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 24 May 2021

The Administration informed members at the captioned meeting that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department ("FEHD") and the Police have strengthened collaboration and are currently exploring the feasibility of adopting a new enforcement model under the existing legislative framework, with a view to effectively solving the problem of street obstruction caused by illegal extension of business by shops; and it is the aim of FEHD and the Police to launch a trial scheme on the new enforcement model in two to three districts in the second half of 2021. Against this background, the Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following issues and concerns raised by members:

- (a) details of the trial scheme for tackling the problem of illegal shop front extensions ("SFEs"), including (i) the districts selected for launching the trial scheme; (ii) considerations and criteria adopted when selecting those districts; (iii) whether the Administration has any plan to extend the scheme to all other districts; and if yes, the details of the Administration's work plan and timetable in this regard; and (iv) what specific strategies and measures have been/would be introduced under the new enforcement model for tackling the SFE problem; and
- (b) how government departments concerned could ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of their enforcement efforts against (i) littering and (ii) illegal SFEs particularly at blackspots of such activities.

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