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LANTAU DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Planning and Conservation Subcommittee Work Progress Report

PURPOSE

This paper aims at reporting the work progress of the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee (PC SC) to the Lantau Development Advisory Committee (LanDAC).

INTRODUCTION

2. PC SC is one of the four subcommittees under the LanDAC set up in September 2014 responsible specifically for the development, land use planning, environmental and conservation matters.

WORK PROGRESS REPORT

3. PC SC conducted two meetings on 10 October 2014 and 14 November 2014 with the first meeting being a joint meeting with the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee (ESD SC).

First Meeting

4. At the first meeting of PC SC, the terms of reference, house rules and system of declaration of interests (**PC SC Paper No. 01/2014**) and its preliminary work plan (**PC SC Paper No. 02/2014**) were endorsed. The terms of reference of PC SC include advising the LanDAC on the formulation of an overall spatial development and conservation strategy for the development of Lantau in the short, medium and long terms and identifying worthwhile and practical actions/measures for

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implementation in keeping with the short and medium term development in Lantau. The flowchart of key tasks and the preliminary work plan of PC SC are at **Annexes 1 and 2**. The key deliverables of PC SC would be a draft overall spatial development and conservation strategy for Lantau with recommendations on the measures that can be taken forward in the short and medium terms. It is expected that all these can take shape in mid-2015.

5. PC SC also noted the latest planning position for Lantau (**PC SC Paper No. 03/2014**) and the ecology, cultural heritage, landscape conservation and the proposed work direction for Lantau (**PC SC Paper No. 04/2014**).

Second Meeting

6. The second meeting of PC SC was mainly to confirm the overall planning vision cum planning and conservation guiding principles for Lantau (**PC SC Paper No. 05/2014**). With reference to the latest planning situation of Lantau and the 2007 Revised Concept Plan for Lantau, PC SC confirmed that the overall planning vision for Lantau is “to promote the strategic growth and sustainable development of Lantau by balancing development needs and conservation”. Some Members pointed out that an overall approach must be contemplated in respect of land development and external traffic supporting facilities. At the same time, PC SC also discussed and accepted the eight planning and conservation guiding principles as guidance for the future formulation of the overall spatial development strategy and conservation measures for Lantau, which included capitalizing on the strategic role of Lantau; pluralistic land uses; strengthening internal and external transport links and infrastructure; creating a green, liveable, good-for-work new metropolis; promoting urban and rural harmony; enhancing conservation of the natural and cultural resources; tapping the potentials of sites of conservation value; and addressing the needs for development and conservation simultaneously.

7. Based on the agreed work direction for conservation, PC SC endorsed the various proposed conservation measures (**PC SC Paper No. 06/2014**) to ensure that the ecology, heritage and landscape value of those sites of conservation value would not be adversely affected by development while strengthening the linkage between points, lines and planes encouraging and facilitating the public and tourists to experience the ecological, heritage and landscape assets of Lantau. Meanwhile, at the request of the Chairperson and Members, the Secretariat would arrange a tour to relevant conservation sites for PC SC Members and participation by Members of other subcommittees would be welcomed.

FUTURE TASKS

8. The work of PC SC would be taken forward according to the endorsed preliminary work plan. Regular review of the tasks would be conducted and coordination with ESD SC and the Traffic and Transport Subcommittee would also be carried out. Appropriate adjustments would be undertaken in accordance with the proposals of the LanDAC and the actual work progress. PC SC also agreed to enhance the endorsed positioning, planning direction and guiding principles as the work progressed in future.

CONCLUSION

9. Members of the LanDAC are invited to take note of the work progress of PC SC and provide comments.

Attachments

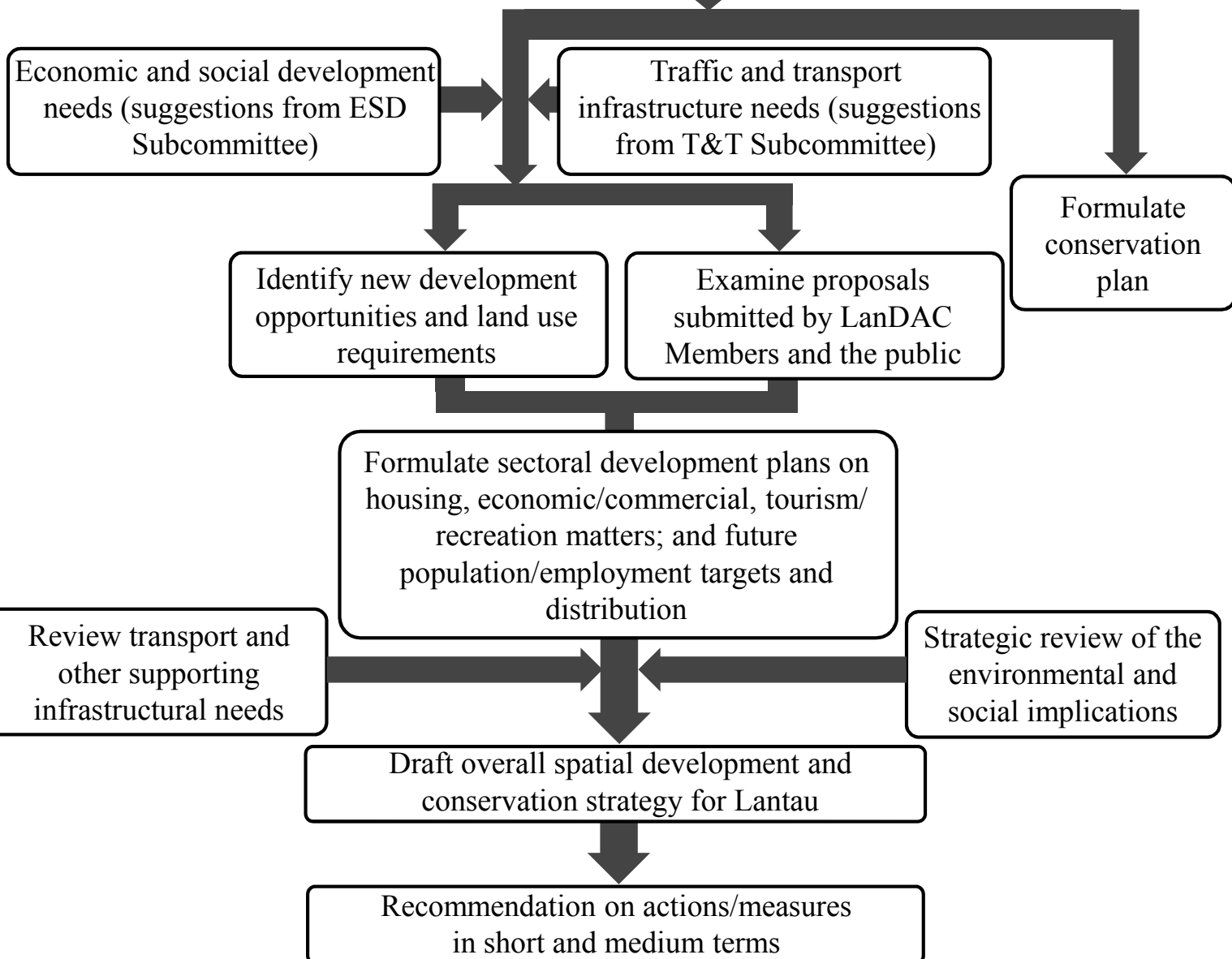
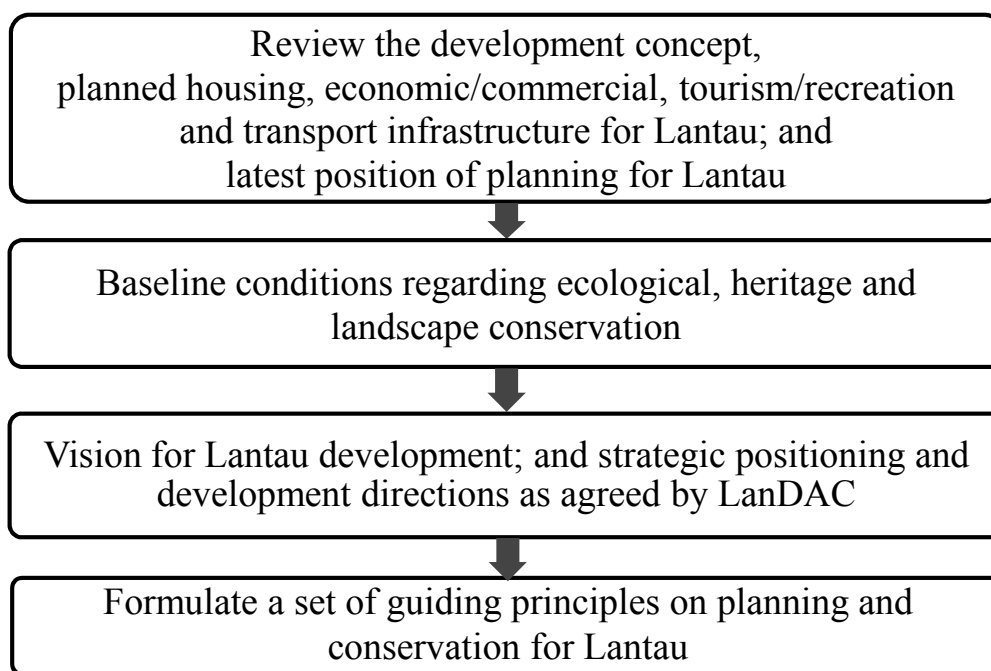
Annex 1: Flowchart of Key Tasks of the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee

Annex 2: Preliminary Work Plan of the Planning and Conservation Subcommittee

Development Bureau

November 2014

**Planning and Conservation Subcommittee
Proposed Key Tasks - Flow Chart**



**Planning and Conservation Subcommittee
Proposed Preliminary Work Plan**

First (Joint) Meeting (10.10.2014)

- Review of the development concept, the planned housing, economic/commercial, tourism/recreation and transport infrastructure of Lantau as well as the latest position of planning for Lantau; and
- Review of the baseline conditions regarding ecological, heritage and landscape conservation.

Second Meeting (early November 2014)

- Formulation of a set of guiding principles for Lantau based on the vision for Lantau development as well as the strategic positioning and development directions agreed by LanDAC; and
- Formulation of a conservation plan for Lantau, setting out the major sites for ecological, heritage and landscape conservation and related measures.

[Reporting back on progress to the LanDAC meeting scheduled for November 2014]

Third Meeting (mid December 2014)

- Review of the considerations underlying economic and social development in Lantau;
- Review of the provision of traffic and transport infrastructure for Lantau; and
- Identification of new development opportunities and land use requirements having regard to the conservation plan and the principle of sustainable development.

Fourth Meeting (end of January/early February 2015) (to be held jointly with the Economic and Social Development Subcommittee if necessary)

- Overview the economic development opportunities in North Lantau;
- Evaluation of the proposals submitted by LanDAC Members and the public on conservation, housing, economic/commercial and tourism/recreation matters; and
- Consideration of the preliminary development concepts/proposals based on the identified development opportunities.

Fifth Meeting (mid March 2015)

- Formulation of sectoral development plans on housing, economic/commercial, tourism/recreation matters, etc.; and the future population/employment targets and distribution;
- Review of the requirements for transport and other supporting infrastructure; and
- Strategic review of the environmental and social implications.

Sixth Meeting (early May 2015)

- Formulation of the draft overall spatial development and conservation strategy for Lantau; and
- Recommendations on short-term and medium-term actions/measures to be taken forward.