

LANTAU DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sustainable Development Subcommittee Progress Report

PURPOSE

This paper aims to report to the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC) on the work progress of the Sustainable Development Subcommittee (SD SC).

WORK PROGRESS

2. The SD SC set up a Task Force on Lantau Conservation (Task Force) in December 2016, and held the second joint meeting with the Traffic, Transport and District Improvement Items Subcommittee on 2 May 2017.

Task Force on Lantau Conservation

3. The Task Force under the SD SC was set up in December 2016. The purpose of setting up the Task Force was to provide a platform for the green groups/environmentalists and relevant stakeholders to provide comment and examine the conservation initiatives in Lantau, and to report to the SD SC the nature, historical and cultural heritage conservation initiatives and proposals for the sustainable development of Lantau. There are 13 members in the Task Force from the SD SC, green groups and local organisations. The membership list and terms of reference of the Task Force have been uploaded onto the [LanDAC webpage](#).

4. The Task Force held two meetings on 5 December 2016 and 14 March 2017.

5. Members of the Task Force prepared a Long-list of Major Conservation-related Items after the meeting, with a total of 87 items in six strategic areas, i.e. (1) “Setting out Conservation Principles”; (2) “Enhancing Management Measures”; (3) “Strengthening Nature Conservation”; (4) “Strengthening Cultural Conservation”; (5) “Improving Traffic Management and Developing Green Transport Strategy”; and (6) “Promoting Sustainable Tourism”. The Task Force subsequently selected a total of 11 First Batch Discussion Items and expressed views in the aspects of the

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benefits/opportunities, imminence, policy implications and implementation considerations of individual initiatives.

The Second Joint Meeting with the Traffic, Transport and District Improvement Items Subcommittee

6. The SD SC noted the progress of the strategic studies and district improvement works items in Lantau (**SD SC Paper No. 01/2017**).

7. The SD SC noted the progress report of the Task Force (**SD SC Paper No. 02/2017**). The major views of the SD SC were: (1) It was suggested exploring establishment of a fund to resume private land for the implementation of conservation initiatives. (2) When planning for new initiatives, consideration should not be limited to the \$30M earmarked in 2017-2018 under the Environment and Conservation Fund. The other resources should also be considered. (3) On implementation, trust should be developed through communication. One or two initiatives should be launched first as quick-win measures.

8. Besides, the SD SC was briefed by green groups¹ on their suggestions regarding green traffic and transport strategies at the meeting. Views from members included: (1) There were concerns on the air pollution and carrying capacity of Lantau, especially the impacts of people flow, logistics and traffic flow. (2) Green transport should be encouraged in Lantau. (3) Technology to track the dump trucks should be adopted to strengthen the control on illegal dumping. (4) It was suggested setting low carbon emission targets to improve the environment in view of Hong Kong's overall development.

FOLLOW UP WORK

9. The Civil Engineering and Development Department will follow up the views from the members of the SD SC, and plans to brief the members of the Task Force on the conservation proposals mentioned in the Sustainable Lantau Blueprint at its third meeting. Besides, since a wide range of issues are involved in the First Batch Discussion Items under the Long-list of Major Conservation-related Items, the Task Force will continue to discuss the items in details.

¹ Green groups include Green Power, Designing Hong Kong, The Conservancy Association, Hong Kong Bird Watching Society, Living Islands Movement, The Green Earth, WWF-Hong Kong, Association for Geoconservation, Hong Kong; and Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden.

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CONCLUSION

10. Members are invited to note and offer their views on the work progress of the SD SC.

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