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Follow-up to joint meeting on 9 December 1999

I circulate for members' retention the attached powerpoint presentation material tabled at the captioned meeting.

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SusDev 21 - Overall Aims

- Establish what Sustainable Development means for Hong Kong (definition)
- Establish Guiding Principles
- Develop Indicators for decision support tool
- Develop tool and institutional arrangements to integrate SD into Govt. (SDS)
- Raise public awareness

SusDev 21 Products and Results

- Tools to facilitate decision making. (SDS)
- Facilitate evaluation of sustainability.
- Raising awareness of public and stakeholders.
- Institutional mechanism for integrated, cross-sectoral decision making.

Building consensus, better forward planning

Computer Aided Sustainability Evaluation Tool (CASET)

- Comprehensive, consistent and cross-sectoral examination of ideas
- Information manager: not a model or calculator (no single 'yes/no' answer)
- Iterative process (inputs refined and consensus developed)
- Simple output with explanatory report (SED, SER)

Indicator Selection

- Inputs from 1st round of consultation (200+ suggestions)
- Vetted for practicality and duplication (current list of 39)
- Agreed by Government Depts. and Bureaux
- Process continuing; 2nd round of consultation
- Subjective aspects covered under “Other Issues”

Indicators Criteria

- Representative
- Scientifically valid
- Simple and easy to interpret
- Show trends over time
- Early warning about irreversible trends
- Sensitive to change
- Readily available data
- Predictable
- Have a target level or guideline for comparison

Sustainability Impact Assessment

- Sustainability Evaluation Diagram (SED) Graphical representation of indicator change to aid assessment of the degree of benefit or adverse impact.
- Sustainability Evaluation Report (SER) Report on predicted changes to each indicator affected. Includes assumptions, justifications, reasons.
- Other issues - identify and discuss, warning.

Institutional Strengthening - Why?

- Facilitate a single vision
- Compelling Bureaux to develop long term strategies
- Stronger message, framework for communicating Government decisions
- Early flagging of key concerns through coordinated use of tools
- Avoid bureaucratic tussles, efficiency gains
- Reinforcing accountability at all levels

Institutional Selection Criteria

- Promote accountability
- Generate commitment
- Ensure well informed decision making
- Encourage integration, communication and co-operation
- Avoid redtape
- Effective monitoring and reporting
- Politically acceptable

Institutional Options

- Executive and Administrative Functions
 - a) Maintenance of existing arrangements
 - b) Sustainable Development Unit
 - c) Bureau for SD
- Co-ordinating Function
 - a) Inter-Bureau Committee on SD
- Strengthen Advisory Function:
 - a) Commission on SD
 - b) SD Advisory Group

Institutional Arrangements

Council for Sustainable Development

- **Report to Chief Executive**
- **Provide high level advice**
- **Monitor progress by Government towards SD**
- **Link between public and Administration**
- **Encourage Community initiatives on SD (HK\$100 million grant)**
- **Members appointed by CE**

Institutional Arrangements

Sustainable Development Unit

- Ensure and support application of CASET within Government
- Monitor “sustainability impact assessments”
- Monitor progress by Bureaux in integrating SD issues into decision making
- Provide support to the Council for Sustainable Development

Benefits of CASET/SDS

- Operationalise Vision within Sustainability Framework
- Integration of cross-sectoral issues
- Builds consensus within Government
- Reinforces accountability
- Communicates and engages public early

Result: Greater Public Ownership

Challenges

- Securing public support
- Build consensus around political objectives
- Promoting sound understanding of SD within government
- Overcoming resistance to change
- Fostering an enabling environment in government

Sustainability Evaluation Diagram

