

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Date	: 2 June 2003
Time	: 3.00 – 5.00 pm
Chairman	: Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Secretary for Administration
Vice-chairman	: Dr Edgar CHENG
Members	: Dr Lily CHIANG Ms CHOY So-yuk Mr Barrie COOK Ms Christine FANG Mr Hans Michael JEBSEN Mr Thomas KWOK Professor LAM Kin-che Mr Andrew LIAO Ir Otto POON Mr TAI Hay-lap
Official Members	: Mr Michael SUEN, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands Dr E K YEOH, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food Dr Sarah LIAO, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works
Apologies	: Mr TIK Chi-yuen Professor TSUI Lap-chee Mr Stephen IP, Secretary for Economic Development and Labour
In attendance	: Mr Andrew WONG, Director of Administration Ms CHANG King-yiu, Deputy Director of Administration Miss Dora FU, Assistant Director of Administration (<i>for Agenda Item 6</i>)
Secretary	: Mr Jonathan McKINLEY, Assistant Director of Administration

Item 1 – Minutes of the last meeting

SDU would put a digest of the minutes online for public viewing.

Item 2 – Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Members noted that matters arising would be discussed under the relevant agenda items.

Item 3 – Report of the Strategy Sub-committee (Paper 05/03)

The Council noted that the Strategy Sub-committee (SSC) had met twice since the previous meeting and that the SSC would initially concentrate on designing a process for involving stakeholders in the formulation of the SD strategy. Detailed recommendations were contained in Paper 05/03. Members noted that the SSC would seek to involve all stakeholders, including government officials in the process.

With the advice of the SSC, the SDU would organise a pilot “roundtable” to “test run” the proposed process. Members agreed that the SDU should make the necessary arrangements in consultation with the SSC.

Item 4 – Report of the Education & Publicity Sub-committee (Paper 06/03)

The meeting noted that the Education & Publicity Sub-committee (EPSC) had considered the details of the proposed Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) and had discussed this issue with the relevant LegCo Panels. The relevant funding request would be submitted to the Finance Committee (FC) in mid June. Revised funding criteria were set out in Paper 06/03 for Members' consideration. Members' views were invited in on whether an annual allocation should be earmarked for the Council's use.

Members noted the revised funding criteria and agreed to the proposals set out in the paper. Members suggested that the SDU organise workshops and provide training to prospective applicants so as to enhance their understanding of the scope and funding criteria of the Fund. This would help attract quality applications and make the assessment process efficient and transparent.

Item 5 – Views collected from stakeholder groups on a Sustainable Development Strategy for Hong Kong (Paper 07/03)

Members noted Paper 07/03 which summarised stakeholders' views on a possible sustainable development strategy for Hong Kong, as collected by the SDU since the Unit's inception in April 2001. In addition to the views collected from the SDU's liaison meetings with stakeholder groups, the paper also outlined views collected during the "Susdev 21" study and the facilitated workshop at the International Symposium in June 2002.

Members agreed that these views would provide useful background in the context of stakeholder consultation on the strategy-building process.

Item 6 – Review of the working of the sustainability assessment system (Paper 08/03)

Members noted the detailed background and preliminary findings pursuant of the review of the implementation of the sustainability assessment (SA) system.

Item 7 – Any other business

A question was raised as to whether the Chinese-language title of the SDU would be changed to "可持續發展". The meeting noted that the priority before the Council and the Administration was to promote the concept and practice of sustainable development. That said, the SDU would consider the question.

Item 8 – Date of Next Meeting

The third meeting of the Council was scheduled for 15 September 2003.

Council Secretariat
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