

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

Date	: 6 September 2003
Time	: 10.00 am
Chairman	: Dr Edgar Cheng
Members	: Professor Lam Kin-che Ir Otto Poon Ms Anne Copeland Chiu Mr Albert Lai
Apologies	: Dr Lily Chiang Ms Choy So-yuk Dr Sarah Liao, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (SETW) Mr Tik Chi-yuen Professor Peter Hills Dr Joseph Lian Mr Ng Shui-lai
In attendance	: Ms Chang King-yiu, Deputy Director of Administration (DD of Adm) Mr Eric K Lee, Senior Administrative Officer
Secretary	: Mr Jonathan McKinley, Assistant Director of Administration

Item 1 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting

SDU would revise the draft minutes to take account of Members' comments. A digest would be put online for public viewing subsequently.

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 – Proposed Process to Engage Stakeholders in the formulation of a Sustainable Development Strategy (Paper 06/03)

Members noted that the Council for Sustainable Development had tasked the Sub-committee to "road test" the proposed structure for the sustainable development (SD) strategy.

Members generally agreed that the principles of "transparency", "accountability" and "participation" should underpin the whole engagement process. The process for engaging the public had to be proper and credible. They also considered that stakeholders should be given a chance to agree on the broad framework for the engagement process before its launch. Members concluded that the proposed process should provide a framework for involving stakeholder groups, including the Government, in a partnership to formulate an SD strategy for Hong Kong.

Members considered that it was not possible to have complete consensus on all issues, and there should be a mechanism to resolve differences among different groups through facilitated discussion.

Members added that in identifying Priority Areas, the Council and Government bureaux should refer to work previously done in the community.

In relation to the notional timetable, Members considered that it was generally acceptable, albeit optimistic. It would be necessary to review this regularly in the light of experience in taking forward the engagement process.

Members' views would be incorporated into the Sub-committee's report to the Council.

Item 4 – Any other business

There was no other business.

Item 5 – Date of next meeting

The Secretary would advise Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

Council Secretariat
October 2003