

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Strategy Sub-committee

Meeting on 3 April 2007

Digest of Proceedings

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In attendance : Mr Vincent Ng, Chairman, HEC Subcommittee on Harbour Planning Review
Mr Edmond Chiu, Town Planner, Planning Department

Dr Thomson Tang, GIFT (Programme Director)
Ms Sandra Mak, A-World Consulting (Communications Consultant)
Miss Gloria Lam, A-World Consulting
Professor John Bacon-Shone, HKU (Reporting Agency)
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Mr Rodney Tam, Triangle Worldwide Group Limited
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Secretary : Mrs Vicki Kwok, Assistant Director of Administration (SD) 2

Item 1 – Welcome new members

The meeting welcomed new members to the Sub-committee in the new term.

Item 2 – Matters arising from the minutes of last 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 3 – Briefing on “Draft Harbour Planning Guidelines” by the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee

Representative from the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review conducted a presentation on the Harbour Planning Guidelines, which had taken due consideration of sustainability factors in economic, social and environmental aspects.

Members discussed the guidelines and expressed views on various issues including cultural heritage preservation, harbour front planning, climate change factor, etc. Members considered that the private sector investors should be involved in the preparation of the guidelines.

Members noted that the Harbour Planning Guidelines would be included in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. Harbour planning would not be solely determined by the guidelines, but would also depend on individual circumstances and the target population going to enjoy the harbour.

Item 4 – Paper 01/07 “Preparations for the Engagement Process on Better Air Quality”

Members noted the engagement of the three consulting teams, the latest preparatory work for the engagement process, and the discussion of the Support Group on the draft Invitation and Response document. In order to extend the outreach of the exercise, partner organisations from a wider spectrum of the community were engaged for this round.

The Council had earlier published its study report in November 2006, which provided comprehensive information on air quality including the power, transport and industry sectors. While the Government had responded to the Council report by undertaking a number of initiatives, the current engagement process would focus on three topics – actions during high air pollution days, electronic road pricing and demand side management.

Members discussed and exchanged views on the IR document and the engagement plan. Members considered that the exercise should reach out to more people and encourage community participation in the process. Members suggested that the questions to be put to the public could be set to test if there was any misunderstanding on the issues among the public. The public could also be asked whether they would accept higher cost implications in exchange of improved air quality.

Item 5 – Presentation on the Better Air Quality Announcement in the Public Interest (API)

The advertising company engaged for the API production presented the TV API for the exercise.

Members considered that the image in the API was strong, and that the public would recall this API.

Item 6 – Institutional Strengthening

Members agreed that this item be discussed at a future meeting of the Strategy Sub-committee.

Item 7 – Any Other Business

Members noted that an Information Paper 05/06 was issued to update Members of the latest development of the engagement process on population policy.

Item 8 – Date of Next Meeting

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

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