

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

Meeting on 7 October 2005

Digest of Proceedings

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Mr Aloysius LEE

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

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

Item 1 – Confirmation of the minutes of last meeting

Members noted that comments on the draft minutes of the last meeting had been incorporated in the revised minutes. The SDU would post a digest of proceedings on its website.

Item 2 – Matters arising from the minutes of last meeting

Members noted that the SDU had prepared a paper in consultation with the Chairman to report Members' views to the Council at its meeting on 9 August. Members had met representatives of government bureaux and departments in September to discuss the Priority Areas for the second round of the Sustainable Development (SD) Strategy engagement process.

Item 3 – Selection of Priority Areas for Engagement Process (II)

Paper 06/05 “Selection of Priority Areas for the Engagement Process (II)”

Paper 07/05 “Strategy and Programme for Improving Air Quality in Hong Kong”

Members considered that the community should have the capacity to address two Priority Areas in the second round of the engagement process. Members considered that the selected areas should have a clear focus, with achievable targets, and should be easily understood by the public.

Members noted that there was wide community concern about Hong Kong’s air quality, and considered that the issue of Air Quality was not just the responsibility of a single policy bureau. Members noted the links between air quality and, for example, energy and transport policies. It was appropriate for the Council to take up such a cross-bureau issue.

Members agreed that the SSC should recommend to the Council that the second stage of the engagement process include two Priority Areas, namely: “A Healthy Living Environment” and “Population and Human Development”. It was proposed to address the former topic first; and to stagger the various stages of the engagement process for the two topics to maximise resources.

Members also discussed Paper 07/05 and agreed that the Environmental Protection Department and other agencies should be asked to provide more comprehensive information in the context of preparing the Invitation and Response (IR) document for public engagement.

Item 4 – Any Other Business

Members noted the workshop to be organised by the Presidential Commission on SD of the Republic of Korea in Seoul in late October, which was targeted at national councils for SD in Asia.

Item 5 – Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for early December.

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