

Panel on Environmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Refuse Collection and Resource Recovery

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 16 January 2017**

The Administration is requested to provide written responses to the views raised by deputations at the meeting on 16 January 2017 or in their written submissions; and to the following issues/suggestions discussed at the meeting:

Food waste

- (a) concerns arising from media reports that some 80% of the food waste collected by a recycling plant at Ecopark was disposed of at landfills, and how the Administration will follow up with the Ecopark tenant concerned to raise the rate of food waste recovery/recycling by the recycling plant;
- (b) legal liabilities associated with food donation and whether compliance with the relevant guidelines issued by the Centre for Food Safety will suffice to dispense the food donors with such liabilities;

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- (c) how the Administration enforces at refuse collection points ("RCPs") the 100 litre cap on disposal of trade waste under section 22 of the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation (Cap. 132BK) ("PCPNR"); and whether the manpower at each RCP will be increased to facilitate or strengthen enforcement of section 22 of PCPNR and municipal solid waste charging;
- (d) whether the Administration will consider:
 - (i) converting existing RCPs into refuse collection cum resource recovery centres (such as by retrofitting the RCPs with relevant facilities or building more storeys above the RCPs) so as to provide space/facilities for in-situ preliminary recycling of waste and temporary storage of resources recovered; and selecting some RCPs for trial;

- (ii) amending section 11 of PCPNR which prohibits the raking and picking of refuse deposited at RCPs and other places, with a view to protecting recycling practitioners from potential legal liabilities, and encouraging public participation in resource recovery;
 - (iii) reviewing the contractual arrangements with the contractors of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to incorporate relevant requirements or incentives to facilitate or encourage recovery of resources by RCP workers from refuse deposited at RCPs; and
 - (iv) making reference to Taiwan to provide price subsidies to recyclables in Hong Kong;
- (e) existing measures for separation of waste generated from Lunar New Year fairs, and whether and how the Administration will enhance the measures to facilitate recovery of more resources from such waste;
 - (f) whether the Community Green Stations ("CGSs") or Community Recycling Centres can be open during the Lunar New Year public holidays to facilitate temporary storage of resources recovered from Lunar New Year fairs and pending transfer to people in need;
 - (g) procedures and safety guidelines, if any, for RCP workers to recover and handle gas cylinders (such as those commonly used for cassette cookers) from refuse deposited at RCPs; and

Community Green Stations

- (h) concerns about the limited effectiveness of CGSs to facilitate waste recovery and recycling given the large catchment area serviced by each CGS, and whether the Administration will review the role and functions of CGSs to address such concerns.