to attend the meeting in writing. Besides, he suggested that Members should submit an agenda item on proposed improvement initiatives for discussion.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr WONG Wai-kit left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.)

(M) Paragraphs 81 to 90 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Proposal on Introduction of Solar-powered Outdoor Trash Compactor

55. The Chairman said that Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan)<sup>2</sup> (DDL<sup>M</sup> (TW)<sup>2</sup>) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the LCSD and FEHD respectively.

56. Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had conducted the trial run of solar-powered trash compactor in Yuen Long district, North district and Tsuen Wan district in February 2018 and planned to conduct a trial run in other districts in March 2018.

The FEHD deployed staff to inspect the operation of the solar-powered trash compactor at Sham Tseng Refuse Collection Point on 14 February 2018. The solar-powered trash compactor was generally in normal operation and the cleanliness of the surrounding environment was maintained. The positive result of the review on the effectiveness of the solar-powered trash compactor would be forwarded to the Headquarters of the FEHD, if any.

57. DDLM (TW)2 of the LCSD reported that the LCSD planned to conduct a trial run of solar-powered trash compactor at Tsuen Wan Park and the tendering exercise was in progress. A review on the effectiveness of the solar-powered trash compactor would be conducted after the trial run. If the solar-powered trash compactor was effective, the LCSD would consider providing more solar-powered trash compactors or adopting the solar-powered trash compactors in other venues under its management.

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

- (1) he opined that the solar-powered trash compactor at Sham Tseng Refuse Collection Point looked attractive and pointed out that the solar-powered trash compactor should also be provided at the locations with higher pedestrian flow (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (2) he opined that for safety, an indicator lamp should be provided on the solar-powered trash compactor to indicate the usage and alert the user when it was in operation. He suggested that the FEHD should upgrade the solar-powered trash compactor before extending the coverage of the trial run (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (3) he enquired about the cost and estimated serviceable life span of the solar-powered trash compactor (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (4) he hoped that the FEHD would introduce the solar-powered trash compactor by providing instructions or diagrams for the public as they were very interested in the machine (the Vice Chairman);
- (5) the recycling policy of “three types of paper and two types of plastic bottles” was under implementation. He pointed out that if the recyclable plastic bottles were compressed by the solar-powered trash compactor, the recycling process would be affected. Hence, he opined that the degree of effectiveness of the solar-powered trash compactor depended on whether the waste paper or plastic bottles would be further separated in the final process in the recycling chain (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (6) he suggested that the departments should provide clear instructions on separation and collection of recyclables on the solar-powered trash compactor, so that the general public would clearly know the type of refuse to be collected by various solar-powered trash compactors (the Chairman);
- (7) he hoped that the departments would report to the EHAC on the effectiveness of the trial run as soon as possible after the trial run was completed. As the cleansing workers might place the plastic garbage bag in the solar-powered trash compactor inappropriately, the surrounding environment would be polluted by food waste inside the machine, if any. He opined that the effectiveness of the trial run would be hampered (the Chairman); and

- (8) he enquired how the departments solved the problem of leakage of effluent due to the detachment of plastic garbage bag from the 240-litre refuse tank in the solar-powered trash compactor (the Chairman).

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

- (1) Members' views on the installation of indicator lamp on the solar-powered trash compactor had already been forwarded to the Headquarters of the FEHD;
- (2) the FEHD was keeping an operation record of the solar-powered trash compactor and examining the durability of the machine;
- (3) the Headquarters of the FEHD did not provide the information on the cost of solar-powered trash compactor for the district environmental hygiene offices because such information would be involved in the tendering exercise in future;
- (4) some members of the public misunderstood the use of the solar-powered trash compactor. The FEHD would consider providing labels on it as soon as possible, so that they could learn more about the trial run;
- (5) currently, the solar-powered trash compactor was used for refuse collection only. The FEHD had already placed the recycling bins next to the solar-powered trash compactors for recovery of various articles disposed by the general public;
- (6) the FEHD was studying whether the volume of refuse could be reduced by the solar-powered trash compactor in order to facilitate refuse collection;
- (7) the FEHD would not further separate the refuse in the solar-powered trash compactor. It would be most desirable if the general public put the recyclables in the respective recycling bins;
- (8) the FEHD arranged the refuse collection vehicles to collect and deliver the refuse from the 240-litre refuse tanks in the solar-powered trash compactors to the landfills at least once a day. The total volume of refuse collected in two or three 240-litre refuse bins in the past could be reduced to the volume of refuse collected in one 240-litre refuse bin by compression currently; and
- (9) if the general public could carry out recycling more thoroughly, the volume of refuse would be greatly reduced. To enhance the effectiveness, the FEHD would put up notice next to the solar-powered trash compactors to encourage the public to carry out recycling.

60. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)<sup>2</sup> of the LCSD responded that the LCSD was inviting tender currently. It was expected that the selling price of the solar-powered trash compactor would be more expensive than that of the ordinary refuse bin. The LCSD would require the contractor to fully prepare the operational instructions for public's use before the solar-powered trash compactors were provided at the designated venues. The solar-powered trash compactor did not cater for separation of waste and members of the public could put the recyclables in the recycling bins at the venues.

61. The Chairman said that the EHAC would continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(Note: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping joined the meeting at 2:51 p.m.)

(N) Paragraphs 91 to 96 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request the Government to Clear the Drains and Channel Intakes in Tsuen Wan District during the Lunar New Year Festive Period

62. The Chairman said that Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1 of the DSD and Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DSD and FEHD respectively.

63. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1 of the DSD reported that the DSD was responsible for the maintenance of underground pipelines and would continue to conduct preventive and emergency repair for the underground pipelines.

64. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had instructed the contractor to enhance the cleansing of the intakes of storm water drains at the footpaths and carriageways in the district, in order to prevent blockage of the channel intakes by refuse and dried leaves as well as breeding of mosquitoes and pests. If blockage of the drain was found during inspection, the staff of the FEHD would contact the HyD and DSD for follow-up work immediately.

65. Mr KOO Yeung-pong thanked the FEHD for clearing the refuse and gravel at the channel intakes promptly. He hoped that the departments would enhance the clearance of the drains and channel intakes during the rainy season.

66. 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.

(O) Paragraphs 97 to 102 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: Request the Government to Intervene in Following up on 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

67. The Chairman said that Sr Land Ex/Control 2 would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the DLO.

68. SLE/Control 2 of the DLO reported that regarding the case concerned, the DLO had requested the lot administrator to take follow-up action on the tree problem within the lot in writing on 10 January 2018. The DLO had also notified the Building Management Committee (BMC) concerned on 11 January 2018 in writing that the DLO had sent a letter to the lot administrator and the lot administrator had replied that the tree problem had been solved.

69. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he proposed that the EHAC should request the Tree Management Office (TMO) in writing to update the Tree Register and post it online (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
  - (2) she enquired whether the DLO had sent its staff to conduct a site inspection (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
  - (3) the lot administrator indicated at the meeting of the BMC that an enquiry was made to the consultant company through the property management office. According to the person-in-charge of the consultant company, as the clearance of withered branches was not required under the existing legislation, it was proposed that the recommendations of the DLO should be enforced according to the actual situation (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
  - (4) according to some members of the public, the withered branches had not been removed yet. She opined that the DLO was slow in taking action and the DLO should send its staff to conduct a site inspection as early as possible (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
  - (5) she did not object to the clearance of withered branches by a government department. It was hoped that the risk of causing injury to residents would be avoided (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis); and
  - (6) she enquired whether the consultant company which gave advice to the property management office was a qualified professional body (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis).
70. SLE/Control 2 of the DLO responded as follows:
- (1) the DLO had completed the clearance of withered branches last week;
  - (2) owing to the absence of relevant legislation, the DLO could only request the lot administrator to follow up the tree problem within the lot in writing according to the land lease;
  - (3) if the public safety was at stake, members of the public could immediately call the emergency departments such as the Fire Services Department to take follow-up action; and
  - (4) the DLO was not clear whether the qualified arborists were engaged by the consultant company which gave advice to the property management office. If remedial tree surgery or tree removal was involved in the works, an assessment should be firstly conducted by arborists. However, the removal of dead trees as required could be undertaken by ordinary contractors.
71. The Chairman suggested that Members should keep watch on whether other related information would be made available at the meetings of the BMC concerned and requested the DLO to provide photos of the site at the next EHAC meeting. The EHAC would also request the TMO in writing to update the Tree Register and post it online. The EHAC would continue to discuss this agenda item under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 3:50 p.m.)

(P) Paragraphs 103 to 110 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2018: 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

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

73. The Acting Chairman said that the TD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Besides, Patrol Sub-Unit Commander 1 (Tsuen Wan) and Asst Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan Dist) would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the HKPF.

74. Patrol Sub-Unit Commander 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that from November to December 2017, the HKPF had received a total of 11 complaints on noise nuisance. From January to February 2018, it had conducted a total of 58 inspections at Park Island Pier, received four complaints on noise nuisance and instituted three prosecutions against the persons who played musical instruments without being granted the general or special permits. The HKPF would continue to monitor the situation of noise nuisance.

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

- (1) some members of the public relayed that the staff of the HKPF used rattan shields when handling a complaint on noise nuisance. He enquired about the details of the operation concerned (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
- (2) no improvement had been made on the noise nuisance caused to the residents. The decrease in the number of complaints received by the Police as compared to that in the past might be due to the Chinese New Year (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (3) the greater nuisance was caused by some people who used the sound systems of poorer quality (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (4) he hoped that Members would communicate with the participants of the singing activities and asked them to change the venue or turn the sound systems away from the residential buildings (Mr CHOW Ping-tim); and
- (5) the number of complaints would increase significantly after the in-take of the newly completed residential buildings in the vicinity (Mr CHOW Ping-tim).

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

76. Asst Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF responded that some people turned emotional and surrounded the police officers when they were handling the complaints on noise nuisance and taking prosecution action. Hence, additional police officers were deployed to the scene by the HKPF.

77. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he supported the action taken by the HKPF. The Police could use the equipment to deal with the situation as appropriate because some people were not amenable to the repeated advice (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
  - (2) he suggested that the LCSD should provide suitable venues for public use (Mr LAM Fook-chuen);
  - (3) she opined that the Police should take tougher action if the participants of the singing activities took drastic action and refused to follow the Police's advice (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie); and
  - (4) she suggested that in the long run, the noise problem should be solved by provision of the noise barriers in the vicinity of the location concerned with District Council funds (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 4:07 p.m.)

78. Asst Police Commu Relations Offr (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would strike a balance between the needs of the users of the location concerned and those of the residents nearby. The HKPF would take action as appropriate if nuisance to others was caused.

79. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.)

#### IV Item 3: Request to Enhance the Corresponding Measures against Seasonal Influenza (EHAC Paper No. 73/17-18)

80. The Chairman welcomed Dr LOH Lai-ting, Taron, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 1 (Sr Med & Health Offr (Community Liaison) 1) of the Department of Health (DH) who specially joined the meeting. Besides, Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the FEHD. In addition, the DH had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

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

82. Sr Med & Health Offr (Community Liaison) 1 of the DH responded as follows:

- (1) the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the DH had all along been closely monitoring the situation of seasonal influenza in Hong Kong and had taken a series of measures to prevent and control the outbreak of seasonal influenza;

- (2) the DH had all along been providing the information in a transparent and timely manner, including issuing press releases, sending letters to schools, institutions and doctors, and posting information about influenza online, with a view to enhancing the risk awareness of the public and urging them to stay vigilant against influenza;
- (3) the DH disseminated the health information and preventive measures on influenza to the public and different stakeholders through various channels of publicity and education. Also, the DH worked closely with stakeholders in the community to enhance the publicity on the health information about influenza;
- (4) the Government would draw reference from the recommendations made by the experts of the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases every year and take into consideration other factors of public health, so as to determine the coverage of the annual vaccination schemes. Also, the Government would review the details of the vaccination schemes from time to time;
- (5) the DH attached great importance to vaccination for children. Since 2016/17, all children who were six months and less than 12 years old could receive subsidised influenza vaccination under the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme. The children who were six months and less than 12 years old from families receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or with valid Certificate for waiver of Medical Charges issued by the Social Welfare Department could receive free-of-charge influenza vaccination under the Government Vaccination Programme;
- (6) as vaccination was a medical procedure, the DH considered that it was a relatively prudent approach to obtain the written consent from the parents before the children received influenza vaccination, in particular, the primary school students. This practice was also adopted in the Hong Kong Childhood Immunisation Programme. The leaflet on the vaccine to be applied, a brief and reply slip were given to the parents before their children received vaccination. On the day of vaccination, the healthcare personnel of the School Immunisation Team provided vaccination service for the students according to the choice filled out by their parents in the reply slips;
- (7) the 2017/18 Vaccination Subsidy Scheme and Government Vaccination Programme were launched in late October 2017. The DH strongly encouraged the schools to arrange the collective influenza vaccination at school for their students. The DH had contacted various sponsoring bodies and school management as well as organised a number of briefing sessions. Currently, more than 60 primary schools and 58 kindergartens or child care centres had made arrangement for in-house vaccination; and
- (8) the DH would continue to monitor the influenza activity in the community and the situation of vaccination.

83. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would actively follow up on the environmental hygiene work and the Headquarters of the FEHD had also allocated additional resources to carry out the relevant work.

84. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) some people with chronic illness relayed that they were not eligible for receiving subsidised vaccination in hospitals or government clinics. She hoped that the DH would consider extending the coverage of subsidy to the people with chronic illness who did not meet the age requirement of the subsidy scheme, so that they could receive free or subsidised vaccination (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
  - (2) there was a serious shortage of vaccine and the influenza vaccine was out of stock in some clinics (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
  - (3) she learnt that the shortage of vaccine was caused by some foreigners who came to Hong Kong to receive the quadrivalent seasonal influenza vaccine. However, there was also a shortage of trivalent seasonal influenza vaccine for children below three years old. She opined that the Government was slow in response and failed to make timely replenishment of the vaccine in light of the influenza outbreak which was more serious than that in the past (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
  - (4) she agreed that it was difficult to make preparation and estimation for the quantity of vaccines required. However, she hoped that the DH would improve the preparatory work for estimation of the required quantity of vaccine in future and make adjustment by learning from the experience this year (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (5) there was a shortage of influenza vaccine at the initial stage of the influenza outbreak and the situation was more serious as compared to that in previous years. Hence, she enquired whether there was a trend of earlier start and delayed end of influenza season (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (6) she hoped that the DH would review the mechanism of making estimation on the quantity of vaccine required and the targets of vaccination service (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (7) the international image of Hong Kong was affected by the shortage of influenza vaccine. He enquired whether the DH had set up a pre-warning mechanism of influenza, and whether there was evidence which indicated that the shortage of vaccine was caused by many foreigners who came to receive influenza vaccination in Hong Kong (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
  - (8) he opined that the shortage of influenza vaccine had aroused panic among the public and hoped that the DH would get more well-prepared for the influenza outbreak in future (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
  - (9) he opined that the DH was not sensitive enough. As a result, there was a shortage of public hospital beds and the accident and emergency departments of hospitals were crowded with patients who waited for consultation during the Chinese New Year holidays. This caused discontent among the public. He requested the DH to conduct a review (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
  - (10) the more serious influenza surge due to change in weather was unforeseeable. He hoped that the DH would learn from the experience, enhance its ability of crisis management and strengthen the training of staff members for vaccination service (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping);
  - (11) there were only three deaths due to influenza in Macao but 265 deaths due to

influenza in Hong Kong. The participation rate was not satisfactory because about 120 schools out of more than 1 000 kindergartens and primary schools in the territory had voluntarily participated in the influenza vaccination scheme (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);

- (12) according to the DH, the opt-out vaccination scheme was infeasible after seeking legal advice. Contrarily, under the opt-in mechanism in Macao, it was a mandatory practice that the healthcare personnel visited the schools and provided vaccination service for the students upon parents' consent. The vaccination rate was 70% to 80%. If the DH arranged the healthcare personnel to visit the schools and provide the vaccination service for students upon parents' consent, the vaccination rate would definitely be higher than the current rate of 10% to 20%. In this connection, he enquired why the DH only invited the schools to participate in the vaccination scheme on a voluntary basis (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
- (13) he opined that the number of deaths due to influenza would be significantly reduced after the increase in the vaccination rate of children under 12 years old. He requested the DH to arrange the mandatory provision of vaccination or nasal vaccine for students at school by the healthcare personnel (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael).

85. Sr Med & Health Offr (Community Liaison) 1 of the DH responded as follows:

- (1) the Scientific Committee on Vaccine Preventable Diseases suggested that the high-risk groups should be given priority in influenza vaccination in the territory, including the people with chronic illness. The people with chronic illness who were in-patients of a hospital under the Hospital Authority or patients of paediatrics specialist out-patient clinics could receive free-of-charge influenza vaccination under the Government Vaccination Programme;
- (2) around 30 000 more influenza vaccines were purchased under the 2017/18 Government Vaccination Programme, compared with the number of influenza vaccines purchased in 2016/17. In response to the tight supply of influenza vaccine in January and February 2018, the DH had already purchased additional vaccines from the vaccine suppliers;
- (3) the DH had all along maintained a close liaison with the vaccine suppliers, which had allocated an additional quantity of quadrivalent seasonal influenza vaccines to Hong Kong. The DH had also requested the suppliers to accord priority to the private clinics participating in the Vaccination Subsidy Scheme for the supply of vaccines. It would continue to monitor the status of influenza vaccination and stock of vaccines as well as maintaining close liaison with the suppliers;
- (4) the DH uploaded the influenza surveillance data to the webpage of the CHP on a weekly basis and publish a weekly electronic newsletter "Flu Express". The DH also monitored the confirmed cases of influenza involving admission to intensive care unit (ICU) or death. However, the causes for admission to ICU or death might be due to other acute or chronic illnesses;

- (5) in Hong Kong, the winter surge of influenza usually emerged between January to March and the summer surge was between July and August. The winter surge of influenza started in January 2018 and the influenza activity remained at a high level in the past few weeks. However, overall, there was no upward trend. The DH anticipated that the influenza activity in the territory would remain at a high level for some time;
- (6) currently, there was still room for improvement in the vaccination rate of influenza, especially among school children. The Government was studying the improvement measures actively, in order to fine-tune the relevant arrangements, raise the public awareness of receiving influenza vaccination and enhance the vaccination rate of school children; and
- (7) the DH would continue to monitor the influenza activity in the community and maintain close liaison with the World Health Organization, the health authorities in the Mainland, Macao and overseas, in order to monitor the latest situation of influenza and actively study further improvements of the arrangement of influenza vaccination scheme.

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

- (1) he opined that the DH should give concrete response to Members' enquiries (the Chairman);
- (2) he requested the DH to follow the mandatory practice adopted in Macao that the healthcare personnel were arranged to provide influenza vaccination service for students at school. He enquired the DH whether it would consider the proposal; if not, the reason for that (the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael);
- (3) the estimated expenditure on vaccination for all local students was about \$300 million. He enquired whether there were doubts on the effectiveness of the vaccines within the Government, so that a comprehensive vaccination scheme for all local students was not implemented (the Chairman);
- (4) the seriousness of the influenza outbreak was unpredictable despite the DH had purchased 30 000 more influenza vaccines as compared to the number of influenza vaccines purchased in 2017 (the Chairman);
- (5) the EHAC was willing to assist the DH in carrying out the comprehensive vaccination scheme in the schools in Tsuen Wan district on a trial basis. The cost would be lower than that of a territory-wide programme. As other medical programmes had been successfully implemented in Kwai Tsing district on a trial basis, he hoped that the DH would consider the proposal (the Chairman);
- (6) he enquired whether the DH had prepared a timetable for the review or it was still at the stage of data collection (the Chairman); and

- (7) he suggested that the DH should implement a pilot scheme of influenza vaccination for the schools in Tsuen Wan district or the high-risk groups including the people with chronic illness, with a view to protecting them from the influenza surge between July and August 2018. The EHAC was willing to assist the DH in implementing the programme concerned (Mr CHUNG Wai-ping).

87. Sr Med & Health Offr (Community Liaison) 1 of the DH responded as follows:

- (1) currently, the public could receive influenza vaccination in public and private clinics. The data on the nationality of persons receiving influenza vaccination in Hong Kong was not available for the time being;
- (2) the DH considered that it was a prudent approach to secure the written consent signed by the parents before provision of vaccination service for the students. The DH would actively explore the improvement measures and fine-tune the relevant arrangement;
- (3) the DH thanked Members for giving suggestions and would forward their suggestions to the relevant service units for reference;
- (4) every year, the Government would draw reference from the experience of influenza vaccination in the past before determining the quantity of vaccines to be purchased. The Government would also closely monitor the status of vaccination and discuss with the vaccine suppliers the allocation of additional vaccines for public vaccination as and when necessary; and
- (5) the Government was actively exploring the measures to enhance the channel of vaccination service and relevant arrangements. The DH would report to Members when further information was available.

88. The Chairman said that the EHAC would send a letter to the DH to indicate that the EHAC was willing to assist the DH in implementing the pilot scheme of influenza vaccination for the schools in Tsuen Wan district or the high-risk groups including the people with chronic illness to protect them from the influenza surge between July and August 2018 as well as requesting the DH to consider arranging the healthcare personnel to provide influenza vaccination service for students at school as a mandatory practice.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.)

V Item 4: Endorsement of the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2018/19

(EHAC Paper No. 74/17-18)

89. The Secretary introduced the paper.

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

- (1) he disagreed with the scoring of the projects and selection method. He also objected to the endorsement of assessment result and requested to vote by open ballot (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);

- (2) he pointed out that a facility with the same function as that of Project No. 16 had already been provided in the district. Hence, he considered that this project was unnecessary (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
- (3) he opined that it was not suitable to install benches in Project No. 28 because the road was not wide enough (Mr CHAN Sung-ip);
- (4) she expressed resentment at the Member who disparaged the mechanism of the EHAC and requested to vote by open ballot out of their political considerations or intention to attract public attention (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie); and
- (5) Members had all along proposed projects with lower cost and hoped that more projects would be completed. Some Members also proposed projects jointly to make the operation of the EHAC more efficient (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 4:47 p.m.)

91. The Chairman said that it was illogical for the Member to object to the assessment result on one hand and submitted project proposal on the other. Regarding the views on Project No. 28, the Works Section of the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) would further seek views on the project from the relevant stakeholders including the village representatives. Moreover, Members could put forth the proposal on improvements of the mechanism of the EHAC and a ballot could be conducted after discussion. Also, he reminded that Members should not target at or criticise individual Member when they spoke.

92. Senior Inspector of Works (SIOW) of the TWDO said that the TWDO would seek views from the government departments and localities concerned in writing upon endorsement of the paper.

93. The priority, titles and proponents of the projects were set out as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Proponent</u>
(1)	Provision of Planters and Greening in Tsuen Wan District	-
(2)	Provision of Benches at Lung Yue Road near Yuen Tun Village, Tsuen Wan	The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(3)	Provision of Benches at Hoi On Road near Waterfront Promenade and Lamp Post DC0506 in Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
(4)	Provision of Benches at Shek Wai Kok Road near Shek Lin House and Lamp Post FA5862, Tsuen Wan	Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
(5)	Provision of Benches at Castle Peak Road near Tsuen Fung Centre, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Proponent</u>
(6)	Extension of a Rain Shelter at Hoi Pa Street near Wing Lung House and Lamp Post U7675, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOT Siu-yuen
(7)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Tsuen King Circuit near Allway Garden Bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Kwok-on
(8)	Provision of Benches at Tsuen King Circuit near Allway Garden Bus Terminus in Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
(9)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Sha Tsui Road near Sheung Chui Court and Lamp Post FA1851, Tsuen Wan	The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben
(10)	Provision of Benches at Castle Peak Road near Sea Crest Villa 3 Bus Stop and Lamp Post BC1007, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun
(11)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Tsuen Fu Street near Tsuen Fu Street Garden and Lamp Post AC2016 in Tsuen Wan	The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben
(12)	Extension of the Rain Shelter at Castle Peak Road near Block 1, Phase 2, Belvedere Garden and Lamp Post DC2199, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit
(13)	Provision of Benches at Chung On Street near Tai Hung Fai (Tsuen Wan) Centre, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit
(14)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Castle Peak Road near Si Yuen School of the Precious Blood, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit
(15)	Provision of Benches at Sam Tung Uk Road near Lamp Post W4946, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
(16)	Extension of a Rain Shelter at Mei Wan Street near Waylee Industrial Centre and Lamp Post FB9946, Tsuen Wan	The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(17)	Provision of a Fitness Equipment Set at Hoi On Road near Waterfront Promenade and Lamp Post DC0043, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
(18)	Provision of Benches at Wing Shun Street near Shak Chung Shan Memorial Catholic Primary School, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(19)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Tsuen King Circuit near Kwangchow House, Tsuen Wan Centre, Tsuen Wan	Mr LI Hung-por, Mr KOO Yeung-pong
(20)	Provision of Anti-skid Dressing on the Elevated Pedestrian Walkway of Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Faat-kang

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Proponent</u>
(21)	Provision of Benches at Citywalk near Mini-bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(22)	Construction of a Rain Shelter cum Benches at Hoi Shing Road near Tsuen Wan Plaza and Lamp Post W4642, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOO Yeung-pong
(23)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Texaco Road near Tsuen Wan Industrial Centre and Lamp Post FA4699A in Tsuen Wan	The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(24)	Provision of Benches at near the Bus Terminus and Block 17, Riviera Gardens, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(25)	Provision of Benches at Lo Wai Road near Yuen Yuen Institute and Lamp Post FA1682, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Faat-kang
(26)	Construction of the Rack for Letter Box at Tam Ting San Tsuen, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
(27)	Provision of Children's Play Equipment at Hoi On Road near Lamp Post DC0035 in Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit
(28)	Provision of a Bench at Pak Lam Road near C. C. C. Kei Wai Primary School (Ma Wan) and Lamp Post AC4666, Tsuen Wan	Mr TAM Hoi-pong
(29)	Extension of a Rain Shelter and Provision of Benches at Wing Shun Street near the Green Minibus Stand of Route 310M at Riviera Plaza, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(30)	Extension of a Rain Shelter at Castle Peak Road near the Bus Stop at Sham Tseng Village and Lamp Post DC0568, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun
(31)	Extension of a Rain Shelter and Provision of Benches at Castle Peak Road near the Entrance of Rhine Garden, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun
(32)	Provision of Fitness Equipment for the elderly and Benches at Wing Shun Street near Waterside Plaza Shopping Arcade and Lamp Post FA6860, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(33)	Provision of a Rain Shelter cum Benches at Castle Peak Road near Block 1, Hong Kong Garden and Lamp Post BC0941, Tsuen Wan	Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
(34)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Shek Wai Kok Road near Shek Wai Kok Primary School in Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(35)	Improvement Works to the Rack for Letter Box at Tsoi Yuen Tsuen, Tsing Lung Tau, Tsuen Wan	Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Proponent</u>
(36)	Construction of Three Rain Shelters at Ham Tin Street near Block 1, Bo Shek Mansion and Lamp Post FB4942, Tsuen Wan	The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben
(37)	Construction of a Rain Shelter at Kwok Shui Road near Hoi Pa San Tsuen and Lamp Post W1521, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(38)	Construction of Two Rain Shelters ay Kwok Shui Road near Ham Tin Tsuen and Lamp Post V9313, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

The above project items 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 6 and 7, 10 and 11, 13 and 14, as well as 23 and 24 gained the same score respectively. The Chairman invited the Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) of the TWDO to determine the priority of the projects by balloting at the meeting. The Works Section of the TWDO would implement the above new projects according to the District Minor Works Programme funds available for use and their priorities.

94. Apart from Mr TAM Hoi-pong who raised objection, the EHAC endorsed the Minor Environmental Improvement projects in 2018/19.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDC endorsed the above Minor Environmental Improvement Projects of the estimates equal to or exceeding \$220,000 proposed for implementation in 2018/19 at its meeting held on 27 March 2018.)

#### VI Item 5: Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District (EHAC Paper No. 75/17-18)

95. 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.

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

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

- (1) as at the end of January 2018, the JO received a total of 212 reports on water seepage in Tsuen Wan district, among which 163 cases were processed. Among the processed cases, 90 cases were screened out, and 73 cases were concluded. Among the concluded cases, the water seepage ceased during investigation

amounted to 22 cases; the source of water seepage was identified for 34 cases; and the source of water seepage could not be identified for 17 cases. The JO had initiated prosecution for one case; 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 so as to enter the premises for investigation and testing. The JO had issued a total of 2 “Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry” and had not applied to the West Kowloon Magistrates’ Courts for “Warrants of Entry into Premises”.

98. The Chairman said it could be seen from the figures that the progress was satisfactory.

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

100. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the illegal dumping of waste was frequently found at the refuse collection points in his constituency area. He hoped that two of the IP cameras to be installed this year would achieve the deterrent effect and the situation would be improved. He pointed out that the FEHD did not have plan to install IP cameras at the refuse collection points near the pier at Ma Wan, Pai Min Kok Tsuen, Phase 4 of Sea Crest Villa and Tsing Lung Tau Tsuen. However, these locations were also frequently affected by illegal dumping of waste and some residents reflected that the waste was not cleared after one week since it was found. He hoped that the FEHD would enhance the cleansing frequency at the locations concerned.

101. Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD would draw reference from the complaint figures and install four IP cameras in Tsuen Wan district this year. The FEHD would conduct a review timely after the IP cameras were installed and put into operation;
- (2) the FEHD had all along been conducting regular cleansing at the locations as mentioned by the Member. The FEHD was also aware that there was illegal dumping of construction waste or refuse at these locations;
- (3) the FEHD had put up notices at various locations such as the pier at Ma Wan to instruct the public to dispose of the waste in the refuse collection points properly. The FEHD would arrange the grab-mounted lorries or refuse collection vehicles for clearance of the waste at the locations concerned according to the actual situation;
- (4) the FEHD and EPD had conducted the joint operations against illegal dumping of construction waste at the refuse collection points of Gemini Beaches, Lung Yue Road and Bayside Villas in January 2018. The departments would continue to conduct the joint operation although it was not successful yet; and
- (5) as the clearance of construction waste fell beyond the FEHD’s purview, the case would be referred to the HyD for follow-up work.

102. District Engineer/Tsuen Wan of the HyD responded that the HyD was responsible for clearing the construction waste on roadside. Upon receipt of the cases referred by the FEHD, the HyD would arrange the contractor for clearance of construction waste. The HyD would provide the time required for clearance of construction waste on roadside after the meeting.

103. The Chairman suggested that Members could contact the HyD directly to handle the case of illegal disposal of construction waste, if any.

VII Item 6: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (December 2017 to January 2018)

(EHAC Paper No. 76/17-18)

104. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD had received a total of 122 complaints from December 2017 to January 2018. During the said period, the EPD had conducted 866 inspections and instituted prosecution against five cases.

VIII Item 7: Progress Report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects in 2017/18

(EHAC Paper No. 77/17-18)

105. Sr Insp of Works of the TWDO briefed Members on the progress of the projects and said that the new projects in the Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2017/18 would be completed soon or were in progress.

IX Item 8: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

106. 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 was held from December 2017 to January 2018. The residents learnt to cook environmentally-friendly dishes by using food waste in the activity, so that they understood the importance of recycling of food waste in improving the environment. Besides, the Use Less, Recycle - Environmental-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. Also, the Environmentally-friendly Concert cum Carnival was held to promote the theme of “Recycle, Reuse, Enhance Education to Protect our Home” so as to promote the awareness of Tsuen Wan residents in environmental protection and cherishing resources as well as 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”. Furthermore, the Hong Kong Flower Show cum Game Stalls co-organised by the Monitoring Group and Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre would be held in

Victoria Park from 16 March 2018 to 25 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

107. The Chairman reported that The First Thing is Health 2017 co-organised by the Monitoring Group and Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District was successfully held from December 2017 and 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.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

108. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that all activities of the Task Force for the current year were completed and thanked Members for their support.

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

109. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Working Group had held its third meeting on 6 February 2018 to discuss the measures on waste reduction and recycling to be adopted for the Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan in 2018, including the set-up of a resources sharing zone at the Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan, from which members of the public could take with them the resources such as tents, furniture, foam plastic/transparent plastic bags and flower pots/plastic buckets, etc. Besides, the recycling points would be set up in various locations within the venue. The volunteers were stationed at the recycling points to show the public the proper disposal of waste and promote clean recycling. Besides, Green Sense received about 2 000 shopping bags before the Lunar New Year Fair, which was more than the anticipated number of 500. After the initial screening, it was found that most of the shopping bags were clean and reusable. The spots of shared shopping bags were set up near the fences at the southern and northern ends of the venue of the Lunar New Year Fair. The volunteers were also stationed at these locations to assist the public in collecting the shopping bags. From the Chinese New Year Eve to the morning of the First Day of the Chinese New Year, about 40 volunteers were on duty to assist the stall operators and the public in clearing the surplus resources. The Working Group would hold a meeting to review the effectiveness of the said measures in due course and report to the EHAC.

110. The Chairman said that the volunteers arranged by Green Sense for the Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan were very conscientious and they assisted in collecting and handling the recyclable materials proactively. He hoped that the Working Group would submit a detailed report and photos to the EHAC in future to review the effectiveness of the activity. If it was effective, the measures of waste reduction and recycling might be regularised and adopted in the Lunar New Year Fair in future.

111. Mr LO Siu-kit responded that the Working Group would report to the EHAC after the report was completed.

X Item 9: Any Other Business

(A) Information Papers

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

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 12 February 2018  
(EHAC Paper No. 78/17-18);
- (2) Dates of Meetings of Environmental and Health Affairs Committee between May 2018 and March 2019  
(EHAC Paper No. 79/17-18);
- (3) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (December 2017 to January 2018)  
(EHAC Paper No. 80/17-18, submitted by the EPD);
- (4) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (December 2017 to January 2018)  
(EHAC Paper No. 81/17-18, submitted by the EPD); and
- (5) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (December 2017 to January 2018)  
(EHAC Paper No. 82/17-18, submitted by the EPD).

XI Adjournment of Meeting

113. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 3 May 2018 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 17 April 2018.

114. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

24 April 2018