

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Digest of Notes of meeting held on 22 March 2004

- Chairman** :Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Secretary for Administration
- Vice-chairman** :Dr Edgar CHENG
- Members** :Ms Christine FANG
Dr Lily CHIANG
Ms CHOY So-yuk (*for Agenda Items 2, 4, 5 & 6*)
Mr Barrie COOK
Mr Michael JEBSEN
Professor LAM Kin-che
Mr Andrew LIAO
Ir Otto POON
Mr TAI Hay-lap
Professor TSUI Lap-chee
- Official Members** :Mr Michael SUEN, Secretary for Housing, Planning & Lands
Mr Stephen IP, Secretary for Economic Development & Labour
- Apologies** :Mr Thomas KWOK
Mr TIK Chi-yuen
Dr E K YEOH, Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food
Dr Sarah LIAO, Secretary for the Environment, Transport & Works
- In attendance** :Ms CHANG King-yiu, Director of Administration
Mrs Susan MAK, Deputy Director of Administration
Mr Eric K LEE, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2
- Secretary** :Mr Jonathan McKINLEY, Assistant Director of Administration

Item 1 – Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Members noted that matters arising from the last meeting would be dealt with under other agenda items.

Item 3 - Report of the Education & Publicity Sub-committee: Recommendations on the Award of Grants from the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) (Paper 02/04)

Members noted that the EPSC and its Vetting Committee (VC) had completed the assessment of the 127 applications and had recommended eight applications for grants totalling about \$7.7 million. The recommended projects were mainly targeted at young people or district-based communities. Members endorsed the recommendations.

Members considered it important to monitor properly the implementation of the supported projects. They also noted that the approved projects would help educate the community about aspects of Sustainable Development (SD). Members agreed that a second round of applications should begin in June 2004.

Item 2 – Report of the Strategy Sub-committee (Paper 01/04)

Members noted that the SSC had formed three Support Groups (SG) in January 2004 to work on the engagement process and consultation documents relevant to the three Pilot Areas. The engagement process would be different from “traditional” consultation exercises, in the sense that stakeholders were involved from an early stage in preparing the consultation document and advising on how to include the community in decision-making in partnership with the Government.

The SSC and the SG aimed to start the public involvement stage of the engagement process in the summer. The SSC would continue to involve organisations outside the Government in implementing the process.

Item 4 – Report on the United Nations Asia-Pacific Leadership Forum: “Sustainable Development for Cities” (Paper 03/04)

Members noted the report on the Forum, which took place on 25 and 26 February 2004, and which had been jointly convened by the People’s Republic of China and the UN Department of Economic and Social Development. The proposed promulgation of the Hong Kong Declaration at the UN would help put Hong Kong “on the map” as regards SD issues.

Item 5 – Any other business

There was no other business.

Item 6 – Date of the Next Meeting

The sixth meeting of the Council was scheduled for 14 June 2003.