

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

Meeting on 5 October 2006

Digest of Proceedings

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Members : Dr Chan Wai-kwan
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Professor Lam Kin-che
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Apologies : Ms Anne Copeland Chiu
Mr Michael Jebsen
Mr Albert Lai
Mr Chandran Nair

In attendance : Dr Andrew Thomson, EPSC Member
Mr Plato Yip, EPSC Member

Professor Lee Ngok, Coordinator, PolyU
Professor Peter Yuen, Principal Investigator, PolyU
Dr KK Yuen, Project Fellow, PolyU
Miss Joan Li, Assistant Officer, PolyU

Mrs Susan Mak, Deputy Director of Administration (1) (DD of Admin)
Miss Linda So, Senior Administrative Officer (SD) 2

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

Item 1 – Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Members welcomed members of the EPSC to sit in on this meeting. Members also welcomed representatives from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University's Public Policy Research Institute, who would present their interim report on the engagement process under agenda item 2.

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 – Paper 03/06 “Update on the Second Engagement Process on Population Policy”

Members noted the series of engagement events organised in the past few months. PPRI representatives outlined the objective, strengths, limitations and methodology of the consultancy study to provide an independent analysis and reporting service for the engagement process.

Members discussed and considered the engagement process was not meant to collect views from a representative sample of the community, but to raise awareness and build consensus during the interactive dialogues.

Members also discussed the number of responses received, and considered that the general demographics of the respondents would be more important. Members agreed to extend the outreach to the grassroots. Members noted that the Support Group comprised two members from the District Councils, and they had also helped in engagement the local community.

Item 3 – Any Other Business

Members discussed ways to make use of the monthly reports on the Sustainability Assessments to help raise public awareness of the sustainability implications of the various issues.

Item 4 – Date of Next Meeting

The Secretary would confirm the date nearer the time.

Council Secretariat
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