

Panel on Environmental Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 18 May 2022)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. New measures for management of wild pigs The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the new measures for the management of wild pigs announced by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in November 2021.	27 June 2022
2. Refurbishment and improvement works of Outlying Islands Transfer Facilities and North Lantau Transfer Station The Administration will report on the project programme and consult members on the plan to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for funding approval in January and February 2023 respectively.	27 June 2022
3. Tightening the volatile organic compound (“VOC”) limits of architectural paints and extending the control of VOC content to cleaning products The Administration will seek the Panel’s views on the regulatory proposals for tightening VOC content limits of architectural paints and extending the control of VOC content to cleaning products, the purpose of which is to reduce local VOC emissions.	3 th quarter of 2022
4. Preparation for the implementation of the municipal solid waste (“MSW”) charging scheme At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Mr Vincent CHENG Wing-shun suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the preparatory work for implementing the scheme, in particular how the Administration would prevent illegal MSW disposal.	3 th quarter of 2022/ 4 th quarter of 2022

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5. Promoting waste reduction and recycling through producer responsibility schemes (“PRsS”)	3 th quarter of 2022/ 4 th quarter of 2022
<p>Mr CHAN Hak-kan and Mr Vincent CHENG Wing-shun suggested at the meeting on 25 January 2022 that the Administration brief members on the implementation of existing PRsS, including the situation of illegal treatment or disposal of waste regulated by such PRsS (especially e-waste) and the Administration’s enforcement work. Mr CHENG also suggested that the Panel discuss the progress of the proposed introduction of a PRS on plastic beverage containers.</p>	
6. Implementation of Kigali Amendment	3 th quarter of 2022/ 4 th quarter of 2022
<p>The Administration will seek the Panel’s views on the regulatory proposal relating to the phase-down of the consumption of hydrofluorocarbons in Hong Kong, which will enable the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to fulfil its international obligations under the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.</p>	
7. Proposed amendments to “Designated Areas” under the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400), Noise Control (Air Compressors) Regulations (Cap. 400C), Noise Control (Hand Held Percussive Breakers) Regulations (Cap. 400D) and Noise Control (Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 400I)	3 th quarter of 2022/ 4 th quarter of 2022
<p>The Administration will invite the Panel’s views on the above proposed amendments to the Noise Control Ordinance (Cap. 400).</p>	
8. Enhancement of country park facilities	4 th quarter of 2022
<p>The Administration will report the progress of enhancing country park facilities further to the previous discussion at the Panel meeting on 27 April 2020, with specific reference to updates on the 2021-22 Budget initiatives.</p>	
9. Post-2020 regional air pollutants emission reduction targets	4 th quarter of 2022
10. Briefing by the Secretary for the Environment on the Chief Executive’s 2022 Policy Address	To be confirmed

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for discussion**

11. Reducing carbon emissions and combating climate change

To be confirmed

The Administration had set a target of achieving carbon neutrality before 2050 in the Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050, and pledged to invest \$240 billion in the next 15 to 20 years to support actions to combat climate change. At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Ir Dr LO Wai-kwok suggested that the Administration report to the Panel its latest plan and measures in this regard. Mr CHAN Yung and Ir CHAN Siu-hung suggested discussion on the use of cleaner energy and review of fuel mix for electricity generation, as well as the use of innovative technologies for enhancing carbon emission management.

12. Balance between development and environmental protection

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Mr CHAN Yung proposed discussion on the development potential of Green Belt sites. Ir CHAN Siu-hung suggested that the Administration should (a) introduce requirements relating to carbon emissions into contracts for public works projects, with a view to striking a better balance between development and environmental protection; and (b) promote the adoption of ESG (i.e. environmental, social and governance) practices in both the public and private sectors. Prof LAU Chi-pang urged the Administration to ensure proper environmental protection during the development of the proposed Northern Metropolis.

13. Improving coastal water quality

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Mr Vincent CHENG Wing-shun suggested discussion on the provision of dry weather flow interceptors for tackling nearshore pollution.

14. Mitigation of road traffic noise

To be confirmed

Mr Dominic LEE Tsz-king expressed concern that some residential estates were seriously affected by road traffic noise (such as The Palazzo in Fo Tan and The Regent in Tai Po). At the meeting on 25 January 2022, he suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the measures for mitigating road traffic noise, including the retrofitting of noise barriers at strategic locations.