

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

Date : 5 August 2004

Time : 4:30 pm

Chairman : Dr Edgar Cheng

Members : Ms Anne Copeland Chiu
Professor Peter Hills
Mr Albert Lai
Professor K C Lam
Mr Chandran Nair
Mr Ng Shui-lai
Ir Otto Poon
Ms Edith Terry

Apologies : Dr Lily Chiang
Ms Choy So-yuk
Mr Tik Chi-yuen
Mr Peter T S Wong
Dr Sarah Liao, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (SETW)

In attendance : Miss Linda So, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2

Secretary : Mr Jonathan McKinley, Acting Deputy Director of Administration

Item 1 - Matters arising from the last meeting

The meeting noted that **Dr Joseph Lian** had resigned from the Sub-committee with immediate effect.

Members noted that posters had been put up to publicise the engagement process, and that the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) would proceed to invite links to the new SD Strategy website.

Item 2 - Paper 08/04 “Feedback on IR Document”

Members noted that the online chat room had attracted a range of comment, and considered ways of effectively collating the responses. Members were encouraged to attend the roving exhibition and workshops to directly engage the public, to participate in the “live” chat rooms on the website, and to write media articles.

Members agreed that the SD theme should be emphasised at the beginning of any discussion throughout the engagement process, so as to raise public awareness of the principles of sustainability.

Item 3 - Paper 09/04 “Public Involvement Programme”

Members noted that the public involvement stage would be divided into two phases: awareness raising and direct engagement. The Sub-committee should concentrate its efforts on the macro level rather than engaging in micro-management of the process.

Each Support Group would decide on how to conduct the forum and workshops for its respective Pilot Area. Members noted the importance of the engagement process in providing continuous education and information sharing for the community.

Item 4 – Any Other Business

Members noted that the engagement process was new to everyone. Members considered the need to establish a framework to facilitate the collation of responses, and also the roles of the various participants relative to the organisation of events and the reporting process.

Item 5 - Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for 2 September (Thursday).

Council Secretariat
September 2004