

## **COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

### **Implementation Progress of the First Sustainable Development Strategy for Hong Kong**

#### **Purpose**

This paper attaches for Members' information the progress report on the implementation of the First Sustainable Development ("SD") Strategy for Hong Kong promulgated in May 2005.

#### **The First Public Engagement Exercise - the First Sustainable Development Strategy for Hong Kong**

2. During the first public engagement process in 2004, the Council for Sustainable Development ("the Council") engaged stakeholders in discussions on the sustainability issues in three areas – Solid Waste Management, Renewable Energy and Urban Living Space. The Council submitted its report and recommendations to the Government in February 2005.

3. The Government responded to the Council's report with the publication of the First SD Strategy for Hong Kong ("the Strategy") in May 2005. The Strategy outlines the Government's targets and plan of action on achieving sustainability in the three pilot areas.

4. The Government has undertaken to provide regular reports to the Council on the implementation progress towards achieving the strategic objectives, targets and plan of actions as set out in the Strategy. Actions taken by the Government against the relevant items in the Strategy up to May 2009 are set out at the **Annex**. This is the fourth annual progress report presented to the Council. As a practice, this report will be uploaded onto the respective websites of the Council<sup>1</sup> and Sustainable Development Division<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.susdev.org.hk/susdevorg/archive2004/en/reports.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.susdev.gov.hk/html/en/council/index.htm#meetings>

## **The Second and Third Public Engagement Exercises**

5. Regarding the second public engagement exercise on Population Policy, a committee chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration has been set up to follow-up the measures included in the Government's response.

6. As a follow-up on the Council's recommendations in the last public engagement exercise on Better Air Quality, the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has engaged a consultant to review Hong Kong's Air Quality Objectives ("AQOs") and develop a long-term air quality management strategy to help protect the health of the public from the effect of air pollution. The Administration gave a briefing to the Council on the consultant's initial recommendations on 24 April 2009 and listened to Members' views at the briefing. The final consultant report will be available by the end of July this year. The Administration aims at conducting a full scale public consultation from July to November 2009 on the proposals for reviewing the AQOs the pace under which they should be taken forward and the price that the community is willing to pay in return for better air quality before taking a view on how best the current AQOs are to be updated and what measures are to be adopted. In this connection, a briefing to the Council will be arranged.

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