

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 25 June 2018)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Update on the progress of preparation for implementing the Producer Responsibility Scheme on glass beverage containers

19 July 2018

The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of various preparatory works for the implementation of the Producer Responsibility Scheme on glass beverage containers.

The Administration plans to introduce the relevant legislative proposal into the Legislative Council in the fourth quarter of 2018.

2. Implementation of Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2

19 July 2018

The Administration will invite the Panel's views on the funding proposal for the development of the Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2. The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in October and November 2018 respectively.

The Administration will also report the implementation progress of "A Food Waste & Yard Waste Plan for Hong Kong 2014-2022". As suggested by Mr CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 12 October 2017, the Administration was requested to explore other feasible measures to reduce food waste in order to alleviate the pressure on landfills.

3. Review of Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs")

3rd or 4th quarter of 2018

The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings of the AQO review.

4. Combating climate change

4th quarter of 2018

The Administration will report the progress of its work on combating climate change.

As suggested by Mr CHU Hoi-dick at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members agreed that the item should be brought up for discussion by the Panel every year.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

5. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment

2nd quarter of 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the management of marine fill and disposal of dredged/excavated sediments by the project owners.

The subject was raised by Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 15 December 2014.

At the meeting on 28 November 2016, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung suggested the Panel to discuss the environmental issues relating to illegal disposal of construction and demolition materials into the sea/river. The Administration advised that these issues could be discussed under this item.

6. Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant

To be confirmed

The Administration will invite the Panel's views on the proposal to upgrade part of sewerage item 4388DS – Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant – Main Works Stage 1 to Category A.

7. Review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499)

To be confirmed

Mr Kenneth LEUNG wrote to the Panel Chairman on 24 November 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(1)202/15-16(01) issued on 26 November 2015) proposing discussion on the captioned subject. The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)537/15-16(01) issued on 3 February 2016.

8. Implementation of the Integrated Waste Management Facilities ("IWMF")

To be confirmed

The Administration obtained funding approval for IWMF (waste-to-energy facilities) from the Finance Committee in January 2015 and completed the prequalification exercise in the same year. The tender invitation for the Design-Build-Operate contract from the pre-qualified tenderers was issued in November 2016. The Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") has considered Report No. 65 of the Director of Audit, a chapter of which is on the Government's efforts in managing municipal solid waste.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

PAC issued a referral memorandum dated 16 February 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)586/16-17(01)) recommending the Panel to follow up issues relating to the captioned subject.

9. Existing policies on bicycles and promoting bicycles as a mode of transport as an initiative to improve roadside air quality

To be confirmed

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Panel Chairman on 23 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1009/16-17 issued on 24 May 2017) proposing to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Transport to discuss issues relating to the existing policies on bicycles and promoting bicycles as a mode of transport. Mr HUI further wrote to the Panel Chairman on 12 October 2017 proposing to discuss bicycle-friendly policies (LC Paper No. CB(1)86/17-18(01)).

Separately, an item on "Cycling safety and consultancy study on cycling networks and parking facilities in existing new towns" is currently on the list of outstanding items for discussion of the Panel on Transport.

10. Development of an artificial bathing beach at Lung Mei in Tai Po

As agreed at the work plan meeting on 7 November 2016, the Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department will liaise with the relevant bureau or department to provide an information paper on the latest development of the matter.

Letter from Save Lung Mei Alliance on 25 October 2016 requesting the Panel on Environmental Affairs and the Panel on Development to discuss and monitor the captioned issue (LC Paper No. CB(1)42/16-17(01) issued on 4 November 2016).

11. Management of waste paper and waste plastics

To be confirmed

Management of waste paper

As suggested by Mr Kenneth LEUNG at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members requested the Administration to step up efforts to reduce use of paper towels in public toilets.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Chairman on 27 February 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)663/17-18(01)) proposing discussion on the recycling of waste paper, including the Administration's policy on supporting the local recycling of waste paper.

Management of waste plastics

In his letter to the Chairman dated 24 November 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(1)281/17-18(01)), Mr KWOK Wai-keung proposed discussion on the regulation of the manufacturing and sale of products containing microplastics in Hong Kong. The Administration's written response was circulated to members on 15 December 2017 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)360/17-18(01).

Mr HUI Chi-fung wrote to the Chairman on 6 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1084/17-18(01)) proposing discussion on the regulation of single-use plastic products.

12. Excessive external lighting and noise pollution

To be confirmed

As suggested by Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Mr SHIU Ka-fai at the meeting on 30 October 2017, members agreed to discuss the Administration's initiatives to regulate excessive external lighting and noise pollution at a future meeting. The Administration was urged to address the issue given its potential effect on public health.

On 12 April 2018, the Panel received a referral (LC Paper No. CB(1)802/17-18(01)) arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wan Chai District Council members on 26 January 2018 concerning the nuisance caused by excessive external lighting.

13. Environmental pollution issues caused by garages in urban areas

On 19 December 2017, the Panel received a referral (LC Paper No. CB(1)382/17-18(01)) arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Eastern District Council members on 14 July 2017 concerning the safety issues of garages in urban areas. The problem of garages/vehicle repair workshops which pollute the environment in residential areas had been referred to the Panel for follow-up.

The Administration will provide an information paper on the subject, with focus on the position in Eastern District.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

14. Management of restored landfills

To be confirmed

In his letter to the Chairman dated 25 May 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1023/17-18(01)), Mr Kenneth LEUNG proposed discussion on the captioned subject, including the progress of developing public facilities on the 13 restored landfills, implementation progress of the Restored Landfill Revitalisation Funding Scheme, and issues related to the handling of landfill gas, leachate and uneven ground settlement on the sites concerned.

15. Review of the operation and effectiveness of the Recycling Fund

To be confirmed

Mr CHAN Hak-kan proposed in his letter to the Chairman dated 8 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1105/17-18(01)) that the Panel discuss the captioned subject, in particular the administrative cost of the Recycling Fund and measures to streamline the procedure for application for subsidies under the Fund.