

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

- Date** : 8 December 2003
- Time** : 2.30 pm
- Chairman** : Dr Edgar Cheng
- Members** : Ms Choy So-yuk
Dr Sarah Liao, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (SETW)
Ms Anne Copeland Chiu
Dr Joseph Lian
- Apologies** : Dr Lily Chiang
Professor Peter Hills
Mr Albert Lai
Professor K C Lam
Mr Ng Shui-lai
Ir Otto Poon
Mr Tik Chi-yuen
- In attendance** : Ms Chang King-yiu, Deputy Director of Administration (DD of Adm)
Mr Eric K Lee, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2
- Secretary** : Mr Jonathan McKinley, Assistant Director of Administration (SD) 2

Item 1 – Matters arising from the last meeting

A digest of the proceedings had been put on-line for public information.

Item 2 – Paper 07/03: First Workshop on Sustainable Development Strategy for Hong Kong and the Way Forward

Members noted that a workshop on the formulation of a sustainable development (SD) strategy for Hong Kong had been held on 8 November. There was general consensus that the Government could be invited to propose Priority Areas initially and that the Council should take a measured approach in starting the strategy building process. Members considered a list of possible Priority Areas and a draft timetable.

It was remarked that the Council should go ahead with a few Priority Areas that would allow room for innovative ideas to be raised during public discussion. Members noted that the public would be eager to see an action-oriented approach, therefore the selected

Priority Areas should offer the potential for tangible results. Members considered that a process underpinned by SD principles would help promote cross-sectoral collaboration and build general consensus within the community, thereby providing pointers for the Government in formulating policies. The proposed process could also offer a way of educating the public about the principles of SD.

Members agreed to recommend to the Council that: Urban Planning Priorities, Renewable Energy and Solid Waste Management should be the initial Priority Areas. Members also agreed to the tentative timetable for the key milestones in the engagement process.

Item 3 – Any Other Business

The SDU would prepare a report for the Chair to present to the Council for Sustainable Development at its next meeting.

Council Secretariat
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