

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Improvement of
Environmental Hygiene and Cityscape**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 23 March 2021**

The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following issues and concerns raised by members:

Issues relating to agenda item I "Efforts to improve environmental hygiene and cityscape"

- (a) with reference to the enforcement actions and inter-departmental joint operations conducted between February and March 2021 against shop front extensions in Sham Shui Po District, whether the Administration has any plan to conduct similar operations in the future in the other 17 Districts; and if yes, the details of the Administration's work plan and timetable in this regard;
- (b) in respect of the pilot/trial scheme targeting to tackle the problem of shops illegally extending their business areas by placing goods and miscellaneous items on pavements/carriageways causing obstruction to the pedestrians and traffic, details of the pilot/trial scheme including (i) the objectives of the scheme; (ii) the government departments involved; (iii) what specific strategies and measures have been/would be introduced to tackle the problem; and (iv) how the scheme could help expedite the processing of cases of illegal extension of business by shops causing street obstruction;
- (c) to spell out concretely, how the Administration would tackle the problem of shops causing street obstruction (including law enforcement taken by various departments in accordance with their respective powers and responsibilities) in the specific situations that the goods or miscellaneous items (in particular, foam boxes) were placed on (i) pavements and (ii) carriageways; and whether responsible departments (including the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD")) would consider introducing performance pledges for clearing up such goods and miscellaneous items;

Issues relating to agenda item II "Measures to improve refuse collection and street cleanliness"

- (d) since FEHD had been advocating the deployment of new technologies listed in Annexes 1 and 2 to the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)746/20-21(03)) for mechanization and automation to (i) enhance the quality and efficiency of street cleansing services as well as (ii) to enhance refuse collection services, whether FEHD would consider imposing certain contract requirements (e.g. the need to adopt and the timetable of adopting new technologies) in the service contracts for compliance by all FEHD's outsourced service contractors;

Issues relating to agenda item III "Enhancement of rodent control work"

- (e) the timetable of FEHD's application of new/suitable technologies in its rodent surveillance and control work, and details of the new technologies to be introduced;
- (f) whether the Administration has any plan to further encourage public participation in keeping the city clean (e.g. launching promotion campaigns to enhance public awareness or organizing competitions for soliciting innovative ideas/effective methods on rodent disinfestation); and
- (g) the actual expenses involved and manpower resources deployed for FEHD's anti-rodent work for the financial years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and the estimated expenses and manpower resources to be incurred for the financial year 2021-2022.