

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGY SUB-COMMITTEE

Paper 04/05

Outcome of Stakeholder Forum on new Priority Areas for the Sustainable Development Strategy

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the potential new Priority Areas for the Sustainable Development (SD) Strategy in the light of the outcome of the stakeholder forum held on 28 July.

Background

2. As part of an enhanced process for selecting Priority Areas, the Council convened a public stakeholder forum on 28 July 2005 with the aim of identifying potential topics for the next stage of the SD Strategy engagement process. The forum involved members of the public who participated in the previous engagement process, as well as new participants, with a significant proportion of attendees being young people and members of district-based organisations (including District Councils). A summary profile of attendees is at **Annex A** for reference, and a detailed run-down of the forum proceedings is at **Annex B**.

Outcomes of the Forum

3. In order to gain an insight into participants' initial views as to SD priorities for Hong Kong and to measure how these were influenced by interaction and discussion with other stakeholders at the forum, we surveyed participants' views on SD priorities on arrival at the forum, and then following the second round of discussion. Participants were invited to indicate their top three preferences for new Priority Areas based on the list of 10 examples provided (drawn from issues commonly raised at previous stakeholder events). Participants were also invited to add new topics to the original list, if they felt that there were alternative issues of

priority for Hong Kong's sustainability.

4. Together with the final reports by each of the breakout "table" groups, the figures from the surveys indicate that forum participants see the following issues as potential Priority Areas for the next round of the engagement process -

- Air Quality
- Population Policy
- Education
- Energy
- Sustainable Manpower and Employment
- Transport and Land Use Planning in the Pearl River Delta (PRD).

The detailed survey figures are at **Annex C**.

5. During the course of the table reports, many participants noted that issues relating to air quality, population policy, and transport and land use planning were topics that were "cross-bureau" and even "trans-boundary" in nature, i.e., involving the policies and efforts of government agencies in Hong Kong and the PRD. As such, these issues cannot be the responsibility of a single arm of the HKSAR Government, but have to be dealt with through full coordination of the various government agencies involved.

Next Steps

6. The purpose of the stakeholder forum, as outlined in SSC Paper 03/05, was to highlight topics of public concern so that the Council's advice could be sought on the Priority Areas for the next stage of the SD Strategy. To facilitate the SSC and the Council's further consideration, we will consult relevant bureaux and departments to compile background information on each of the potential topics, with brief statements on the extent of the problems, ongoing and committed policies and programmes to address the problems, and any specific issues and timeframes that the SD Strategy should take account of, if the topic is to be selected for the next round of the engagement process.

7. Based on the background information above, and bearing in mind the outcomes of the Stakeholder Forum, the SSC will be invited at its next meeting to recommend to the Council whether one or more of the preferred Priority Areas should form the subject of the second and third stages of the engagement process. Members will also be asked to consider, in putting forward a particular Priority Area to the Council, whether also to propose one or more specific issues under the broad-brush policy that the next stages of the engagement process should address as a matter of priority.

8. Subject to members' advice on the next steps in paragraph 7 above, we will duly report to the Council at its coming meeting, scheduled for 9 August. The Council will be invited to take account of the background information pertaining to the potential Priority Areas and the SSC recommendation, before advising on the topics and scope of the Stage II of the engagement process, namely the formation of Support Groups to assist in the drafting of an Invitation and Response document on the relevant Priority Areas and the planning of the public involvement campaign.

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Council Secretariat

Summary Profile of Attendees

Categories of attendees	No.	%
(A) District Councils & District-based associations	39	23%
(B) Schools & Universities	27	16%
(C) Academic & Professional	24	14%
(D) Business	30	18%
(E) NGO (Social, Environmental, etc.)	25	15%
(F) Individuals and others without stated affiliation	26	15%
TOTAL	171	*

* The sum of individual percentages may not be equal to 100%, owing to rounding of numbers.

**Second Round of the Engagement Process
Rundown for the Stakeholder Forum**

Date: 28 July 2005 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Venue: Assembly Room, YMCA, Tsim Sha Tsui
Attendance: 183 people from various sectors (including Council and SSC Members)

Programme Rundown

09:00	Registration of participants
09:30	Opening remarks and introduction by the Vice-Chairman, Council for Sustainable Development
09:45	Background Briefing by facilitation team
10:00	Introduction to SD Principles by SSC Member
10:15	Detailed brief by facilitation team
10:30	First Discussion of Priority Areas
11:00	Short Break
11:25	Second Discussion of Priority Areas
12:00	Table reports
12:45	Conclusions and Way Forward by SSC Chairman

Annex C

**Results of Individual Surveys and Table Consensus
on the new Priority Areas**

(I) Individual Surveys

New Priority Areas		1 st survey			2 nd survey			% change
		No.	%	Ranking	No.	%	Ranking	
(A)	Integrated Planning of the Harbour	42	8%	5	15	4%		-4%
(B)	Rural Conservation	22	4%		6	2%		-2%
(C)	Preservation of Heritage	24	4%		12	3%		-1%
(D)	Sustainable Transport Policy	42	8%	5	16	4%		-4%
(E)	Air Quality	101	19%	1	71	19%	1	0%
(F)	Sustainable Population Policy	62	12%	4	51	14%	2	+2%
(G)	Energy Policy	67	12%	2	46	12%	3	0%
(H)	Rural Land Use	24	4%		4	1%		-3%
(I)	Transport and Land Use Planning in PRD	40	7%		29	8%		+1%
(J)	Sustainable Employment and Manpower	67	12%	2	37	10%	5	-2%
(K)	Education	20	4%		40	11%	4	+7%
(L)	Waste Management	12	2%		10	3%		+1%
(M)	Town Planning	7	1%		22	6%		+5%
(N)	Health	5	1%		11	3%		+2%
(O)	Arts and Recreation	3	1%		1	0%		-1%
	TOTAL	538	*		371	*		

* The sum of individual percentages may not be equal to 100%, owing to rounding of numbers.

(II) Table Consensus (3 Priority Areas per table)

New Priority Areas		No.	%	Priority
(A)	Integrated Planning of the Harbour	1	2%	
(B)	Rural Conservation	0	0%	
(C)	Preservation of Heritage	0	0%	
(D)	Sustainable Transport Policy	1	2%	
(E)	Air Quality	14	25%	1
(F)	Sustainable Population Policy	11	19%	2
(G)	Energy Policy	5	9%	5
(H)	Rural Land Use	0	0%	
(I)	Transport and Land Use Planning in PRD	6	11%	4
(J)	Sustainable Employment and Manpower	4	7%	6
(K)	Education	7	12%	3
(L)	Waste Management	1	2%	
(M)	Town Planning	4	7%	
(N)	Health	2	4%	
(O)	Arts and Recreation	0	0%	
(P)	Constitutional Development	1	2%	
	TOTAL	57	*	

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