

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE

Paper 01/03

Terms of Reference of the Sub-committee

Purpose

This paper invites Members' views on the Terms of Reference for this Sub-committee.

Proposal

2. We **propose** the following terms of reference for the Strategy Sub-committee for Members' consideration –

- (a) To assist the Council for Sustainable Development with the formulation of a Sustainable Development Strategy for Hong Kong;
- (b) To engage stakeholders and the community and implement a consultation programme as agreed by the Council for Sustainable Development with a view to ensuring that the Sustainable Development Strategy is inclusive and widely accepted by the community; and
- (c) To report regularly to the Council for Sustainable Development on progress with the formulation of the Sustainable Development Strategy.

Considerations

3. At its meeting on 1 April 2003, the Council for Sustainable Development (the Council) agreed to establish the Strategy Sub-committee to advise on the process of formulating a sustainable development strategy for Hong Kong. One of the tasks of the Sub-committee would be to organize and participate in workshops or other forums with stakeholders with a view to developing proposals for the full Council's consideration.

4. The Council adopted the following terms of reference at its meeting on 1 April 2003 –

- (a) To advise the Government on the priority areas that it should address in promoting sustainable development;
- (b) To advise on the preparation of a sustainable development strategy for Hong Kong that will integrate economic, social and environmental perspectives;
- (c) To facilitate community participation in the promotion of sustainable development in Hong Kong through various means, including the award of grants from the Sustainable Development Fund; and
- (d) To promote public awareness and understanding of the principles of sustainable development in partnership with stakeholders.

5. One of the major recommendations of the Planning Department's *Study on Sustainable Development for the 21st Century* concerns the need to –

“continue to consult and involve the community in the process of sustainable development in Hong Kong, including the development of a Sustainable Development Strategy.”

6. The proposed terms of reference for this Sub-committee reflect the implementation details in support of item (b) of the Council's terms of reference. They also correspond to the recommendations of the “Susdev 21” study in relation to involving the community in the process of sustainable development in Hong Kong.

Way Forward

7. Subject to Members' views, we shall report back to the Council and post the terms of reference of the Sub-committee on the SDU website.

Council Secretariat
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