# 立法會 Legislative Council

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#### **Panel on Environmental Affairs**

#### Subcommittee on Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery

Minutes of first meeting held on Tuesday, 15 November 2016, at 3:30 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

**Members present**: Hon Tanya CHAN (Chairman)

Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim (Deputy Chairman)

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon WU Chi-wai, MH Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP Hon CHAN Chi-chuen

Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP

Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung

**Members absent**: Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP

Hon HUI Chi-fung

Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

**Clerk in attendance:** Ms Angel SHEK

Chief Council Secretary (1)1

**Staff in attendance**: Mr Joey LO

Senior Council Secretary (1)8

Mr Jason KONG Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Mandy POON Legislative Assistant (1)1

#### <u>Action</u>

# I. Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)

#### Election of Chairman

Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, the member who had the highest precedence among members of the Subcommittee present at the meeting, presided at the election of Chairman of the Subcommittee. Mr LEUNG invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Subcommittee.

2. <u>Mr Charles Peter MOK</u> nominated Ms Tanya CHAN, and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr Andrew WAN</u>. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Ms Tanya CHAN was declared Chairman of the Subcommittee.

## Election of Deputy Chairman

3. <u>Ms Tanya CHAN</u> took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship. Dr YIU Chung-yim was nominated by <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr Nathan LAW</u>. <u>Dr YIU Chung-yim</u> accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Dr YIU Chung-yim was declared Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee.

# II. Schedule of meetings and items for discussion

(LC Paper No. CB(1)121/16-17(01) — Background brief prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

# Relevant papers

Appendix I to LC Paper No.— The terms of reference and CB(1)53/16-17 work plan of the Subcommittee

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LC Paper No. CB(1)30/16-17(02) — Letter dated 24 October 2016 from Hon CHU Hoi-dick requesting to set up a subcommittee to study and review the existing policies on refuse collection and resource recovery (Chinese version only))

4. <u>The Subcommittee</u> deliberated (index of proceedings attached at the **Annex**).

## Items for discussion at future meetings

- 5. <u>Mr CHU Hoi-dick</u> proposed the following items for discussion by the Subcommittee at future meetings:
  - (a) management of refuse collection and resource recovery systems in Hong Kong, including management of litter containers and refuse collection points;
  - (b) impact of outsourcing of refuse collection services on waste reduction and recycling;
  - (c) progress and effectiveness of producer responsibility schemes ("PRSs");
  - (d) receiving views from deputations at two meetings respectively on (i) frontline operation in refuse collection and resource recovery, and (ii) impact of the implementation of PRSs and municipal solid waste ("MSW") charging on the recycling industry;
  - (e) how the design and management of relevant facilities, such as refuse collection points, would tie in with the implementation of MSW waste charging in future; and
  - (f) how the Government would take the lead in waste reduction and recovery towards achieving "zero waste".
- 6. <u>The Subcommittee</u> further noted the list of items and timing for discussion proposed by the Administration as follows:
  - (a) second meeting meeting with deputations;

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- (b) third meeting (i) refuse collection system in Hong Kong; and (ii) measures and initiatives to promote and support source separation of waste, and collection of roadside recyclables; and
- (c) fourth meeting (i) support for local community on recycling: Community Recycling Network and Community Green Stations; and (ii) progress report on the work of the Steering Committee on Modification of Recycling and Refuse Collection Facilities in Public Places.
- 7. <u>Members</u> in general agreed that the Subcommittee should be briefed on the existing measures and initiatives on refuse collection and resource recovery in Hong Kong first, instead of receiving public views, at the next meeting.
- 8. <u>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung</u> considered that the Subcommittee should study how the collection and recovery of waste (in particular food waste) at public housing estates could be improved with a view to reducing waste disposal at landfills, and representatives from the Housing Department should be invited to the relevant meeting(s).
- 9. <u>Dr YIU Chung-yim</u> suggested the Subcommittee study issues relating to the management of construction waste and yard waste.
- 10. <u>The Chairman</u> instructed the Clerk to prepare a list of proposed items for discussion, which would incorporate items proposed by the Administration and Subcommittee members, and issue it to members when ready.

# Schedule of meetings

11. <u>Members</u> noted the proposed schedule of meetings prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Appendix II to LC Paper CB(1)121/16-17 issued on 14 November 2016). <u>The Chairman</u> suggested and <u>members</u> agreed that the next meeting to meet with the Administration be held before end-December 2016. About four to eight meetings would be scheduled in the 2016-2017 legislative session for taking forward the Subcommittee's work.

(*Post-meeting note*: With the concurrence of the Chairman, the second, third and fourth meetings were scheduled for 13 December 2016, 16 January 2017 and 20 February 2017 respectively. The notice of the second meeting and the list of proposed items for discussion were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)186/16-17 on 28 November 2016.)

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#### <u>Invitation of public views</u>

12. <u>The Subcommittee</u> decided that it would receive views from deputations at the third meeting to be held in January or February 2017.

<u>Selection of overseas cities for comparison of refuse collection and resource recovery systems</u>

13. To facilitate the Subcommittee to compare the refuse collection and resource recovery systems of advanced cities overseas, which was part of the Subcommittee's work plan, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that the Research Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat be requested to prepare an information note on the subject for members' reference. Members further agreed that the Subcommittee would consider at the next meeting, based on suggestions to be provided by the Research Office, the cities to be selected for conducting the research.

#### III. Any other business

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:45 pm.

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# Subcommittee on Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery

## Proceedings of the first meeting on Tuesday, 15 November 2016, at 3:30 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required	
Agenda Item I - Election of Chairman (and Deputy Chairman)				
000128 - 000400	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr Charles Peter MOK Ms Tanya CHAN Mr Andrew WAN Mr CHU Hoi-dick Mr Nathan LAW Dr YIU Chung-yim	Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman		
Agenda Item II - Schedule of meetings and items for discussion				
000401 - 001235	Chairman Mr CHU Hoi-dick Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok Dr YIU Chung-yim Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Discussion on the schedule of meetings and the items for discussion at future meetings  Mr CHU Hoi-dick briefed members on his proposed items for discussion by the Subcommittee at future meetings  Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok suggested that different stakeholders should be invited to give views from different perspectives at the same public hearing (instead of two public hearings as suggested by Mr CHU Hoi-dick), and the public hearing should be held as early as possible.  Dr YIU Chung-yim suggested that the Subcommittee should follow up with the Administration on issues relating to the management of construction waste and yard waste.  Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung suggested the Subcommittee study how the collection and recovery of waste (including food waste) at public housing estates could be improved, and invite representatives from the Housing Department to the relevant meetings as appropriate.		

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001236 - 001520	Chairman Mr CHU Hoi-dick	Meeting arrangements	Clerk to follow up with the	
	Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok	Invitation of public views	Administration on arrangements of subsequent meetings, and prepare a list of proposed items for discussion, based on the proposals from members and the Administration	
001521 - 001630	Chairman Mr CHU Hoi-dick	Discussion on the selection of overseas cities for comparison of refuse collection and resource recovery systems	Research Office to provide at the next meeting suggestions on the overseas cities to be selected	
Agenda Item III - Any other business				
001631 - 001640	Chairman	Concluding remarks		

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