

# COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## Strategy Sub-committee

Meeting on 6 April 2006

### Digest of Proceedings

**Chairman** : Ir Otto POON

**Members** : Dr CHAN Wai-kwan  
Dr Lily CHIANG  
Ms Anne COPELAND CHIU  
Mr CHUA Hoi-wai  
Mr Albert LAI  
Ms Luciana WONG  
Professor WONG Siu-lun

**Apologies** : Ms CHOY So-yuk  
Mr Michael JEBSEN  
Professor LAM Kin-che  
Mr Chandran NAIR  
Mr Ali TUET

**In attendance** : Dr Andrew Thomson, EPSC Member  
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: (For agenda item 2 only)  
: *Dr Gail KENDALL, RESG Member*  
: *Mr HO Kwong-wai (EMSD), RESG Member*  
: *Miss Emmy WONG, EDLB*  
: *Mr Harry LAI, EDLB*  
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: Mrs Susan MAK, Deputy Director of Administration (1) (DD of Admin)  
: Miss Linda SO, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2  
: Miss Stella CHANG, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 1

**Secretary** : Mrs Vicki KWOK, Assistant Director of Administration (SD) 2

#### **Item 1 – Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting**

Members welcomed representatives from the Economic Development and Labour Bureau (EDLB) and members of the Support Group on Renewable Energy, who would join the discussion under agenda item 2. Members noted that members of the SSC and EPSC would from now on be invited to sit in on meetings of the other Sub-committee, and welcomed Dr Andrew Thomson to sit in on this meeting.

Members noted that the draft minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed by circulation. The SDU had posted a digest of proceedings on its website.

## **Item 2 – Briefing on the Stage II Consultation on “Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong”**

EDLB made a presentation on the Stage II Consultation on the Future Development of the Electricity Market in Hong Kong, in particular the proposals related to the promotion of RE and the preliminary sustainability assessment (SA) findings.

Members considered that the institutional arrangements established through the first engagement process should continue. All stakeholder groups and individuals who participated in the engagement events and / or submitted comments to the Council for SD during the first engagement process would be informed of the implementation progress of the first SD Strategy and continue to be engaged.

Members agreed on the importance of energy efficiency and conservation, and considered that a reliable and stable supply of electricity was also important.

Members also discussed the long-term way forward with regard to encouraging or advising other parties and agencies to conduct their own engagement exercises.

## **Item 3 – Paper 02/06 “Engagement Process on Priority Area of Population Policy”**

Members noted the work progress of the Support Group on Population Policy, in preparing the draft Invitation and Response (IR) document, working on the engagement programme and liaising with the potential partner organisations.

With regard to the IR document, Members commented that there should be more emphasis on the people and the importance of the quality of life of our population. The section on environmental perspective could be further enhanced. Members also discussed the presentation of the document, with a view to facilitating a more effective engagement.

Members noted that the Committee on Social Development and Quality of Life of the Commission on Strategic Development held a workshop in March to discuss the population policy.

Members also noted that the Council for SD had earlier decided that out of the \$10 million annual allocation from the SD Fund, \$2 million would be set aside for carrying out the Council’s initiatives including the engagement process and the publicity and community education

programmes. This would not jeopardise the chance of the community organisations to secure financial support from the SD Fund.

**Item 4 – Any Other Business**

Members discussed the presentation of the monthly reports of SA. The Committee will discuss Members' views on the institutional set-up for the Council for SD and the role of the two sub-committees at another forum.

**Item 5 – Date of Next Meeting**

The Secretary would confirm the date of the next meeting nearer the time.

Council Secretariat  
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