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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 14 October 2010, at 5:00 pm
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Chairman)
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TO Kun-sun
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Hon LEE Wing-tat
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP
Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Member absent** : Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Becky YU
Chief Council Secretary (1)1
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)2
- Mr Franco KWONG
Council Secretary (1)1

Miss Queenie LAM
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)4

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Ms Audrey EU, Chairman in office, invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Professor Patrick LAU nominated Mr CHAN Hak-kan, and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kin-por. Mr CHAN Hak-kan accepted the nomination.

3. There being no other nominations, Mr CHAN Hak-kan was declared Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Mr CHAN Hak-kan took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship.

5. Mr CHAN Kin-por nominated Ms Audrey EU, and the nomination was seconded by Ms Cyd HO. Ms Audrey EU accepted the nomination.

6. There being no other nominations, Ms Audrey EU was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session

7. Members agreed that all meetings of the Panel would be held on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 pm, except for the following -

(a) meeting in December 2010 would be held on Monday, 20 December 2010, at 8:30 am;

(b) meeting in April 2011 would be held on Wednesday, 20 April 2011, at 10:45 am; and

(c) meeting in July 2011 would be held on Wednesday, 20 July 2011, at 10:45 am.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2010-2011 session was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 74/10-11 on 15 October 2010.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

- (Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(1) 9/10-11 discussion
Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
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8. The Chairman reminded members of the special meeting scheduled for Friday, 22 October 2010, at 11:45 am to receive a briefing by the Secretary for the Environment (SEN) on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address.

9. Noting that the proposed increase in the share of nuclear power in the fuel mix for local power generation to 50% formed part of the ongoing Public Consultation on Hong Kong's Climate Change Strategy and Action Agenda, Mr KAM Nai-wai questioned why this was already incorporated in the 2010-2011 Policy Address. Given the far-reaching implications of the proposal, he considered that views from the public and experts on the subject should be invited. Ms Audrey EU recalled that when the Consultation Document was discussed at the last legislative session, members agreed that the Administration should provide, once available, the report on the consultancy study which formed the basis of the Consultation Document, and that deputations should be invited to express views on the measures to tackle climate change, including the increased share of nuclear power in the fuel mix for local power generation. The Chairman said that the Administration would be requested to provide additional information on risk assessment, safety, cost and tariff implications, reliability of supply, and disposal of nuclear waste etc. in relation to the proposed increase in the share of nuclear energy in the fuel mix for local electricity generation before the briefing by SEN on 22 October 2010.

10. Members agreed to continue discussion on the policy initiatives of the Environment Bureau in the Chief Executive's 2010-2011 Policy Address at the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, 25 October 2010, at 2:30 pm.

11. Referring to the list of outstanding items for discussion, Miss Tanya CHAN said that there was a need to follow up the subject on the excessive glare from external lightings upon completion of the relevant study. Mr WONG Yung-kan and Mr Albert CHAN expressed concern about the impact on fishery resources as a result of pollution of the seabed from illegal dumping and trawling etc. A study should be conducted by the Administration to ascertain the situation and to identify measures to protect the marine ecology. Ms Cyd HO proposed to discuss the way forward for landfills following the repeal of the Country Parks (Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2010 to extend the Southeast New Territories Landfill.

Ms Audrey EU added that odour management of landfills should also be discussed. Mr KAM Nai-wai suggested that the subjects raised by both Ms HO and Ms EU together with other issues, such as charging for municipal solid waste, should be discussed in the context of the long-term strategy for waste management.

12. To follow up the controversy over the protection and development of country park enclaves, Professor Patrick LAU, Ms Cyd HO and Miss Tanya CHAN held the view that a joint meeting between the Panel on Development and Panel on Environmental Affairs should be held to discuss issues relating to the measures taken/being taken by the Administration to strike a balance between the protection and development of country park enclaves, as well as the role of the Country and Marine Parks Board in this respect. Professor LAU added that both Panels should hold another joint meeting to discuss the subject of green buildings.

13. The Chairman said that he would discuss the subjects raised by members at the upcoming meeting with SEN to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the current session.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality Subcommittee on Combating Flytipping

14. The Chairman consulted members on the need for the Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality and Subcommittee on Combating Flytipping to continue their work in the current legislative session. While members present generally agreed that both Subcommittees should continue their work, they took note of Mr CHAN Kin-por's view that the work of the Subcommittee on Improving Air Quality could be subsumed under the Panel.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 5:20 pm.