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Minutes of the 5th Meeting of
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee Meeting (3/16-17)

Date : 1 September 2016 (Thursday)
Time : 2:40 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 Yuen-pun, Phyllis
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
Mr TSE Wing-hong

Government Representatives

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Mr CHAN Kwok-hung	Chief Health Inspector 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAN Chi-sing	Senior Health Inspector(Hawker), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur	Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)2, Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr KWONG Chi-yeung, Benjamin	Acting Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Regional W)2, Environmental Protection Department

Mr CHU Man-kit	Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Kowloon & New Territories South 2, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHONG Kwok-wai	District Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Highways Department
Mr LI Pui-sang	Contract Project Coordinator/2 (NTW), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHEUNG Ho-wing, Louis	Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 2, Planning Department
Mr WONG Shun-ping	Assistant Housing Manager/SWK 2, Housing Department
Mr KONG Tak-shing	Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing), Lands Department
Mr YUNG Chi-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office
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
Mr LEE Nelson (Secretary)	Executive Officer (District Council)1, Tsuen Wan District Office

Attendance by Invitation:

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

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

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

Mr YU Kam-cheung, Simon	Building Services Engineer/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 2H

Mr SZETO Wai-tun	Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1), Water
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Mr HO Lok-man, Simon	Supplies Department Engineer/Consultants Management 5, Water Supplies Department
Mr LAU Chak-hung, Eric	Engineer/Project Management 8, Water Supplies Department
Mr LO Chi-hang, Robo	Senior Resident Engineer, AECOM
Mr LAM Kong-keung, Paul	Resident Engineer, AECOM
Mr LEE Ngai-shing	Resident Engineer, Black & Veatch
<u>For discussion of item 3</u>	
Mr CHAN Hon-cheung, John	Senior Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is), Highways Department
Mr MUI Tung-king, Tony	Senior Landscape Architect/VM(NT), Highways Department
Mr WONG Cheuk-him, Jason	Landscape Architect/VM(SD), Highways Department
<u>For discussion of item 4</u>	
Mr CHIU Man-fat	Acting Senior Engineer/Design (4), Water Supplies Department
Mr TING Teer-kuan	Director, AECOM
Ms YIM Wing-man	Chief Engineer, AECOM
<u>For discussion of item 7</u>	
Ms LO Sze-man	Senior Health Inspector(Environmental Hygiene)3/Joint Office, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr LEUNG Chun-wai	Professional Officer 1/Joint Office 2, Buildings Department
Miss TONG Sze-yin	Engineer/Customer Services (Inspection) NTW, Water Supplies Department

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and representatives from the government departments to the 5th meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC) and introduced the attendees who joined the EHAC meeting for the first time as follows:

- (1) Mr LEE Nelson, who replaced Miss KWONG Mo-ting, Salina to assume the post of Secretary of the EHAC;
- (2) Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur, Deputy District Leisure Manager(Tsuen Wan)2 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department;
- (3) Mr KWONG Chi-yeung, Benjamin, Acting Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Regional W)2;
- (4) Ms LO Sze-man, Senior Health Inspector(Environmental Hygiene)3 of the Joint Office (JO)/Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);

- (5) Mr WONG Shun-ping, Assistant Housing Manager/SWK 2 of the JO/Housing Department (HD); and
- (6) Mr CHU Man-kit, Engineer/Tsuen Kwai 2, Kowloon & New Territories South 2 of the Drainage Services Department.

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 4th Meeting held on 7.7.2016

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 15 to 36 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: 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 the government representatives who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr WONG Wan-chi, Anbrose, Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1) (Tsuen Wan) (CIP (OPS 1) (Tsuen Wan)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (Ch Health Insp 1) of the FEHD;
- (3) Mr CHAN Chi-sing, Senior Health Inspector(Hawker) of the FEHD; and
- (4) Mr KONG Tak-shing, Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing) (Sr Land Ex/Control 2) of the Lands Department (LandsD).

5. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD reported that during July and August 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 one prosecution was instituted against the shops concerned during the said period. The FEHD would continue to enhance the inspections and hoped that the situation concerned would be improved.

6. Mr LO Siu-kit said that he hoped the FEHD would notify the district councillors of the constituencies before conducting the inspections, so that the district councillors could observe at the site. He suggested that the FEHD could take pictures from several different angles before and after operation, so as to make a comparison and reflect the actual situations. He pointed out that the shops concerned would relapse and continue to occupy the public areas after the joint operations. He was

disappointed at the waste of public money because the joint operations were ineffective due to the fact that prosecution would not be instituted by all of the law enforcement authorities. Besides, the FEHD currently could not institute prosecution against shop extensions in accordance with section 4A of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Chapter 228), and the Police were mainly responsible for protecting the staff of the FEHD and Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) in the joint operations and had not instituted prosecution. He enquired whether the Police could institute prosecution against illegal parking and obstruction on the carriageway as the police officers were sent to take part in the joint operations. He hoped that various departments would be dedicated to handling the problem of shop extensions and that improvements would be made after the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2015 came into effect on 24 September 2016.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa and Mr WONG Wai-kit joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

7. CIP (OPS 1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that in accordance with HKPF's guidelines, the Police would only take the initiative to take action against street obstruction in case of disruption to public safety or crime being committed, immediate danger to safety of the general public and serious traffic obstruction. Besides, the role of the HKPF in the matter concerned was not mentioned in the Direct Investigation Report on Regulatory Measures and Enforcement Actions against Street Obstruction by Shops prepared by the Office of The Ombudsman in June 2014. In the joint operations, the Police would mainly prevent violence against the staff of the FEHD when they carried out law enforcement work.

8. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded that prosecution could only be instituted successfully after the FEHD identified the owner of the articles that caused street obstruction when conducting law enforcement work at the scene. If the Police could invoke section 32(1) of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Chapter 228), the FEHD could make arrangement to remove the unclaimed articles, and then institute prosecution against the owner when he appeared to claim the articles.

(Note: Ms LUI Dik-ming joined the meeting at 2:50 p.m.)

9. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr LO Siu-kit and Mr WONG Ka-wa were summarised as follows:

- (1) surprise was expressed at the response from the Police. It was opined that the joints operations should be cancelled in order to avoid causing wasteful employment of the Police and wasting public money, if the Police were only responsible for protecting the staff of the FEHD in the joint operations;
- (2) it was hoped that clarification would be made on whether the FEHD could institute prosecution against the articles that caused obstruction on the carriageway; and
- (3) it was understood that the handling of street obstruction was not part of the daily work of the Police. It was opined that it would be more effective if

the Police could institute prosecution as the police officers were sent to participate in the joint operations. As there were media coverage on the serious problem of street obstruction at some road sections in Tsuen Wan recently, it was necessary to handle the problem of road obstruction as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Police should protect the staff of the FEHD when they took law enforcement actions in the joint operations. However, if these operations were ineffective, they should be cancelled. Also, it was suggested that the terms of reference of various law enforcement authorities should be clarified, especially the relevant law enforcement actions against obstacles on the carriageway.

10. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD was not in a position to institute prosecution against obstruction at the carriageway under the existing laws and regulations. As a result, the FEHD did not arrange routine operations to handle obstruction at the carriageway for the time being.

11. The Chairman enquired whether the Police could invoke section 32(1) of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Chapter 228) as proposed by the representative of the FEHD earlier, so that the FEHD could make arrangement for removal of the unclaimed articles.

12. CIP (OPS 1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that the HKPF would study the details of the legislation carefully. If the Police was explicitly required to take actions under the legislation, the HKPF would certainly follow suit. The HKPF would institute prosecution against the vehicles and articles on the carriageway if they caused serious traffic congestion. Besides, the HKPF would strengthen the law enforcement actions against illegal parking at the locations concerned.

13. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Mr LO Siu-kit were summarised as follows:

- (1) he enquired whether the Police would institute prosecution against the illegally parked vehicles in the joint operations, as shown in the photo on 23 August 2016 provided by the FEHD;
- (2) he understood that the Police would have priority tasks in their daily operation. However, he hoped that the Police would enhance the enforcement work to resolve the problem of street obstruction as the police officers were sent to take part in the joint operations; and
- (3) if the terms of reference of various law enforcement authorities were not clarified, the joint operations should be cancelled for the time being in order to avoid wasting resources.

14. CIP (OPS 1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF responded that in the recent operations, the Police did not only deploy two police officers to participate in the joint operations, but also additionally deployed four to six police officers to institute prosecution against the illegally parked vehicles in the streets nearby.

(Note: Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)

15. Mr CHUNG Wai-ping said that it would be unfair to other Members if a Member kept making supplementary remarks for one agenda item. He opined that the EHAC should observe the situation after the implementation of the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance and Pilot Scheme in Tsuen Wan district, as well as the results of the joint operations in the coming few months before making a review on the effectiveness of these operations.

16. The Chairman said that he had chaired the meetings of the EHAC for years. Members were able to fully discuss the agenda items concerned at the meetings, so that the matters under individual agenda items could be improved. Therefore, he considered that currently, the meetings were conducted effectively to solve the problems in the district. Having regard to Members' views, he suggested that for the time being, the EHAC should observe the situation after the implementation of the said ordinance on 24 September 2016 and the results of the joint operations in the coming few months. He looked forward to the result of the study on the details of the said ordinance by the HKPF and whether the HKPF could adopt the FEHD's proposal.

17. The Chairman said that agenda item 2E would be firstly discussed at the request of the departments concerned.

(E) Paragraph 7 to 14 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: Request to Improve the Environment of the Waiting Area of the Minibus Terminus in Sai Lau Kok Multi-storey Carpark

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

- (1) Mr YU Kam-cheung, Simon, Building Services Engineer/Tsuen Wan (Bldg Services Engr/Tsuen Wan); and
- (2) Mr YIP Leung-ming, Senior Building Services Inspector/General Engineering Services/B2/1/1.

19. Bldg Services Engr/Tsuen Wan of the ArchSD reported that the ArchSD had confirmed the locations for installation of two fans at the Minibus Terminus in Sai Lau Kok Multi-storey Carpark, and completed the cost estimation. The ArchSD would make application for funding after receiving the application from the TWDO. The ArchSD expected that the installation work would be completed in about two weeks after the funding was available.

20. Senior Inspector of Works (Sr Insp of Works) of the TWDO said that the TWDO had all along been assisting Members and the ArchSD to mark the physical locations which were suitable for installation of fans. As the proposed locations for installation of fans were not under the TWDO's management, it was inappropriate for

the TWDO to make the relevant application. However, the TWDO would continue to liaise and coordinate with other departments for making application to the ArchSD, so as to complete the funding procedures.

21. The Chairman said that as summer would end soon, he hoped that the TWDO and ArchSD would complete the matters concerned as soon as possible after the meeting.

(Note: The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.)

(B) Paragraph 37 to 40 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: “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”

22. 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.

23. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD reported that during July and August 2016, besides conducting 14 joint operations with the HKPF around the Concord Square, the FEHD had also instituted 14 prosecutions against street obstruction and nine prosecutions against unlicensed hawking. Since May 2016, the FEHD and HKPF had conducted joint enforcement operations at three black spots around the Concord Square, namely Chuen Lung Street, Ho Pui Street and San Tsuen Street. Currently, the illegal occupation of the walkway by shops was improved. The FEHD and HKPF would continue to enhance the enforcement work.

24. CIP (OPS 1) of the HKPF said that the Police had additionally deployed police officers to institute prosecution against illegally parked vehicles in the recent operations and hoped that the problem of street obstruction would be improved. Also, the Police would continue to enhance the enforcement work.

25. Mr LO Siu-kit said that the situation was significantly improved as a result of the concerted efforts of various departments. Also, thanks to the assistance from various departments, the enclosure works at the Concord Square could be successfully completed on 15 June 2016 despite the fact that the staircases of the three entrance/exit points of the Concord Square were blocked by the hawkers’ stalls. Besides, another enclosure works was scheduled in the morning on 5 September 2016. He hoped that various departments would take note of this and deploy additional manpower in case of unforeseen incidents.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 3:25 p.m.)

(C) Paragraph 41 to 45 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: Request for Taking Operation against the Easy-mount Frames on the Two Bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Citistore and Chung On Street

26. 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.

27. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD reported that during July and August 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, from where 48 and 60 retractable advertising banners were removed respectively, so as to combat the obstructions caused by the retractable advertising banners.

28. Mr LO Siu-kit thanked the FEHD for its assistance as the situations of the above streets were improved remarkably. Although a member of the public lodged judicial review on the removal of retractable advertising banners, he hoped that the FEHD would enhance the inspections in order to reduce the impact on the shops brought by the retractable advertising banners.

(D) Paragraph 46 to 56 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: 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

29. The Chairman welcomed Mr LEE Wing-wa, Senior Transport Officer/Public Pier (Sr Transp Offr/Public Pier) of the Transport Department (TD) who specially joined the meeting. Besides, Mr WONG Wan-chi, Ambrose of the HKPF would give response to Members' enquires on behalf of the HKPF.

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

31. CIP (OPS 1) (Tsuen Wan) of the HKPF reported that the HKPF conducted 12 inspections at the locations concerned in August 2016. In four out of the 12 inspections, some people were found playing harmonicas or performing songs. All of them did not use sound-amplifying equipment and left after verbal warnings were given. During the last three months, the HKPF had received a complaint from a member of the public, but the police officer did not find any noise problem after arriving at the location under complaint.

32. Sr Transp Offr/Public Pier of the TD reported that since the last EHAC meeting in July 2016, the TD had continued to enhance inspection at the pier and found

someone singing with sound-amplifying equipment twice. The TD had immediately made referral to the law enforcement authorities for follow-up work.

33. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said he considered that this problem was improved as no noise complaint was received from the residents nearby recently. Also, he suggested that it was not necessary for the EHAC to continue the follow-up work.

34. The Acting Chairman said that this captioned matter under the item of matters arising would be removed from the agenda of the next EHAC meeting.

35. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(Note: Mr TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

(F) Paragraph 51 to 71 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 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

36. The Chairman asked Senior Environmental Protection Officer(Regional West)2 (Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to report on the latest situation.

37. Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2) of the EPD reported that the EPD carried out noise assessment on the platform of Riviera Gardens in the morning on 1 August 2016 and the noise level was around 68 dB. Under the assistance of Mr CHOW Ping-tim, the EPD conducted noise assessment in a flat on the middle floor of Riviera Gardens on 25 August 2016 and requested the Public Cargo Working Area (PCWA) to suspend operation temporarily, so as to evaluate the background noise level. The result showed that the noise level of the PCWA was around 70 dB during operation and the background noise level was 68 dB. The noise produced at the PCWA in these two assessments had not exceeded the relevant noise standards under the Noise Control Ordinance. The EPD would continue to monitor whether the PCWA produced excessive noise during operation and could arrange to take noise measurement in other time slots if necessary.

38. The Chairman said that the residents of Riviera Gardens had been complaining about the noise problem of the PCWA and serious noise nuisance was caused by the operation of recycling of scrap iron. He opined that the EPD might not be able to take measurement for the noise nuisance comprehensively in a short period of time. He also questioned whether the EPD had notified the contractors in advance before taking the noise measurement; and whether it was an effective approach to request the contractors to suspend operation temporarily for taking measurement of the background noise. He hoped that the Chairman of Tsuen Wan District Council (TWDC) would request the Kwai Tsing District Council to review the proposed

location for the recycling site, so as to avoid impact on the residents in Tsuen Wan district as far as possible. He hoped that the EPD would enhance the inspections. Also, he would seriously and actively look for the occupants who were willing to make an offer to the EPD to take noise measurement in their flats again after the meeting. He hoped that the departments would reconsider the impact from the proposed location brought to the residents nearby upon the expiry of the contracts of the contractors.

39. Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2) of the EPD responded that the EPD had been closely monitoring and assessing the noise level of the PCWA. The EPD also reflected the noise problem of the PCWA concerned to the Marine Department and the contractors. The EPD would arrange its staff to carry out the follow-up work if the residents of Riviera Gardens were willing to make an offer for taking noise measurement. The contractors would not be notified in advance of taking the noise measurement.

(G) Paragraph 72 to 86 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 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

40. The Chairman said that the EPD was currently discussing and studying the views solicited from the meeting earlier with other departments and would conduct consultation again when further recommendations or proposals were available. Also, the EPD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal. Moreover, Mr KONG Tak-shing, Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the LandsD would give response to Members' enquiries on behalf of the District Lands Office (DLO).

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

42. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO reported that the DLO and EPD were currently studying the views collected and seeking advice from the TD. The DLO would consider submitting a written reply if further recommendations or proposals were available.

43. The Acting Chairman enquired whether the DLO could provide a timetable of expected completion of the above work for Members' reference.

44. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that the relevant timetable was not

available for the time being.

45. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(H) Paragraph 112 to 129 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: Concern about the Repeated Burst of Salt Water Mains in Tsuen Wan District and Request for Paying Serious Attention to and Addressing the Problem of Aging Salt Water Mains in Tsuen Wan District

46. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the department and consultant companies who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr SZETO Wai-tun, Engineer/NTW (Distribution 1) (Engr/NTW (Distribution 1)) of the Water Supplies Department (WSD);
- (2) Mr HO Lok-man, Simon, Engineer/Consultants Management 5 (Engr/Consultants Mgt 5) of the WSD;
- (3) Mr LAU Chak-hung, Eric, Engineer/Project Management 8 of the WSD;
- (4) Mr LO Chi-hang, Robo, Senior Resident Engineer of AECOM;
- (5) Mr LAM Kong-keung, Paul, Resident Engineer of AECOM; and
- (6) Mr LEE Ngai-shing, Resident Engineer of Black & Veatch.

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones joined the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

47. Engr/NTW (Distribution 1) of the WSD briefed Members on the documents submitted earlier as follows:

- (1) the WSD would classify the water mains into different risk types according to the probability of burst of the mains and the seriousness of consequences arising from the main bursts, before making selection of the water mains for incorporation into the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains;
- (2) the number of water main burst and leak incidents over the territory reduced from around 24 000 cases in 2000/2001 to around 9 000 cases in 2015/2016. The number of water mains burst incidents in Tsuen Wan district dropped from about 1 070 cases in 2000/2001 to about 370 cases in 2015/2016. It could be seen that the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains was effective in improving the problem of aging of water mains in Tsuen Wan district;
- (3) the lengths, materials and year of construction of the water mains of the salt water supply system in Tsuen Wan and the bursts of the salt water mains with longer years of service in the five areas from 2012 to June 2016 drawing Members' attention were set out in the documents. It was also pointed out in the documents that there was no direct correlation between the years of service of the water mains and the probability of burst; and
- (4) besides conducting routine repair and maintenance, the WSD would closely monitor the conditions of the water supply networks, say, by conducting leakage tests or installing equipment for monitoring in order to facilitate the timely repair work and minimise the risks of bursts. Also, the Water

Intelligent Network (WIN) would be launched in future to monitor the conditions of the water mains. The WIN could continuously monitor the operation of the water supply networks, so as to detect abnormalities and take actions as early as possible for reduction of water main bursts.

48. Engr/Consultants Mgt 5 of the WSD responded that the aged water mains of 89.8 kilometres in Tsuen Wan district would be covered under the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains. As at the end of June 2016, the WSD had completed the replacement and rehabilitation of 89.1 kilometres of these aged water mains. It was expected that the remaining works would be completed during the third quarter of 2017.

49. The views, enquiries and suggestions of Ms LAM, Lam Nixie and Mr WONG Ka-wa were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was unable to read the documents for the meeting clearly as they were printed in black and white;
- (2) at the last EHAC meeting, the locations that were susceptible to serious traffic disruption in the event of water main burst had already been pointed out to the WSD, but the WSD still had not proposed any solution yet. It was enquired about the WSD's concrete timetable of replacement of the aged water mains; and whether Members could directly monitor the conditions of the water supply networks through the WIN;
- (3) the WSD failed to notify the district councillor of the constituency of the water main burst incident which occurred in Tsuen Wan West constituency in late August 2016. Worse still, the WSD provided incorrect information to the Member concerned. It was requested that the WSD should improve the notification mechanism;
- (4) in the briefing a moment ago, there was no mentioning of the frequent suspension of salt water supply in Lei Muk Shue Estate in the last two months and the burst of the water mains in Lei Muk Shue Estate on 30 August 2016. It was hoped that the WSD would provide the data of Lei Muk Shue Estate, which was also located in Tsuen Wan district, at the next EHAC meeting;
- (5) it was hoped that the WSD would provide the data of the location of the water main burst on 30 August 2016. Also, it was enquired whether the frequent water main bursts were caused by the weight of the vehicles on the road surface; and
- (6) it was applaudable that the information of the locations of water main bursts could be viewed on the Internet instantly. However, it was hoped that the WSD would notify the district councillor of the constituency when Lei Muk Shue Estate was affected by water main burst in Kwai Tsing district.

(Note: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping left the meeting at 3:52 p.m.)

50. Engr/NTW (Distribution 1) of the WSD responded as follows:
- (1) the WSD would directly contact the Members concerned for the relevant information after the meeting;
 - (2) the WSD had submitted the colour documents to the Secretariat on 25 August 2016;
 - (3) the WSD had all along been closely monitoring the water mains which were not included in the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains at the locations probably causing serious traffic disruption due to water main burst as mentioned by Members. In the event of water main burst, the WSD would take into consideration the occurrence of water main burst and make evaluation on including the water main in question in the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains due to the change of the risk factors;
 - (4) as currently the replacement and rehabilitation works of water mains had been substantially completed, the WSD adopted the measure of routine monitoring of the water mains through the WIN as appropriate. Having regard to the individual circumstances, the WSD would install additional equipment to facilitate the monitoring; and
 - (5) Wing Tak Street was not included in the Replacement and Rehabilitation Programme of Water Mains. The WSD would consider whether Wing Tak Street would be included in the Programme, subject to the conditions of the water mains in this street in future. The WSD had explained in writing to the Members concerned for its failure to notify the district councillor of the constituency of the water main burst.

51. Ms LAM, Lam Nixie was disappointed at the response from the WSD. She had made proposal on the locations for replacement of water mains to the WSD in the last District Council term. The WSD, however, considered that there was no pressing need for replacement of water mains for the proposed locations at that time. It could be seen from the water main burst incident recently happened in Lei Muk Shue Estate that the risk management by the WSD was relatively poor. She requested the WSD to submit improvement proposal and timetable to the EHAC as soon as possible.

52. Engr/NTW (Distribution 1) of the WSD responded that the WSD would provide supplementary information for Wing Tak Street after the meeting because he did not have any information about Wing Tak Street at the moment.

53. The Secretariat responded that the Secretariat was unable to distribute the documents together with the agenda of this meeting because the WSD submitted the documents to the Secretariat beyond the deadline of submission of papers. The Secretariat would enhance the coordination with the departments in future and provide assistance for the departments in submission of the documents required for the meetings as early as possible.

54. The Chairman said that the WSD was not well-prepared for the meeting. He hoped that the WSD would prepare more information for discussion at the next EHAC meeting. He also requested the WSD to provide the locations of the water mains of longer years of service in Tsuen Wan district and study whether the occurrence of water main burst was due to the factors such as materials or costs of construction works of the then contractors, so that the WSD could draw reference and take note of the past performance of the contractors when tendering in future. Also, he hoped that the Secretariat would improve the handling of documents for meetings.

(I) Paragraph 112 to 129 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: Strongly Request the Government Departments to Strengthen the Joint Law Enforcement Actions Against the Black Spots of Shop Extensions

55. The Chairman asked Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD to report on the captioned matter.

56. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD said that the areas in the vicinity of San Tsuen Street, Chuen Lung Street and Ho Pui Street in Tsuen Wan were the newly-added priority black spots of shop extensions under the District-led Actions Scheme. In order to carry out the publicity work and call for the shop owners' support for the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (the Ordinance) which would come into effect on 24 September 2016 and improve the environment of the district, the FEHD, TWDO, HKPF and the district councillors of the constituencies distributed leaflets at the above black spots on 28 July 2016 and 26 August 2016.

57. The Chairman enquired what actions would be taken on the day of implementation of the Ordinance.

58. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD and HKPF would conduct an inter-departmental joint operation on the day of implementation of the Ordinance.

59. The Chairman hoped that the FEHD would provide the timetable of the joint operation so that Members could make observation during the joint operation.

(Note: Mr LAM Kwok-on left the meeting on 4:12 p.m.)

(J) Paragraph 148 to 154 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2016: Objection to Advance the Flight Departure Time at 6 o'clock in Early Morning

60. The Chairman said that the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and Airport Authority (AA) failed to send representatives to join this meeting. The written replies from the CAD and AA were provided for Members' perusal.

61. Mr TAM Hoi-pong expressed his utmost regret at the CAD's and AA's failure to send representatives to join this meeting.

IV Item 3: Enhancement of Vegetated Slopes of HyD - Phased Replacement of Senescent Acacia

(EHAC Paper No. 30/16-17)

62. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the department and consultant company who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr CHAN Hon-cheung, John, Senior Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is) (Sr Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is)) of the Highways Department (HyD);
- (2) Mr MUI Tung-king, Tony, Senior Landscape Architect/VM(NT) (Sr Landscape Architect/VM(NT)) of the HyD; and
- (3) Mr WONG Cheuk-him, Jason, Landscape Architect/VM(SD) of the HyD.

63. Sr Landscape Architect/VM(NT) and Landscape Architect/VM(SD) of the HyD introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 4:31 p.m.)

64. The views, suggestions and enquiries of Mr MAN Yu-ming, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr WONG Ka-wa and the Vice Chairman were summarised as follows:

- (1) the captioned proposal from the HyD was welcome and concern was expressed to the growth of leaning Acacia trees on the slope near Shek Wai Kok Road, constituting dangers to the walkway and bus stop nearby. The said trees had been reinforced by cable bracings for years, but this was not a long-term solution. It was hoped that the HyD would prioritise the handling of trees according to the actual level of danger and conduct the comprehensive inspections in collaboration with other departments, so as to safeguard public safety;
- (2) the ArchSD had submitted a similar proposal to the TWDC. It was enquired whether the HyD was responsible for replacement of all the senescent Acacia trees on the slopes;
- (3) the residents relayed that they agreed to the replacement of the existing Acacia trees on the grounds of safety; however, it was hoped that after the removal of the Acacia trees, the native species could be replanted for completion of the greening works as soon as possible;
- (4) as there were drainage facilities including stormwater drains under the slopes of some areas such as Allway Gardens, the HyD was reminded to keep the drains clear in the course of the works;
- (5) the Acacia trees had been growing on the slope of the open area off Kwong Pan Tin Tsuen Kai-fong Welfare Association for years. It was hoped that the HyD would enhance the inspection work for the conditions of the trees at the said location, so as to safeguard the safety of the residents;
- (6) the HyD was requested to notify the district councillor of the constituency in advance of removal of trees, so as to facilitate the district councillor to explain the matter to the residents. Also, it was hoped that the HyD would

retain the healthy trees as far as possible and only removed the trees after they were dead;

- (7) it was enquired about the HyD's timetable of the replacement works at Kwok Shui Road, Wo Yi Hop Road, Cheung Shan and Sam Tung Uk Resite Village, where only a small quantity of Acacia trees was involved;
- (8) it was enquired about the replacement species for the existing Acacia trees after removal. It was suggested that consideration might be taken for construction of public facilities at the sites after the trees were removed;
- (9) the residents in Ting Kau and Sham Tseng were concerned about the conditions of the Acacia trees which were about to be removed. It was hoped that only those with health problems would be removed; and
- (10) it was enquired whether Acacia trees were unsuitable for being planted on slope; and whether the plant species in replacement of the Acacia trees in future were suitable for being planted on the slope.

65. Landscape Architect/VM(SD) of the HyD responded as follows:

- (1) if the slopes in the vicinity of the locations mentioned by Members were under its management, the HyD would contact Members directly after the meeting. If the slopes were not under its management, the HyD would inform the relevant departments for follow-up work;
- (2) the HyD would certainly notify the district councillors of the constituencies before removing the existing Acacia trees. It was hoped that on-site inspection would be conducted together with them; and
- (3) the HyD would determine the replacement species for Acacia trees in future and endeavour to increase green vegetation cover according to the planting guidelines issued by the Development Bureau (DEVB) and Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD), and by taking into consideration the design concept, physical and environmental factors such as vegetation space, sunshine duration and gradient of the site.

66. Sr Landscape Architect/VM(NT) of the HyD responded as follows:

- (1) after getting the agreement of the EHAC on implementing the captioned proposal, the HyD would conduct a field survey to evaluate the urgency of the slopes before drawing up a timetable and reporting to the EHAC. The healthy Acacia trees would be retained but those in poor conditions would firstly be eradicated. The HyD set a target to devise a detailed design proposal and timetable for the trial sites by the end of 2016 for discussion of the proposed arrangements with Members. Under mutual agreement, the HyD would instruct the contractors to carry out the works as planned. After reviewing the outcome of these trial sites, the HyD would determine the timetable for large-scale implementation of the captioned proposal; and
- (2) the HyD had submitted the results of consultations and Members' views collected in the past few months to the Tree Management Office (TMO) for coordination. The TMO would make referrals to the relevant departments for follow-up work on the views. The ArchSD might submit the

improvement programme for the areas under its management to the EHAC later.

67. Sr Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is) of the HyD responded as follows:
- (1) if a tree was found in danger of collapse during daily inspections, the HyD would handle the tree immediately instead of removing it until the implementation of the captioned proposal; and
 - (2) the Acacia, as a pioneer tree species, grew fast and enriched the soil contents by nitrogen fixation. However, as its life expectancy was comparatively short, they had to be removed.
68. The views, suggestions and enquiries of Mr CHAN Sung-ip, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were summarised as follows:
- (1) a phone call had been made to 1823, requesting for the prompt actions for the trees in danger of collapse in Ma Wan constituency but this remained unresolved after a period of time. It was enquired which department would take action for this;
 - (2) agreement was given in principle to the captioned proposal. However, it was requested that the HyD should notify the district councillors of the constituencies before removing the trees at the trial sites, so as to facilitate the district councillors concerned to explain the removal of trees to the residents nearby. It was also hoped that the HyD would provide all the locations in which the removal of Acacia trees was planned;
 - (3) accordingly to the HyD, there were only 2 920 Acacia trees in Tsuen Wan district, which did not tally with the findings of daily observation. It was enquired how the departments responsible for the roadside slopes could be made known;
 - (4) it was hoped that qualified contractors and experienced arborists would be hired to undertake the captioned proposal and that the trees with lower priority for action would firstly be pruned, so as to minimise the danger of collapse;
 - (5) it was suggested that the HyD could draw reference from the approach of handling discarded trunks adopted in Australia and lay mulch on the periphery of country parks, so as to lessen the burden on landfills; and
 - (6) as the White Popinac trees in the areas under the management of the HyD were also prone to collapse, it was enquired how the HyD would handle these trees.

(Note: Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.)

69. Sr Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is) of the HyD responded as follows:
- (1) the HyD would contact the Members concerned directly and arrange the on-site inspection to handle the dangerous trees in Ma Wan;
 - (2) before removing the trees, the HyD would notify the district councillors of the constituencies as early as possible and enhance communication with

members of the public. Also, the HyD would provide the Members concerned with the information on all the locations in which the removal of Acacia trees was planned after the meeting;

- (3) the figures on trees provided by the HyD only included those Acacia trees managed by the HyD. The HyD would engage qualified and experienced contractors and veteran arborists to carry out the works and would monitor the progress of the proposal and performance of the contractors;
- (4) regarding the responsible departments of the slopes, the name of the responsible department was displayed on the signage on the slope; and
- (5) as White Popinac trees grew fast and were highly dangerous, the HyD would remove the White Popinac trees in the areas under its management.

70. Landscape Architect/VM(SD) of the HyD responded that as landfills would reach saturation shortly, the HyD would, with due consideration to reduction, reuse and recycling, carry out the works by drawing reference from “A Food Waste & Yard Waste Plan for Hong Kong 2014-2022” released by the Environment Bureau and “Guidelines on Yard Waste Reduction and Treatment” devised by the DEVB. The HyD had liaised with different tertiary institutions, technical colleges and charitable organisations for reusing the discarded trees for teaching and learning purposes or producing other products. When selecting the replacement species for Acacia trees in future, the HyD would accord priority to the species that required less frequent pruning, with a view to minimising the waste produced in tree care. The HyD had also identified several non-profit-making fungi farms that would make use of discarded trees for breeding fungi and workshops would be organised. The HyD would continue to explore different ways for the reuse of the discarded trees.

71. The views, suggestions and enquiries of Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr WONG Wai-kit and Mr LAM Faat-kang were summarised as follows:

- (1) the Acacia trees could grow very tall and it was believed that those Acacia trees growing at the roadside could serve as sound barriers. Also, concern was expressed over the traffic noise at Castle Peak Road and Tuen Mun Road. It was pointed out that no sound barrier was installed during the reconstruction of Tuen Mun Road because the big trees planted by the sides of Tuen Mun Road could attain sound-proof effect. In view of this, it was opined that the HyD should consider whether the replacement species for the Acacia trees growing at the roadside could achieve the same effect;
- (2) no objection was raised to the implementation of the proposal. It was suggested that the HyD should provide Members with the locations of the trees concerned and the information on the tree assessments. Also, the HyD should contact the district councillors of the constituencies as early as possible before removing the trees;
- (3) it was hoped that pedestrians would not be injured due to the collapse of trees. Also, it was hoped that the HyD would make every effort to retain the healthy trees and the trees would be removed, replanted or replaced when there was a pressing need;

- (4) it was enquired whether other departments would submit similar proposals to the EHAC; and whether each department was responsible for the trees under its management only;
- (5) there were several Acacia trees by the sides of Route Twisk. The fallen leaves and withered branches were always found on the sound barriers of Route Twisk and nuisance was caused. It was enquired whether the HyD could handle this as well; and
- (6) the HyD had removed several trees near Route Twisk earlier but currently there was no vegetation cover at the locations concerned. It was enquired whether the HyD would include these locations in the proposal on Enhancement of Vegetated Slopes.

(Note: Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis and Ms LUI Dik-ming left the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

72. Landscape Architect/VM(SD) of the HyD responded that the sound-proof effect of the senescent Acacia trees was weakened, following the significant drop in the number of their leaves. The HyD would carry out planting work in multiple strata, so as to enhance the sound-proof effect. Although the sound-proof effect of the plants was one of the factors for consideration, the HyD would always put road safety in the first place.

73. Sr Landscape Architect/VM(NT) of the HyD responded that the HyD would submit the results of the consultations and Members' views collected in the past few months to the TMO for coordination. Other departments had their routine programmes for handling the Acacia trees. It was the first time for the HyD to implement the Enhancement of Vegetated Slopes.

74. Sr Landscape Architect/VM(U&Is) of the HyD responded that if the vegetation cover was not found in the areas under the management of the HyD during inspection, the HyD would consider including these areas in the Enhancement of Vegetated Slopes and conduct the on-site inspection with Members after the meeting.

75. The Chairman said that the EHAC did not object to the proposal submitted by the HyD in principle.

V Item 4: Improvement of Shing Mun and Tai Lam Chung (Sections L, M, N & O) Catchwater Systems - Installation of Deckings and Construction of Baffle Walls (EHAC Paper No. 31/16-17)

76. The Chairman welcomed Mr CHIU Man-fat, Acting Senior Engineer/Design (1) (Sr Engr/Design (1)) of the WSD, Mr TING Teer-kuan, Director of AECOM and Ms YIM Wing-man, Chief Engineer of AECOM who specially joined the meeting.

77. Sr Engr/Design (1) of the WSD introduced the paper.

78. The views, suggestions and enquiries of Mr WONG Wai-kit, Mr LO Siu-kit, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Mr CHAN Sung-ip and Mr TAM Hoi-pong were summarised as follows:

- (1) it was indicated in the paper that deckings would be installed in some areas and baffle walls would be constructed in other areas. Hence, it was enquired about the design criteria for the use of deckings or baffle walls; whether both deckings and baffle walls would be installed in the same area; and whether deckings could be installed for the whole catchwater;
- (2) as there were more pedestrians in some road sections, it was enquired whether the deckings would be fixed on the road surface so as to prevent accidents;
- (3) the installation of deckings would, in turn, attract motorists to park their vehicles on the deckings. Hence, it was necessary to construct the higher concrete barriers against parking on the deckings effectively;
- (4) as the project might affect fung shui of the locations concerned, it was suggested that the WSD should discuss with the representatives of the villages before the commencement of the project;
- (5) the captioned project was welcome. However, it was enquired whether the residents of the squatters on the slope near Wo Yi Hop Upper Village would be affected after the commencement of the project. Also, it was opined that the WSD should duly keep the noise and water pollution under proper control;
- (6) it was enquired whether the landslide problem of Shing Mun catchwater regularly triggered by heavy rain would be addressed by the captioned project as well; and why only several sections of the catchwater instead of the whole catchwater were covered in the project;
- (7) as there were inhabitants in the vicinity of Sheung Fa Shan and Ha Fa Shan, it was hoped that the WSD would keep the access clear for the villagers in the course of the works;
- (8) regarding the environmental review report mentioned in the paper, it was enquired whether the ecologically friendly assessment had been conducted; and whether the ecologically friendly measures would be adopted for the works; and
- (9) as the stray animals would die after getting trapped in catchwater, it was enquired how the WSD would prevent stray animals from getting into the catchwater or facilitate them to leave the catchwater after the construction of the higher baffle walls in this improvement works.

79. Director of AECOM responded as follows:

- (1) the scope of works was decided according to the higher level of the water surface generated by the simulation in the hydraulic model;
- (2) the access for the residents would be kept clear in the course of the works;
- (3) the slopes were not included in this improvement works. However, it was believed that the CEDD would accord priority to the problematic slopes;

- (4) the deckings were not designed for parking. They were only suitable for pedestrian use. Therefore, the baffle walls could prevent vehicle access to the deckings;
- (5) the baffle walls could also slim the chance of gaining entry into the catchwater by animals; and
- (6) the main objective of installation of deckings was to prevent the blockage of the catchwater due to masses of debris unleashed from landslides.

80. The Chairman said that agreement was given in principle to the captioned project because it indeed helped improve the problems occurred in the past. He hoped that the WSD would liaise with the Rural Committee, villagers and Members concerned when foreseeable impacts on residents brought by the works were noted.

VI Item 5: Strongly Request for Paying Serious Attention to and Addressing the Refuse Accumulation Problem at Lo Tak Court Carpark and Returning a “Clean and Quiet” Community to the Residents

(EHAC Paper No. 32/16-17)

81. Mr KOT Siu-yuen introduced the paper.

82. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had discussed with the contractor on improving the work arrangements on 20 August 2016. The refuse clearance work would be carried out with the aid of the light trucks with tail-lift services, instead of the grab lorries, with a view to reducing the noise nuisance. The FEHD would strive for additional resources and played the role for coordination for the district. It was hoped that the law enforcement action would be extended, so that the effectiveness of clearance of refuse would be significantly enhanced.

83. Mr KOT Siu-yuen thanked the FEHD for its efforts and the residents nearby also reflected that the refuse accumulation problem was improved. He observed that the staff of the contractor had to move the refuse manually and the workload was comparatively heavy. The workload of contractor would be lessened and the resources would be saved if the random disposal of refuse could be reduced at source.

84. Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD responded that the FEHD had instituted 18 prosecutions at Lo Tak Court Carpark during April and July 2016. Also, the FEHD and contractor had met the people who were suspected of illegal disposal of refuse, in order to advise them to comply with the law. The FEHD had put up notice in the vicinity of Lo Tak Court Carpark to remind members of the public and shop owners that those who disposed refuse in public places would be subject to prosecution.

85. The Chairman said that the EHAC would continue to follow up the captioned agenda item at the next meeting.

VII Item 6: Request the Departments Concerned to Pay Serious Attention to the Environmental Hygiene Problems under the Flyover at Tsuen Wan Road near Clague Garden Estate

(EHAC Paper No. 33/16-17)

86. Mr KOO Yeung-pong introduced the paper.

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 5:39 p.m.)

87. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that the location concerned was enclosed government land under the management of the DLO. The DLO had requested the Vegetation Contract Management Team (Tsuen Wan) of the LandsD to carry out the pruning and clearance work for the plants in the said enclosed government land. The DLO had also requested the contractor to clear the refuse in the construction site as soon as possible, with a view to mitigating the mosquito nuisance. The DLO would continue to follow up this problem. Moreover, the adjacent location had been allocated to the WSD as a temporary construction area. The DLO had informed the WSD of this problem and requested the WSD to carry out the follow-up work.

88. Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris said that the most severe mosquito problem was mainly found at the land which was not allocated to any government department. He enquired whether the Vegetation Contract Management Team of the LandsD had an established mechanism or conducted regular inspections to address the mosquito problem.

89. Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO responded that the land enclosed by the DLO with a signage of government land was managed by the DLO and other government lands would be handled by the respective departments.

90. The Chairman said that the EHAC would continue to follow up the captioned agenda item at the next meeting.

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

(EHAC Paper No. 34/16-17)

91. The Chairman welcomed the following government representatives who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Ms LO Sze-man, Senior Health Inspector(Environmental Hygiene)³ of the JO/FEHD;
- (2) Mr LEUNG Chun-wai, Professional Officer 1 (Professional Offr 1/Joint Office 2) of the JO/Buildings Department (BD);
- (3) Mr WONG Shun-ping, Assistant Housing Manager/SWK 2 of the JO/HD; and
- (4) Miss TONG Sze-yin, Engineer/Customer Services (Inspection) NTW of the WSD.

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

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

(1) as at the end of July 2016, the JO had received a total of 1 573 reports on water seepage in Tsuen Wan district, in which 791 cases were processed. Among the processed cases, 329 cases were screened out and 465 cases were concluded. Among the concluded cases, the water seepage ceased during investigation amounted to 69 cases; the source of water seepage was identified for 215 cases; and the source of water seepage could not be identified for 181 cases. The JO had instituted prosecution for five cases; and

(2) if the staff of the JO were rejected from entering and inspecting the flat concerned during investigation, the JO would apply to the court for a “Warrant to Effect Entry into Premises” under the law so as to enter the flat to carry out investigation and testing. The JO had issued a total of 17 “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.

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

(Note: Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.)

IX Item 8: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (June to July 2016)

(EHAC Paper No. 35/16-17)

95. Sr Env Protection Offr(Regional W)2 of the EPD reported the EPD’s work on environmental pollution control.

X Item 9: Maintenance Projects of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme in 2016/17

(EHAC Paper No. 36/16-17)

96. Sr Insp of Works of the TWDO briefed Members on the progress of the projects and added that the tendering work for projects A2, A8, A9, A10, A12 and B1 was underway. Besides, the collection of views from other departments and ground investigations had been completed for projects A3, A6 and A13, and tender exercises for these projects would be conducted in September 2016. As technical problems were found during the ground investigations of projects A4, A5 and A11, the TWDO would report to the EHAC after completion of the follow-up work.

97. The Chairman said he hoped that the HyD would approve the application for excavation permit or other applications from the TWDC as soon as possible, in order to avoid delays in projects.

98. District Engineer of the HyD responded that he would request the Excavation Permit Section, NT to approve the applications concerned as soon as possible.

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. 37/16-17)

99. 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, Ms LUI Dik-ming, Mr LAM Fook-chuen, Mr TSE Wing-hong and Mr LAM Kwok-on were the Members of the Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership.

100. As the Chairman and the Vice Chairman had made declaration of interest, Members elected Mr CHAN Sung-ip to be the Acting Chairman in accordance with section 48(14) of the Standing Orders. The Acting 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.

101. The EHAC approved the funding applications as follows:

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1)	Buildings Cleaning Programme in Tsuen Wan District	Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre	55,000.00
(2)	Rear Lane Improvement Works	Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre	75,000.00

XII Item 11: Application for District Council Funds for Activities Co-organised by Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community and Local Organisation

(EHAC Paper No. 38/16-17)

102. The Secretary introduced the paper and said that the Chairman, Mr MAN Yu-ming, Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, the Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr TAM Hoi-pong, Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr WONG Wai-kit and Mr

LAM Kwok-on were the Members of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community, so as to indicate that they had made declaration of their membership.

103. As the Chairman had made declaration of interest, the Vice Chairman would take over the chair temporarily. The Vice Chairman permitted that the Members who were concurrently the Members of the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community could speak and vote on the funding application according to section 48(12) of the Standing Orders, and asked if any Members needed to make declaration of other interest immediately. No Members made declaration of other interest.

104. The EHAC approved the funding application as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Applicant Organiser/ Co-organiser</u>	<u>Amount Approved (\$)</u>
(1) Food Waste Recycling Promotion 2016	Tsuen Wan Kwai Ching District Women's Association	44,000.00

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

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

105. The Secretary reported that the Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community had held its first meeting on 25 August 2016 and discussed the details of activities and financial budget for the current year. The Monitoring Group approved a funding of \$44,000 which was earmarked for co-organising the "Food Waste Recycling Promotion 2016" with the Tsuen Wan Kwai Ching District Women's Association. This activity, which would be held on 6 November 2016, aimed to allow the participants to gain an understanding on the environmental issues arising from food waste and learn more about the importance and urgency of source separation and recycling through visiting the food waste recycling site.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

106. The Chairman reported that the Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety would convene a meeting as soon as possible and discuss the work plan for the current year. As the activities of the Monitoring Group were mostly held in public housing estates in the past, the Monitoring Group was considering organising activities in different venues in order to bring the activities to a higher level and attract more residents of Tsuen Wan district to join the activities. It was hoped that Members would give reply as soon as possible after receiving a questionnaire on activity venue from the Monitoring Group.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

107. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the Task Force on Environmental Pollution and

Improvement approved a funding of \$55,000 which was earmarked for co-organising the “Buildings Cleaning Programme in Tsuen Wan District” with the Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre. This activity would be held during December 2016 and January 2017. 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 roof tops, light wells and staircases) of about eight private buildings in Tsuen Wan district as proposed by the FEHD. Besides, the Task Force approved a funding of \$75,000 which was earmarked for co-organising the “Rear Lane Improvement Works” with the Jockey Club Riviera Gardens Lutheran Integrated Service Centre. This activity would be held during December 2016 and January 2017. 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 four rear lanes as proposed by the FEHD.

XIV Item 13: Any Other Business

(A) Information Papers

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

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 17 August 2016 (EHAC Paper No. 39/16-17);
- (2) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (June to July 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 40/16-17, submitted by the EPD);
- (3) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (June to July 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 41/16-17, submitted by the EPD); and
- (4) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (June to July 2016) (EHAC Paper No. 42/16-17, submitted by the EPD).

XV Adjournment of Meeting

109. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 3 November 2016 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 19 October 2016.

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

21 September 2016