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Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee Meeting (1/16-17)

Date : 5 May 2016 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

Mr CHOW Ping-tim (Chairman)
Mr CHENG Chit-pun (Vice Chairman)
Mr MAN Yu-ming, MH
Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, BBS, JP
Mr KOO Yeung-pong
Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
Mr LI Hung-por
Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
Mr LAM Faat-kang, MH
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
Mr TAM Hoi-pong

Co-opted Members

Ms LUI Dik-ming
Mr LAM Kwok-on
Mr LAM Fook-chuen
Ms CHOW Chin-tung

Government Representatives

Mr LEUNG Chun-hei, Winsor	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr YIP Kwok-cheung	Chief Health Inspector 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr YEUNG Chi-yan	Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TAI Moon-kwong, Daniel	Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Regional West)2, Environmental Protection Department
Mr NG Chun-ling	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 1, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHONG Kwok-wai	District Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Highways Department

Mr FUNG Ka-ho, Carlos	Engineer/11(NTW), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHEUNG Ho-wing, Louis	Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 2, Planning Department
Mr CHENG Chi-hung	Housing Manager/Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan & Islands 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
Mr LEE Shing-fai, Henry	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
Miss KWONG Mo-ting, Salina (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

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

Mr CHUNG Ling-wing, Alex	Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1) (Tsuen Wan), Hong Kong Police Force
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For discussion of item 2D

Mr LEE Wing-wa	Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier, Transport Department
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For discussion of item 2E

Mr CHOW Wai-shing, Wilson	Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan, Architectural Services Department
Mr YIP Leung-ming	Senior Building Services Inspector/General Engineering Services/B2/1/1, Architectural Services Department

For discussion of item 2F

Ms SUEN Kam-mui	Health Inspector(Pest Control), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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For discussion of item 2G

Miss MOK Yee-ting, Flora	Environment Protection
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Officer(Regional West)44,
Environmental Protection Department

For discussion of item 2H

Ms WONG Lai-chu, Phoebe

Estate Surveyor/West 1 (District Lands
Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)

Mr WONG Hung-lok, Steven

Senior Environmental Protection
Officer(Waste Reduction &
Recycling)2, Environmental Protection
Department

Mr YU Wing-lun, Alan

Environmental Protection Officer
(Waste Reduction & Recycling)23,
Environmental Protection Department

For discussion of item 7

Mr KO Po-wai

Senior Health Inspector(Environmental
Hygiene)2/Joint Office, Food and
Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr LEUNG Chun-wai

Professional Officer 1/Joint Office 2,
Buildings Department

Mr FUNG Cheuk-pong, Ronald

Engineer/Customer Services
(Applications) NTW 2, Water Supplies
Department

Absent:

Member

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis

Co-opted Member

Mr TSE Wing-hong

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The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives of the government department to the 3rd meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC).

2. The Chairman reminded Members that according to section 15(3) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the Standing Orders), “in the course of a meeting of the Council, all persons attending or sitting in on the meeting at the place of the meeting shall switch off all devices which may 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 2nd Meeting held on 3.3.2016

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) Paragraph 6 to 16 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2015: “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 welcomed Mr CHUNG Ling-wing, Alex, Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1) (Tsuen Wan) (CIP (OPS 1)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) who specially attended the meeting. Moreover, Mr YIP Kwok-cheung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Ch Health Insp 1) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) would give response to Members’ enquiries on behalf of the FEHD.

5. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the recycling shops concerned always placed goods next to the carriageway and between the carriageway and railings. The carriageway was approximately one foot away from the railings and the shops in question had occupied an area of about 50 yards along the street. The said matters had been discussed for many years. Although the area of the shops had been reduced, there was still no improvement regarding the said situation. He hoped that the relevant departments would take actions for it.

6. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD reported that during February 2016 and March 2016, besides participating in the three inter-departmental joint operations conducted on a monthly basis, the FEHD had also arranged not less than six inspections and no prosecution was instituted against the shops concerned during the said period. Moreover, although the situation was improved, the FEHD was aware that the shops would place goods between the carriageway and railings. The FEHD would review the situation. Despite the fact that the location concerned was a grey area, the FEHD would still carry out actions and hoped that the problem would be resolved in long run.

7. CIP (OPS 1) of the HKPF said that if the said location was a grey area, the HKPF would discuss with the FEHD after the meeting to ascertain which department should be responsible for law enforcement at the said location.

8. The Chairman made an enquiry on whether the articles placed at the said grey area belonged to the recycling shops concerned.

9. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD said that as regards the articles placed at the said location, it depended on whether the staff of the FEHD could collect evidence to prove that the articles belonged to the recycling shops concerned after arriving at the scene. However, he would not rule out the possibility that the articles belonged to the recycling shops. According to the FEHD’s established practice and subject to the situation at the scene, the FEHD might consider instituting prosecution if it was confirmed that the articles in question were placed by someone else and caused obstruction to the FEHD’s scavenging operation. If the articles in question were

unclaimed, the FEHD would put up notice and request the owner to remove the articles.

10. CIP (OPS 1) of the HKPF said that after arriving at the scene, the staff of the HKPF would have to confirm if there were any owners of the articles on individual cases. The HKPF took the same stance as the FEHD, i.e., to understand the situation at the scene. As Members mentioned earlier that there were grey areas at the location concerned, the HKPF and FEHD would step up enforcement actions together. It was hoped that the said problem would be eradicated with concerted efforts.

11. The Chairman remarked that as both the HKPF and FEHD stated that they would handle the grey areas concerned in a proactive manner, he hoped that the departments would make timely arrangement to deal with the problem. However, the EHAC would probably make arrangement for conducting the site inspections later, so as to know more about the problems on law enforcement faced by the departments concerned and to discuss the improvement measures. Besides, he looked forward to the assistance provided by the departments concerned when the fixed penalties for illegal shopfront extensions came into operation in September 2016.

(B) Paragraph 17 to 29 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2015: “Request Relevant Government Departments to Actively Improve the Semi-lawless (literally as “Not Monitored by All the Three Parties) Situation at Walkway around the Concord Square to Solve the Problem of Illegal Occupation of the Walkway by Shops that Affecting Pedestrian Safety”

12. The Chairman asked Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD to report on the latest situation of handling the illegal occupation of the walkway by the shops around the Concord Square.

13. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD reported that during February and March 2016, besides conducting 42 joint operations with the HKPF around the Concord Square, the FEHD had also carried out two and eight inspections respectively, and instituted 47 prosecutions against street obstruction and eight prosecutions against unlicensed hawking.

14. CIP (OPS 1) of the HKPF said that both the HKPF and FEHD were concerned about the situation around the Concord Square and would continue to attach great importance to addressing the road obstructions which hindered the pedestrians and public safety at the said location. Besides carrying out joint operations with the FEHD, the HKPF had also notified its frontline staff to take law enforcement actions in accordance with the relevant procedures when street obstructions by shops were found.

15. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr LAM Faat-kang and Mr LO Siu-kit were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was noted that the departments concerned had carried out joint operations against street obstructions at the said location. However, the residents relayed that although the HKPF and FEHD had carried out routine operations, the said operations were not very effective. It was hoped that the departments concerned would improve manpower deployment and increase the frequency of operations; and
- (2) it was noted that the HKPF and FEHD had taken actions and the departments concerned would carry out the more stringent law enforcement actions next week. It was hoped that there would be a major breakthrough next week because the said matters had been discussed for long and the shops in question always placed the articles on the carriageway.

16. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD said that the FEHD would review the current situation and manpower allocation. The FEHD hoped to make efforts to enhance co-operation and conduct joint operations with the HKPF. The FEHD would also conduct a review on the staffing arrangement so as to enhance the patrol and prosecution work.

17. CIP (OPS 1) of the HKPF said that it was hoped that more effective joint operations would be carried out with the FEHD in due course.

18. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was very concerned about the street obstructions around the Concord Square and hoped that the departments concerned would step up law enforcement action. Besides, as the staff of the FEHD had mentioned that the problem of walkway obstructions fell under the purview of the District Lands Office (DLO), it was hoped that the FEHD would clarify if it had the overall responsibility for taking law enforcement actions on handling street obstructions;
- (2) as there were many minibus stops at the said location, the street obstruction problem had already affected members of the public queuing up for taking minibus. It was hoped that the departments concerned would accord priority over this situation;
- (3) members of the public relayed that the staff of the FEHD did not take law enforcement actions even after they had found articles placed on the street. It was enquired if the staff of the FEHD would execute the instructions by way of advice, education or summons after they arrived at the scene; and
- (4) both the HKPF and FEHD mentioned that they attached great importance to site inspections, so as to understand the actual situation at the scene. A resident relayed that the shops in San Tsuen Street behind Citywalk had placed articles on the street. In view of this, Members had written to the FEHD for the matter, but the resident saw that the staff of the FEHD conducted a site briefing for the accompanying staff only after arriving at the said location on 14 January 2016, without giving any advice or taking

any law enforcement action. Hence, the FEHD was requested to check the relevant records and replies after the meeting, so as to find out if the relevant report was received. It was also enquired whether the FEHD would conduct briefing for, give advice to or take enforcement actions against the shops concerned when street obstruction was spotted.

19. The Chairman reminded Members that they should express views under the respective items of the matters arising. The issues concerning San Tsuen Street were not within the scope of the matter arising concerned. The FEHD could take note of the views given but did not necessarily give response under this item.

20. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) different departments would follow the relevant laws and regulations to carry out the work related to handling the problem of street management. The FEHD had the power to take law enforcement actions against placing goods on the street or extending business area by shops. In addition, the DLO also had the power to demolish the structures or remove routinely placed articles. It was suggested that the EHAC might request the representatives from the DLO to give response on this aspect; and
- (2) regarding the problem of obstructions to the pedestrians and members of the public queuing at the minibus stops arising from the placement of goods by shops as well as the failure to take law enforcement action against shop front extensions as spotted by the staff of the FEHD, he would review the direction and approach of the current operation with the Hawkers Section and give response to the Members concerned after the meeting. The staff of the FEHD would institute prosecution if they found the shops had caused street obstructions at the scene and there was sufficient evidence. In the past, the FEHD had also instituted prosecutions against shops front extensions. Besides, other cases revealed that street obstructions caused by shops would occur again after the staff of the FEHD left the scene.

21. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that the DLO mainly handled the illegal structures or semi-immobile structures attached on wall and connected to the adjacent land. The DLO would make referral to other relevant departments to handle the mobile or temporarily placed articles in accordance with other laws and regulations.

(Note: Mr LAM Kwok-on left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.)

22. The Chairman said that as the departments concerned had mentioned that the more stringent enforcement actions would be taken after the meeting, he hoped that the departments concerned would notify the EHAC, so that Members could observe at the site to find out the reasons for the said situation remained unresolved and if there was any loophole on the law enforcement work.

(C) Paragraph 31 to 33 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2015: Request for Taking Operation against the Easy-mount Frames on the Two Bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Citistore and Chung On Street

23. The Chairman asked Ch Health Insp 1 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 in Chung On Street.

24. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD reported that during February and March 2016, the FEHD had carried out inspections from time to time at the bridges outside Fou Wah Centre and Citistore and around the walkway in Chung On Street, so as to combat the obstructions caused by the easy-mount frames. The FEHD instituted 11 and three prosecutions and removed 13 and 55 easy-mount frames respectively.

25. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the FEHD had mentioned at the last EHAC meeting that special operations against the easy-mount frames on the said locations would be conducted. Currently, the situation of the black spots concerned was improved. He hoped that the good work could be kept up.

(D) Paragraph 34 to 36 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2015: Strongly Request the Relevant Government Departments to Actively Take Various Necessary Measures According to the Power of Law Enforcement conferred by the Legislation to Improve the Noise Problem caused by Performing Songs in a Loud Voice with Sound-Amplifying Equipment at Park Island Pier or the Streets near the Park so as to Ensure a Good Living Environment without Noise Nuisance in Tsuen Wan District

26. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Wing-wa, Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier (STO(PP)) of the Transport Department (TD) who specially joined the meeting.

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

28. CIP (OPS 1) of the HKPF reported that during February and April 2016, the HKPF had received four complaints in total. For two of the complaints, the staff of the HKPF arrived at the scene and found that someone was singing with the aid of amplifiers. After the staff of the HKPF had issued the warnings or advice, that person immediately stopped singing and left the scene. For one of the complaints, the staff of the HKPF did not find any situation causing noise nuisance after arriving at the scene. For the remaining complaint, the complainant mentioned that someone was singing in a loud voice. However, after arriving at the scene, the staff of the HKPF found that someone was playing the violin only. After the staff of the HKPF had given advice, that person lowered the noise to a reasonable level. Besides, the HKPF had made observation at the said location again last week in response to the complaints. However, the staff of the HKPF did not find any situation causing noise nuisance upon arrival at the scene, possibly due to the rainy weather. The HKPF

would continue to follow up the situations concerned and hoped that the number of complaints and noise nuisance would be reduced to a lower level.

29. STO(PP) of the TD reported that as the Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier was a public place, the TD did not have any powers to take law enforcement actions there. However, the TD was also concerned about the nuisance caused by someone who sang or used amplifiers at the Pier. Upon receiving complaint, the TD would immediately deploy its staff to look into the situation concerned as well as enhancing the inspection work. If any situation causing noise nuisance was found, the TD would immediately make referral to the law enforcement authorities to undertake the follow-up work. The TD would continue to conduct the relevant inspection work so as to find out the real situation.

30. Mr CHOW Ping-tim remarked that although the singers and law enforcers had been negotiating on the noise problem for a long time, the problem had remained unresolved so far. He had passed the said location at around 9:00 p.m. for several times and every time he passed by, he would find that a group of people always performed the songs at soprano vocal range at the location. Moreover, he had been receiving views and complaints about the above noise problem from the residents of Riviera Gardens, City Point, Waterside Plaza and Villa Esplanada, etc. The above areas lay within his constituency during the last District Council (DC) term, and currently, the above areas were within the constituency of another Member. He hoped that the DC Member of the constituency concerned would follow up the noise problem proactively.

31. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(E) Paragraph 47 to 56 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2015: Request to Improve the Environment of the Waiting Area of the Minibus Terminus in Sai Lau Kok Multi-storey Carpark

32. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr CHOW Wai-shing, Wilson, Property Services Manager/Tsuen Wan (PSM); and
- (2) Mr YIP Leung-ming, Senior Building Services Inspector/General Engineering Services/B2/1/1.

33. The Chairman said that the Government Property Agency (GPA), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and TD had submitted written replies on the captioned matter prior to this meeting for Members' perusal.

34. PSM of the ArchSD reported that various projects including the installation of louvres, modification of screen panels and provision of fans at the said location had been completed. The ArchSD had never found any problem or received complaint so far.

35. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were summarised as follows:

- (1) an inspection on the situation of the said location had been conducted earlier with the ArchSD. Although part of the waiting areas had been installed with fans, there was still no improvement for the waiting environment around the residents' service stop of 331 route to Ma Wan. It was still very stuffy. It was hoped that the ArchSD would find out the ways for installation of fans at the said area as soon as possible. Members noted that currently some technical problems were found on this aspect. It was hoped that the ArchSD would explore feasible methods such as conducting waterproof work as soon as possible, so that the fans could be installed at the said location;
- (2) as the day of this meeting was the day of "summer commences" on the Chinese Lunar Calendar, it was hoped that observation could be made for several months to see if the waiting area was still stuffy; and
- (3) after the installation of fans at the said location, it would not only benefit the residents of Park Island and Ma Wan, but also the residents of The Cairnhill.

36. PSM of the ArchSD responded that as the location mentioned by Members was a semi-covered place, the fans installed there might be affected by rain or blown down by strong wind under typhoon. From the technical point of view, the ArchSD currently considered that the use of general fans might be impracticable and vulnerable to damage. The ArchSD would discuss with the Members concerned and Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) to explore if there were other locations available for the installation of fans, so as to resolve the said technical problems.

(Post-meeting note: Senior Building Services Inspector/General Engineering Services/B2/1/1 had discussed with Mr YUNG Chi-wai, Senior Inspector of Works of the TWDO. Mr YUNG Chi-wai agreed to provide assistance in identifying a suitable place for installation of fans on rainy days.)

37. The Chairman said that the technical requirements on high level of technology was not applicable to the said situation and the technical problems would not be unresolvable. He considered that it was not difficult to install the fans or air ducts. Hence, he hoped that the ArchSD would carry out the follow-up work seriously and report the progress of the relevant matters at the next EHAC meeting.

38. PSM of the ArchSD responded that the ArchSD would continue to follow up the said situation.

39. The Chairman said that several improvement works had been conducted at the podium in Sai Lau Kok Multi-storey Carpark in the past and active responses had

been received from various departments. He hoped that the said improvement works could also be carried out this time and good progress would have been made by the time of the next ECHA meeting.

(Note: Ms CHOW Chin-tung left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.)

(F) Paragraph 41 to 52 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2016: Discuss the Prevention of Zika Outbreak in Hong Kong and Request the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to Enhance the Anti-mosquito Work

40. The Chairman welcomed Ms SUEN Kam-mui, Health Inspector(Pest Control) (Health Insp(Pest Control)) of the FEHD who specially joined the meeting.

41. The Chairman asked Health Insp(Pest Control) of the FEHD to report on the latest situation of the matters concerned.

42. Health Insp(Pest Control) of the FEHD reported as follows:

- (1) it was learnt from the Mosquito Risk Assessment and Advisory Unit of the FEHD that Zika virus and dengue virus belonged to the same group. The patients shared very similar symptoms such as muscle pain and fever, etc. Besides, the symptoms of dengue fever included persistent fever for three to five days, severe headache, muscle and joint pain, nausea, vomiting, rash and eye socket muscle pain. Zika virus would cause microcephaly and Guillain-Barré syndrome cases. Nevertheless, pregnant women could only be diagnosed with the said abnormalities after 28 weeks of pregnancy during antenatal check-up;
- (2) Zika virus was discovered as early as in the 1940s. It attracted public attention because several microcephaly and Guillain-Barré syndrome cases were reported in 2014;
- (3) the World Health Organisation took the view that Zika virus was transmitted through *Aedes aegypti* and literature suggested that Zika virus might also be transmitted through *Aedes albopictus*. *Aedes aegypti* had never been found in Hong Kong since the 1950s and *Aedes albopictus* was one of the mosquito species commonly found in Hong Kong nowadays; and
- (4) Zika infection case had not been found in Tsuen Wan district so far. Nevertheless, as *Aedes albopictus* was a potential vector for transmitting Zika virus, the FEHD would closely monitor the situation and strengthen the anti-mosquito work.

43. The Chairman remarked that if Members found the said problem in their respective constituencies, they could contact the FEHD for assistance in mosquito control.

44. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr MAN Yu-ming and Ms LAM, Lam Nixie were summarised as follows:

- (1) the mosquito problem had become very serious since April 2016 and complaints on the mosquito problem were received every day. Inspection on the condition of the streets concerned had been conducted with the staff of the FEHD in March 2016 and measures on tackling the mosquito problem had been discussed. Nevertheless, no progress had been made so far and the mosquito problem had become more serious, as compared to that in 2015. Moreover, anti-mosquito liquid had been sprayed along the road but it was not very effective. It was enquired if there were other solutions to the problem and hoped that the manpower would be enhanced for mosquito control; and
 - (2) the slope behind the ambulance depot mentioned in the last EHAC meeting had become cleaner recently and the fallen leaves had been cleared. The FEHD was commended for the work. It was also hoped that the FEHD would continue to urge the property owners concerned to cleanse the slope, so as to prevent the accumulation of fallen leaves.
45. Health Insp(Pest Control) of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) regarding the anti-mosquito work conducted at roadside, the FEHD would apply knockdown pesticide to drains or around the planters for mosquito prevention;
 - (2) at potential breeding grounds of biting midges, knockdown pesticide would be applied as appropriate to prevent biting midges from breeding;
 - (3) moist soil was a typical breeding ground for biting midges; and
 - (4) the staff of the FEHD had already enhanced the control operations against mosquitoes and biting midges.
46. The Chairman made an enquiry to the FEHD on which black spots of a more serious mosquito problem were found in Tsuen Wan district.
47. Health Insp(Pest Control) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had taken note of the serious infestations of mosquitoes and biting midges at the side of both the planters and drains around Belvedere Garden, and had already notified its staff to enhance the application of knockdown pesticide for the surrounding environment, so as to control the infestations of mosquitoes and biting midges. In addition, the staff of the FEHD would conduct spraying of knockdown pesticide at Belvedere Garden for not less than three days a week.
48. The Chairman stated that he was aware that there were more severe infestations of mosquitoes and biting midges around Belvedere Garden. It was hoped that the FEHD would continue to be co-operative and enhance the operations.
49. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that there was a serious problem of biting midges around Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng and many complaints were received. Currently, the most serious infestation of biting midges was found at the side of the minibus terminus of Tsing Lung Tau 96 and 96M routes (i.e. next to the open space of

the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) at Lung Yue Road) as well as the hillside surrounded by Sea Crest Villa Phase 1 to 3 and Ma Wan Pier. At the last EHAC meeting, it was mentioned that slopes should be kept dry and promotion should be enhanced. He had visited the above two locations with the staff of the FEHD earlier and the staff of the FEHD had already sprayed knockdown pesticide at the above two locations. Nevertheless, he considered that these were not the long-term measures for the problem. It was hoped that to tackle the problem at root, measures such as clearance of fallen leaves and silt as well as grass-cutting would be carried out on a regular basis.

50. The Chairman said that as the FEHD remarked earlier that the infestations of both mosquitoes and biting midges were the disturbing problems frequently found in districts, he considered that Members could express views on the matters as well although the biting midges mentioned by Members and the mosquitoes mentioned under this item of matter arising were different species of insects. In addition, Members might also contact the FEHD on their own for follow-ups after the meeting.

51. Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael said that the problem of biting midges, which was far more serious than that of mosquitoes, was a difficult problem to be solved. In summer, there was a serious problem of biting midges around the planters in Discovery Park Bus Terminus. Although the FEHD always deployed its staff to spray knockdown pesticide at the said location, the problem of biting midges still existed. The planters in question was located next to the wall and they were neither conspicuous nor with any greening effect. Nevertheless, the soil in the planters was used to be a breeding ground for biting midges. He had made suggestion to the FEHD earlier that the said planters should be covered, but he had not received any response from the FEHD so far. As the Highways Department (HyD) was responsible for the management of the location concerned, he hoped that the HyD would follow up on the said matters and explore whether it was necessary to install planters at Discovery Park Bus Terminus.

52. The Chairman said that although the problems mentioned by Members fell beyond the scope of the matter arising concerned, he agreed that the breeding of mosquitoes and biting midges was a long-term nuisance. The Pest Control Section of the FEHD was depended on conducting the disinfection operations. After considering Members' views that the operations conducted on alternative days were not very effective, he made an enquiry on whether there were better measures to tackle the problem; and whether there was any natural predator to restraint the infestation of biting midges for improvement of the said situation.

53. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr WONG Wai-kit and Mr CHUNG Wai-ping were summarised as follows:

- (1) overgrowing with weeds and the lack of soil turning for the planters were favourable for the proliferation of biting midges. It was suggested that the knockdown pesticide might be sprayed after grass-cutting. Members were

also reminded and advised that they should not get close to the planters when visiting the parks to avoid getting hurt. Moreover, during the current rainy season, it was hoped that the FEHD would enhance inspection work in the indigenous villages around Kwok Shui Road and carry out disinfestation operations against mosquitoes and biting midges after clearance of weeds, so as to yield better results; and

- (2) it was opined that the current discussion had caused embarrassment as this item of matter arising was about the enhancement of the anti-mosquito work but Members had mentioned about the nuisance caused by biting midges, it was therefore enquired if discussion should be carried out specifically on the disinfestation of biting midges; and whether the issues of biting midges control should be included under this item of matter arising on the agenda of the next EHAC meeting or Members should submit discussion paper on the issue of biting midges separately.

54. The Chairman said that he did not mind discussing the problem of biting midges under this item of matter arising as well. In the past, people only knew very little about the biting midges. In fact, the nuisance caused by biting midges was far more serious than that by mosquitoes and specialists were depended on solving the pest problems seriously. He considered that Members' discussion this day was beneficial and constructive, including putting forth a number of breeding locations of mosquitoes or biting midges or other inappropriate facilities. He also opined that the FEHD had conducted disinfestation work only instead of eradication of pest in the past. He hoped that the FEHD would provide assistance on making suggestions to the EHAC as to what facilities to be removed in the district, so that the EHAC could render assistance and improve the environment.

55. Health Insp(Pest Control) of the FEHD added that regarding the planters behind Discovery Park Bus Terminus mentioned by Members, as the LCSD was responsible for vegetation maintenance of the said planters while other departments were responsible for planter maintenance, the FEHD had earlier referred the issues of the planters to several relevant departments. The departments, including the HyD, replied that the location concerned fell beyond their purview. Since it was uncertain as to which department was responsible for filling up the planters, the FEHD was unable to carry out any relevant works.

56. The Chairman proposed that the departments concerned should discuss it after the meeting and hoped that Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the TWDO would provide assistance in co-ordination.

57. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the enhancement of anti-mosquito work was a part under the District-led Actions Scheme co-ordinated by the TWDO. The TWDO would discuss with various departments for the anti-mosquito work in Tsuen Wan district in due course. In addition to the spraying of larvicidal oil, grass cutting and clearance of blocked drains, etc. would be conducted in the rural areas.

As regards the urban areas, the TWDO would also take Members' views into consideration. For example, for the mosquito problem found in the planters mentioned by Members, the TWDO would identify measures to tackle the problem proactively.

58. Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael said that progress was not made for several inter-departmental issues. If an individual department needed to co-operate with other departments to handle the relevant issues but no progress was made, he hoped that these departments could contact the TWDO directly, so as to handle the issues as soon as possible.

59. The Chairman mentioned that to serve the functions of the public monitoring organisations such as the DC, Members were required to formally submit an agenda item for discussion on the relevant issues which would be handled by the EHAC, so as to raise the problems concerned and seek assistance. If the FEHD found out that certain departments failed to be collaborative or needed to seek assistance, he hoped that the FEHD would notify the EHAC so that the EHAC could provide assistance accordingly. In addition, Members could contact the FEHD after the meeting for its follow-up work on the mosquito or biting midge problem in the district.

(G) Paragraph 53 to 62 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2016: 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

60. The Chairman welcomed Miss MOK Yee-ting, Flora, Environmental Protection Officer(Regional West)44 (EPO(RW)44) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) who specially joined the meeting.

61. The Chairman said that the Marine Department (MD) had submitted a written reply prior to this meeting for Members' perusal.

62. EPO(RW)44 of the EPD reported as follows:

- (1) the EPD had been closely monitoring the Public Cargo Working Area (PCWA) concerned to see whether excessive noise was made. Since 2009 (including the two noise measurements recently taken on 18 April 2016 and 4 May 2016 respectively), a total of 74 noise measurements were conducted at the residential premises, rooftop and podium of Riviera Gardens to evaluate whether the noise generated from the PCWA during operation complied with the noise standards under the Noise Control Ordinance (the Ordinance). All the results consistently showed that the noise generated from the PCWA had not exceeded the relevant noise standards stipulated in the Ordinance;

- (2) the EPD would currently conduct a regular inspection and noise measurement at Riviera Gardens on a monthly basis to monitor whether the PCWA produced excessive noise during operation;
- (3) whilst conducting inspection or receiving complaint, the EPD would also remind the relevant operators to properly maintain and repair their machines. They should also operate the machines carefully in order to minimise the nuisance caused to the residents nearby;
- (4) the EPD would also liaise and inform the MD about the complaints and inspection results of the PCWA concerned, so that the MD could take appropriate actions;
- (5) after the last EHAC meeting, the EPD had also contacted the MD many times to learn more about the MD's follow-up status. The MD replied that follow-ups had been conducted and the relevant issues had also been discussed at a meeting held on 8 April 2016; and
- (6) the EPD would continue to monitor whether the PCWA produced excessive noise during operation according to the actual circumstances.

63. The Chairman hoped that the EPD would provide assistance. He had received complaints during the operation of the PCWA from the morning to around 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. He enquired whether the EPD conducted inspections and noise measurements during the peak hours or non-peak hours. He opined that the actual situation could be spotted during the period of time above.

64. EPO(RW)44 of the EPD responded that the EPD had carried out noise measurements in different time slots in the morning and afternoon during the operation of the said PCWA. The previous two measurements were conducted during 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Previous noise measurements had also been taken in time slots in the morning such as 11:00 a.m.

65. The Chairman considered that the time for noise measurements was undesirable and remarked that he would follow up on the schedule of noise measurement with the EPD after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: the EPD had contacted Mr CHOW Ping-tim's District Councillor office for follow-up work on the schedule of noise measurement.)

(H) Paragraph 63 to 76 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2016: 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

66. The Chairman welcomed the following representatives of government departments who specially joined the meeting:

- (1) Ms WONG Lai-chu, Phoebe, Estate Surveyor/West1 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Estate Surveyor/W1) of the DLO;
- (2) Mr WONG Hung-lok, Steven, Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Waste Reduction & Recycling)² (SEPO(WRR)²) of the EPD; and
- (3) Mr YU Wing-lun, Alan, Environmental Protection Officer(Waste Reduction & Recycling)²³ of the EPD.

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

68. Estate Surveyor/W1 of the DLO reported that the DLO and TD had discussed the transportation issue. The term on provision of parking spaces in the site by the recycler would be included in the Short-Term Tenancy (STT), so as to prevent causing obstruction to the carriageway nearby by the vehicles queuing for an access to the site at the entrance/exit. On traffic assessment, the DLO had not received any request from the TD for including the terms of traffic assessment. Besides, the DLO was carrying out follow-up work on other aspects.

69. SEPO(WRR)² of the EPD reported that the DLO was collecting views from other departments on the matter. The EPD had also proposed that environmentally friendly terms such as noise and wastewater control should be included in the lease. On the other hand, the EPD did not propose that the processes producing relatively loud noise such as handling the scrap iron were to be conducted at the site.

70. The views, enquiries and suggestions of the Acting Chairman and Mr CHOW Ping-tim were summarised as follows:

- (1) regret was expressed over the failure of including the traffic assessment into the terms of the STT;
- (2) despite the TD would include the terms such as traffic control at the entrance/exit, it was considered that if the future traffic condition of the site concerned after the grant of the STT was not assessed and analysed, it failed to justify whether the operation would affect the traffic nearby in future. Worries were expressed in this regard. It was considered that the traffic assessment should be conducted. The departments concerned were also strongly requested to include the relevant terms for vetting and approval, thus facilitating the operators to carry out traffic management effectively in future;
- (3) as mentioned at the last EHAC meeting, the EPD stated that it did not propose that the processes such as handling the scrap iron at the site. It was difficult for the EPD to manage the loading and unloading of scrap iron at the discharge area and a significant problem of noise nuisance would emerge as well. Scrap iron was merely one type of goods among all that would cause nuisance and nobody knew whether other kinds of goods

would cause disturbance in the recycling procedures. As the site was in close proximity to the residential areas, it was questioned if the site was suitable for the recycling industry to carry out the large-scale recycling operation. Opposition was expressed in this regard;

- (4) the existing Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse and Gin Drinkers Bay Public Cargo Working Area in operation all along had caused nuisance to the residents of Tsuen Wan district for many years. Such problems had remained unresolved so far. Worries were expressed over the addition of the said STT for the surrounding areas again without conducting the professional surveys such as environmental and traffic assessment, etc. It was also considered that the arrangement was inappropriate and unfair to the residents living in the surrounding areas of Tsuen Wan, making them suffer from various unnecessary nuisances persistently;
- (5) it was stressed again that the departments concerned were requested to carry out sufficient assessments before putting forward proposal and going through vetting and approval procedures; and
- (6) the DLO stated that the terms related to the traffic would be included in the STT. The EPD also stated that it had given views on noise and waste water and not processing scrap iron. Enquiry was made to the DLO on whether the views given by the departments could be incorporated into the terms of the STT.

71. Estate Surveyor/W1 of the DLO responded as follows:

- (1) regarding the environmental friendly terms, the DLO would set out the terms (including the Technical Schedule) requiring compliance of the recycler on the STT site as specified by the EPD in the tender documents. If the recycler failed to meet the requirements of the EPD and violated the terms of the STT in future, the DLO could consider terminating the tenancy in accordance with the tenancy terms;
- (2) regarding the traffic terms, as vehicular flow was expected when the recycling work was carried out at the site, the DLO would have to rely on the TD to conduct the corresponding professional assessments because the DLO was not a dedicated department for transport. The vehicular entrance/exit shown in the circulation paper issued by the DLO earlier was currently the metal gate access of the construction site. After consideration, the TD was of the view that this entrance/exit was appropriate. The tenancy terms would also specify that the recycler was required not to provide extra vehicular entrance/exit. Moreover, the DLO would include the tenancy term on provision of parking spaces in the site by the recycler, so as to prevent causing obstruction to the carriageway nearby by the vehicles queuing for an access to the site at the entrance/exit; and
- (3) on traffic assessment, the DLO would only make consideration accordingly if the TD took the view that it was necessary to conduct traffic assessment and analysis for the construction site and requested for including the

relevant terms in the STT. Nevertheless, these requirements were not specified in the professional views from the TD for the time being.

72. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr CHOW Ping-tim were summarised as follows:

- (1) he opined that the approach on consultation taken by the Government was undesirable. He was dissatisfied with it;
- (2) he raised this agenda item was in the hope for a discussion. He also hoped that the operation after the site was granted would not affect the traffic and environment nearby as well as the living of residents;
- (3) the DLO stated that the terms against street obstructions caused by parking could be included. He enquired how the DLO ensured that the contractor would comply with the terms in future; and how the DLO would conduct law enforcement if the contractor violated the tenancy terms. It would be difficult to exercise control in future even the terms were specified in the tenancy. By then, the Police would be held solely responsible for handling the street obstructions caused by parking but there was nothing to do with the TD. It would be difficult to solve this problem by then;
- (4) some large goods vehicles fully loaded with waste paper were always parked at the vacant construction site at Wing Shun Street, i.e. the area off the site reserved for primary school next to Waterside Plaza and City Point. As the DLO proposed that this site would be used for a waste recovery point, more goods vehicles would be parked at the site in future;
- (5) the existing location of entrance/exit was situated at the metal gate and the TD took the view that it had no significant impact. Nevertheless, the existing entrance of the PCWA and that of the STT site were at the same level. If both were in operation at the same time, the number of vehicles would increase accordingly. Currently, many goods vehicles were always parked for the freight transport arrangement from Wing Shun Street to the area underneath the bridge at the PCWA. It was considered that the relevant departments had turned a blind eye to the current traffic status so that they could put forward the said proposal and thus, the TD was derelict in its duties. Furthermore, he regretted that the TD did not send representatives to attend the meeting. He suggested that the representatives from the TD should be invited to attend the meeting as and when necessary; and
- (6) he opined that as the goods vehicles were parked at the said location currently, a significant impact would be brought by the grant of the STT. He also worried about the operation of the site in future. If the departments still insisted to uphold their decisions in spite of being informed of the above situations, he regarded that these departments were negligent of the TWDC's views. He thought that the DLO would be held solely responsible for any blunders in operation of the site or any nuisance caused to the residents in future because it failed to make efforts to exercise an effective control in the course of granting the land.

73. Estate Surveyor/W1 of the DLO responded as follows:
- (1) on traffic and transportation, the DLO would relay Members' views collected at this meeting to the TD again and request the TD to re-examine the matters concerned, so as to seek views from the TD from different perspectives; and
 - (2) as the said proposal was conducive to the promotion of environmental protection in Hong Kong, the DLO also wished to cooperate with the EPD to put forward the plan. As the proposal of the said STT was still in the consultation and discussion stage, the DLO would not neglect the views collected from the TWDC and push forth the proposal tenaciously. Meanwhile, the DLO would handle the objections from departments or other parties.

74. The Acting Chairman said that the departments concerned should be clear about Members' views. He suggested that the representatives from the TD should be invited to attend the next EHAC meeting for discussion.

75. The Chairman resumed the chair.

IV Item 3: Strongly Request the Government Departments to Strengthen the Inspection Work and Monitoring the Recycling Collections from Recycling Bins

(EHAC Paper No. 1/16-17)

76. The Chairman said that Mr YIP Kwok-cheung, Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD, Mr YEUNG Chi-yan, Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)2 (DDL(M)2) of the LCSD and Mr CHENG Chi-hung, Housing Manager/Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan & Islands 2 (Housing Mgr/TTI2) of the Housing Department (HD) would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of their respective departments.

77. The Chairman said that the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department had submitted a reply letter on the matters concerned prior to this meeting for Members' perusal.

78. Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr CHENG Chit-pun introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

79. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) in general, there were two types of recycling bins readily available. The first type was consisted of three individual recycling bins in yellow, brown and blue. A garbage bin should be provided near this type of recycling bins. The second type was a four-in-one recycling bin made of stainless steel, consisting of three compartments for disposal of recyclable articles and one compartment for general refuse;

- (2) the FEHD was aware that various types of articles such as food containers might be mingled with the recyclable articles. The FEHD would pay attention and request the recyclers to sort out the litter. After collecting the recyclable materials from the recycling bins, the recyclers were responsible for sorting out and separately disposing of other litter mixed with the recyclable materials and carrying out recycling work of the remaining recyclable materials. The FEHD would also request the recyclers to make disposal of the non-recyclable waste at designated refuse collection points;
- (3) both the headquarter and district offices of the FEHD had set up mechanisms to conduct ad hoc inspections on the recyclers irregularly, so as to understand the work of the recyclers. If malpractices were found, the FEHD would issue verbal warnings, written warnings or default notices to the recyclers and the amount of payment for their services would be deducted; and
- (4) he would approach the Members concerned to learn more about the two circumstances mentioned by them after the meeting. As the FEHD was not responsible for the location mentioned and the uniform of the staff shown in the photo was different from that of the staff of the FEHD, they might be the staff of the Multi-storey Carpark Building in question. He would learn more about the situations from the Members concerned and conduct follow-up work.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben joined the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Ms LUI Dik-ming left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.)

80. DDLM(TW)2 of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the LCSD provided the recycling bins in its 23 major venues in Tsuen Wan district. The three-compartment recycling bins were in use in 14 locations with provision of garbage bins by the side. For another 13 locations, the four-compartment recycling bins were provided. The LCSD took the view that compared to the three-compartment recycling bins, the four-compartment recycling bins were more effective in use. Hence, the LCSD had gradually changed to use the four-compartment recycling bins;
- (2) currently, the contractors would collect the recyclable articles from its venues once a week. According to the contract, the contractors should use environmentally friendly plastic bags, which were exclusively for collecting recyclable materials as specified on the bags; and
- (3) during the ad hoc inspections conducted in the past, it was not found that the contractors had mixed different recyclable materials in processing. According to the existing contract, the contractors were required to deliver the recyclable materials to the recyclers after collection and return a reply slip to the LCSD for record.

81. Housing Mgr/TTI2 of the HD responded as follows:
- (1) the recycling bins of the HD were generally placed on the floors of public housing buildings and public areas on the ground level. As stipulated in the cleansing services contract, the contractors should place the recyclable materials and domestic refuse separately and cleanse the recycling bins. The contractors should also clearly record and submit reports on the quantity of recyclable materials delivered to the recyclers for vetting and approval by the HD; and
 - (2) the HD would request the contractors to assign dedicated staff to be responsible for co-ordinating the work concerned. If any contractor was found failing to handle the recycling work properly, the HD would issue the warning letters to the contractors and deduct their quarterly scores, which would affect the result of tender bidding by these contractors in future.
82. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and Mr WONG Ka-wa were summarised as follows:
- (1) it was enquired whether the existing contractors would submit reports on the quantity of recyclable materials collected;
 - (2) as the public might not be aware that articles such as beverage cartons were non-recyclable, it was hoped that the relevant departments would enhance publicity. It was also hoped that the relevant departments would continue to promote the recycling of glass bottles and strengthen the promotion on food waste recycling;
 - (3) under the observation on public housing estates, although the HD had set up a supervisory system of contractors, the recycling work was generally not effective. It was opined that it was mainly due to the lack of public education, attributing to the residents' deficiency in the general knowledge on the matters concerned. It was difficult to implement the recycling work effectively if the residents did not collaborate with or were lack of awareness on the recycling work, even though the HD had exercised the supervisory duties or issued reprimands to the contractors. It was suggested that the HD might enhance education and publicity through the Estate Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) or other activities to raise the civic awareness. In addition, it was considered that the LCSD's situation was relatively better after comparing to the other departments under observation;
 - (4) the responses from the LCSD and FEHD were noted in surprise. The FEHD said that the recyclers should sort the recyclable materials while the LCSD mentioned that the contractors should put different recyclable materials into different plastic bags. Hence, it was enquired whether different kinds of recyclable materials should be placed in different plastic bags or all recyclable materials should be put into one plastic bag;
 - (5) where the recyclers should be responsible for sorting the recyclable materials collected for the purpose of reducing the quantity of refuse delivered to the landfills; however, the Baguio Green Group had stated

publicly that about 40% of refuse were to be transported to the landfills, thus enquiry was raised to the Government on the reason for employing the Baguio Green Group as it was considered that the quantity of refuse should be less than 40% if the recyclable materials were separated from the refuse by the recycler; and

- (6) on education, it was considered that the general public might not be impressed by the leaflets distributed or school education. It was also opined that the best approach of education was to put up a signage with details of recyclable articles beside the recycling bins. The departments concerned were strongly requested to adopt this approach.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones and Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Mr WONG Wai-kit left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.)

83. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) 60% out of the recyclable materials collected annually by the Baguio Green Group, which was a recycler employed by the FEHD currently, were recyclable. According to the contract, the contractor should process the general refuse mingled with the recyclable materials separately. In other words, after taking out the environmentally friendly materials from the recycling bins, the contractor should process the refuse separately. Then, the general refuse would be discarded and the recyclable materials would be recycled;
- (2) he would convey the views on facilitating the education work through erection of a signage at the scene to the FEHD headquarter in order to explore how on-site education would be conducted for members of the public to become aware of the materials recovered by each recycling bin, so that the recycling bins would be utilised effectively; and
- (3) the recyclers employed by the FEHD were required to use three plastic bags to collect three different types of recyclable materials separately, instead of putting all the materials into one plastic bag. The recyclers should also handle the plastic bags one by one when sorting out the litter mixed with the recyclable materials.

84. DDLM(TW)2 of the LCSD responded as follows:

- (1) the recycling bins provided by the LCSD were in use in a better way because park visitors would consciously use the recycling bins. Comparing to the on-street recycling bins installed by the FEHD, the materials collected by the LCSD's recycling bins were cleaner and there were fewer casual disposal as well;
- (2) according to the LCSD's observation, plastic bottles and aluminium cans were the recyclable materials of higher recovery rates in the past. However, it did not mean that the contractors could obtain higher quantity of recyclable materials because the materials such as aluminium cans in the recycling bins might be taken away and resold for profit. The staff of the

LCSO would certainly stop the people who made attempts to take away the aluminium cans from the recycling bins for reselling. After all, as the contractors would only collect the recyclable materials at least once a week as required, the recyclers could just recover a small quantity of plastic bottles and aluminium cans at last;

- (3) the contractors employed by the LCSO were different from those by the FEHD. Currently, the contractors of the LCSO would use the designated plastic bags to collect the recyclable materials and submit a reply slip to the LCSO upon delivery of the materials to the official recyclers. The LCSO considered that it was still quite effective; and
- (4) although the contractors employed by the LCSO would use the plastic bags of the same colour, the contractors were required to put different recyclable materials into different plastic bags. After delivering the recyclable materials to the official recyclers, the contractors would return a reply slip specifying the weight of various recyclable materials to the LCSO.

85. Housing Mgr/TTI2 of the HD responded as follows:

- (1) it was agreed that the education work was important. The EMAC would organise activities every year to promote the awareness on environmental protection. Moreover, the HD would enhance the promotion of the awareness on environmental protection through EMAC newsletters and posters, etc.;
- (2) the HD would consider whether the signage for recycling would be provided;
- (3) the cleansing contractor of each public rental housing estate would pass the recyclable materials to its own recycler as selected; and
- (4) the HD would collect three kinds of recyclable materials separately, instead of mixing them for processing.

86. The Chairman said that all the three departments had mentioned that the recyclable materials would be processed separately and the location shown in the photo provided by Members was the Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building. Currently, it was still uncertain whether the contractor in question was employed by the GPA or TD. He proposed that an enquiry on which department employed the contractor should be made to the departments concerned in writing after the meeting. The departments concerned were also requested to give an explanation and response for their contractors who mixed the materials from the three-colour recycling bins in one plastic bag.

(Post-meeting note: The EHAC had made a request to the GPA and TD in writing on 24 June 2016 for giving explanation and response for their contractors who mixed the materials from the three-colour recycling bins in one plastic bag.)

V Item 4: Hygiene Matters of the Carriageway Off Wai Tsuen Sports Centre
(EHAC Paper No. 2/16-17)

87. Mr LAM Faat-kang and Mr MAN Yu-ming introduced the paper.
88. District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (Dist Engr/TW) of the HyD responded as follows:
- (1) the HyD was responsible for the repair and maintenance work of bridge structures and would send its staff to carry out inspection on the condition of structures regularly. If any damage was found, the HyD would make arrangement and conduct repair work timely to ensure the structural safety. In addition, the HyD would carry out a thorough cleansing work for the structures on a regular basis, including removal of graffiti and stains, so as to maintain the structures in a good condition. The thorough cleansing work for structures would usually be conducted once every three months. Subject to the condition of the structures, the cleansing work would be carried out more frequently for certain structures with higher usage rate. For example, the frequency of cleansing work conducted for the pedestrian subway in Shek Wai Kok had been increased to once a month. If needs arose, the HyD could increase the frequency of cleansing work accordingly; and
 - (2) the HyD was responsible for the cleansing of footbridges, pedestrian subways and vehicular tunnels. He would reflect the situation concerned and consider increasing the frequency of cleansing, so as to improve the hygienic condition.

(Note: Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael and the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.)

89. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said it was understood that there was a need to clear the accumulated leaves. Nevertheless, it was hoped that the departments would explore measures to handle the fallen leaves after carrying out the cleansing work, so that the fallen leaves under clearance would not be delivered to the landfills, thus resulting in a great deal of waste after stepping up the cleansing efforts.

90. The Chairman reminded Members that they should give views under the captioned agenda item. As the measures of handling fallen leaves after the cleansing work as mentioned by the Member was irrelevant to this agenda item, it was suggested that the departments concerned were not required to give any response.

91. Mr LAM Faat-kang stated that he knew that the HyD would carry out the maintenance work for the relevant buildings. He opined that the fallen leaves on the roads would be greatly accumulated if they were also cleared once a month only. Besides, he thought that the departments concerned should consider how to handle the fallen leaves collected.

92. The Chairman said that, Members could discuss with the HyD on some other measures for handling the fallen leaves after the meeting when necessary. He took the view that the HyD had responded proactively and increased the frequency of cleansing from once every three months to once a month. The number of cleansing work could also be further increased if necessary. Regarding the locations mentioned by Members, the HyD also indicated that follow-up work would be carried out after the meeting. He suggested that Members could follow up on the said matters after the meeting in order to see if there was any room for improvement. It was also hoped that after improvement was made, it was not necessary for Members to continue the discussion on the captioned matter under the item of matters arising in the next EHAC meeting.

VI Item 5: Funds Allocation for the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee 2016/17

(EHAC Paper No. 3/16-17)

93. The Secretary introduced the paper.

94. The EHAC approved the funds allocation in 2016/17 as follows:

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Allocation Available for Use (\$)</u>
(1) District Minor Works Programme Funds (Minor Environmental Improvement Projects)	
(a) New Projects	2,600,000.00
(b) Repair Projects	200,000.00
	Sub-total: <u>2,800,000.00</u>
(2) District Council Funds (Community Involvement Projects)*	
(a) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community	56,000.00
(b) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety	176,000.00
(c) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement	130,000.00
(d) Site Visit Traveling Expenses	6,000.00
(e) Reserve	0.00
	Sub-total: <u>368,000.00</u>
	Total: <u>3,168,000.00</u>

* The allocation included 10% deficit budget.

95. The EHAC endorsed that the Secretariat was authorised to approve the applications for the change of activity names, venues, dates and time on its own initiative without making amendment to the approved estimates whilst the approved amounts shall remain unchanged.

VII Item 6: Endorsement of the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2016/17

(EHAC Paper No. 4/16-17)

96. The Secretary introduced the paper.

97. The EHAC endorsed the list of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme. 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 implementation of greening works in Tsuen Wan District	-
(2)	Provision of benches at Chung On Street near Kolour - Tsuen Wan I, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit
(3)	Provision of benches at promenade near Anglers' Beach, Tsing Lung Tau, Tsuen Wan	Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
(4)	Construction of rainshelter at Wing Shun Street near Riviera Plaza and elevated walkway, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(5)	Improvement to paving at Yi Pei Chun Road near Sam Tung Uk Resite Village Lamp Post FA5393 and FA5924, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
(6)	Extension of rainshelter at Castle Peak Road - Sham Tseng near Rhine Garden and bus stop, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun
(7)	Provision of a fitness equipment at Waterfront Promenade near Hoi On Road Lamp Post DC0041, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit
(8)	Construction of rainshelter at Tai Chung Road near Wong Siu Ching Secondary School, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOO Yeung-pong
(9)	Extension of rainshelter at Mini-bus Terminus near Summit Terrace Tower 1, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Yuen-pun, Phyllis
(10)	Improvement to paving at Lo Wai Sam Dip Tam near Lamp Post VA2585, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Faat-kang
(11)	Extension of rainshelter at Hoi Pa Street near Wing Lung House and Wing Tai House, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOT Siu-yuen
(12)	Provision of a bench at Castle Peak Road near The Panorama, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit
(13)	Construction of rainshelter at Mei Wan Street near Waylee Industrial Centre, Tsuen Wan	Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(14)	Provision of benches at Sai Lau Kok Road near Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building and Lamp Post W2535, Tsuen Wan	Mr TAM Hoi-pong
(15)	Construction of rainshelter at Castle Peak Road near Belvedere Garden Phase 2 Block 1, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
(16)	Provision of benches at Tak Wah Street near Jockey Club Tak Wah Park, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Proponent</u>
(17)	Provision of benches at Lo Wai Road near The Yuen Yuen Institute and Lamp Post FA1682, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Faat-kang
(18)	Provision of benches at Castle Peak Road - Sham Tseng near Sham Tseng Village and Lamp Post DC0569, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun
(19)	Construction of rainshelter at Tsuen King Circuit near Allway Gardens Block P, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Kwok-on
(20)	Provision of benches at Wing Shun Street near Riviera Plaza and mini-bus stop, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(21)	Provision of benches at open space between Summit Terrace and Tsuen Tak Gardens, Tsuen Wan	Mr LI Hung-por
(22)	Provision of benches at Tsuen King Circuit near Allway Gardens Block R, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Yuen-pun, Phyllis
(23)	Construction of rainshelter at Hoi Shing Road near Skyline Plaza, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOO Yeung-pong
(24)	Provision of a bench at Lei Shu Road near Lamp Post AC0424, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(25)	Provision of fitness equipment set at Waterfront Promenade near Hoi On Road Lamp Post DC0045, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
(26)	Provision of benches at Lei Shu Road near Lamp Post AC3464, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(27)	Improvement works to vacant land at Kwok Shui Road near Primrose Hill, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(28)	Construction of rainshelter at Tsuen King Circuit near Tsuen Wan Police Station, Tsuen Wan	Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(29)	Construction of rainshelter at Yi Lok Street near Riviera Gardens Tower 21, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(30)	Construction of rainshelter at Tsuen King Circuit near Tsuen King Garden Phase 2 Block 11, Tsuen Wan	Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(31)	Construction of a table tennis table at Sam Tung Uk Resite Village near House no.4 and Lamp Post VC1891, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
(32)	Provision of benches at Tai Ho Road near Nina Tower Bus Terminus and Lamp Post GC0623, Tsuen Wan	Mr TAM Hoi-pong
(33)	Extension of rainshelter at Tai Ho Road near Lamp Post W3075, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit
(34)	Provision of a bench at Sam Tung Uk Road near Sam Tung Uk Resite Village Rest Garden and bus stop, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(35)	Construction of rainshelters at Kwok Shui Road near Ham Tin Tsuen and Lamp Post W0538, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(36)	Extension of rainshelter at Castle Peak Road near Belvedere Garden Phase 2 Block 2, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit

The above project items 2 and 3, 6 and 7, 9 and 10, 12 and 13, 16 and 17, 19 and 20, 22 and 23, and 30 and 31 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 their priorities and the District Minor Works Programme funds available for use.

(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 2016/17 at its meeting held on 31 May 2016.)

VIII Item 7: Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District
(EHAC Paper No. 5/16-17)

98. The Chairman welcomed the following government representatives who specially joined the meeting:

- (1) Mr KO Po-wai, Senior Health Inspector (Sr Health Insp(Env Hygiene)2) of the Joint Office (JO)/FEHD;
- (2) Mr LEUNG Chun-wai, Professional Officer 1 (Professional Offr 1/Joint Office 2) of the JO/Buildings Department (BD); and
- (3) Mr FUNG Cheuk-pong, Ronald, Engineer/Customer Services (Applications) NTW 2 (Engr/NTW (Customer Services) Applications 2) of the Water Supplies Department (WSD).

99. The Chairman asked the representatives from the JO to report on the latest situation of handling the water seepage in buildings in the district.

100. Professional Offr 1/Joint Office 2 of the JO/BD reported as follows:

- (1) from January 2016 to March 2016, the JO had received a total of 533 reports on water seepage in Tsuen Wan district, in which 326 cases were processed. Among the processed cases, 113 cases were screened out and 213 cases were concluded. Among the concluded cases, the water seepage ceased during investigation amounted to 34 cases; the source of water seepage was identified for 88 cases; and the source of water seepage could not be identified for 91 cases. The JO had instituted prosecution for four cases;
- (2) the JO had been investigating 373 water seepage reports and Stage III professional investigation was conducted for 147 cases; and
- (3) if all the parties concerned failed to complement the JO to carry out the inspection, the JO would apply to the court for a “Warrant to Effect Entry into Premises” under the law. The JO had issued a total of 12 “Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry”, and applied to the Tsuen Wan Magistrates’ Courts for “Warrant to Effect Entry into Premises” for seven cases among all.

101. Mr LO Siu-kit was surprised to note that the JO had issued 12 “Notices of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry” and made application to the Tsuen Wan Magistrates’ Courts for “Warrant to Effect Entry into Premises” for seven cases. He enquired whether the JO could conduct investigation in accordance with the normal procedures after entering the flats concerned; and whether the occupants were still uncooperative.

102. Sr Health Insp(Env Hygiene)² of the JO/FEHD responded that as specified in the “Warrant to Effect Entry into Premises” obtained by the JO, the staff of the JO should be allowed to enter and conduct the tests in the flat concerned. Generally speaking, after the staff of the JO entered the flat, the occupants would also allow the JO to make arrangement for conducting the tests.

103. The Chairman said that the current situation was in good shape as reflected by the figures reported by the JO. As regards the “Warrant to Effect Entry into Premises”, seven cases for the first three months in 2016 had already been reported. There were more cases, as compared to the figures in the past. Although the EHAC could not justify whether the JO had become more proactive or members of the public had become more co-operative than before as reflected by the relevant figures, it was still hoped that the JO would maintain a professional attitude and provide assistance to the district proactively to resolve the water seepage cases.

104. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD introduced the Work Report on Environmental Hygiene in Tsuen Wan District.

105. The suggestions, views and enquiries of Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris and Mr LO Siu-kit were summarised as follows:

- (1) according to the data provided in the paper, the situation of easy-mount frames had been improved over the same period. It was hoped that the FEHD would keep up the good work;
- (2) regarding hawker control, although the situation of the two footbridges had been improved, it was hoped that the FEHD would continue to handle the matters proactively;
- (3) regarding water dripping from air-conditioners, the FEHD had engaged another dedicated team for making co-ordination and carrying out household investigation in 2015. It was considered that these measures were effective. In this connection, enquiry was raised to the FEHD on whether resources were still available to employ another dedicated team to carry out the work concerned in 2016;
- (4) it was found that many commercial posters were erected on Saturdays and Sundays. The FEHD was requested to pay attention and provide assistance on this matter;
- (5) as regards illegal dumping of waste at the vacant space next to the bus stop at Ma Wan Pier mentioned at the last EHAC meeting, the large garbage, which was suspected domestic waste, had been removed after the FEHD

took the follow-up work. Nevertheless, it was opined that the FEHD would only conduct palliative ad hoc clearance operations upon receiving complaints each and every time. If no complaint was made, the contractor would only clear the garbage inside the refuse collection point and ignore those outside the refuse collection point. It was hoped that the FEHD would also be mindful of the large domestic waste which were placed near the refuse collection point instead of turning a blind eye in response to the problem;

- (6) it was proposed that a clearer slogan should be displayed to remind members of the public that they should discard waste inside the refuse collection point and should not put the waste beside the refuse collection point;
- (7) it was proposed that beautification works should be conducted for the location concerned in the long run, so that the vacant space outside the refuse collection point would not be perceived as part of the refuse collection point and members of the public would be directed to the correct location for waste disposal; and
- (8) the accumulation of domestic waste was also a relatively common problem in public housing estates which still recurred time and again, although the HD had taken improvement measures to address it. Moreover, although the HD had set aside an area for disposal of domestic waste, some residents had all along reflected that people who were not living in the public housing estate concerned would dispose of refuse at the said location. Apart from public housing estates, the same phenomenon commonly occurred in areas of squatters and village houses. Hence, it was considered that the accumulation of domestic waste was serious in Tsuen Wan. The relevant departments should explore measures to improve the situation. It was also enquired whether tracking of the source would be taken into consideration. In addition, as it was learnt that some people disposed of domestic waste at the more convenient locations nearby, it was considered that this situation should be eradicated. It was also suggested that the departments should co-operate to improve the situation, otherwise, it would be difficult to solve the problem.

106. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) regarding water dripping from air-conditioners, the FEHD had special resources to engage another dedicated team for handling the black spots of water dripping from air conditioners in the eight districts within the New Territories in 2016. However, there was no dedicated team for carrying out the work in Tsuen Wan district. When necessary, the FEHD could liaise with the dedicated team to handle the black spots of water dripping from air conditioners in Tsuen Wan district;
- (2) regarding the increase in the number of commercial banners erected on Saturdays and Sundays, the FEHD would pay attention to it and remove the banners if found;

- (3) regarding large garbage, he would notify the staff of the FEHD that if large garbage was found outside the refuse collection point, they should follow up and remove the garbage as soon as possible. In addition, the FEHD would consider carrying out ad hoc inspections and operations. If any person was found disposing of refuse illegally, the FEHD would take deterrent actions and institute prosecutions against him;
- (4) regarding display of slogans, he would take follow-up action after the meeting. If the slogans were readily available, the FEHD would put them up; if not, he would explore measures to let members of the public know that garbage should be discarded inside the refuse bins of the refuse collection point after reading the relevant instructions; and
- (5) subject to the condition outside the refuse collection point, the FEHD would explore measures to beautify the external environment of the refuse collection point. As the FEHD might not be able to carry out beautification work in public area, the FEHD would consider taking action for the external walls of the refuse collection point first.

107. The Chairman enquired whether the FEHD had power to institute prosecution against illegal dumping of domestic waste outside the refuse collection point.

108. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had the power to institute prosecution against placement of domestic waste at a non-designated location for refuse disposal.

109. The suggestions, views and enquiries of Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris were summarised as follows:

- (1) in the past, as a large refuse truck of the FEHD used to be parked outside the refuse collection point, the residents mistook that the location was part of the refuse collection point and so they discarded the garbage right there. After discussion with the FEHD earlier, the FEHD had recovered the refuse truck in question and the door of the refuse collection point was no longer locked. It was considered that the message of disposal of waste properly at refuse collection point had gradually been transmitting to residents living in the relevant district for the time being; and
- (2) it was agreed that prosecution should be instituted. As regards disposal of domestic waste, several measures had been taken with the HD in the past. It had also been considered capturing the vehicle number plates via CCTV as the EPD had mentioned that prosecution could be instituted if the vehicle registration marks were provided. Nevertheless, there was no cases of successful prosecution for the time being due to the lack of CCTV in the public housing estate concerned. It was hoped that various departments would co-ordinate and take law enforcement measures effectively to improve the situation.

110. The Chairman suggested that the relevant situation should be monitored continuously. If there was a need to eradicate the problem, he hoped that the FEHD would institute prosecution effectively to achieve deterrence effect. In addition, he suggested that Members could make an enquiry to the HD subsequently on when the CCTV would be installed.

IX Item 8: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (February to March 2016)
(EHAC Paper No. 6/16-17)

111. Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Regional West)² of the EPD reported the EPD's work on environmental pollution control.

X Item 9: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

112. The Secretary reported that the Monitoring Group would convene a meeting as soon as possible and discuss the work plan for the current year.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

113. The Chairman reported that the Monitoring Group would convene a meeting as soon as possible and discuss the work plan for the current year.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

114. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Task Force had held a meeting on 4 May 2016 and discussed the work plan and arrangement for the current year. The Task Force might organise activities relating to the alley and "three nil" building rooftop in the current year.

XI Item 10: Any Other Business

115. The Chairman said that Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis had called to inform the EHAC of her absence from this meeting because she got sick, and she would submit a medical certificate in due course. Members approved her application for absence from this meeting according to the sections 37(1) and 51(1) of the Standing Orders.

(Post-meeting note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis had submitted a medical certificate.)

(A) Information Papers

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

- (1) Financial Statement of Environmental and Health Affairs Committee Funds 2015-16
(EHAC Paper No. 7/16-17);
- (2) Financial Statement of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects 2015-16
(EHAC Paper No. 8/16-17);

- (3) Items Endorsed by Circulation by Environmental and Health Affairs Committee during the Period from 4 March to 19 April 2016 (EHAC Paper No. 9/16-17);
- (4) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (February to March 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 10/16-17, submitted by the EPD);
- (5) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (February to March 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 11/16-17, submitted by the EPD);
- (6) Odour Prediction Assessment in the Vicinity of the Belvedere Garden, Tsuen Wan and Nearby Factory Buildings (February to March 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 12/16-17, submitted by the EPD);
- (7) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (February to March 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 13/16-17, submitted by the EPD);
- (8) Tsuen Wan District Anti-mosquito Campaign 2016 (Phase 2) (EHAC Paper No. 14/16-17, submitted by the FEHD); and
- (9) Strategy and Work on Improvement of Environmental Hygiene of Hong Kong (EHAC Paper No. 15/16-17, submitted by the FEHD).

XII End of the Meeting

117. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 7 July 2016 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 21 June 2016.

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat
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