Bills Committee on Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018

List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting on 20 May 2019

This note sets out our response to the follow-up actions arising from the discussion at the meeting of the Bills Committee held on 20 May 2019.

(a) The Administration is requested to provide photographs showing the design(s) of notices and/or banners placed at fly-tipping black spots for alerting the public that surveillance cameras have been installed at those locations; and

Designs and site photos of notices/banners placed at fly-tipping black spots for alerting the public that surveillance cameras have been installed by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are at **Annex**.

(b) the Housing Department ("HD") is invited to provide, in writing, the views and concerns (if any) of the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA")/HD regarding the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill ("the Bill") and the implementation strategy and arrangements for the proposed municipal solid waste ("MSW") charging scheme, in particular (a) the proposed monitoring and enforcement mechanisms under which, according to the Administration, HA/HD would not take enforcement actions against disposal of non-compliant waste within the HA-managed housing estates under the Bill (if and when passed), and (b) whether there would be any plan to allocate or seek additional resources to install additional surveillance camera systems in those housing estates for preventing aggravation of fly-tipping in general and monitoring compliance situations after the implementation of the proposed MSW charging scheme.

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) has all along maintained close liaison with EPD, and we have briefed the Subsidised Housing Committee (SHC) of HA on the overall municipal solid waste (MSW) charging proposal and arrangements. SHC took note of the policy directions and regulatory arrangements of implementing MSW charging, and indicated its support for MSW charging with a view to promoting waste reduction.

To enable more stakeholders in public rental housing (PRH) estates to try out MSW charging and help estate residents to get prepared for the

implementation of MSW charging, EPD and HA have jointly commenced Trial Projects in one residential building from each of the three PRH estates for a period of approximately six months in end 2018. EPD provides free dummy designated bags to estate residents for on-site trial and simulating MSW charging arrangements during the trial period. EPD also organises various publicity and public education activities to enrich participants' understanding of MSW charging, source separation of waste and clean recycling.

Upon the passage of the Waste Disposal (Charging for Municipal Solid Waste) (Amendment) Bill 2018 (Amendment Bill), HA will consult SHC on the implementation details of MSW charging at PRH estates having regard to the passed legal provisions and requirements. HA will also provide guidelines to estate management staff including property management companies and cleansing service contractors to ensure that they understand how to handle waste in accordance with legal requirements.

Being the owners / managers of PRH estates, HA will step up patrols and public education (for example, by placing notices and banners against littering and disposal of sundry items, and organising publicity activities, etc.), and proactively cope with the relevant departments' enforcement action. In compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486), HA will also consider installing additional surveillance camera systems, if necessary.

Moreover, HA implements the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement (the Marking Scheme) in PRH estates. If estate residents litter, dispose waste indiscriminately in public areas including public areas on individual floors, obstruct corridors or stairs with sundry items rendering cleansing difficult or dump decoration debris indiscriminately at public areas, HA will allot penalty points to the offending tenants and issue Fixed Penalty Notices to those who committed littering pursuant to the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570). HA will continue to take enforcement action under the Marking Scheme to promote among the residents a sense of civic responsibility in order to maintain a clean and hygienic estate environment.

Annex

Designs and site photos of notices/banners placed at fly-tipping black spots for alerting the public that surveillance cameras have been installed by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)

(1) EPD's notice and banner

Warning notice



Site photos





(2) FEHD's notice and banner

Warning notice



Banner



Site photo

