

# **COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

## **Strategy Sub-committee**

**Meeting on 4 September 2007**

### **Digest of Proceedings**

**Chairman** : Ir Otto Poon

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**Members** : Dr Chan Wong Lai-kuen, Anissa

Dr Chan Wai-kwan

Dr Lily Chiang

Ms Anne Copeland Chiu

Mr Chua Hoi-wai

Dr Susan Fan

Mr Michael Jebsen

Mr Albert Lai

Dr Alexis Lau

Mr Chandran Nair

Dr Ng Cho-nam

Dr Andrew Thomson

Mr Ali Tuet

Ms Luciana Wong

Professor Wong Siu-lun

**Apologies** : Professor Lam Kin-che

Ms Carmen Chan

Ms Choy So-yuk

**In attendance** : Ms Jacqueline Cheng, EPSC Member

Mr Jonathan Chan, EPSC Member

Mr Roy Tang, Deputy Secretary for the Environment

Ms Elisa Leung, Assistant Secretary for the Environment (Sustainable Development)<sup>2</sup>

Ms Vivian Tsang, Senior Town Planner (Sustainable Development)

**Secretary** : Mrs Vicki Kwok, Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment (Sustainable Development)

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

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

**Item 2 – Way Forward for the Council for Sustainable Development***Institutional Strengthening*

The meeting discussed the way forward of the Council including its future role/agenda and related issues. Views were also exchanged on how the Council might refine its focus or improve its engagement process in the long term. Members noted that Council had successfully developed the public engagement model and, by drawing up the SD strategies for a few key areas, had worked out several pieces of the overall SD jigsaw. While the engagement process had been confirmed to be effective in collecting public views, the Council had to be mindful of the possibility of consultation fatigue. Members suggested that more should be done on the sharing and following up on the outcome of projects implemented under the SD Fund.

Members welcomed a brainstorming session to discuss these and other issues as proposed by the Council Chairman at a recent luncheon discussion with Members.

Members noted that their views and suggestions would be conveyed to the Council Chairman for information and consideration in the preparation of the brainstorming session to be held with Members of the Council and its two Sub-Committees.

*Engagement Process on Population Policy*

In connection with the Members' Council's engagement process on Population Policy, Members discussed and exchanged views on how step 4 of the Council's engagement process (namely reporting on the response from the community and putting forward recommendations) might be refined and improved.

Members agreed that the Council's engagement process being a living process could be reviewed and refined as it evolved. Members also agreed that a recommendation be put to the Council Chairman that in future the Council should list also the non-mainstream views collected in an engagement process to provide further reference for the Government in its later deliberations.

*Views raised in Council Chairman's luncheons with Members*

Members noted that the views and suggestions raised at the Council Chairman's earlier luncheons with Members of the Council, Strategy Sub-Committee and Education and Publicity Sub-Committee respectively would serve as inputs to the brainstorming session on the Council's way forward by Members of the Council and the two Sub-Committees.

**Item 3 – Paper 03/07 “Progress of the Engagement Process on Better Air Quality”**

Members were briefed on the progress of the BAQ engagement process since the last meeting.

Members noted that the Council Chairman, the Strategy Sub-Committee, the Support Group on Better Air Quality as well as the Council Secretariat had been making vigorous efforts to engage the different sectors of the community since the launch of the engagement process in June.

Members also noted that when the results were available after the close of the engagement exercise in mid October, the Support Group as well as the Strategy Sub-Committee would study the findings and discuss what parameters and consensus had emerged from the engagement process.

Members were advised that as with the Council's past engagement processes, a strategy summit on the BAQ engagement process would be organised later this year.

**Item 4 – Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**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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