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Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (6/16-17)

Date: 2 March 2017 (Thursday)

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Venue: Main Conference Room, Tsuen Wan District Office

Present:

Members

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

Co-opted Members

Mr LAM Kwok-on  
Mr LAM Fook-chuen  
Ms CHOW Chin-tung

Government Representatives

Mr CHONG Kong-sang, Patrick	Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan), Tsuen Wan District Office
Ms KHATTAK Nasreen	District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr CHAN Kwok-hung	Chief Health Inspector 1, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Mr AU YEUNG Wai-ming, Arthur	Assistant District Leisure Manager (Tsuen Wan) <sup>2</sup> , Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Mr TAI Moon-kwong, Daniel	Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West) <sup>2</sup> , Environmental Protection Department

Mr TSE Man-hong	Engineer (Tsuen Kwai) 1/Kowloon and New Territories South 1, Drainage Services Department
Mr CHU Man-kit	Engineer (Tsuen Kwai) 2/Kowloon and 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 (New Territories West), Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr CHAN Siu-wan, Wallace	Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 1, Planning Department
Mr WONG Shun-ping	Assistant Housing Manager (Shek Wai Kok 2), Housing Department
Mr KONG Tak-shing	Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)
Mr YUNG Chi-wai	Senior Inspector of Works, Tsuen Wan District Office
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 and 2B

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 YU Kam-cheung, Simon	Building Services Engineer/Tsuen Wan, Architectural Services Department
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For discussion of item 2E

Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy	Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2), Marine Department
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For discussion of item 2L

Mr SZETO Wai-tun	Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 1), Water Services Department
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Mr KAN Ka-man  
Engineer/New Territories West  
(Customer Services) Inspection, Water  
Services Department

For discussion of item 7

Mr KO Po-wai  
Senior Health Inspector, Joint  
Office/Food and Environmental  
Hygiene Department  
Mr TSO Kwong-wing, Tommy  
Professional Officer 1, Joint  
Office/Buildings Department  
Mr KAN Ka-man  
Engineer/New Territories West  
(Customer Services) Inspection, Water  
Services Department

For discussion of item 8

Ms YIU Ting-ting  
Manager-Environmental Engineering,  
Mass Transit Railway Corporation  
Limited  
Ms HO Hoi-yan, Ava  
Assistant Public Relations Manager,  
Mass Transit Railway Corporation  
Limited

Absent:

Co-opted Members

Mr TSE Wing-hong  
Ms LUI Dik-ming

Action

The Meeting

I Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chairman welcomed the Members and government representatives to the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Environmental and Health Affairs Committee (EHAC) and introduced:

- (1) Ms KHATTAK Nasreen, District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tsuen Wan) (DEHS (TW)) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD);
- (2) Mr CHAN Siu-wan, Wallace, Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 1 (TP/TW 1) of the Planning Department, who succeeded Miss SIU Wai-yin, Florence, Town Planner/Tsuen Wan 3 (TP/TW 3) to attend the meeting; and
- (3) Mr TSO Kwong-wing, Tommy, Professional Officer 1, Joint Office /Buildings Department (PO 1, Joint Office)/BD), who succeeded Mr LEUNG Chun-wai.

2. The Chairman said that Ms LUI Dik-ming was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

3. The Chairman reminded Members that according to Section 15(3) of the Tsuen Wan District Council Standing Orders (the “Standing Orders”), “in the course of a meeting of the Council, all persons attending or sitting in on the meeting at the place

of the meeting shall switch off all devices which 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 7th Meeting held on 5.1.2017

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

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

5. The Chairman said that agenda item 2D would be firstly discussed at the request of the department concerned.

(D) Paragraphs 6 to 10 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Request to Improve the Environment of the Waiting Area of the Minibus Terminus in Sai Lau Kok Multi-storey Carpark

6. The Chairman welcomed Mr Simon YU, Building Services Engineer/Tsuen Wan (BSE/TW) of the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) who specially joined the meeting. Besides, the Government Property Agency had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members’ perusal.

7. The Chairman asked the representatives of the ArchSD to report the latest status.

8. The BSE/TW of the ArchSD reported that the fan installation project had been completed in January and the fans were in use.

9. The Chairman said that the discussion of this item would not be available at the matters arising for the next meeting because the ArchSD had fulfilled the request of the EHAC without further suggestions to the minibus terminus in Sai Lau Kok Multi-storey Carpark. He thanked the representative of the ArchSD for his efforts and hoped that the representative of the ArchSD would continue to provide assistance when necessary.

(A) Paragraphs 11 to 26 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Request Government Departments to Assist in Resolving the Matters Concerning Occupation of Public Area by Metals and Waste Paper Recycling Shops at Tak Wah Street

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

11. The Acting Chairman welcomed the departmental representatives who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr WONG Wan-chi, Anbrose, Chief Inspector of Police (Operations 1) (Tsuen Wan) (CIP (TW)) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF);
- (2) Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, Chief Health Inspector 1 (CHI) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD); and
- (3) Mr KONG Tak-shing, Senior Land Executive/Control 2 (District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)(SLE/Control) of the District Lands Office (DLO).

12. CHI of the FEHD reported that with effect from 12 January, the FEHD and the HKPF invoked Section 32(1) of the Summary Offences Ordinance (Chapter 228) to carry out enforcement action on a pilot basis with satisfactory results. The FEHD had initiated prosecution against recycling shops in January and February twice and once respectively, and seized unclaimed items twice as well as issued two Notices to Remove Obstruction on the spot. The FEHD would continue the enforcement.

13. Mr CHOW Ping-tim remarked that he found it strange that the FEHD had not included Tak Wah Street in the pilot action but decided to choose other places for pilot run. He reminded the FEHD to contact the District Council (DC) Member of the constituency concerned when the item would be discussed at the EHAC in the future, and the member that had raised the item could not revise the topic item at will. In addition, he requested the FEHD to give response to the progress and effectiveness of the pilot action.

(Note: Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mr WONG Ka-wa, Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr LI Hung-por joined the meeting at 2:45 p.m.)

14. CHI of the FEHD responded that the pilot action was a success and asked Members to refer to the photos before and after the action submitted before the meeting.

15. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(B) Paragraphs 11 to 26 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Strongly Request the Government Departments to Strengthen the Joint Law Enforcement Actions Against the Black Spots of Shop Extensions

16. The Chairman asked Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD to report to the meeting.

17. CHI of the FEHD said that a total of 288 fixed penalty tickets had been issued between 24 September 2016 and 28 February 2017. Among which, 81 tickets were issued at San Tsuen Street, Chuen Lung Street, Yi Pei Square and Ho Pui Street under the District-led Actions Scheme, and the remaining 207 tickets were issued at the neighbouring areas such as Lo Tak Court, Tai Ho Road, Dung Fat Street, Tak Hoi Street, Ham Tin Street, Tso Kung Square, Heung Wo Street, Tai Pa Street, Sha Tsui Road and Chung On Street. The FEHD would continue the action and considered that the situation had been improved.

18. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he agreed that the situation had improved, and some residents praised the FEHD, the HKPF and Tsuen Wan District Office (TWDO) for carrying out the joint operation (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (2) he appreciated the efforts of the FEHD in clearing the accumulated waste outside a fruit stall in Chuen Lung Street, and praised Ch Health Insp 1 of the FEHD for leading FEHD staff to inspect various locations in Tsuen Wan before the Lunar New Year (Mr LAM Faat-kang);

- (3) he enquired about the photo of Ho Pui Street provided by the FEHD whether the goods placed would fall under the scope of shop front extensions (SFEs) and meet the requirement for law enforcement by issuing tickets (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
- (4) he enquired when the FEHD would step up the enforcement action to cover Hoi Pa Street and other streets with minibus terminuses (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris); and
- (5) he praised the FEHD for their efforts as the shops close to the offices of district councillors had become tidier, and hoped that the FEHD would continue to maintain the tidiness of San Tsuen Street, Chuen Lung Street and Ho Pui Street, as well as tackled the problem of SFEs (Mr KOT Siu-yuen).

19. CHI of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would continue to enforce the law and extend enforcement to Chuen Lung North under the District-led Actions Scheme. As to when enforcement would be extended to Hoi Pa Street, the FEHD would coordinate with the Buildings Department (BD) for investigation. As regards the goods placed at Ho Pui Street as shown on the photo, the FEHD considered the situation acceptable.

20. Assistant District Officer (Tsuen Wan) (ADO(TW)) of the TWDO added that at the previous meetings of the DC and the District Facilities Management Committee (DFMC), it had been discussed that one of the key enforcement targets for the District-led Actions Scheme in the coming year would be strengthening the enforcement actions against shop extensions. The TWDO joined hands with the departments concerned to extend the coverage of law enforcement in the streets at the town centre. After considering the manpower and resource allocation, the TWDO would deal with the places with a serious problem of shop extensions. Before taking action, the TWDO would communicate with the DC Member of the constituency concerned and welcome the suggestions of members, the TWDO would actively study and consider taking follow-up action.

21. The views, questions and suggestions of members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he recognised the efforts of the FEHD in solving the SFEs near a fast food shop at Market Street, yet the shop would obstruct the street by placing the goods there again after the operation of the FEHD, and hoped that the FEHD would continue to step up enforcement (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (2) the shop extension problem at the fruit shop opposite to the fast food shop at Lo Tak Court was also serious, a member hoped that the FEHD could continue to step up enforcement (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
  - (3) although the shop extension problem of the fruit shop was less serious, he hoped that the FEHD would monitor the situation (the Chairman).

22. CHI of the FEHD responded that the fruit shop had exercised greater discipline than it did in the past, and the FEHD would step up inspections.

23. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) the new shopping mall opposite to the said fruit shop had laid iron floor slabs in the staircases outside the entrance before the enforcement action, but the shopping mall had extended the iron floor slabs and hoped the FEHD could make investigation (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (2) he clarified that the shopping mall was Tmark. After the Members had reflected the views to the department concerned, the shopping mall had slightly reduced the size of floor slabs, and he hoped that the department concerned would follow up with the shopping mall for the extension of the iron floor slabs (Mr KOT Siu-yuen); and
  - (3) he did not agree with the FEHD that the goods placed by the shops at Ho Pui Street were acceptable, and considered that the FEHD could tolerate slight shop extensions while taking priority in dealing with serious shop extensions, and tightened up enforcement action at a later time (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris).
24. CHI of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would deal with different cases subject to resource allocation.
25. The Chairman said that Members might contact the FEHD direct where necessary for the FEHD to step up enforcement.
26. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) in dealing with shop extensions, there was a need to consider the priority of locations and resource allocation. The enforcement policy had been discussed in different meetings previously, and he found it acceptable to maintain the status quo of Ho Pui Street and Hoi Pa Street (Mr LO Siu-kit);
  - (2) if there was stringent law enforcement at individual streets, the problem of shop extensions in other areas in Tsuen Wan should be dealt with in the same manner with impartiality (Mr LO Siu-kit);
  - (3) the problem of shop extensions at town centre had been alleviated at present, other areas in Tsuen Wan should not be overlooked by focusing on individual shops, and there was a need to consider the resources required and the response of stakeholders (Mr LO Siu-kit);
  - (4) there was massive improvement at Ho Pui Street and Chuen Lung Street after the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance came into effect on 24 September 2016 (Mr LAM Fook-chuen); and
  - (5) he had witnessed a case close to Wo Tik Street and Ho Pui Street where the FEHD staff and the Police urged an old man to remove his stuff politely, until the old man had moved his stuff to a location not affecting traffic. Although the old man had breached the law, he understood that under the pressure from the public, the law enforcement departments would experience difficulty. He hoped that Members would give room to the departments concerned to gradually alleviate the problem of shop extensions (Mr LAM Fook-chuen).

27. The Chairman said that it was necessary to take into public response in law enforcement, and considered that the EHAC should only consider whether there was a need to tighten up law enforcement policy subject to public complaints on shop extensions and the territory-wide situation, otherwise the current period should be treated as the buffer period. If stringent law enforcement became mandatory, it might trigger severe response from operators. In addition, he praised the FEHD, the HKPF and the TWDO for their efforts.

(C) Paragraphs 27 to 28 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Request for Taking Operation against the Easy-mount Frames on the Two Bridges of Fou Wah Centre, Citistore and Chung On Street

28. The Chairman asked the representative of the FEHD to report on the follow-up work taken by the FEHD on the obstructions caused by the easy-mount frames on the two bridges of Fou Wah Centre and Citistore as well as the walkway of Chung On Street.

29. CHI of the FEHD reported that the FEHD had taken law enforcement actions outside the bridges of Fou Wah Centre and Citistore and the walkway of Chung On Street from time to time during January and February to combat against the obstruction of access by easy-mount frames. During the period 10 easy-mount frames at Chung On Street had been removed and the situation had been improved. The FEHD would continue the law enforcement action.

30. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that he had received complaints of the residents on the said locations. He recognised the efforts of the FEHD in solving the problem and hoped that the FEHD would maintain the enforcement policy so as not to worsen the situation, thereby reducing the number of public complaints.

(E) Paragraphs 29 to 31 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Strongly Request the Marine Department and Environmental Protection Department to Stop the Contractors of the Gin Drinkers Bay Public Cargo Working Area from Making Noise Nuisance whilst Operation in order to Safeguard a Quiet Living Environment in the Waterfront Area of Tsuen Wan

31. The Chairman welcomed the departmental representatives who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr TAI Moon-kwong, Daniel, Senior Environmental Protection Officer (Regional West)<sup>2</sup> (SEPO (Regional W)) of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD); and
- (2) Mr NG Chi-hong, Caddy, Senior Assistant Shipping Master/Cargo Handling (2) (SASM) of the Marine Department (MD).

32. The Chairman asked SEPO (Regional W) of the EPD and the SASM of the MD to report the latest status.

33. SEPO (Regional W) of the EPD reported as follows:

- (1) the EPD would continue to assess the noise during the operation of the public cargo working area on a regular basis, and on 3 January 2017 at

2:30 p.m. and 15 February at around 11:00 a.m., the noise level of the public cargo working area measured at the rooftop of Hoi Sing Mansion of the Riviera Gardens was 70 dB and 63 dB respectively. The results showed that the noise level did not exceed the noise standards set out in the Noise Control Ordinance; and

- (2) the EPD continued to inspect the berthing space after the last meeting to monitor the implementation of noise abatement measures. In the routine inspections over the past two months, the EPD had not found any situation that the operator had directly dumped scrap iron from the tipper truck onto the floor.

34. SASM of the MD reported as follows:

- (1) the MD had met the operator of No. 27 berthing space on 12 January to follow up and discuss the feasible measures for noise reduction, and suggested that the operator reduce the operating hours on Sunday. The operator also agreed to start operation after 11:00 a.m. for half a day only in order to minimise the impacts on the residents nearby;
- (2) the MD reminded operators to adopt effective measures from time to time, such as unloading goods by means of heavy lifting and avoidance of direct unloading of goods from vehicles to minimise noise;
- (3) the staff of the MD would bring along sound meters during inspections. If the noise level at a particular moment was found to exceed the control standards, they would immediately give warning to the operators concerned, and frequently remind operators to adopt noise and dust reduction measures, such as laying tyres on the ground, reducing crane speed as far as possible, and water sprinkling from time to time;
- (4) the MD issued 61, 16 and 2 verbal warnings in October, November and December 2016 respectively. There was no need to issue verbal warning in January 2017 and 2 in February; and
- (5) within the opening hours of the public cargo working area, if residents had any noise complaints, they could call 2614 1914 to contact the duty inspector of the Rambler Channel Public Cargo Working Area for their follow up.

35. The views of the Chairman were as follows:

- (1) he had recently received more complaints from the residents on the continuous noise and sudden noise from the public cargo working area which caused nuisance;
- (2) he considered that the noise monitoring measures of the MD were not sufficient, therefore it failed to effectively monitor and prevent operators from making short but heavy noise;
- (3) although the MD had discussed with operators the actual improvement measures including the shortening of operating time, the ideal solution would be moving the public cargo working area to a location far away from the residential area in order to effectively reduce noise; and

- (4) he understood that the environmental protection ordinances might not be able to effectively regulate practical operation and hoped that the EPD had to maintain consistency when law enforcement was required.

36. SASM of the MD responded that the latest contract between the MD and the operator would be valid from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2021 for a period of five years. The MD would carry out four inspections in the morning and the afternoon every day, and the operator had followed the MD's guidelines for operation, the noise level had been reduced significantly.

37. The Chairman expressed his dissatisfaction and disappointment over the MD for its failure in considering the views of the EHAC at the time of contract renewal with the operator by including additional terms. The public cargo working area would no doubt cause nuisance to the residents nearby, the needs of the residents nearby and the impacts on them should be considered in the setting up of government-related facilities in order to make changes, economic reasons could not be an excuse. He asked the MD to provide the terms of the contracts signed with the operator recently and in the past to show the differences between them.

38. SEPO (Regional W) of the EPD responded that the noise levels recorded in January and February were 70 dB and 63 dB respectively. He guessed that the operator was more cautious after meeting with the MD. Since the locations of noise assessment by the EPD and the MD were different, if the MD had not found any noise in excess of the noise standards, the noise level recorded at the Riviera Gardens would be lower.

39. The Chairman said that the EHAC would continue to monitor this item.

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

(F) Paragraphs 32 to 38 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Strongly Request the District Lands Office, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing to Specify the Requirement of Provision of Professional Consultancy Report on Environmental and Traffic Assessment by the Successful Tenderer in the Tender for the Grant of the Temporary Allocated Area in the Proposal in question, with a view to Ensuring that the Living of Residents of the Housing Estates Nearby would not be Adversely Affected due to the Grant of the Site, and Request the Departments to Review the District Consultation Mechanism of Grant of Sites, under which Communication and Cooperation with District Council and Members should be an Integral Part in future

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

41. The Acting Chairman said that the EPD had submitted a written reply prior to the meeting for Members' perusal and asked Mr KONG Tak-shing, SLE/Control of the DLO to report the latest status.

42. SLE/Control of the DLO reported that the EPD was revising the suggestions after collecting the views of members. The DLO would consult the departments concerned upon the receipt of suggestions from the EPD before considering the inclusion of appropriate provisions in the terms and conditions of short-term lease agreements.

43. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that the DLO should adjust the direction as soon as possible on the basis of the views collected to decide to cancel temporary land allocation or relocate the temporary land.

44. SEPO (Regional W) of the EPD said that he would reflect the views of Members to the responsible team.

45. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(G) Paragraphs 38 to 41 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: 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

46. The Chairman asked DEHS (TW) of the FEHD to report the latest status.

47. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD said that the Tsuen Wan District Environmental Hygiene Office continued to carry out inspections and enforce the law in the location and the situation had been improved. The FEHD would continue to carry out the action.

48. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this item under matters arising.

(H) Paragraphs 42 to 44 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Request the Departments Concerned to Pay Serious Attention to the Environmental Hygiene Problems under the Flyover at Tsuen Wan Road near Clague Garden Estate

49. The Chairman asked Sr Land Ex/Control 2 of the DLO to report the latest status.

50. SLE/Control of the DLO reported that the contract vegetation management team of the DLO had completed the clearing of undergrowth and fallen leaves there in mid-December the year before, and had carried out an inspection there in late February to make sure the weeds and fallen leaves had been cleared.

51. The views, suggestions and questions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he opined that the DLO had made slow progress in dealing with the matter, and trees and undergrowth were growing there, he hoped that the DLO would continue to clear the weeds and fallen leaves when the weather became warmer (Mr KOO Yeung-pong); and

- (2) the trees there were *Leucaena Leucocephala* and were exposed to the risks of breakage or collapse during typhoon season, which would harm the public, he enquired the DLO about the policy to replace the fragile non-native tree species (The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben).

52. SLE/Control of the DLO responded that the DLO would carry out inspections there regularly and would clear up the location where necessary. In addition, he would reflect the views of the Members to the contract vegetation management team of the DLO to formulate preventive measures to deal with dangerous trees.

53. The Chairman said that he hoped the DLO could provide the photos before and after the operation for Members' reference. The EHAC would continue to discuss this item under matters arising.

(I) Paragraphs 45 to 46 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Follow-up Report of the Drainage Services Department on the Use of Plastic Canvas at Tai Ho Road, Tai Chung Road and Ma Tau Pa Road for Odour Prevention

54. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the Drainage Services Department (DSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr TSE Man-hong, Engineer (Tsuen Kwai) 1/Kowloon and New Territories South 2 (Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 2); and
- (2) Mr CHU Man-kit, Engineer (Tsuen Kwai) 2/Kowloon and New Territories South 2 (Engr/Tsuen Kwai 2/Kln & NT South 2).

55. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 2/Kln & NT South 2 of the DSD reported that the DSD would continue to carry out regular monitoring and assessment at the three locations and arrange clean-up when necessary.

56. The Chairman enquired about the damage to plastic canvas.

57. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 2/Kln & NT South 2 of the DSD responded that such locations were close to the sea side, the plastic canvas would be flushed by sea water and had been damaged. The DSD would replace the plastic canvas when there was damage to make sure the result of odor prevention.

(J) Paragraphs 47 to 50 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Strongly Request the Drainage Services Department to Implement the Works for Covering the Nullah at Chiu Tam Path as soon as Possible

58. The Chairman said that the DSD had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal and asked the representative of the DSD to report the latest status.

59. Engr/Tsuen Kwai 1/Kln & NT South 2 of the DSD reported that the works location had been included in the area of ecological park. The Department had included one of the outfalls for pilot run, and provided plastic canvas. The DSD would carry out regular monitoring and arrange clean-up when necessary.

60. The Vice Chairman appreciated the efforts of the DSD in completing the provision of plastic canvas the week before to prevent odour and hoped that the DSD would monitor, collect and provide odour data for Members' reference.

61. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this item under matters arising.

(K) Paragraphs 51 to 56 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Request the Highways Department to Explain the Reasons in Detail for Implementation of the Strengthening Works for the Blocks on Footpaths by Application of Glue Without Conducting any Consultation and How the Repair and Maintenance of the Footpaths in Tsuen Wan District were Enhanced and Improved so as to Further Ensure the Safety of the General Public

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

63. The Acting Chairman said that the Highways Department (HyD) had submitted a written reply on the captioned matter prior to the meeting for Members' perusal and asked Members to raise questions.

64. Mr CHOW Ping-tim said that there was no improvement to the bricks of the footpaths where glue had been applied, some road sections were still very dirty, and requested the HyD to review the road section and carry out improvement works to avoid affecting the road appearance and departmental image. He suggested the Committee continue to monitor the HyD's plan of applying glue to other sections of the footpaths.

65. District Engineer/Tsuen Wan (DE/TW) of the HyD responded that the staff of the maintenance team were responsible for the works. He would refer the views of the Members to the maintenance team for follow up and requested them to contact the Members direct.

66. The Acting Chairman said that he hoped the HyD could first consult the EHAC before applying glue to the footpaths in other areas of Tsuen Wan in the future. The EHAC would continue to discuss this item under matters arising.

67. The Chairman resumed the chair.

(L) Paragraphs 51 to 56 of Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 January 2017: Request for Conducting a Comprehensive Review on the Fresh Water Pipes Installed in Villages without Compliance of Requirements and Making Rectifications As Soon As Possible

68. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the Water Services Department (WSD) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Mr SZETO Wai-tun, Engineer/New Territories West (Distribution 1) (Engr/NTWest (Distribution 1)); and

- (2) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engineer/New Territories West (Customer Services) Inspection (Engr/NTW(Customer Services) Inspection).

69. The Chairman asked the Engr/NTW(Customer Services) Inspection of the WSD to report the latest status.

70. Engr/NTW(Customer Services) Inspection of the WSD reported that the WSD had included the cases raised by Members at the previous meeting in the follow-up list, and had a site inspection with Members on 24 January. The WSD confirmed that the pipes were private pipes without violating rules such as damage or seepage. If the improvement works of villages require pipe modification, the registered users could make an application to the WSD and the WSD would review the proposed modification under application and give advice.

71. Mr CHENG Chit-pun said that during the site inspection with the WSD staff, they found that the pipes extending from government pipes were private pipes. He would discuss with the users for treatment. He suggested the EHAC not to discuss this item under matters arising.

72. The Chairman said that the EHAC would not continue to discuss this item under matters arising.

IV Item 3: Installation of IP Camera at the Black Spots of Refuse Disposal by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  
(EHAC Paper No. 73/16-17)

73. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD introduced the paper.

74. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) Members were pleased to know that the FEHD introduction of the pilot scheme in Tsuen Wan, and opined that the scheme would help to assist in preventing the refuse disposal problem (Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones, Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
  - (2) after the Lunar New Year, Heung Wo Street Park had been used for disposal of construction waste, he thanked the FEHD to contact the operator for clear up the waste. He hoped that Internet protocol (IP) cameras should be installed at the black spots of waste disposal where situation permits (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
  - (3) when Mary of Providence Primary School noted that the EHAC would discuss this item, they told him that they would like to have a camera installed at the rear lane of the school to reduce waste disposal at the rear lane and safeguard the health of the school's students (The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben);
  - (4) discarded furniture and construction waste were dumped near refuse collection points at Tsing Lung Tau and Sham Tseng. Since certain construction waste must be delivered to designated locations for treatment in accordance with the Waste Disposal (Charges for Disposal of

Construction Waste) Regulation 2016, and the disposal of such construction waste at the said locations could avoid the payment of treatment fees, a member hoped that after the installation of IP cameras, the FEHD could trace the persons or vehicles that had disposed of waste to carry out law enforcement, and suggested installing cameras at Lung Yue Road Refuse Collection Point and Park Island Pier or refuse collection point (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);

- (5) currently, more than one tonne of waste was collected from Lo Tak Court daily and some shops and offenders also disposed of waste there, a member hoped that the FEHD could consider installing cameras at such black spot of waste disposal (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
- (6) as the footpath near the entrance of Tai Pei Square Playground was quite narrow, when there was waste disposal there, members of the public would walk to the road or carpark, he suggested installing cameras at the left and right sides of the fire services gate at the entrance of Tai Pei Square Playground (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (7) they opined that the costs of relocating cameras and installing more cameras were similar and hoped that the FEHD could consider increasing the number of cameras (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones and Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
- (8) he suggested installing a camera at Hilltop Road Refuse Collection Point to eradicate the illegal disposal of construction waste (Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones);
- (9) he suggested installing cameras surrounding Wo Yi Hop Village Refuse Collection Point to benefit different areas (Mr MAN Yu-ming);
- (10) illegal disposal of construction waste and the disposal of plastic fillers by escalators engineering companies occurred frequently at Lei Shu Road, Kwok Shui Road, Yau Ma Hom Road, consideration could be given to the installation of cameras at such locations (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (11) he enquired whether the FEHD and the HKPF would take enforcement action when illegal waste disposal was found, and the criteria for the FEHD to relocate cameras (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
- (12) she enquired whether the FEHD could extend the use of cameras for law enforcement to the tackling of fouling of streets by dog faeces (Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis);
- (13) he hoped that the FEHD could take note of the specifications of the cameras used. If the video taken by the camera was not clear, there would be difficulty in law enforcement (Mr CHENG Chit-pun); and
- (14) illegal disposal of used tyres frequently occurred at several car parking spaces at Ting Kau Roundabout Carpark, and there was disposal of construction waste and large furniture outside Sham Tseng Temporary Market for a long time. Apart from the said proposed locations, a member also hoped that cameras could be installed at the black spots of shop extensions at Ho Pui Street and Tak Wah Street and the walkway outside Tsuen Wan Government Offices at Sai Lau Kok Road (Mr CHENG Chit-pun).

75. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded as follows:
- (1) for the pilot scheme in Central and Western, Sham Shui Po and Yuen Long districts, cameras could only be installed at three locations. Cameras could be installed at more locations in the pilot scheme in Tsuen Wan this time. As the pilot scheme would also be carried out concurrently in other districts, the number of cameras could not be increased;
  - (2) the FEHD would make arrangement in accordance with the Guidance Note on Closed Circuit Television Surveillance Practices issued by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data to put notices at the monitored area to warn offenders in order to achieve deterrent effect;
  - (3) if it was found that there was illegal waste disposal, the FEHD could not ascertain the identity of the offenders and initiate prosecution on the strength of the video, but the video would be used to determine the time and manner of disposal of the offenders to come up with law enforcement action more effectively;
  - (4) if it was found that vehicles were used for waste disposal, the FEHD would initiate prosecution against the registered vehicle owner in accordance with Article 9A of Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation (Chapter 132BK). The FEHD would also issue fixed penalty tickets to offenders of waste disposal in accordance with Article 4A of Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation (Chapter 132BK);
  - (5) the FEHD would use 4G and WiFi for high definition transmission to ensure video quality; and
  - (6) as the FEHD could not ascertain the identity of the offenders and initiate prosecution on the strength of the video, therefore it could not be extended to the tackling of fouling of streets by dog faeces.
76. The Chairman suggested allowing all the Members to propose locations for installation of IP cameras within two weeks for the FEHD to study the feasibility of the proposals for deciding the priority of the proposed locations by balloting at the next EHAC meeting.
77. Mr TAM Hoi-pong said that he did not object to prioritizing the proposed locations by balloting, but he suggested limiting the number of proposals made by each Member.
78. The Chairman said that he did not agree to limit the number of proposals made by each Member as he was worried that Members of the public would think that the EHAC had not endeavoured to solve the waste disposal problem at a particular black spot. The representative of the FEHD said earlier that IP cameras would be relocated after effective result was seen in the pilot places, therefore the proposals of Members might be selected.
79. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) Members were required to consider the details of installation in making proposals, for example, it might not be possible to install cameras at private

- buildings and the responsibility of payment of electricity fee after installation (Mr CHAN Sung-ip);
- (2) the Chairman agreed that ballots could be drawn after the FEHD had carried out feasibility study (Mr CHAN Sung-ip);
  - (3) in view that whether it would be subjective as to whether cameras should be installed at individual locations, he opined that the number of proposals made by Members should be limited to two only (Mr LO Siu-kit);
  - (4) he enquired whether Co-opted Members could propose locations (Mr LAM Fook-chuen);
  - (5) he enquired whether all DC Members could propose locations (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (6) he agreed that it would be fairer to draw ballots, and opined that the number of proposals made by each Member should be limited to four (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (7) he did not agree to setting priority by balloting and opined that it would be more appropriate to use the scoring system (Mr KOT Siu-yuen);
  - (8) as there were only four pilot locations, they opined that two proposals were sufficient (Mr KOT Siu-yuen and Mr MAN Yu-ming);
  - (9) he did not agree to make decision by balloting, because it might not be possible to install cameras at the locations at the town centre as early as possible where installation was required, and opined that the installation of cameras could have deterrent effect (Mr KOO Yeung-pong);
  - (10) they enquired about the screening criteria adopted by the pilot districts (Mr KOO Yeung-pong and Mr CHENG Chit-pun);
  - (11) he opined that when the FEHD had public complaint figures, the black spots in Tsuen Wan would be more easily known (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
  - (12) he opined that under resource constraints, priority should be given to the locations in greater need for camera installation (Mr LAM Faat-kang); and
  - (13) since cameras could be installed at four locations, he opined that only the proposals that were considered by the FEHD to be feasible after study should be addressed, and considered that the scoring system could better reflect the urgency of the proposals (Mr MAN Yu-ming).

80. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD would contact DC Members for site inspection after the EHAC had reached a consensus on the proposed locations, and the proposals would finally be submitted to the headquarters for feasibility study;
- (2) in Yuen Long, the District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent there proposed the locations of the pilot scheme in urban and rural areas for pilot run after its committee had reached a consensus. However, the practice of Yuen Long might not be suitable for Tsuen Wan; and
- (3) the FEHD said that more public complaints were made on the refuse collection points close to Yau Ma Hom, Tung Po Tor Monastery Bayside Villas, Lung Yue Road and Golden Villa and the refuse collection point under Golden Villa.

81. The Chairman remarked that, as the headquarters of the FEHD would need to carry out feasibility study, it would require a certain time to decide on suitable locations. If the EHAC continued to discuss how the pilot places could be decided, it would result in a delay of the scheme commencement. He agreed to the practice of the FEHD by providing black spots of environmental hygiene to the EHAC in the discussion of other items. The FEHD would make proposals of the black spots of waste disposal and decide on the priority based on the complaint figures received, in the hope that it would be more effective and lengthy discussion of the scoring could be avoided, so as to commence the scheme as early as possible. He asked the FEHD to submit a list of black spots of waste disposal and continue to monitor the complaint figures at the locations proposed by Members for making reference when the locations of cameras were changed in the future.

V Item 4: Waste Reduction and Recycling for Lunar New Year Fair in Tsuen Wan  
(EHAC Paper No. 74/16-17)

82. The Chairman said that Mr TAM Hoi-pong had submitted the paper and the EPD had submitted a written reply prior to the meeting for Members' perusal.

83. Mr TAM Hoi-pong introduced the paper.

84. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had always been supportive of measures for environmental protection and practical recyclable materials;
- (2) the FEHD had set up four collection points in the previous Lunar New Year Fair to collect waste paper, plastic and metals. In addition, canvases and plant collection points were also provided;
- (3) the FEHD collected wooden planks for the first time this year for delivery to the EcoPark of the EPD in Tuen Mun for handling, and tried to collect furniture;
- (4) when Sha Tsui Road Playground Lunar New Year Fair was opened between 22 and 28 January, the FEHD had collected a total of 68.76 tonnes of refuse, a reduction of around 8.8 tonnes from 77.56 tonnes the year before, a total of 111.5 kg of waste paper this year, an increase of 98.5 kg from the year before, and 15 kg of plastic which was similar to the year before, the metal collected was 482.3 kg, an increase of 477.3 kg from the year before. The FEHD had also delivered 608.8 kg of wooden planks to the EcoPark in Tuen Mun for handling. At the same time, 20 iron scaffoldings in whole were delivered to the recyclers set out in the contract by recyclable waste collectors for handling;
- (5) the FEHD had delivered messages on environmental protection on the day of stalls auction, and wrote to remind each stall owner to send recyclable items to the collection points inside the site to reduce waste, and used amplifiers to promote environmental protection during the opening of the Lunar New Year Fair. Signage was also provided inside the site for the public to know the locations of collection points;
- (6) the FEHD had sent the plants collected from the Lunar New Year Fair to six elderly homes in Tsuen Wan as gift; and

- (7) the FEHD would discuss with other departments for improvement of environmental protection measures for the next Lunar New Year Fair.

(Note: Mr CHUNG Wai-ping left the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The Hon CHAN Han-pan, Ben left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

85. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he agreed to the direction of the FEHD towards waste or refuse reduction in Lunar New Year Fair (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
  - (2) he suggested that the FEHD provide a shared space for placing recyclable products for the public in need to get such products which also reduce waste and the manpower and cost required for clearing up the waste (Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris);
  - (3) there was still room for improvement of the current environmental protection policy or measures in Hong Kong. He hoped that the FEHD could provide more support to environmental protection groups (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (4) he pointed out that the FEHD could only implement waste separation measures in Lunar New Year Fair due to manpower and resource constraints and was unable to carry out total recycling. He suggested the FEHD and other departments allow the cooperation of environmental protection groups, for example setting up resource sharing points in locations other than Lunar New Year Fair such as Princess Alexandra Community Centre for recyclable waste collectors and recyclers to reduce transportation cost (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (5) she opined that the FEHD should step up publicity to raise the environmental protection awareness of stall owners and suggested the FEHD invite environmental protection groups before stalls auction to introduce to stall owners recyclable products and the points to note (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (6) she suggested that environmental protection measures should be noted for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration activities for returning to the Motherland to be held in Tsuen Wan (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie); and
  - (7) many years ago, the FEHD would only deploy staff to clean up Sha Tsui Road Playground Lunar New Year Fair on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Lunar January. In the recent decade, the FEHD would deploy staff for clean up on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Lunar January, and no staff were on duty at Princess Alexandra Community Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lunar January. He suggested the FEHD contact different environmental protection groups in advance to refine the system and reserve time for sending recyclable and reusable items to the needy before the FEHD cleaned up the Lunar New Year Fair (Mr KOO Yeung-pong).

(Note: Mr MAN Yu-ming and Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.)

86. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that, as regards the suggestion in item 5 of the paper, since community centres including Princess Alexandra Community Centre

would be closed on the public holiday after the Lunar New Year Fair, as such there might not be manpower and resources or plan for opening the centres for environmental protection groups to place, retrieve or circulate recyclable items. In organising activities, the TWDO must uphold environmental protection and closely monitor the activities.

87. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) he expressed dissatisfaction that the EPD did not send representatives to the meeting (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (2) the circulation of recyclable items usually required a few days for transportation arrangement, but there was no “Community Green Station” in Tsuen Wan, a member hoped that a suitable location could be identified before the start of the next Lunar New Year Fair for setting up “Community Green Station” (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (3) he enquired whether it would be feasible for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to reserve a corner for temporary placing of items so that environmental protection groups were not required to transport the items (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (4) he opined that it was the responsibility of stall owners to handle recycled products, and hoped that the LCSD could remind stall owners of environmental protection messages from different perspectives (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (5) he hoped that the LCSD could strengthen communication with Members to improve the environmental protection measures for the next Lunar New Year Fair (Mr TAM Hoi-pong);
  - (6) he opined that there was room for improvement for government departments to promote environmental protection (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (7) he hoped that the TWDO and other departments could study whether Princess Alexandra Community Centre could be open after the Lunar New Year Fair and whether a place near Sha Tsui Road Playground could be reserved for temporary placing of recycled goods and put the practice on trial before the start of Lunar New Year Fair (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (8) he suggested the FEHD strengthen the promotion of environmental protection measures before stalls auction to enhance the environmental awareness of stall owners (Mr WONG Ka-wa);
  - (9) although the suggestions of some Members could increase the recycling rate of the Lunar New Year Fair, it would be difficult to put some suggestions into practice without the policy support of policy bureau (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie);
  - (10) she opined that Lunar New Year Fair was a territory-wide activity, and the EHAC had no authority to control its operation, therefore DC Members could strengthen the promotion of environmental protection measures in the activities concerned (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie); and
  - (11) she requested the policy bureau to strengthen the promotion of environmental policy and hoped that environmental protection groups could provide more information and points to note to the departments (Ms LAM, Lam Nixie).

88. The Chairman hoped that the TWDO could consider how to make sure the activities funded by the DC could achieve a higher level of compliance with environmental standards. He suggested the FEHD include additional terms during Lunar New Year Fair stalls auction and require the compliance of stall owners, and provide the EHAC with the terms and conditions of stalls auction and the rules for Lunar New Year Fair to provide convenience to Members for giving advice. He said that the EHAC would be pleased to forward the views of environmental protection groups on the environmental measures of Lunar New Year Fair such as logistics arrangement and use of venue to the FEHD or other departments concerned, and the environmental protection groups on the site could also invite other environmental protection groups to give views on promoting green Lunar New Year Fair for submission to the EHAC, and the EHAC could also set up an ad hoc task force when necessary to work on the plan.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

89. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD could coordinate with environmental protection groups to promote environmental protection measures and such groups could contact the FEHD direct for making appropriate arrangement.

90. The Chairman said that the EAHC would continue to discuss this item under matters arising.

VI Item 5: Request for an Overall Improvement of the Facilities and Hygienic Condition of the Public Toilets in Tsuen Wan District

(EHAC Paper No. 75/16-17)

91. The Chairman said that Mr CHAN Kwok-hung, the representative of the FEHD, would respond to Members' questions on behalf of the FEHD.

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

93. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded as follows:

- (1) the FEHD had worked out a schedule for the renovation of public toilets and planned to renovate Tai Ho Road Public Toilet in September, followed by the renovation of the public toilets at Tak Wah Street and Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building, while the renovation of Heung Che Street Public Toilet was completed not long ago;
- (2) the FEHD or the contractor would carry out inspection at least twice a day. Since the staff of the contractor would be responsible for the cleaning of public toilets, there was no cleaning record as in the public toilets under the LCSD;
- (3) when the FEHD found that the staff of the contractors was derelict of duty, they would issue default notices to the contractors. The FEHD had issued a total of 12 default notices to the operators and opined that the situation was not satisfactory; and

- (4) the FEHD would carry out spot inspection on a non-periodic basis in the hope of improving the situation.

(Note: Mr CHAN Sung-ip left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.)

94. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:
  - (1) a number of public toilets in Tsuen Wan town centre were dilapidated. He hoped that the FEHD could grant funding for public toilet renovation as early as possible and suggested the public toilets at different locations were renovated concurrently to renovate the public toilets with high utilisation rate and great urgency for improvement (Mr LO Siu-kit);
  - (2) he hoped that the FEHD would request the contractors to maintain the hygiene of public toilets (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael); and
  - (3) he suggested the FEHD use a point deduction scheme to evaluate the service performance of contractors, and consider the number of default notices issued to contractors in the tendering stage. If the service performance of a contractor was not satisfactory, the FEHD should not accept its tender. He hoped that the FEHD review the policy of “lowest bid wins” and would reflect the views to the senior management of the FEHD (The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael).

(Note: Mr KOT Siu-yuen left the meeting at 4:26 p.m. Mr WONG Ka-wa left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.)

95. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would issue default notices to the contractors when the staff of the contractors were found to be derelict of duty and would reflect the issue to the headquarters in tendering. There were stringent thresholds in tendering, including the price of the tenders and the past performance of the contractors to determine the winning contractor.

96. The Chairman said that he hoped the FEHD could provide the information of the contractors responsible for cleaning public toilets in Tsuen Wan, the system for review and evaluation of the service performance of contractors and the inspection system or record to strengthen the monitoring of the performance of the contractors.

97. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded that the default notices issued to the contractors incurred a penalty of around 2,000 per notice, and when a certain number of default notices were accumulated, the penalty would be increased to over 4,000 per notice.

98. The Chairman said that, other than strengthening inspection, he hoped that the FEHD could speed up the progress of public toilet renovation if resources permitted to improve the hygiene of Tsuen Wan. He said that Members raised this item at the Committee and it reflected that the hygienic condition of public toilets in Tsuen Wan was serious and caused public concern, the headquarters of the FEHD and local district offices should deploy resources subject to actual circumstances of districts.

99. DEHS (TW) of the FEHD responded that the time for public toilet renovation was handled by the headquarters centrally.

VII Item 6: Endorsement of the List of Minor Environmental Improvement Programme 2017/18

(EHAC Paper No. 76/16-17)

100. The Secretary introduced the paper.

101. The priority, titles and proposers of the works were set out as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
(1)	Provision of Planters and Greening in Tsuen Wan District	-
(2)	Provision of Benches at Lamp Post FA5591 near Route Twisk, Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis
(3)	Installation of Railing at Lamp Post VC0369 near Lo Wai Village, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Chun-chung, Jones
(4)	Extension of Rain Shelter near Wing Lung House and Lamp Post FB5006 at Hoi Pa Street, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOT Siu-yuen
(5)	Provision of Rain Shelter Cover and Benches near Yan Chai Hospital at Kwan Mun Hau Street, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit
(6)	Provision of Benches near Tower 6, Tower 20 of Riviera Gardens and Riviera Plaza at Yi Hong Street, Yi Lok Street and Wing Shun Street	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(7)	Provision of Rain Shelter Cover and Benches near the Main Entrance of Rhine Garden at Castle Peak Road – Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun
(8)	Provision of Benches near Tower Q of Allway Gardens at Tsuen King Circuit, Tsuen Wan	Mr LAM Kwok-on
(9)	Provision of Fitness Equipment near Hoi On Street Lamp Post DC0037 at Waterfront Promenade, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
(10)	Provision of Rain Shelter near Tower 1 of City Point at Wing Shun Street, Tsuen Wan	Ms LAM, Lam Nixie
(11)	Extension of Rain Shelter near Waylee Industrial Centre at Mei Wan Street, Tsuen Wan	The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(12)	Provision of Extension of Rain Shelter near Tower 1 of Kam Fung Garden and Lamp Post AC2569, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOO Yeung-pong
(13)	Improvement of Supporting Frames of Post Boxes of Kiu Tau Tsuen, Wo Yi Hop Lane, Tsuen Wan	Mr MAN Yu-ming
(14)	Provision of Benches near Tsuen Wan Town Hall at Hoi Shing Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr KOT Siu-yuen
(15)	Provision of Benches near Bus Terminus and Tower 18 at Riviera Gardens, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHOW Ping-tim
(16)	Provision of Rain Shelter near Bellagio Mall and Lamp Post DC0338 at Castle Peak Road – Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHENG Chit-pun

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
(17)	Provision of Rain Shelter near Tsuen Wan Police Station and Lamp Post FB5103 in Tsuen King Circuit, Tsuen Wan	The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael
(18)	Provision of Extension of Rain Shelter near Minibus Stop at Tsuen Wan Centre Rest Garden, Tsuen Wan	Mr LI Hung-por
(19)	Provision of Benches near Vision City and Lamp Post BC1978 at Wo Tik Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr LO Siu-kit
(20)	Provision of Floor Slabs and Benches at Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan near Sham Tseng Public Pier Bus Stop	Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris
(21)	Provision of Fitness Equipment near Hoi On Road Lamp Post DC0039 at Waterfront Promenade, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Wai-kit
(22)	Provision of Benches near Nina Tower Bus Terminus at Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr TAM Hoi-pong
(23)	Provision of Benches near Lamp Post FA5945 at Sam Tung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(24)	Provision of Rain Shelter near Hoi Pa San Tsuen and Lamp Post FA9981 at Wo Yi Hop Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(25)	Provision of Benches near Lamp Post FA5137 at Lei Shue Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(26)	Provision of Benches near Lamp Post AC2016 at Tsuen Fu Street, Tsuen Wan	Mr WONG Ka-wa
(27)	Provision of Rain Shelter near Primrose Hill and Lamp Post CC0412 at Kwok Shui Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(28)	Provision of Masonry Facing and Rails near Ham Tin Tsuen and Primrose Hill at Kwok Shui Road Open Space	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(29)	Provision of Rain Shelter near Zebra Crossing and Lamp Posts W0538 to W0539 at Kwok Shui Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly
(30)	Provision of Rain Shelter at Kwok Shui Road Park near Tai Wo Hou MTR station from Primrose Hill, Kwok Shui Road, Tsuen Wan	Mr CHAN Yuen-sum, Sumly

Items 4 and 5, Items 7 and 8, Items 12 and 13, Items 14 and 15 and Items 25 and 26 above had the same scores, the Chairman asked the ADO(TW) of the TWDO to draw ballots on the spot to decide the priority of the projects. The works team of the TWDO would carry out the new construction works according to the available funding for district minor works and the priority.

102. As the Chairman was required to take up other urgent matters, the meeting would be temporarily chaired by the Vice Chairman.

(Note: The Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.)

103. The views, suggestions and questions of Members were summarised as follows:
- (1) a project raised by him had been referred to the HyD and the TD for follow up. The village representative reflected that the road section was extremely narrow and curved which would cause traffic accidents easily and enquired about the works progress (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
  - (2) he enquired whether the project proposals raised would be followed up by the HyD and the EPD at the same time (Mr WONG Wai-kit);
  - (3) he enquired whether the budget for minor environmental improvement programme for this year was \$2 million (Mr LI Hung-por);
  - (4) he showed respect to the decision of the EHAC but objected to the list of minor environmental improvement programme. Since there was room for improvement of the marking system, the Member hoped that the marking system could be revised as soon as possible (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
  - (5) he opined that there was a full cover close to the location of Project No. 11 and there was no need to carry out Project No. 11 (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

104. DE/TW of the HyD responded that feasibility study must first be carried out by the TD for the installation of road traffic facilities at roadside. If the project was feasible, a works order would be issued to the HyD for installation. As far as he knew, the TD had reservation over the installation of fish-eye mirrors at roadside, and the case would require study of the TD, the HyD would refer the case to the TD for follow up.

105. The Acting Chairman requested the TD to respond to the enquiries of Members directly.

106. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that the budget for this year was similar to that of the year before, and \$2 million had been set aside for minor environmental improvement programme, and \$0.2 million was set aside for the maintenance of such projects and \$0.6 million was granted to the LCSD for greening works. In addition, the arrangement on minor environmental improvement programme endorsed by the EHAC required the approval of the TWDC.

107. The Chairman resumed the chair.

108. The Chairman said that the treatment of the projects with cost overruns were discussed at the previous meeting, and hoped to clarify the mechanism used in this financial year. As the EHAC had not reached any consensus over the treatment during the discussion of projects with cost overruns at the previous meeting, the EHAC could only endorse the projects. He suggested that if the tendering amount would exceed 40% of the budget for the minor environmental improvement programme in the future, the works team of the TWDO would inform the proposer of the project and discuss the revision to the project contents and reduction of project budget to carry out another tendering exercise. If the amount after re-tendering still exceeded 40% of the project budget, the project would be abandoned according to the voting system. The works team of the TWDO would follow the priority and the list and the balance of funding to carry out tendering for the remaining projects.

109. The EHAC unanimously agreed to the proposal for dealing with projects with cost overruns.

110. The Chairman invited Members to cast vote in respect of the list of minor environmental improvement programme 2017/18 by means of open ballots with Members' consent. The voting result was as follows:

For (10 votes)

Ms LAM Yuen-pun, Phyllis, Mr KOO Yeung-pong, Mr CHENG Chit-pun, Ms LAM, Lam Nixie, Mr NG Hin-lung, Norris, Mr WONG Wai-kit, Mr LAM Faat-kang, Mr LO Siu-kit, Ms CHOW Chin-tung and Mr LAM Kwok-on

Against (2 votes)

Mr TAM Hoi-pong and Mr LI Hung-por

Abstain (nil)

111. The Chairman announced that there were 10 votes for and 2 votes against the list of minor environmental improvement programme 2017/18 and the list was endorsed.

(Post-meeting note: At the meeting on 28 March, the TWDC had endorsed the minor environmental improvement works projects with budgets equivalent to or exceeding 220,000 intended for implementation in 2017/18.)

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

(EHAC Paper No. 77/16-17)

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

- (1) Mr KO Po-wai, Senior Health Inspector, Joint Office (SHI (Joint Off) of the FEHD;
- (2) Mr TSO Kwong-wing, Tommy, Professional Officer 1, Joint Office (PO 1/Joint Office) of the BD; and
- (3) Mr KAN Ka-man, Engr/NTW(Customer Services) Inspection of the WSD.

113. The Acting Chairman asked the representative of the Joint Office to report the latest status of water seepage in buildings in the district.

114. PO 1/Joint Office of the BD reported as follows:

- (1) as at late January 2017, the Joint Office had received a total of 161 reports of water seepage in Tsuen Wan, among which 136 cases had been handled. Among the handled water seepage cases, 56 cases were identified to be uninvestigated, and investigation was completed for 80 cases. Among the investigated cases, the number of cases in which water seepage ceased during investigation was 22 cases, with 45 cases in which the source of water seepage was confirmed, and 13 cases in which the source of water

seepage was not confirmed. The Joint Office had initiated prosecution in one case; and

- (2) during investigation, if the staff of the Joint Office were denied entry into the premises for investigation, the Joint Office would apply to the court for a warrant to effect entry in premises in accordance with legislation to enter the premises for investigation and testing. The Joint Office had issued one Notice of Intention to Apply for Warrant of Entry and applied to the West Kowloon Magistrates' Court for entry warrants for two cases.

115. Mr WONG Wai-kit said that in some water seepage cases where the Professional Offr 1/Joint Office of the BD were carrying out colour water tests, the contractor had found probable colour water but did not take away the evidence for testing, eventually the source of water seepage could not be identified. He enquired whether this practice was usual and hoped that the BD concerned could contact the Members concerned for follow-up action.

116. PO 1/Joint Office of the BD responded that, under usual circumstances, if colour water was found during colour water tests in the affected premises, the Joint Office would take away the evidence for testing. The Joint Office would first understand the case for study with Members.

117. CHI of the FEHD introduced the work report on environmental hygiene in Tsuen Wan District.

118. The views, suggestions and questions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) he praised the FEHD for its efforts in handling obstruction which was in line with Members' expectation, such as an increase in the number of unlicensed hawkers arrested and the amount of food seized, and hoped that the FEHD would continue to work to combat against unlicensed hawkers (Mr LO Siu-kit);
- (2) he recently found that there was an increase in the number of cases of graffiti and illegal posting of posters in lamp posts, road dividers or the rain shelters funded by the DC, and the size of promotional materials such as banners was reduced in order to be hung on railings and road dividers, and such unauthorized materials should be posted again after cleaning up, he hoped that the FEHD could attempt to initiate prosecution to prevent the spreading of the situation so as to avoid affecting the reputation of the DC (Mr CHOW Ping-tim);
- (3) the escalator linking Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building with Tsuen Fung Centre leading to Castle Peak Road was glued with bubble gums, and the FEHD had cleaned it up before Lunar New Year, but the responsibility of cleaning might fall on the HyD and hoped that the department responsible for management of the said location could be clarified as soon as possible (Mr LAM Faat-kang); and
- (4) the mosaic tiles of the flyover outside the TWDO was re-painted in the previous repair works, but the colour was too sharp and not good-looking, the environment there was also dirty, a member hoped that the department

responsible for management of the said location could be clarified as soon as possible so that clean-up work could be carried out as soon as possible (Mr LAM Faat-kang).

(Note: Mr CHAN Sung-ip left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.)

119. DEHS(TW) of the FEHD responded that the FEHD would follow up the matters of graffiti and unauthorised posting of posters in the district.

120. ADO(TW) of the TWDO responded that various departments had organised meetings to discuss the management responsibility of Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building in the hope of devising a long-term solution. The proposals were still being discussed, and some opined that the department that had granted land possession in accordance with the land deed should first be clarified. It was understood that the department in possession of considerable land was studying the situation.

121. The Chairman said that the EHAC had encountered the problem of title in dealing with different items concerning Tsuen Wan Multi-storey Carpark Building. He hoped that departments could clarify the title and responsibility as soon as possible, otherwise the EHAC would consider writing to the bureau again to request assistance in clarifying the title.

IX Item 8: Work Report on Environmental Pollution Control in Tsuen Wan District (December 2016 to January 2017)  
(EHAC Paper No. 78/16-17)

122. The Chairman welcomed the representatives from the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRCL) who specially joined the meeting, including:

- (1) Ms YIU Ting-ting, Manager-Environmental Engineering (Manager); and
- (2) Ms HO Hoi-yan, Ava, Assistant Public Relations Manager.

123. SEPOffr (Regional W) of the EPD reported the environmental pollution control work of the Department.

124. The Assistant Public Relations Manager of the MTRCL responded that the Tsuen Wan Depot had followed the established procedure for inspection and maintenance of trains and rails, and had adopted a series of measures, such as switching off of the air-conditioning system when the trains were entering the depot, restricting the speed of trains entering the depot, avoiding the use of curved rails in late night as far as possible and installation of lubrication system next to the rails to reduce friction and noise, and the results were satisfactory, the noise level currently generated did not exceed the legislative requirements of the EPD. In 2015, the MTRCL had invited DC Members to visit Tsuen Wan Depot to understand the operation of the lubrication system.

125. The views, questions and suggestions of Members were summarised as follows:

- (1) the existing noise measurement method and time periods of the EPD could not reflect the intermittent noise of trains entering the depot, ceasing movement and re-starting. The noise, in particular in Autumn, had caused nuisance to the residents nearby, which made people irritable and distressed (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (2) as shown in the meeting paper submitted by the EPD, the noise level recorded between 11:00 p.m. and 00:30 a.m. was 64 dB, which was adjusted to 53 dB. Although the noise level was lower than the acceptable level of 55 dB, the noise level was close to the threshold. A Member hoped that the EPD could review whether the noise abatement measures adopted by the MTRCL were sufficient (Mr LAM Faat-kang);
- (3) he enquired how the EPD measured noise and whether the measurement would be taken place at a location close to the source of noise (Mr TAM Hoi-pong); and
- (4) he enquired the calculation method of adjustment of noise level and whether the statistics showed the highest noise level recorded or the average noise within a period of time (Mr TAM Hoi-pong).

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

- (1) the EPD would make the assessment at noise sensitive receivers (NSRs), which was usually one metre from the window of the complainant's premises;
- (2) for the sake of convenience, the EPD had assessed the noise in the roof top, but acoustic reflection of the noise would be taken into account as if it was assessed at one metre from the premises;
- (3) according to the technical memorandum, the EPD assessed the average noise within 30 minutes. The EPD would assess the noise in different time period to decide whether the noise standards for different periods had been exceeded;
- (4) the EPD would adjust the noise level recorded according to acoustic principle, for example, if the background noise was 50 dB, and the noise recorded was 53 dB, the adjusted noise level would be 50 dB. The EPD would also adopt the same calculation method for handling various types of noise;
- (5) it was the basic requirement that the noise level did not violate the Noise Control Ordinance, and agreed to the Members' views that the MTRCL should enhance noise abatement measures and use more updated technology to reduce the noise produced in the future; and
- (6) the EPD would meet the MTRCL regularly to suggest the MTRCL adopt more noise abatement measures.

127. The Chairman said that the EPD failed to deal with intermittent loud noise at present. The EPD must review and improve the methods currently adopted.

128. The Manager of the MTRCL responded that noise would be unavoidable because of the friction of moving trains and rails. In late night, the returning trains would avoid using curved rails as far as possible, and 40 lubricant plugs were installed to provide lubricants when trains were driving past curved sections. As train safety was the prime priority, a maximum of 40 lubricant plugs could be installed to reduce noise. The MTRCL would keep abreast of technological development in the hope of further reducing noise and welcome the suggestions of Members.

129. Mr LAM Faat-kang said that he agreed that the MTRCL had actively dealt with the issue. Although the noise level did not exceed statutory requirement, the noise had actually affected the livelihood of residents, and felt helpless as the EPD was unable to record intermittent loud noise. He hoped that the EPD could update the legislation to adopt more appropriate measures for the MTRCL to make improvement to thoroughly solve the problem, and suggested writing to the EPD to request follow-up action.

130. The Chairman said that the EHAC would write to the EPD to request legislative amendments to solve the noise nuisance to residents. He agreed that the provision of cover above Tsuen Wan Depot could thoroughly solve the noise problem, but incentives such as land premium concession or development of above-station property must be provided to the MTRCL. He hoped that the MTRCL could study the provision of cover to recover the construction cost and proposals with long-term benefits.

X Item 9: Progress Report on Minor Environmental Improvement Programme and Maintenance Projects in 2016/17

(EHAC Paper No. 79/16-17)

131. SIOW of the TWDO briefly introduced the progress of various projects, and supplemented that the tendering for the new construction project (Provision of Benches at Lamp Post AC0424 near Lei Shue Road, Tsuen Wan) had been completed, and the tendering amount did not exceed budget. In addition, the funding for new construction projects were going to be used up, and the balance of new construction projects and maintenance projects would be used on small-scale maintenance projects with the approval of the EHAC.

132. Mr LAM Faat-kang praised the SIOW of the TWDO of his efficiency in handling the problem of fallen nosing tiles of the staircases next to Fou Wah Centre raised by him at the previous EHAC meeting.

(Note: Mr LI Hung-por left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.)

XI Item 10: Work Progress Report of Working Groups under Environmental and Health Affairs Committee

(A) Monitoring Group on Environmental Protection and Green Community

133. The Secretary reported that the group and Riviera Garden Lutheran Children & Youth Centre would co-host “2017 Hong Kong Flower Show cum Game Stalls” to be held in March 2017. By participating in the Flower Show at the Victoria Park

organised by the LCSD, a game stall with the theme of “Blossoms of Love” would be set up inside the venue to promote green living to the public through education and entertainment.

(B) Monitoring Group on Public Health and Food Safety

134. The Chairman reported that “2016 Importance of Health” was organised between December 2016 and January 2017, which had successfully enhanced the concern over the virus of the century and the knowledge of healthy eating of the residents of Tsuen Wan to jointly build a healthy community.

(C) Task Force on Environmental Pollution and Improvement

135. Mr LO Siu-kit reported that the “Building Cleaning Campaign in Tsuen Wan District” was held between December 2016 and January 2017 for cleaning the public spaces (including roof tops, yards and stairs) of around 8 private buildings in Tsuen Wan proposed by the FEHD to improve the living environment and hygiene of the residents in the district. In addition, the Rear Lane Improvement Works in Tsuen Wan District were also carried out between December 2016 and January 2017 for carrying out rear lane improvement projects at four rear lanes proposed by the FEHD to disseminate the importance of environmental cleanliness to the residents of Tsuen Wan.

XII Item 11: Any Other Business

136. The Chairman hoped that the EHAC could write to the CLP Group to show appreciation of its timely assistance in small environmental improvement works which contributed to the successful completion of various works for the relocation of underground cables and hoped that the CLP Group would continue to coordinate with the work of the EHAC in the future. In addition, he thanked Ms LI Bik Ching of the DC Secretariat who was going to retire on 16 March for her long years of assistance in DC work and service to the public.

(A) Information Papers

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

- (1) Financial Statement of the Funds Allocated to Environmental and Health Affairs Committee as at 15 February 2017 (EHAC Paper No. 80/16-17);
- (2) Dates of Meetings of Environmental and Health Affairs Committee between May 2017 and March 2018 (EHAC Paper No. 81/16-17);
- (3) Odour Prediction Assessment at the Riviera Gardens and Tsuen Wan Slaughter House (December 2016 to January 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 82/16-17, submitted by the EPD);
- (4) Work Report on the Problem of Sea Water Pollution of the Rambler Channel, Tsuen Wan (December 2016 to January 2017) (EHAC No. 83/16-17, submitted by the EPD); and
- (5) Noise Monitoring Result of MTR Tsuen Wan Depot (December 2016 to January 2017) (EHAC Paper No. 84/16-17, submitted by the EPD).

XIII Adjournment of Meeting

138. The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting was scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on 4 May 2017 (Thursday) and the deadline for submission of paper was 13 April 2017.

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

Tsuen Wan District Council Secretariat

13 April 2017