

# COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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### **Report of the Strategy Sub-committee - Draft Invitation and Response Document**

#### **Purpose**

This paper reports on the work of the Strategy Sub-committee (SSC) on the engagement process for the Sustainable Development (SD) Strategy, and invites Members' comments on the draft "Invitation and Response" (IR) document, the issue of which will kick off the next stage of this process.

#### **Engagement process**

2. The engagement process is an exercise aimed at involving stakeholders in the community in the formulation of an SD Strategy for Hong Kong. The three main stages of the process are as follows –

- (a) **Production** of the IR document and design of the consultation programme;
- (b) **Public Involvement** and gathering of feedback on the IR document; and
- (c) **Reporting Back** to the Council for SD on the outcome of the consultation programme.

#### **"Invitation and Response" document**

3. The first stage of the engagement process is to compile the IR document, which forms the basis for public consultation under the second stage of the process. The three Support Groups (SG) on Renewable Energy, Solid Waste Management and Urban Living Space (formerly named "Urban Planning Priorities"), which were established by the SSC for the purpose of preparing content on their respective Pilot Areas (PA), have now largely

completed their work on the document. A draft of the IR document is at the **Annex** for Members' review.

### **Public Involvement Stage - Partnership Arrangements**

4. As reported at the last meeting, in view of the wide coverage and impact of issues related to sustainable development, SSC Members consider it important to involve partner organizations at different stages of the engagement process, to act as a "bridge" between the Government and the community. The objective is to forge a common ownership of the process.

5. Initially, the SSC has invited the Business Environment Council, the Hong Kong Council of Social Services and the People's Council for Sustainable Development to be partners in the process. These organisations represent the business, social and civil sectors respectively. The Sub-committee will further consider inviting other groups to join as partners as the process moves forward.

### **Communications Strategy**

6. SSC Members recommend that a communications strategy be put in place aimed at maximising the impact of the engagement process. The engagement process will be conducted in an open and participatory manner. People from different walks of life will be invited to participate in discussions on how to map out the SD strategy, focussing on the three Pilot Areas. Specific programmes will include : exhibitions and other publicity events to enhance public awareness of the exercise; forums and townhall meetings to provide a platform for various stakeholders to meet and discuss the strategies and issues involved; and other communication channels such as internet chat rooms and interactive seminars. The SDU will coordinate this strategy. The consultation period will last till November and a report collating the views of the community will be presented to the Council by the end of the year.