

# **COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Paper 10/03

## **Report of the Education and Publicity Sub-committee**

### **Purpose**

This paper briefly reports on the issues considered by Members of the Education and Publicity Sub-committee (EPSC) since the last Council meeting.

### **Proposal**

2. Members are invited to note –
  - (a) that the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) was launched and the guidelines and forms for applying to the SDF issued on 6 September;
  - (b) that a Vetting Committee (VC) has been established to help the EPSC assess applications to the SDF; and
  - (c) that the EPSC will consider a strategy for an education and publicity programme at its next meeting.

### **Issues Considered by the Education and Publicity Sub-committee**

#### *SDF Application Guidelines and Forms*

3. The EPSC considered the application guidelines and application forms for grants from the SDF at its meeting on 2 July. Having taken account of comments made by the Legislative Council Finance Committee, the EPSC and the newly established VC, we have finalised the guidelines and application forms which are made available for potential applicants effective from 6 September, the date when the SDF was also formally launched. The deadline for submitting applications is 1 December. The application guidelines and forms have been posted on the SDU website, and

printed versions are available from the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) and at District Offices. We have distributed posters and leaflets on the Fund and sent e-mail “fliers” to interested organisations. A workshop on SDF application and assessment procedures is scheduled for 27 September.

#### *Vetting Committee*

4. The EPSC agreed at its meeting on 2 July to form a Vetting Committee to assist in the assessment of applications for the SDF. The VC will draw up vetting criteria, assess applications and make recommendations to the EPSC on SDF applications. The VC held its first meeting on 21 August to consider the application guidelines and forms. Membership and terms of reference of the VC are at the **Annex**.

#### *Education and Publicity Programme*

5. EPSC Members considered a draft 2003-2004 education and publicity programme proposed by the SDU. Members agreed to continue with the School Outreach Programme undertaken by the SDU, and advised that, to sustain the impact of the programme, the SDU should consider organising a “train the trainer” scheme, a “mock” sustainable development summit for school students and the development of an education kit on sustainable development. Members also advised that the SDU should pursue the setting up of a web-based resource centre. Sub-committee Members recommended that other organisations be involved in these initiatives in order to promote capacity building for sustainable development in the community.

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