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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON PLANING, LANDS AND WORKS**

**Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy
Stage One Public Consultation -
Planning Objectives and Key Study Areas**

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the proposed planning objectives and key study areas of the ‘Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy’ (HK 2030) Study.

Background

2. The last review of the Territorial Development Strategy (TDS) was completed in late 1996. We have recently commenced a new round of review, entitled ‘HK 2030 Study’. We have briefed Members on the study approach on 18 May 2000. Details of the study approach are set out in **Annex A**.

Public Consultation

3. As foreshadowed in our submission to the Finance Committee in June 2000, the Study would be divided into four key stages. They are :

- (a) identifying planning objectives and key study areas;
- (b) examining key study areas and evaluative criteria;
- (c) formulating scenarios and options; and
- (d) formulating development strategies and response plans.

We will consult the public in each of the above stages.

4. The Stage One public consultation exercise, commenced in February 2001, seeks to solicit comments on the planning objectives to be adopted and the key study areas. The consultation exercise will last until 5 April 2001.

Proposed Planning Objectives

5. We have identified the following seven key planning objectives :
- (a) Adhering to the principle of sustainable development;
 - (b) Enhancing Hong Kong's hub functions;
 - (c) Providing a good quality living environment;
 - (d) Meeting housing and community needs;
 - (e) Providing a framework to develop a safe, efficient, economically viable and environmentally friendly transport system;
 - (f) Promoting tourism; and
 - (g) Strengthening links with the Mainland.
6. Subject to comments from the public, the above planning objectives will serve as the basis for the formulation of planning proposals and evaluative criteria.

Key Study Areas

7. We intend to focus on the following key areas in the Study :
- (a) International town planning experiences;
 - (b) Population forecasts and the implications for housing and employment;
 - (c) New development opportunities;
 - (d) Requirements of port and other major infrastructure facilities;
 - (e) Environmental Considerations and Conservation;
 - (f) Improving links with the Mainland;
 - (g) Potential for tourism, recreation and cultural development; and
 - (h) Implications for information technology development.

A copy of the Consultation Digest is at **Annex B**.

Advice sought

8. Members are invited to comment on the proposed planning objectives and key study areas as outlined in paragraphs 5 and 7 above.

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Annex A : Study Approach
Annex B : Consultation Digest

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HK2030 - Study Approach

1. Hong Kong 2030 : Planning Vision and Strategy (HK 2030) is intended to provide a long-term land use-transport- environmental planning framework to guide the development of Hong Kong over the next 30 years. It will articulate Government's vision to make Hong Kong Asia's world city and a major city in China, and include a package of physical planning measures to realise this vision.

Key Elements

2. The approach for the preparation of the HK 2030 comprises the following key elements:-
 - (a) A Longer Planning Horizon: A 30-year planning horizon (from 2000 to 2030) is proposed to be adopted. This timeframe also tallies with the Commission on Strategic Development's strategic framework.
 - (b) A Shorter Review Period: We intend to complete the Study, excluding the final stage public consultation, in about two years' time.
 - (c) A More Focused Approach: In order that HK 2030 could be completed within the relatively short time-frame, we would focus on key planning issues. Many other issues, which have already been the subject of separate studies, will be consolidated to serve as inputs to the Study.
 - (d) More Flexible and Responsive Strategy: Apart from postulating different scenarios and options and formulating corresponding development strategies, "Response Plans" will also be prepared to set out some broad guidelines on how to adjust the development framework in response to changes in population levels as well as environmental and socio-economic conditions. A regular monitoring and review system will be proposed to trigger 'prompt' responses to changing circumstances.
 - (e) Linkages with the Mainland: HK 2030 will study Hong Kong in the Pearl River Delta region, particularly its socio-economic linkages with other cities in the region, in view of the rapid growth of cross-

boundary interactions in the recent years. The interface between physical planning in Hong Kong and the region will also be studied in formulating our development strategy.

- (f) More Public Involvement: We will involve the public throughout the entire process of the HK 2030 Study. In particular, four rounds of public consultation will be launched to tie in with the four key stages of study.

Key Work Stages

- 3. The preparation of HK 2030 would involve four key stages of work, as follows : -

Stage One: Agenda Setting and Baseline Review

- (a) To begin with, we will establish the objectives that should guide the Study. In addition, the key issues that should be covered by the Study will be identified. The objectives and key issues will serve as the ‘agenda’ for the review to proceed. We are undertaking an extensive public consultation exercise for this purpose.
- (b) The baseline conditions in respect of the provision of public and private housing, general and specialised industrial land, commercial land and land for other uses including conservation and tourism are nearly completed. In addition, we will also establish the baseline environmental profile and transport network.

Stage Two: Examination of Key Issues

- (c) Subject to any further suggestions to be obtained from the public consultation exercise, we propose to undertake detailed examination of the topics mentioned in paragraph 7 of the main paper.

Stage Three: Scenarios and Options Formulation and Evaluation

- (d) On the basis of the key planning parameters such as population growth, economic growth, Mainland’s economic growth and ease of cross-boundary movement, etc., a number of development scenarios will be developed. Development options which would satisfy the scenarios will be generated and evaluated against a range of performance criteria covering land use, environmental and transport aspects. In addition, the ‘sustainability’ of the development options would also be

examined by way of the sustainable development evaluation tool (i.e. the CASET) developed in the SUSDEV21 Study.

Stage Four: Formulation of Development Strategies and Response Plans

- (e) Flexible strategies would be proposed, covering a range of time frames within the planning horizon with different degree of details for the planning proposals. Proposals for the short and medium-term should be sufficiently firm so that they can be taken forward for detailed feasibility studies and infrastructure planning; whereas proposals for the long term would represent options and possibilities for longer term development for which broad-brush planning assessment could be conducted.

- (f) We also propose to prepare 'Response Plans' recommending possible courses of actions that may be appropriate in response to changing circumstances. The appropriateness of a 'Trigger Point' mechanism will be studied.