

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 19 August 2021)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Community recycling network and Green Outreach	27 September 2021
<p>The Administration will brief the Panel on its strategies for and progress on the development of a new generation of community recycling network and provision of an outreaching service to strengthen waste reduction and recycling support at the community level, and related preparation for the implementation of municipal solid waste charging.</p>	
2. The use of smart technologies for environmental protection	27 September 2021
<p>The Administration will introduce and elaborate how the Environmental Protection Department applies smart technologies for environmental protection, including those used in assisting environmental monitoring and enforcement.</p>	
3. Management of marine fill and marine disposal of dredged/excavated sediment	To be confirmed
<p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the management of marine fill and disposal of dredged/excavated sediments by the project owners.</p> <p>The subject was raised by Mr Steven HO at the meeting on 15 December 2014.</p> <p>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.</p>	
4. Review on measures to manage external lighting	To be confirmed
<p>As suggested by some members at the meeting on 30 October 2017, members agreed to discuss the Administration's initiatives to regulate excessive external lighting.</p>	

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for discussion**

On 12 April 2018 and 6 August 2019, the Panel received two referrals (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)802/17-18(01) and CB(1)1373/18-19(01)) arising from the meetings between Legislative Council Members and Wan Chai District Council members on 26 January 2018 and 28 June 2019 regarding the regulation of external lighting installations.

5. Combating climate change

To be confirmed

The Administration will update the Panel on the work related to the public engagement on Long-term Decarbonisation Strategy conducted by the Council for Sustainable Development.

As suggested by Mr CHU Hoi-dick at the meeting on 12 October 2017, members agreed that the topic of climate change should be brought up for discussion by the Panel every year. At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Mr CHU further proposed that the Administration should review its targets and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with reference to the findings in the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018; and Ms Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration should brief members on the use of new technologies to combat climate change, thereby contributing to the development of a "smart environment". On 28 March 2019, Ms QUAT wrote to the Chairman (LC Paper No. CB(1)929/18-19(01)) appealing for early discussion of the topic.

6. Future arrangements for Dedicated Liquefied Petroleum Gas Filling Stations ("DFSs")

To be confirmed

The Administration will brief the Panel on the future arrangements for DFSs after the expiry of the existing contracts.

7. Management of waste paper

To be confirmed

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

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8. 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 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 Chairman on 12 October 2017 proposing to discuss bicycle-friendly policies (LC Paper No. CB(1)86/17-18(01)).

Separately, the Panel on Transport discussed at its meeting on 15 May 2020 "Improvement works of cycle track network in new towns and latest situation of automated dockless bicycle rental services".

9. Regulation of trade in bear bile products

To be confirmed

This item was raised at the meeting on 11 October 2018 by Ms Elizabeth QUAT who expressed concern about the inhumane practice of extracting bile from live bears. Members would like to be briefed on the statistics on and regulation of trading activities associated with bear bile and its products, and whether the Administration would consider prohibiting the trade in products containing bile extracted from live bears.

10. Environmental impact of the use of tear gas

To be confirmed

This item was raised by Ms Tanya CHAN on behalf of Mr CHAN Chi-chuen at the meeting on 17 October 2019. Ms CHAN suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the environmental and health impacts of the frequent use of tear gas in the community in the preceding few months, and how it would tackle the environmental pollution, if any, caused by tear gas residues. The Panel received a submission from The Conservancy Association on the subject (LC Paper No. CB(1)161/19-20(01)).

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11. Regulation of personal care and cosmetic products containing microbeads

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 24 May 2021, the Administration briefed the Panel on the plan to implement a voluntary scheme for phasing out personal care and cosmetic products containing microbeads, with a view to encouraging the trade to stop manufacturing, importing or selling such products. Members in general did not object to the implementation of the voluntary scheme, but considered that the Administration should embark on the legislative exercise to regulate these products as soon as practicable. The Chairman directed that the Panel should discuss the subject further at a future meeting.