

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

Meeting on 4 August 2005

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Chairman : Ir Otto POON

Members : Ms Anne COPELAND CHIU
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Mr Albert LAI
Ms Luciana WONG

Apologies : Dr CHAN Wai-kwan
: Dr Lily CHIANG
Mr Michael JEBSEN
Professor LAM Kin-che
Mr Aloysius LEE
Mr Chandran NAIR
Mr Ali TUET

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

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

Action

Item 1 – Matters arising from the last meeting

Members noted that comments on the draft minutes of the last meeting had been incorporated in the revised minutes.

Item 2 – Paper 04/05 “Outcome of Stakeholder Forum on new Priority Areas for the Sustainable Development Strategy”

Members noted that the preferred topics that emerged from the stakeholder forum on 28 July covered a wide range of issues. There was a need to involve government agencies early to help define the scope of potential Priority Areas and ensure a high degree of participation by the Government in the engagement process.

Members agreed to allow more time for the Council to consider and decide on the new Priority Areas. The new Priority Areas should arouse the

community's interest and allow the public to make an effective contribution to the policy-making process. The topics should further address the three pillars of sustainable development (SD) and enhance support for SD principles.

Members considered that the priority topics identified in the stakeholder forum could be grouped under the two broad headings of: 'A Healthy Living Environment' and 'Population and Human Development'.

Members noted that there might be resource constraints for both the Government and the community if too many Priority Areas were addressed at the same time.

The SSC would report back to the full Council on the outcome of the stakeholder forum, adding that the priority topics could be grouped into two broader categories of inter-related issues.

Item 3 – Paper 05/05 “Implementation of the Second Engagement Process”

Members considered that stakeholders should be engaged in drafting the “Invitation and Response” (IR) document, so as to enhance the community's ownership and commitment to the document.

Members envisaged that the draft Council report and a third-party report on the engagement process prepared by an independent agency would be prepared at Stage IV of the engagement process. The Council would review the third-party report, with the aim of enhancing the content of its own final report.

Members considered that, for future exercises, it would be better to issue the Council report and the SD Strategy separately, so that the community would be able to review the Council's recommendations prior to the launch of the SD Strategy.

Item 4 – Any Other Business

Members noted an earlier discussion on the proposed support network involving Support Group members. This issue would be kept on the Sub-committee's agenda.

Item 5 – Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be scheduled in early October.

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