

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Digest of Notes of meeting held on 21 February 2005

- Chairman** : Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Secretary for Administration
- Vice-chairman** : Dr Edgar CHENG
- Members** : Dr Lily CHIANG
Ms CHOY So-yuk
Ms Christine FANG
Mr Michael JEBSEN
Mr Thomas KWOK
Professor LAM Kin-che
Mr Andrew LIAO
Ir Otto POON
Mr TAI Hay-lap
- Official Members** : Dr Sarah LIAO, Secretary for the Environment, Transport & Works (SETW)
Mr Stephen IP, Secretary for Economic Development & Labour (SEDL)
- Apologies** : Mr Barrie COOK
Mr TIK Chi-yuen
Professor TSUI Lap-chee
Dr York CHOW, Secretary for Health, Welfare & Food (SHWF)
Mr Michael SUEN, Secretary for Housing, Planning & Lands (SPHL)
- In attendance** : Ms CHANG King-yiu, Director of Administration
Mrs Susan MAK, Deputy Director of Administration
Ms Bonnie YAU, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 1
Miss Linda SO, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2
Mr Thomas TSO, Deputy Secretary, HPLB¹ (DS/HPLB) (*for Item 2*)
Mr Eric CHAN, Principal Assistant Secretary, ETWB² (*for Item 2*)
Dr F Y WONG, Assistant Director, AFCD³ (*for Item 2*)
Ms Phyllis LI, District Planning Officer, PlanD (DPO/PlanD) (*for Item 2*)
Prof Peter HILLS, Convenor, SG on Urban Living Space (*for Item 4*)
Mr Albert LAI, Convenor, SG on Solid Waste Management (*for Item 4*)
- Secretary** : Mr Jonathan McKinley, Assistant Director of Administration (SD) 2

¹ HPLB : Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau

² ETWB : Environment, Transport and Works Bureau

³ AFCD : Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

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

Members noted that a Rapporteur had been engaged to provide independent analysis of the community feedback from the engagement process, and that the EPSC considered that the issue of sustainability reporting should be taken forward in the next term of the Council.

Item 2 – Briefing by the Lantau Development Task Force – Concept Plan for Lantau (Paper 02/05)

Representatives from the Lantau Development Task Force briefed Members on the Concept Plan for Lantau. The development proposals were initially identified under four themes – (a) economic infrastructure and tourism; (b) attractions based on heritage, local character and natural landscape; (c) maximizing the recreational potential of country parks; and (d) meeting nature conservation needs.

Members discussed the potential environmental impact of new infrastructure on the island, and asked for more consideration of people-based issues in the plan. Members noted the expected population increase in Lantau and the plans to extend the designated country park area on the island.

The current Concept Plan was only a preliminary one. It would be modified taking into account comments received and then issued for a second round of consultation. Members considered that balanced development on Lantau was very important, and hoped that further planning would take a long-term and holistic perspective.

Item 3 – Report of the Education and Publicity Sub-committee (Paper 03/05)

Members noted that the assessment of the second round of SD Fund applications had been completed. A total of ten projects had been approved in the two funding rounds to date, with grants amounting to nearly \$11 million.

The EPSC was considering further education and publicity activities in 2005, including a community-wide SD competition, and the re-launch of the School Outreach Programme, possibly extended to other community groups. Members agreed that public education on SD was an important long-term task for the Council.

Item 4 – Report of the Strategy Sub-committee (Paper 04/05)

Members noted that the engagement process had reached out to the broader community and helped raise awareness of SD in Hong Kong. The community had welcomed the opportunity to participate in in-depth discussion on future policies.

Members discussed the findings, principles and targets under the respective pilot areas, noting the Government's concerns regarding the proposed targets for some of the key principles. Members accepted the draft report, subject to any detailed comments on the text to be provided to the Secretary after the meeting.

Members commended the way in which the engagement process had been run, with a strong emphasis on partnership and on leadership by non-Government stakeholders. The Council would consider means of strengthening and institutionalising the engagement process, as well as other related institutional issues, in its second term.

Item 5 - Any other business

The Chairman thanked Members for the contributions to the work of the Council during its first term. The Council would meet in April to discuss how to take its work forward.

Council Secretariat
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