

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 October 2018)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address	22 October 2018
2. Proposed making permanent a supernumerary directorate post in the Environment Bureau to take forward tasks in relation to the promotion of renewable energy and issues related to long-term electricity market development	November 2018
<p>The Administration will invite the Panel's views on the proposal to make permanent a supernumerary post at the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C to take forward tasks in relation to the promotion of renewable energy. The post will also take forward tasks in relation to the long-term development of the electricity market including the future fuel mix for electricity generation, taking into consideration the environmental objectives of Hong Kong.</p> <p>Members of the Panel on Economic Development will also be specifically invited to join the discussion of the item.</p> <p>The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in December 2018 and January 2019 respectively.</p>	
3. Three Dimensional Air Pollution Monitoring System	November 2018
<p>The Administration will consult the Panel on the funding proposal relating to the development of the "Three Dimensional Air Pollution Monitoring System". Based on laser remote sensing technology to obtain vertical pollution distribution profiles, the monitoring system will be used to measure pollutant concentration, detect high pollution events and estimate the amount of pollution transported from areas outside Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Finance Committee in January 2019.</p>	
4. Improvement of roadside air quality	December 2018
<p>The Administration will report to the Panel the progress of improving roadside air quality and its proposed plan for controlling emissions from vehicles.</p>	

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

December 2018

The Administration will brief the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the mid-term review of the implementation of the Recycling Fund.

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.

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

December 2018

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

7. Review of wild pigs management strategies

4th quarter of 2018

In view of the rising nuisance and public safety concerns brought about by wild pigs, the Administration will consult members on the way forward for wild pigs management strategies, taking into account both public safety and animal welfare perspectives.

8. Retrofitting of noise barriers on Long Tin Road

January or February 2019

The Administration will invite the Panel's views on the financial proposal to upgrade 6832TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Long Tin Road to Category A.

9. Implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury ("the Convention") in Hong Kong

February 2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the background and the requirements of the Convention, and the scope and approach of the proposed legislation enabling Hong Kong to effectively discharge its obligations under the Convention.

10. Combating climate change

1st quarter of 2019

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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.

11. Shek Wu Hui Effluent Polishing Plant

1st quarter of 2019

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.

12. Management of waste paper and waste plastics

1st or 2nd quarter of 2019

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.

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.

13. 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

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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 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.

14. Excessive external lighting and noise pollution

2nd or 3rd quarter of 2019

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.

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.

15. Review of the Seventh Technical Memorandum ("TM") for Allocation of Emission allowances for Power Plants

3rd quarter of 2019

The Administration will seek members' views on the legislative proposal to further reduce emission allowances for power plants starting from 1 January 2024 by way of issuing a new TM under section 26G of the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311).

16. Management of restored landfills

3rd quarter of 2019

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

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Funding Scheme, and issues related to the handling of landfill gas, leachate and uneven ground settlement on the sites concerned.

17. 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)) proposing discussion on the captioned subject. The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)537/15-16(01) on 3 February 2016.

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

PAC recommended that the Administration expedite the implementation of IWMF. As the IWMF contract was awarded in November 2017, the Administration suggests that the item be deleted.

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.

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.

19. 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) 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

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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.

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

The Civil Engineering and Development Department will provide an information paper on the issue.

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)).

21. Environmental pollution issues caused by garages in urban areas

The Administration has provided an information paper on the subject, with focus on the position in Eastern District, which was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1298/17-18(01) on 25 July 2018.

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 was referred to the Panel for follow-up.