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Panel on Environmental Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 11 October 2018, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP (Chairman)
Hon HUI Chi-fung (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Kenneth LEUNG
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, JP
Hon HO Kai-ming
Hon SHIU Ka-fai

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
Hon CHAN Chun-ying, JP
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS

Members absent : Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, SBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
Hon CHUNG Kwok-pan

Clerk in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Assistant Secretary General 1

Staff in attendance : Mr Jason KONG
Senior Council Secretary (1)1

Ms Ada LAU
Senior Council Secretary (1)7

Miss Judy YEE
Council Secretary (1)1

Mr Frankie WOO
Senior Legislative Assistant (1)3

Miss Mandy POON
Legislative Assistant (1)1

Miss Yannes HO
Legislative Assistant (1)6

Ms PANG Yin-shan
Clerical Assistant (1)1

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

Ms Tanya CHAN, the Panel Chairman in office, presided over the election of Chairman of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session and invited nominations for the chairmanship.

2. Dr Junius HO was nominated by Mr Jimmy NG and the nomination was seconded by Mr SHIU Ka-fai. Dr Junius HO accepted the nomination. Mr CHU Hoi-dick was nominated by Mr CHAN Chi-chuen and the nomination was seconded by Mr HUI Chi-fung. Mr CHU Hoi-dick accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Ms Tanya CHAN announced a vote by secret ballot. After members present had cast their votes, Ms Tanya CHAN invited the nominators Mr Jimmy NG and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen to monitor the counting of votes. Of the members present, 24 voted for Dr Junius HO and 6 voted for Mr CHU Hoi-dick. Ms Tanya CHAN declared that Dr Junius HO was elected Chairman of the Panel. Dr Junius HO then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session. Mr WU Chi-wai nominated Mr HUI Chi-fung and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen seconded the nomination. Mr HUI Chi-fung accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr HUI Chi-fung was declared Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2018-2019 session

4. Members noted the proposed schedule of regular meetings of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session, which was tabled at the meeting.

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

- (a) the meeting in December 2018 would be held on Wednesday, 19 December 2018, at 10:45 am;
- (b) the meeting in April 2019 would be held on Monday, 29 April 2019, at 2:30 pm; and

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- (c) the meeting in July 2019 would be held on Thursday, 18 July 2019, at 10:45 am.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule for the 2018-2019 session was issued to members on 11 October 2018 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)21/18-19.)

III. Items for discussion at next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. — List of outstanding items for
CB(1)8/18-19 discussion)

(Appendix VI to LC Paper No. — List of follow-up actions)
CB(1)8/18-19)

Policy briefing on 22 October 2018

6. The Chairman advised that at the regular meeting of the Panel scheduled for Monday, 22 October 2018, at 2:30 pm, the Secretary for the Environment ("SEN") would brief the Panel on the environmental initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.

(Post-meeting note: The notice of meeting was circulated to members on 11 October 2018 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)20/18-19.)

Items for discussion at future meetings

7. Members gave the following views regarding the existing items on the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion:

- (a) *Review of wild pigs management strategies:* Mr Steven HO considered that there was an urgent need to discuss wild pigs management strategies and measures to tackle the nuisance and public safety problems caused by wild pigs, such as damage to crops and attacks on humans;
- (b) *Combating climate change:* Mr CHU Hoi-dick opined that the Administration should review its targets and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with reference to the findings in the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018. Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the

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Administration should brief members on the use of new technologies to combat climate change, thereby contributing to the development of a "smart environment";

- (c) *Excessive external lighting and noise pollution*: Dr Elizabeth QUAT and Ms Tanya CHAN suggested that issues related to the problem of excessive external lighting should be discussed in the 2018-2019 session; and
- (d) *Review of the environmental impact assessment ("EIA") system*: Mr Steven HO opined that in anticipation of public concerns over the environmental impact of future reclamation works, the Administration should improve the transparency of the EIA system and public understanding of EIA reports, such as by providing a Chinese version for each EIA report.

8. Members also proposed the following items for discussion by the Panel in future:

- (a) *Management of yard waste*: Mr CHU Hoi-dick and Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Panel discuss the overall management of yard waste and measures to promote reuse/recycling of such waste, including the contingency arrangements for fallen trees and branches caused by natural disasters;
- (b) *Promoting the use of electric vehicles ("EVs")*: Mr CHAN Hak-kan, Ms Tanya CHAN and Dr Elizabeth QUAT proposed discussing this item in the 2018-2019 session. They suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the relevant policies and measures, the latest development in the provision of ancillary facilities (such as charging facilities) for EVs, and the Administration's long-term plan (if any) to phase out conventional vehicles;
- (c) *Proposed overseas duty visit*: Mr Kenneth LEUNG suggested that the Panel conduct an overseas duty visit to study overseas experience in managing restored landfills and implementing feed-in tariff in the 2018-2019 session;
- (d) *Control of invasive alien species*: Mr CHAN Han-pan proposed discussion on the measures to cope with the threats of invasive alien species to local habitats, with particular focus on *Mikania micrantha* and *Leucaena leucocephala*; and

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- (e) *Regulation of trade in bear bile products*: expressing concern about the inhumane practice of extracting bile from live bears, Dr Elizabeth QUAT suggested that the Administration should brief members on relevant regulatory measures, including whether the Administration would consider prohibiting the trade in products containing bile extracted from live bears. The Chairman considered that the Administration should provide statistics on relevant trading activities to facilitate the Panel's discussion.

Other issues

9. Mr Tommy CHEUNG expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration had not adequately answered Members' questions regarding the proposed construction of Organic Resources Recovery Centre Phase 2 ("ORRC2") at the last regular meeting of the Panel on 19 July 2018. He urged the Administration to expeditiously provide the requested supplementary information to the Panel, including, among other things, a breakdown of the estimated design and construction costs of ORRC2.

10. Mr Steven HO considered that if the Administration would report the progress of implementing municipal solid waste charging to the Panel, the Environment Bureau should coordinate the attendance of representatives from all relevant bureaux and departments (such as the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department), so that they could directly answer members' questions on enforcement issues.

11. The Chairman invited members to write to the Clerk to the Panel if they had other suggestions on the items for discussion. He said that in line with past practice, he and the Deputy Chairman would meet with SEN to discuss the work plan of the Panel for the 2018-2019 session.

IV. Any other business

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:35 pm.