

**Advisory Council on the Environment**  
**Waste Management Subcommittee**  
**Notes of the Twelfth Meeting**  
**Held on 30 April 2007 at 2:30 pm**

**Present**

Professor Poon Chi-sun (Chairman)  
Mr. Lau Che-feng, Edwin  
Dr. Man Chi-sum  
Dr. Ng Cho-nam  
Mr. Tsang Kam-lam  
Mr. Wong Ka-wo, Simon  
Mr. Te Chi-wang (Secretary)

**Absent with apologies**

Mr. James R. Graham  
Professor Howard Huang  
Dr. Yau wing-kwong

**In Attendance**

Mr. Raymond Fan	Deputy Director of Environmental Protection
Mr. Alfred Lee	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection
Mr. Patrick Lei	Principal Environmental Protection Officer
Dr. Cherie Lee	Environmental Protection Officer
Ms. Heidi Yung	Senior Environmental Protection Officer [Item 4 only]
Prof. Jonathan W.C. Wong	Professor, Department of Biology, Hong Kong Baptist University [Item 4 only]

**Action**

**Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the eleventh meeting held on 13 February 2007 were confirmed.

## **Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising**

### *Meeting Schedule*

2. The Secretary informed Members that the meeting schedule for 2007 had been worked out and circulated to Members.

## **Agenda Item 3: Public Education Programme under the “Policy Framework” (Paper WMSC 4/07)**

3. Before deliberation of individual funding applications, the Chairman and two Members declared that they were an Advisor, an External Assessor and an ex-Advisor of the Green Council respectively. A Member declared that he was the Director of the Friends of the Earth. The Subcommittee agreed that Members with declared interests should be abstained from the discussions of the related funding applications.

4. The Subcommittee agreed upon the following guiding principles in assessing individual funding applications:

- the objectives of the proposals should be in line with the specific themes of the Public Education Programme;
- the proposals should be conducive to the implementation of the policy initiatives in the “Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014)”;
- the proposals should not be a repetition of what had been done before;
- the proponents should demonstrate sufficient capability, resources and experience in carrying out the proposals; and
- overlapping with other existing ECF programme should be avoided as far as possible.

5. Upon deliberations, the Subcommittee gave in-principle support to three funding applications (Reference number: *PEP 003*, *PEP 004*, and *PEP 005*). The views expressed on individual

applications were set out in **Annex**. The Secretariat would further work with the three applicants to fine tune the proposals and circulate the final proposals to Members for comments, before submitting them to the ECF Committee.

Secretary

**Agenda Item 4: Trial Scheme for Municipal Solid Waste Charging (Paper WMSC 5/07)**

6. The Chairman welcomed Dr. Jonathan Wong and Ms. Heidi Yung to the meeting. Mr. Patrick Lei briefed Members on the findings of the trial scheme, and proposed an in-depth study to address the issues identified and to develop feasible options. Two Members expressed reservation on conducting further study, given that the idea of municipal solid waste charging had been mooted for quite a while. The Chairman opined that even though a study might still be necessary, it should be fast-tracked with reference to the timetable set out in the “Policy Framework”. Mr. Alfred Lee explained that it was incumbent upon the Administration to put forward well thought-out and workable options. The focus of the study would be on “how” municipal solid waste charging should be implemented, which was a major step forward. Mr. Lee assured Members that the Administration would endeavour to complete the study in the shortest time possible. Noting the concerns raised by Members, the Chairman said that the Subcommittee would support the study in general but strongly urged the Administration to expedite the study so as to address our waste problem in a timely manner.

**Agenda Item 5: Update on the Progress of Key initiatives in the “Policy framework” (Paper WMSC 6/07)**

7. The Subcommittee noted the progress of the initiatives in the Policy Framework. In particular, Members were pleased to note that the first batch of lots in the EcoPark would be awarded shortly.

### **Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business**

8. Mr. Patrick Lei proposed and the Subcommittee agreed that a seminar on the Integrated Waste Management Facilities should be organized in September 2007, as set out in the paper (WMSC 7/07). The Chairman would like to have more details of the seminar in due course.

### **Agenda Item 7: Date of next meeting**

9. The next meeting had been scheduled for 28 June 2007.

ACE Waste Management Subcommittee Secretariat  
April 2007

**Public Education Programme under the  
“Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014)”**

**Discussion of the ACE Waste Management Subcommittee at the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Recommendation *</b>
Green Festivals (Ref. PEP 003)	Green Sense	Supported
Hong Kong Green Purchasing Charter and Awareness Raising Programme (Ref. PEP 004)	Green Council	Supported
Be Green, Use Bags Properly (Ref. PEP 005)	Green Student Council	Supported
Community-based Food Waste Management Pilot Scheme (Ref. PEP 001)	Hong Kong Organic Framing Association	Not supported
Waste Reduction – From Schools to the Community (Ref. PEP 002)	Green Sense	Not supported
Save Food Project (Ref. PEP 006)	Green Student Council	Not supported
Recycled Your Own Cartridge Scheme (Ref. PEP 007)	Green Student Council	Not supported

Primary School Lunch Arrangement Improvement (Ref. PEP 008)	Green Student Council	Not supported
Buy a TV set, you will pay (Proper Disposal of CRT Television) (Ref. PEP 009)	Friends of the Earth	Not supported
MSW Charging and Waste Recycling Educational Scheme (Ref. PEP 010)	Hong Kong Council of Early Childhood Education	Not supported

\* The reasons for supporting or rejecting an application will be made known to the project proponent but will not be made public.