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Minutes of the 16th Meeting of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (2/18-19)

Date: 5 July 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, Lam Nixie
Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH
The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, BBS, JP
Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
Mr CHAN Sung-ip, MH
Mr WONG Ka-wa
Mr WONG Wai-kit, MH
Mr KOT Siu-yuen
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
Ms LO Sze-yan	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, 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 YIM Wai-hung	Administrative Assistant/Lands (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)
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, 2O, 2Q, 2R and 4

Mr WONG Wan-chi, Ambrose	Chief Inspector of Police (Operations) 1 (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
Mr CHAN Kwok-hung	Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan District), Police Community Relations Office, Hong Kong Police Force

For discussion of item 2C

Mr CHEUNG Tit-kwan, Ivan	Marine Manager/Cargo Handling (2), Marine Department
Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2), Marine Department

For discussion of item 2I

Mr TANG Kin-on	Engineer/Consultants Management 13, Drainage Services Department
Mr NG Ming-lau	Resident Engineer, Atkins China Limited, Consultants Engaged by the Drainage Services Department

For discussion of item 2R

Mr CHEUNG Kim-hung, Michael	Engineer/Tsuen Wan 2, Transport Department
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For discussion of item 6

Mr PANG Kwok-fan	Chief Engineer/NTW, Water Supplies Department
Mr HO Lai-wa	Senior Engineer/Water Loss Management 1, Water Supplies Department
Mr LEUNG Chin-hung	Engineer/Water Loss Management 1, Water Supplies Department
Mr SZETO Wai-tun	Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), Water Supplies Department

For discussion of item 7

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

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
Mr CHUNG Wai-ping, SBS, 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 16th meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC) and introduced Mr YIM Wai-hung, who attended the meeting for the first time and replaced Mr TSE Hing-chit to assume the post of Administrative Assistant/Lands of the (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Adm Asst/Lands) of the District Lands Office (DLO).

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

II Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the 15th Meeting held on 3.5.2018 and Minutes of the 1st Special Meeting held on 23.5.2018

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

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

(A) Paragraphs 5 to 17 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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

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

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

- (1) Mr WONG Wan-chi, Ambrose, Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1) (Tsuen Wan) (CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, 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 Hygiene Department (FEHD); and
- (4) Mr YIM Wai-hung, Adm Asst/Lands of the DLO.

Besides, the Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

(Note: Mr LO Siu-kit and Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.)

6. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that during the nine joint operations conducted by the FEHD and other government departments from May to June 2018, no obstruction of footpath and obstruction of cleansing caused by articles were found in the operations. The FEHD would continue to combat the shop front extension.

7. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF had taken the ticketing action against illegally parked vehicles by issuing tickets to offending motorists at the location concerned from April to June 2018 and had issued 244, 241 and 201 fixed penalty tickets (FPTs) respectively.

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

- (1) as indicated in the photos, the carriageway was still occupied by the articles of the recycling shops. He hoped that the law enforcement during the joint operations would be strengthened to solve the problem (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) as the police officers did not take law enforcement actions against the occupation of carriageway by articles and illegal parking during the joint operations, he hoped that the Police would explain the standard rules for the law enforcement clearly (Mr CHOW Ping-tim); and
- (3) the EHAC had conveyed the situation to the Chief Secretary for Administration (Ch Secy for Adm) in writing but the written reply was given by the TWDO. He thought that the Ch Secy for Adm did not attach importance to the issues in Tsuen Wan district (Mr CHOW Ping-tim).

9. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the loading/unloading activity might be in progress because the tail board of the goods vehicle was laid flat as shown in the photos. The HKPF in general tolerated the temporary loading/unloading activities of the goods vehicles. However, it could not be identified from the photos as to whether a police officer did not conduct law enforcement against illegal parking or it was unnecessary to do so. The HKPF would remind the frontline police officers to deal with the unclaimed articles that obstructed the carriageways during the joint operations, and would request the FEHD to remove these articles.

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

- (1) he hoped that the Police would take targeted law enforcement actions against the unclaimed articles that obstructed the road, in order to prevent the recycling shop operators from making use of the legal loopholes and relocated their articles onto the carriageways that caused obstruction during the joint operations. The effectiveness of the operations would be observed at the next EHAC meeting (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) he hoped that the Police would clarify whether the location shown in the photos was a restricted zone and whether the goods vehicle was engaged in loading/unloading activity (Mr CHOW Ping-tim); and
- (3) he questioned whether the goods vehicle was engaged in loading/unloading activity because there was no shop nearby. He also requested the Police to handle the pick-up/drop-off activities of private cars impartially (Mr CHOW Ping-tim).

11. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF's efforts in law enforcement were reflected in its issuance of more than 200 FPTs against illegal parking in Tak Wah Street every month. The HKPF had classified Tak Wah Street as a traffic blackspot and would step up enforcement actions to combat traffic contraventions such as illegal parking.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr WONG Ka-wa joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

12. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said he hoped that the Police could take law enforcement actions against pick-up/set-down activities of private cars and goods vehicles impartially.

13. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the standard procedures of the HKPF included the tolerance of temporary pick-up/set-down activities of private cars and goods vehicles as well as an instruction to the persons concerned to drive away upon finishing the pick-up/set-down activities as soon as possible. If a private car or goods vehicle was illegally parked at a location over a long period of time and the motorists refused to drive away, the police officers would take prosecution actions against them.

14. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 2:49 p.m.)

(B) Paragraphs 18 to 20 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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 obstruction caused by the easy-mount frames on the two footbridges of Fou Wah Centre and Citistore as well as the pedestrian walkway on Chung On Street.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

16. Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that from May to June 2018, the FEHD had issued six fixed penalty notices (the “FPNs”) at the footbridge off Tsuen Fung Centre, the footbridge connecting Tsuen Wan MTR Station with Discovery Park and near T. Mark and Tsuen Wan Donor Centre of the Hong Kong Red Cross on Tai Ho Road; and confiscated a total of three unattended easy-mount frames, nine banners and 57 notices 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.

17. Mr LAM Faat-kang commended the FEHD for achieving satisfactory results in clearing the easy-mount frames at the above locations and the situation was improved substantially. He hoped that the FEHD would step up the law enforcement actions during holidays so as to maintain a clean environment.

18. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was aware that street obstruction by easy-mount frames would be more serious during public holidays. Therefore, out of the 16 joint operations during May 2018 and June 2018, seven of them were conducted on working days and nine of them were conducted in the afternoon or evening over the weekends. The FEHD had changed its strategy according to the actual situations, with a view to effectively tackling the problem of street obstruction caused by easy-mount frames.

19. The Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(C) Paragraphs 21 to 24 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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

20. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the 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 CHEUNG Tit-kwan, Ivan, Marine Manager/Cargo Handling (2) 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.

21. SASM/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD reported that the MD carried out the daily patrol as well as the measurement of the noise index at berth RC27 in the Rambler Channel Public Cargo Working Area (the "PCWA") at irregular hours in May and June 2018. During the period, it did not detect any noise level exceeding the noise standards set out in the Noise Control Ordinance.

22. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD continued to regularly assess the noise level at the PCWA during operation. At around 11:00 a.m. on 28 May 2018 and at around 3:00 p.m. on 28 June 2018 at the rooftop of Hoi Sing Mansion of the Riviera Gardens, the noise levels measured did not exceed the noise standards set out in the Noise Control Ordinance.

23. The Chairman said that he received complaints from the residents of Block 10, Riviera Gardens about the noise nuisance from the operation of workshop in the PCWA during holidays and the goods were delivered by goods vehicles instead of cargo ships. He thought that the actual situation was different from the report made by the MD. He therefore requested the MD to give response regarding the arrangements of operation in the PCWA during holidays.

24. SASM/Cargo Handling (2) of the MD responded that the operator of berth RC27 in the PCWA undertook to adjust the cargo unloading which was scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Besides, no other cargo operations would be carried out. The MD would immediately stop the operations if contravention by the operator was found. The above incident was an individual case.

25. The Chairman said that the residents of Block 10, Riviera Gardens welcomed the EPD to conduct the noise measurement in their flats again and install the video recording equipment in the rooms.

26. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD would contact the Members concerned after the meeting for making the relevant arrangements.

(D) Paragraphs 25 to 29 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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

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

28. The Acting Chairman said that the representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were Sr Env Protection Offr (Regional W)2 of the EPD and Adm Asst/Lands of the DLO.

29. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD decided to shelve its proposal on the use of the site by the recycling industry after taking the views from the EHAC and had informed the DLO in June 2018 of withdrawing its application.

30. AA/Lands of the DLO said that the DLO had nothing to add.

31. Mr CHOW Ping-tim enquired whether the EPD would never make application of the use of the site concerned by the recycling industry again.

32. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had formally notified the DLO about the withdrawal of its application of the use of the site concerned by the recycling industry. The EPD did not have any other plans on the use of the site concerned for the time being.

33. The Acting Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

34. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(E) Paragraphs 30 to 34 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Installation of IP Camera at the Black Spots of Refuse Disposal by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

35. The Chairman asked the CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD to report the latest status.

36. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the two IP cameras installed at the refuse collection points of Gemini Beaches and Lung Yue Road had commenced operation on 6 June 2018. The FEHD would install the remaining two IP cameras at the refuse collection points in Bayside Villas and Tung Po To Monastery in September 2018. It was expected that these two IP cameras would commence operation in early

October 2018. The situation of fly-tipping near the refuse collection points of Gemini Beaches and Lung Yue Road were improved significantly. In June 2018, the FEHD had conducted 31 inspections at the refuse collection points of Gemini Beaches and Lung Yue Road and stepped up its inspections at other locations. It was found that no waste was disposed at other locations instead. The FEHD would conduct a review after one year.

37. Mr CHENG Chit-pun said that he did not receive complaints from the residents about refuse disposal after an IP camera was installed at the refuse collection point of Gemini Beaches. Besides, the fly-tipping was still spotted at some locations such as the Ting Kau Village refuse collection point. He hoped that the FEHD would increase the number of IP cameras and extend the coverage of the plan to other blackspots of refuse disposal.

(F) Paragraphs 35 to 43 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request for an Overall Improvement of the Facilities and Hygienic Condition of the Public Toilets in Tsuen Wan District

38. The Chairman said that the FEHD and Architectural Services Department had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

39. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD expected that the refurbishment of public toilets would be completed in 18 months, including a preparatory period of nine months and a construction period of nine months. The colours of the public toilets as indicated in the paper were selected by District Environment Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) (Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan)). In addition, to respect the copyright, the lotus pattern in the design plan would be different from the design finally adopted for the public toilets upon the refurbishment works.

40. Members noted the written reply of the FEHD.

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

- (1) he opined that improvements were made in the design of the public toilets (Mr LAM Faat-kang); and
- (2) he hoped that Dist Env Hygiene Supt(Tsuen Wan) would remain in office until the completion of the refurbishment works of public toilets (Mr WONG Ka-wa).

42. The Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(G) Paragraphs 44 to 47 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request the Environmental Protection Department 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. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that he felt helpless about the response.

45. The Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(H) Paragraphs 48 to 49 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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

46. 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.

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

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

(I) Paragraphs 50 to 57 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Strongly Request the 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

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

50. The Acting Chairman welcomed the representatives of the Drainage Services Department (DSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Ms LO Sze-yan, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2;
- (2) Mr TANG Kin-on, Engineer/Consultants Management 13; and
- (3) Mr NG Ming-lau, Resident Engineer of the Atkins China Limited.

51. Resident Engineer of the Atkins China Limited reported that the works in Wo Tik Street and Hoi Pa Street were in progress. It was expected that the works in Market Street would commence in mid July 2018 and the works in Chung On Street would commence in the third quarter of 2018.

52. Mr LAM Fook-chuen thanked Engineer/Consultants Management 13 of the DSD and Resident Engineer of the Atkins China Limited for visiting Yeung Uk Road Market in person on 9 May 2018 to brief the stallholders on the arrangements during the construction period. He also thanked the HKPF for its tolerance of temporary loading/unloading activities by the stallholders of the market without serving them with the FPNs when the traffic was not disturbed.

53. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(J) Paragraph 58 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request for Improvement of the Ventilation and Waiting Environment of the Public Transport Interchanges in Tsuen Wan District

54. The Chairman said that the TD and Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) had submitted the written replies on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. He pointed out that as stated in the written reply of the TD, two fans were installed at the bus terminal at Bayview Garden on 3 May 2018 and 10 fans were installed at the Tsuen Wan West Station Public Transport Interchange on 28 June 2018. To tie in with the reopening of Sai Lau Kok Road Public Transport Interchange, the EMSD had installed two fans on 19 June 2018.

55. Members noted the written replies of the TD and EMSD.

56. The Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(K) Paragraphs 59 to 64 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request to Enhance the Inspection for and Efforts in Combating the Disposal of Construction Waste Casually in Tsuen Wan District

57. The Chairman said that Sr Env Protection Offr (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.

58. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had been deploying staff to conduct inspections at the locations concerned. Prosecution actions would be taken against offenders when illegal dumping of construction waste or fly-tipping was identified. The FEHD had issued 114 FPNs from May 2018 to June 2018 but no FPNs had been issued for the offence of illegal dumping of construction waste.

59. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD had been conducting inspections and surveillance through the IP cameras to combat illegal dumping of construction waste. The EPD had conducted 150 inspections and issued 6 FPNs from April 2018 to May 2018.

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

- (1) he was pleased to learn that the EPD had successfully initiated prosecution with the aid of IP camera after the installation and enquired the EPD about the progress of installing global positioning system (GPS) devices on refuse collection vehicles (Mr CHENG Chit-pun); and
- (2) he suggested that the EPD should install more IP cameras in buildings with more "subdivided flats" which were near the sitting-out area in Heung Wo Street (Mr KOO Yeung-pong).

61. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had submitted the written reply of its Headquarters to the EHAC earlier. The Government planned to require the contractors of the large-scale public works to install GPS devices on the

vehicles used for collecting construction waste. After reviewing the effectiveness and reliability of this initiative, the details of implementation of the plan would be discussed with the industry. Besides, the EPD would step up inspections at the locations near Heung Wo Street.

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

(L) Paragraphs 65 to 66 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: The Noise Nuisance problem arising from the Flight Departure during Late Night

63. 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.

64. Mr TAM Hoi-pong criticised the AA and CAD for their failure to send representatives to attend the EHAC meetings for eight months since the submission of the agenda item. The AA and CAD neglected the residents' demand for a reasonable living environment in the areas such as Ma Wan, Lei Muk Shue, Sham Tseng and Ting Kau. He could only accept the fact helplessly that the representatives of the AA and CAD would only attend the EHAC meeting in September 2018. He hoped that the AA and CAD would submit the information such as the noise caused by flights to the EHAC earlier.

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

(M) Paragraphs 67 to 73 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Proposal on Introduction of Solar-powered Outdoor Trash Compactor

66. The Chairman said that Deputy District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) 2 (DDL(M)(Tsuen Wan)2) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Ch Health Insp 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the LCSD and FEHD respectively.

67. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had carried out a trial run of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor at Sham Tseng Refuse Collection Point on 14 February 2018 for performance review and adjustment of effectiveness. Some Members had also given their views on the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor to the Headquarters of the FEHD. On 29 June 2018, the FEHD replaced the previous solar-powered outdoor trash compactor with a new model with an indicator light to show the operation status and a reduced compression time from 1.5 minutes to 30 seconds. The interior mechanical operation of the machine was revealed through the transparent part newly-equipped with the new model for public attention. In addition, some explanatory notes on the operation and function of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor were provided beside the facilities, with a view to gradually enhancing the public understanding of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor.

68. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD reported that the LCSD had launched a trial run of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor in Tsuen Wan Park in May 2018 and no operational problems had been identified yet. As the size of the garbage collected in the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor in Tsuen Wan Park was relatively small, the function of trash compaction was not activated very often. The LCSD was currently studying the better use of the function and location of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor. Also, its effectiveness was under observation.

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

- (1) he commended the FEHD for taking Members' views to provide an indicator light on the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor. He also enquired whether the LCSD would consider introducing the improved model of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor which was currently used by the FEHD and hoped that the FEHD would consider providing the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor in the town centre (Mr CHENG Chit-pun); and
- (2) he enquired whether the solar-powered outdoor trash compactors were driven by solar energy only and expressed concern over the effectiveness of collecting sufficient solar energy for operating the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor in the town centre (the Chairman).

70. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD responded that the LCSD would refer to the specification adopted by the FEHD in its another procurement of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor.

71. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was conducting a trial run of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor and collecting views on the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor from various districts. Therefore, the FEHD did not plan to extend the adoption of the solar-powered outdoor trash compactor for the time being. The solar-powered outdoor trash compactor was driven by solar power only and operated for a whole day after absorbing solar energy for several hours. He would convey Members' views to the Headquarters of the FEHD.

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

(N) Paragraphs 74 to 78 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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

73. The Chairman said that the representative of the department responsible for giving response was Adm Asst/Lands of the DLO.

74. AA/Lands of the DLO reported that staff of the DLO and Members concerned had conducted an on-site inspection in mid-June 2018 and recorded the locations of more than ten withered trees in the private lot concerned and the slopes nearby. The DLO had issued a letter of advice to the lot administrator with a lot index plan showing the locations of the withered trees and the relevant photos and requested the lot administrator to remove the withered trees at the earliest possible.

75. The Chairman enquired about the deadline for the lot administrator to remove the withered trees.

76. AA/Lands of the DLO responded that the deadline was not specified in the letter of advice issued by the DLO. However, according to past experience, it would usually take one to two months for a lot administrator to arrange for clearance.

(O) Paragraphs 79 to 84 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 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

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

78. The Acting Chairman said that the TD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Besides, the representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) and Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF.

79. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF continued to deploy police officers to patrol at the site concerned regularly. The HKPF received one and four complaints on noise nuisance in May 2018 and June 2018 respectively, but no person was found to have caused the noise nuisance. Regarding the three summonses issued by the HKPF earlier against the playing of musical instruments in public streets or roads, the defendants had pledged guilty before the court and each of them was sentenced to a fine of \$500.

80. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said as stated in the written reply of the TD, when someone was found to be playing musical instruments or staging performances within the area of the pier, the TD would refer the cases to the law enforcement departments for follow-ups. In his opinion, it was unsatisfactory that the TD failed to take law enforcement actions immediately. He hoped that the TD would improve the way of handling and pier management measures prior to the intake of the new residential buildings, so as to prevent the reoccurrence of the problems. He believed that the TD had adequate resources and means to solve the problem concerned and hoped that the HKPF would continue to take law enforcement actions.

81. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(P) Paragraphs 85 to 90 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request to Enhance the Corresponding Measures against Seasonal Influenza

82. The Chairman said that the Department of Health had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

83. The Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

(Q) Paragraphs 93 to 101 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request for Strengthening the Law Enforcement on the Playing of Promotional Recordings Continuously and Loudly by the Shops

84. The Chairman said that the representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) and Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF as well as Sr Env Protection Offr (Regional W)2 of the EPD.

85. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF had received nine complaints and one complaint on noise nuisance caused by shops in Ho Pui Street, San Tsuen Street and Chuen Lung Street in May 2018 and June 2018 respectively. However, no prosecution action was taken due to insufficient evidence. Besides, prosecution was instituted against a vegetable stall in March 2018 and the operator was sentenced to a fine of \$600.

86. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD reported that the EPD had conducted 31 inspections and received a total of 8 complaints from April 2018 to May 2018. The EPD was following up on a case involving noise emitting from a shop in April 2018.

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

(R) Paragraphs 102 to 121 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: Request the Government Departments to Seriously Handle the Trespass and Unchecked Parking of Shared Bicycles in Tsuen Wan District and Immediately Put Forth Effective Improvement Proposals to Keep Up With the Objective of Harmonious Sharing of Shared Bicycles among Members of the Public for Maintaining the Public Safety and Clean Environment in Housing Estates

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

89. The Acting Chairman welcomed Mr CHEUNG Kim-hung, Michael, Engineer/Tsuen Wan 2 (Engr/Tsuen Wan 2) of the TD who specially joined the meeting. Besides, the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. In addition, the representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) and Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF, Adm Asst/Lands of the DLO as well as CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD.

90. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF would continue to pay attention to the public use of bicycles in Tsuen Wan and take action to promote safe cycling regularly.

91. AA/Lands of the DLO reported that the DLO, together with the TWDO and FEHD, would conduct an additional joint clearance operation in late June 2018.

92. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that the FEHD would tie in with the joint clearance operations. The FEHD would assist in removing and transferring the illegally parked bicycles to designated places for storage in the joint clearance operations.

93. Engr/Tsuen Wan 2 of the TD reported that the TD had required the operators of shared bicycles to display the contact telephone numbers on their bicycles for members of the public to make contact with and request for the removal of the bicycles. The operators had also upgraded the software and provided concessions to remind and attract users to properly park the bicycles as well as improving the sound emission of the bicycles. A trial run of removing bicycles pursuant to the Summary Offences Ordinance (Chapter 228) was currently conducted in North district. If the result was proved to be satisfactory, the TD would consider conducting a trial run in Tsuen Wan.

94. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the TWDO reported that the TWDO would enhance the frequency of joint clearance operations to twice a month after learning about the arrangement of manpower from the DLO. The TWDO would also take initiative to conduct the joint clearance operations at the locations other than those under complaints. The TWDO wished to step up law enforcement efforts to prevent serious street obstruction by bicycles with reference to the experience that massive amount of shared bicycles would be parked in the district before the long holidays.

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

- (1) he hoped that the TD would remove the bicycles in Tsuen Wan pursuant to the Summary Offences Ordinance (Chapter 228) (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) on 27 June 2018, more than 20 shared bicycles were parked outside the MTR Tsuen Wan Depot, thereby causing road obstruction in Tsuen Wan town centre. He hoped that the departments concerned would actively checked out the locations where shared bicycles were illegally parked and had caused nuisance to the public by using the application software of the share bicycles operators for conducting joint operations. He also hoped that the departments concerned would provide the data on joint clearance operations to the EHAC (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (3) he suggested that the departments concerned should make reference to the practice in Singapore regarding the regulation of shared bicycle operators, such as setting up of parking areas for shared bicycles. If the shared bicycle were found to be parked outside the parking areas, the operators would be fined (Mr LAM Faat-kang);

- (4) he hoped that the departments concerned would regulate the operators of the shared bicycles to avoid chaos and nuisance to the public (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (5) he opined that the departments concerned could make reference to the more stringent approach of management on shared bicycle operators as well as the practice of imposing punishment to contravention involving shared bicycles in Singapore, with a view to strengthening the management of the shared bicycles (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (6) he was worried that massive amount of shared bicycles would be parked in the public housing estates because the joint clearance operations would be conducted more frequently. He hoped that the Housing Department (HD) would get prepared to cope with the situation (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (7) he hoped that the departments concerned would remove the shared bicycles illegally parked at some remote locations such as beneath the footbridge connecting Shek Kuk House and Lo Wai and the path beside Cheung Pei Shan Road (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (8) as stated in the written reply of the THB, the shared bicycle operators only needed to obtain the business registration certificate but not the special licences for operation. He therefore opined that more shared bicycle operators would emerge in future and it was incumbent upon the Government to study the regulation of shared bicycle or consider regulating the industry through licensing (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (9) as there was no sign of slowing down in the development of shared bicycles for the time being, the operation of shared bicycles would continue to affect the public places and housing estates and might endanger the road and public safety. In this connection, he proposed that the departments concerned should consider imposing penalties on shared bicycle operators, so as to effectively manage their operation (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (10) as indicated in the written reply of the THB, the THB would draw reference from the measures introduced in other cities for regulating the shared bicycles. He thought that the administration efficiency of the Hong Kong Government was far beyond that of the Mainland because the impact of shared bicycles on roads or pedestrian safety were not timely addressed (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (11) he considered that prosecution through summons against the offending cyclists was the most effective approach. He enquired the HKPF about the prosecution figures on traffic contravention that involved bicycles (Mr CHOW Ping-tim); and
- (12) he opined that the time frame of posting of notice for 24 hours every time prior to the joint clearance operation for removal of the illegally parked shared bicycles was only a catalyst for the temporary relocation of these bicycles by the cyclists who committed the illegal parking. As a result, the joint clearance operations were not effectively conducted and the problem was not solved in the long run. He hoped that the TWDO would review the arrangement and introduce effective management measures as soon as possible with the concerted effort of various departments (Mr CHOW Ping-tim).

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben joined the meeting at 3:27 p.m.)

96. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded as follows:

- (1) the TWDO did not only determine the locations for joint clearance operations based on those with more complaints on illegally parked bicycles, but also actively identified the blackspots of illegal parking of bicycles from the application software;
- (2) all illegally parked bicycles, including the shared bicycles, would be removed during the joint clearance operations. The TWDO and DLO would coordinate the manpower before finalising the coverage of a joint clearance operation;
- (3) the number of shared bicycles removed during the previous joint clearance operations was relatively small. He thought that this was related to the modus operandi of the shared bicycle business. Besides, after the posting of notices, the illegally parked bicycles would be moved to another location and the DLO could not remove them. He therefore wished to enhance the frequency of the joint clearance operations, with a view to urging the operators to make improvements;
- (4) given the provision of parking areas for shared bicycles involved the implementation of policy, he would convey the Member's views to the TD for study;
- (5) the TWDO would liaise with the HD and FEHD to assist in removing the illegally parked bicycles in public housing estates and remote areas; and
- (6) it was not a statutory requirement to give notification to the parties concerned prior to the joint clearance operations. As a trial run, the TWDO would no longer give prior notification of the joint clearance operation which was taken twice a month and would review the effectiveness.

97. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would provide the data on law enforcement against traffic contravention that involved bicycles after the meeting.

98. Engr/Tsuen Wan 2 of the TD responded that the TD would consider providing additional bicycle parking spaces near the cycle tracks. The TD would also convey Members' views to the policy bureau on the regulation of shared bicycle operators through licensing.

99. Assistant Housing Manager/Shek Wai Kok 2 (Asst Housing Mgr/SWK 2) of the HD responded that the HD would handle the illegally parked bicycles in accordance with the established procedures. For example, the HD had handled about 10 shared bicycles illegally parked in Shek Wai Kok Estate in the past six months and had contacted the operators concerned to remove their bicycles.

100. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would tie in with the joint clearance operations. If the staff of the FEHD considered that the shared bicycles illegally parked beneath the footbridge connecting Shek Kuk House and Lo Wai and the path beside Cheung Pei Shan Road were refuse, they would immediately remove them.

If the illegally parked bicycles still functioned well, the FEHD would notify the TWDO and arrange for removal during the joint clearance operations.

101. AA/Lands of the DLO responded that the other duties of the DLO would inevitably be affected after the frequency of taking the joint clearance operations was increased. The DLO and departments concerned would review the effectiveness of the dedicated clearance operation after the summer vacation, with a view to striking a balance between the resources of the various departments and the frequency of the removal operations.

102. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(S) Paragraphs 122 to 125 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 May 2018: The Refuse and Hygiene Problems in Chuen Lung Street and the Streets Nearby

103. The Chairman said that the representative of the department responsible for giving response was CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD.

104. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD reported that subsequent to the publicity and educational activities such as the distribution of promotional leaflets at the sites concerned in early 2018, the FEHD conducted law enforcement and irregular inspections between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. from May 2018 to early July 2018. Seven FPNs were issued during the period and the situation was improved.

105. The Chairman said that this agenda item would not be further discussed by the EHAC under the matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

IV Item 3: Incense Smoke from Tin Hau Kung, Luk Yeung Sun Chuen, Tsuen Wan
(EHAC Paper No. 19/18-19)

106. The Chairman said that Mr LAM Faat-kang submitted the paper and the Fire Services Department had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Besides, the representative of the department responsible for giving response was SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD.

107. Mr LAM Faat-kang introduced the paper.

108. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded as follows:

- (1) upon receipt of the referred case in late May 2018, the EPD had carried out the follow-up work by sending staff to conduct assessment at the residential premises nearby. On the day of the assessment, it was found that the emission of the Tin Hau Kung did not cause any nuisance; and
- (2) the EPD had requested the staff of the Tin Hau Kung to enhance the maintenance of the incense burners as well as improving the arrangements of burning joss sticks and incense during the peak periods such as the first day and the fifteenth day of a month of the Chinese calendar. The EPD was currently arranging for a meeting with the staff and contractor of Tin Hau Kung, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the air pollution control device in Tin Hau Kung.

109. Mr MAN Yu-ming said that he understood that it would be relatively difficult to manage the arrangement of burning incense in a popular temple and suggested that the EPD and Tin Hau Kung should draw reference from the practice of other temples that centralised the arrangement of burning incense, and enhance the effectiveness of smoke control of the incense burners. He also opined that using joss sticks with less emission of smoke in the temple could reduce the impact on the residents nearby.

110. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD would convey Members' views to the person-in-charge of the Tin Hau Kung.

111. The Chairman suggested that the EPD should first meet and discuss the improvement measures with the responsible persons and committee members of the Tin Hau Kung before reporting to the EHAC.

V Item 4: Construction of Noise Barriers at Tuen Mun Road Return of a Quiet Home Environment for Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng
(EHAC Paper No. 20/18-19)

112. The Chairman said that Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris submitted the paper and the EPD and HyD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. The representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) and Neighbourhood Police Co-ordinator (Tsuen Wan Dist) of the HKPF as well as SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD. According to the TD, as it took time to prepare the response, the TD would submit a written reply to the EHAC at the earliest possible. In addition, the EHAC would send a letter to request the TD for submission of a written reply of this item at the earliest possible.

113. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris introduced the paper.

114. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD responded that the EPD had submitted a written reply prior to the meeting and would convey the Members' views to the subject officers for follow-ups.

115. The Chairman said as stated in the written reply of the EPD, this section of the flyover was completed 30 years ago and its structure could not support the additional loading from the construction of the additional noise enclosures or noise barriers of more than two metres in height. Moreover, the space along the flyover could not accommodate a new separate structure for the installation of the noise barriers. Therefore, this section of the flyover was only installed with the vertical noise barriers of about 600 metres long and two metres in height.

116. CIP(OPS1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that as the Traffic New Territories South was responsible for the matters related to illegal road racing, he would convey Members' views to the Traffic New Territories South for follow-ups.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.)

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

- (1) the nearby environment and topography of the road section without noise barriers were similar to those of the adjacent road section. He opined that it was unreasonable that the noise enclosures or noise barriers were not provided at the road section concerned. As the background noise was relatively low, the noise of the traffic at the road section without noise barriers was evidently more disturbing, thereby causing greater noise nuisance to the residents. Given the undesirable situation, he hoped that the EPD would give an account of it (the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben); and
- (2) he hoped that the department concerned would send the subject officers to attend the EHAC meetings. He thought that the EPD failed to explain in its written reply about the reasons for not providing the noise barriers at the road section concerned when there was no significant changes in the environment and did not respond to the request for the construction of noise enclosures or noise barriers on both lanes at the road section at Phase 1, Sea Crest Villa (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris).

118. The Chairman said that the EHAC would invite the departments concerned in writing to send the subject officers or representatives of the consultant company to attend the next EHAC meeting and request Environmental Protection Officer (Assessment & Noise) 33 of the EPD to be the representative of the department to attend the next EHAC meeting, so that a clearer response to the policy concerned could be provided. The EHAC hoped that the noise barriers would be constructed at the road section concerned to reduce the noise nuisance caused to the residents in the vicinity of Sham Tseng.

VI Item 5: Proposal on Introduction of Automated Cleaning Machines for Tsuen Wan District

(EHAC Paper No. 21/18-19)

119. The Chairman said that the Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun submitted the paper. The representatives of the departments responsible for giving response were Dep District Leisure Mgr(Tsuen Wan)² of the LCSD, Asst Housing Mgr/SWK 2 of the HD and CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD.

120. Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

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

- (1) in the 2017 Policy Address, the Chief Executive put forth the proposal on introduction of automated cleaning machines and technology to enhance the efficiency. The FEHD was currently planning to introduce and carry out a trial run of various automated cleaning machines such as pressure water surface cleaners, mini mechanical sweepers and leaf blowers;
- (2) the FEHD had carried out a trial run of the pressure water surface cleaners in Sham Shui Po district and considered that the effectiveness of the cleaners and the results of the trial run were satisfactory. Therefore, the pressure water surface cleaners would be introduced to Tsuen Wan district in late 2018 to enhance the effectiveness of street cleansing;

- (3) since April 2017, the FEHD carried out a trial run of the mini mechanical sweeper in rural areas such as Tai Mei Tuk. Given the small size and easy operation of the mini mechanical sweeper, they were suitable for use on the narrow roads in rural areas. At present, the FEHD had submitted the application for the movement permit for mini mechanical sweepers to the TD. The FEHD was also actively discussing with the TD the use of the mini mechanical sweeper in other villages or on the roads with relatively low traffic flow. However, the FEHD did not have a specific timetable of implementing the plan in other districts for the time being; and
- (4) the FEHD had implemented that upon the completion of the contracts with the existing cleansing contractors, the contracts to be signed on or after 1 May 2019 would require the cleansing contractors to provide leaf blowers for use by cleaners.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

122. DDLM(Tsuen Wan)2 of the LCSD responded that the LCSD had adopted the use of the solar-powered trash compactor in Tsuen Wan Park and the horticulture contractor had also provided the leaf blowers for use. The LCSD would discuss with the outsourced cleansing contractor the feasibility of purchasing the equipment concerned and the appropriate locations for using the equipment.

(Note: Ms LAM, Lam Nixie left the meeting at 4:07 p.m.)

123. Asst Housing Mgr/SWK 2 of the HD responded that the cleansing service of the public housing estates were outsourced to the cleansing contractors at present and the cleaners would be deployed in the public housing estates on a long-term basis. As stipulated in the contracts between the HD and outsourced cleansing contractors, the contractors should hire a specific number of cleaners adequate for the provision of the daily cleansing service. At present, the cleansing work in public housing estates was relatively simple and easy to handle and the contractors were required to provide the necessary tools for cleaning. If the Government enhanced the equipment in future by replacing some types of work with the use of machines, the LCSD would consider requesting the contractors to use the recommended cleansing tools according to the actual needs.

124. Mr CHENG Chit-pun said he hoped that the departments would report the progress of introduction of the automated cleaning machines at the earliest possible.

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

VII Item 6: Saving Drinking Water – Fresh Water Mains Leakage in Tsuen Wan District

(EHAC Paper No. 22/18-19)

126. The Chairman said that Mr TAM Hoi-pong submitted the paper and welcomed the representatives of the Water Supplies Department (WSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr PANG Kwok-fan, Chief Engineer/NTW (Acting) (Ch Engr/NTW);
- (2) Mr HO Lai-wa, Senior Engineer/Water Loss Management 1;
- (3) Mr LEUNG Chin-hung, Engineer/Water Loss Management 1; and
- (4) Mr SZETO Wai-tun, Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1).

Besides, the WSD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

127. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

128. Ch Engr/NTW of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) in the past 15 years, the WSD had continuously replaced and rehabilitated the ageing fresh water mains and the efforts were gradually coming into play. The leakage rate of fresh water mains had decreased from over 25% in 2000 to about 15% at present;
- (2) the WSD noted that Members had conducted a duty visit to Singapore. At present, the leakage rate of the water mains in Singapore was lower than that in Hong Kong. This was attributed to Singapore's outstanding performance in preventing water leakage as well as a lower working pressure of water mains in Singapore than that in Hong Kong, which was the major difference between these two places regarding water leakage. By making comparison of the two water mains of the same diameter, the one with a higher water pressure would lead to a higher water leakage rate;
- (3) to further lower the leakage rate of fresh water mains in Hong Kong, the WSD was actively establishing a Water Intelligent Network (WIN), implementing water pressure management and adopting a "risk-based" management strategy for the water distribution network at present;
- (4) through the WIN, the fresh water distribution network in Hong Kong would be divided into about 2 000 discrete district metering areas (DMAs) and associated water pressure management areas (PMAs). Monitoring instruments and sensing equipment would be installed in each DMA and PMA network to collect the data on water flow, water pressure and other associated data of the water supply network. The WSD could assess the leakage level of the water mains in a DMA by making comparison of the DMA data between the amount of the water supply and water consumption as well as the water flow at night;
- (5) after conducting the assessment, the staff of the WSD would be deployed at night to conduct leakage detection of the water mains and check out the leakage points in the DMA for maintenance;
- (6) at present, there were about 1 100 DMAs in total over the territory. The WSD planned to establish about 130 DMAs in Tsuen Wan district and about 90 of them were completed at this stage;

- (7) the WSD would reduce the working pressure in the DMAs as far as possible, with a view to lowering the leakage rate of the fresh water mains without affecting users' need for fresh water; and
- (8) about 3 050 km of water mains were replaced by the WSD over the past 15 years through the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains. The average life span of water main was 19 years in Hong Kong at present. To maintain the healthiness of the water distribution network, the WSD would continue to assess the risk of main bursts, including the latest conditions of the water mains, such as the number of years in service, records of main bursts and water leakage, seriousness of consequences arising from main bursts due to changes in the surrounding environment etc., and adopted a "risk-based" approach for rehabilitation or replacement of the high-risk water mains. The WSD expected that the leakage rate would lower to 10% in 2030.

129. Mr TAM Hoi-pong enquired whether the joints or the fragile parts of the water pipes was the cause of fresh water leakage, how the WSD managed the damages to the water mains arising from construction works owing to the lack of underground pipeline network diagram, as well as the composition of the materials used in fresh water mains and the ideal ratio for use in future.

130. Ch Engr/NTW of the WSD responded as follows:

- (1) poor connection among water pipes and damage of metallic water pipes due to rusting were the causes of the fresh water leakage;
- (2) the WSD had shared the information of the underground pipeline network with the various departments or stakeholders. As the underground pipeline network was relatively complicated with potential errors, the WSD would study the ways of reducing damages to water mains during construction works with other stakeholders; and
- (3) the water pipes with a diameter over 300 mm were generally made of ductile iron and the water pipes with a diameter less than 300 mm were made of polyethylene resin. The WSD did not have the information of the proportion of these two materials of water pipes.

131. The Chairman said he hoped that the WSD would achieve the objective of lowering the leakage rate of fresh water mains to 10% in 2030.

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming left the meeting at 4:17 p.m.)

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

(EHAC Paper No. 23/18-19)

132. The Chairman welcomed the representatives of the 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 (Professional Offr (1)) of the JO/BD; and
- (3) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/New Territories West (Customer Services) Inspection of the WSD.

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

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

- (1) as at late May 2018, the JO received a total of 979 reports on water seepage in Tsuen Wan, among which 714 cases had been processed. Among the processed cases, 357 cases were screened out, and 357 cases were concluded. Among the concluded cases, the number of cases in which water seepage ceased during investigation was 101; the source of water seepage was identified for 142 cases; and the source of water seepage could not be identified for 114 cases. The JO had instituted prosecution for six cases; and
- (2) 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 flats to carry out investigation and testing. The JO had issued a total of 14 “Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry” but had not applied to the West Kowloon Magistrates’ Courts for “Warrants of Entry into the Premises”.

135. The Chairman said that the progress was satisfactory by figures.

136. CHI 1 (Tsuen Wan) of the FEHD introduced the Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District.

IX Item 8: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (April 2018 to May 2018)
(EHAC Paper No. 24/18-19)

137. SEPO (Regional W)2 of the EPD introduced the Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District.

X Item 9: Progress Report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects in 2018/19
(EHAC Paper No. 25/18-19)

138. Senior Inspector of Works (SIOW) of the TWDO briefed on the progress of various projects and provided supplementary information as follows:

- (1) the new construction projects no. 2 (Provision of Benches at Yuen Tun Village near Lung Yue Road in Tsuen Wan), no. 3 (Provision of Benches at Hoi On Road near waterfront promenade and Lamp Post DC0506, Tsuen Wan), no. 4 (Provision of Benches at Shek Wai Kok Road near Shek Lin House and Lamp Post FA5862 in Tsuen Wan), no. 8 (Provision of Benches at Tsuen King Circuit near the Allway Garden Bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan), no. 10 (Provision of Benches at Castle Peak Road near the Sea Crest Villa Phase 3 Bus Stop and Lamp Post BC1007, Tsuen Wan), no. 15 (Provision of Benches at Sam Tung Uk Road near Lamp Post W4946, Tsuen Wan) and no. 18 (Provision of Benches at Wing Shun Street near Shak Chung Shan Memorial Catholic Primary School, Tsuen Wan) would be consolidated for tendering exercise and implementation of works in order to save administrative costs and insurance premiums;

- (2) regarding the new construction projects no. 16 (Extension of a Rain Shelter at Mei Wan Street near Waylee Industrial Centre and Lamp Post FB9946, Tsuen Wan) and no. 17 (Provision of a Fitness Equipment Set at Hoi On Road near Waterfront Promenade and Lamp Post DC0043, Tsuen Wan), the exploratory works had been completed and the tendering exercise would commence; and
- (3) as the locations of new construction project no. 9 (Provision of a Rain Shelter on Sha Tsui Road near Sheung Chui Court and Lamp Post FA1851, Tsuen Wan) and the construction works of the proposed roof cover for the bus stop were close to each other, the Works Section was in liaison with the TD to enquire about the relevant design and make coordination. Hence, there was a slight delay in the progress.

139. The Chairman enquired whether the progress of all the 18 projects was satisfactory.

140. SIOW of the TWDO responded that the TWDO was currently seeking views from the departments concerned on the projects and no department gave dissenting views on the projects for the time being.

XI Item 10: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement and Local Organisation
(EHAC Paper No. 26/18-19)

141. The Secretary introduced the paper and said that the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr LI Hung-por, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr WONG Wai-kit, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr LO Siu-kit, Mr LAM Fook-chuen and Ms YU Sui-wan were the Members of the Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership.

142. As the Chairman and the Vice Chairman had made declaration of interest, Members elected Mr CHAN Sung-ip to be the temporary Chairman in accordance with section 48(14) of the Standing Orders. The temporary Chairman permitted that the Members who were concurrently the Members of the Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement could speak and vote on the funding applications according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders and asked if any Members needed to make declaration of other interest immediately. No Members made declaration of other interest.

143. The EHAC endorsed the funding applications as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1)	Building Cleaning Programme in Tsuen Wan District	Women's Association of Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing District	65,000.00
(2)	Rear Lane Improvement Works in Tsuen Wan District	Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre	82,000.00

XII Item 11: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety and Local Organisation
(EHAC Paper No. 27/18-19)

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

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

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

147. The Acting Chairman approved that the Members who made declaration of other interest could remain in the meeting as observers but could not speak or vote on the matter.

148. The EHAC endorsed the funding application as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1)	The First Thing is Health 2018	Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District	224,000.00*

#As the amount for application had exceeded the EHAC's funding ceiling of \$220,000 under the power conferred, this funding application should be submitted to the Tsuen Wan District Council for vetting and approval.

(Post-meeting note: The TWDC approved the above funding application at its meeting on 31 July 2018.)

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

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

149. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben reported that the Monitoring Group had held its first meeting on 5 June 2018 and planned to earmark an allocation of \$14,000 and \$54,000 for organising the Flower Show cum Game Stalls and three activities under the theme of "Visiting Green Organisations" respectively.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

150. The Chairman reported that the Monitoring Group had held its meeting on 25 June 2018 and endorsed to earmark an allocation of \$224,000 for co-organising “The First Thing is Health 2018” with the Residents Association of Tsuen Wan Hoi Bun District. Also, the District Service Scheme cum Carnival would be held from November 2018 to December 2018 and the Precaution against Virus Infection and Awareness of Food Safety cum Extravaganza in Tsuen Wan District would be held on 12 January 2019 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 Forming good eating habits”.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

151. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Task Force had held its second meeting on 12 June 2018 and endorsed to earmark an allocation of \$65,000 for co-organising “Building Cleaning Programme in Tsuen Wan District” with the Women’s Association of Tsuen Wan Kwai Tsing District which would be held from 1 November to 27 November 2018. It was hoped that the living environment of the residents and hygienic condition in the district would be improved by carrying out cleansing work for the public places (including the roof tops, light wells and staircases) of about 20 private buildings in Tsuen Wan district as proposed by the FEHD. Besides, the Task Force endorsed to earmark an allocation of \$82,000 for co-organising the “Rear Lane Improvement Works in Tsuen Wan District” with the Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre which would be held from November 2018 to December 2018. It was hoped that the importance of maintaining environmental hygiene would be instilled in the residents of Tsuen Wan district by conducting improvement works at the three rear lanes as proposed by the FEHD. The mural would be painted at one of the rear lanes.

XIV Item 13: Any Other Business

152. The Chairman said that the TWDC had earlier been informed that the EPD would provide an allocation of \$200,000 to each District Council to continue to carry out the Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection for the current year. The theme of Programme was “Dump Less, Save More, Recycle Right” and was aimed at educating the public to “Use Less, Waste Less, Clean Recycling” at the community level and promoting green living through organising promotional activities with district organisations. At its meeting held on 29 May 2018, the TWDC had endorsed the allocation of \$200,000 from the EPD to the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee to carry out the Community Participation Programme in Environmental Protection. According to the previous arrangement, it was suggested that the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community should be responsible for following up on the fund allocation.

153. The EHAC endorsed the proposal.

154. Mr LAM Faat-kang thanked the EPD for its concern over the noise emitted from the MTR Tsuen Wan Depot. The paper submitted by the EPD revealed that the noise level recorded at the depot on 20 April 2018 and 18 May 2018 were 65.9 decibel (dB) and 63.8 dB respectively, which had either reached the threshold or exceeded the

acceptable level. Although the EPD had corrected the noise level, the records proved that the depot had been producing noise. He thought that the greater noise nuisance would be caused to the residents in cool weather and hoped that the EPD would solve this problem at the earliest possible.

155. The Chairman said he suggested that Members should raise the problem during the discussion of the “Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District” and submit an agenda item and invite the MTRCL to send representatives to attend the EHAC meeting when necessary.

(A) Information Paper

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

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 19 June 2018 (EHAC Paper No. 28/18-19);
- (2) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (April 2018 to May 2018) (EHAC Paper No. 29/18-19, submitted by the EPD);
- (3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (April 2018 to May 2018) (EHAC Paper No. 30/18-19, submitted by the EPD);
- (4) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (April 2018 to May 2018) (EHAC Paper No. 31/18-19, submitted by the EPD); and
- (5) Tsuen Wan District Anti-rodent Campaign 2018 (Phase 2) (EHAC Paper No. 32/18-19, submitted by the FEHD).

XV Adjournment of Meeting

157. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 6 September 2018 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 22 August 2018.

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
29 August 2018