

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

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- Date** : 3 February 2005
- Time** : 4:30 pm
- Chairman** : Dr Edgar CHENG
- Members** : Ms Anne COPELAND CHIU
Ms CHOY So-yuk
Prof Peter HILLS
Mr Albert LAI
Professor LAM Kin-che
Mr Chandran NAIR
Ir Otto POON
Ms Edith TERRY
Dr Sarah LIAO, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (SETW)
- Apologies** : Dr Lily CHIANG
Mr NG Shui-lai
Ir Otto POON
Mr TIK Chi-yuen
Mr Peter T S WONG
- In attendance** : Mr W K CHAN, Member, Urban Living Space Support Group
Ms Doris CHEUNG, Deputy Secretary, ETWB¹ (DS/ETWB)
Mr Thomas TSO, Deputy Secretary, HPLB² (DS/HPLB)
Ms Ivy LAW, Principal Assistant Secretary, HPLB (PAS/HPLB)
Mrs Teresa WONG, Principal Assistant Secretary, ETWB (PAS/ETWB)
Mr John FLOYD, Chief Assistant Secretary, EDLB³ (CAS/EDLB)
Mr K M MO, Acting Deputy Director, Buildings Department (Ag DD/BD)
Mr Augustine NG, Assistant Director, Planning Department (AD/PlanD)

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Mrs Susan MAK, Deputy Director of Administration (DD of Admin)
Ms Bonnie YAU, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 1
Miss Linda PS SO, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2
Dr Thomas Tang, SD Strategy Rapporteur

Secretary : Mr Jonathan McKinley, Assistant Director of Administration (SD) 2

Item 1 - Matters arising from the last meeting

There were no major outstanding matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Item 2 - Report from the SD Strategy Rapporteur – “Draft Report on the Sustainable Development Strategy” (SSC Paper 01/05)

Members welcomed the opportunity for the Government, business and civil society representatives to collaborate on preparing the draft report of the Council for Sustainable Development (SD). Members noted that there was a convergence of stakeholder views on many issues.

Members reviewed the key principles set out in the draft report, noting that these represented consolidated conclusions based on the comments gathered during the engagement process. Members considered that the engagement process had been a valuable exercise in developing a “bottom-up” approach to formulating policy.

Members agreed that it was necessary for the Government to provide a formal response or contribution to the process. This would be included as a separate chapter in the draft report. One of the aims of the engagement process had been to establish that Government and the community were not on opposing sides, but were partners in designing sustainable solutions for Hong Kong.

As for the options set out in the draft report, there were views that in some cases the forms of wording were too specific in nature. The Rapporteur would work with the SDU to revise the draft report to take into account views expressed at the meeting.

Members advised that the formulation of an SD Strategy should be an on-going process. The Strategy should take full account of views gathered from stakeholders during the engagement process, and should put forward achievable plans of action that could be implemented by the Government, the business sector and the broader community. Members also discussed the conclusions in the last chapter of the draft report, noting that these addressed a number of issues frequently raised by stakeholders during the engagement process.

Members agreed that the execution of the engagement process had been a learning process for all involved. It had provided a good basis for the Council to look at other SD issues in future exercises. In going forward, there was a need to work on capacity building in the community, and involving the younger generation more extensively in the work of the Council.

Item 3 - Any Other Business

The Chairman would brief the Council on the outcome of the engagement process at its meeting on 21 February, and invited the SG Convenors to join him for the presentation. He also thanked Members for their efforts in participating in the work of the SSC over the past two years.

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