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## **ACE Paper 13/2021**

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# **Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035**

## **Background Note**

### **PURPOSE**

This paper provides background information to the “Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035” (*ACE Paper 12/2021*) prepared by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for discussion at the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting on 7 June 2021.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. In May 2013, the Environment Bureau (ENB) published the “Hong Kong Blueprint for Sustainable Use of Resources 2013-2022” which set out comprehensive strategies and action plans on waste management from 2013 to 2022. Facing the challenges of a downturn in the global recycling market, the current high level of waste disposal, and the scarcity of our land resources, it was necessary to take a further step on waste management strategies. EPD gauged the views of various stakeholders on the long-term waste management strategies including the Waste Management Subcommittee (WMSC) under ACE at the WMSC meeting held on 28 September 2020.

3. The Chief Executive announced in her 2020 Policy Address that a long-term strategy blueprint on waste management would be launched. Having consulted relevant stakeholders, and building on the 2013 Blueprint and the momentum of previous efforts in waste reduction and recycling, ENB announced the “Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035” on 8 February 2021. Advocating the vision of “Waste Reduction·Resources Circulation·Zero Landfill”, the new Blueprint outlined the strategies, goals and measures to tackle the challenge of waste management up to 2035.

4. EPD briefed WMSC Members on the “Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035” at the WMSC meeting held on 29 March 2021. Members provided valuable comments and suggestions at the meeting. The relevant papers and minutes of the meetings are appended below for reference -

<b>Brief description</b>	<b>Relevant papers and meeting minutes</b>
The 40 <sup>th</sup> Waste Management Subcommittee Meeting held on 28 September 2020 to discuss the paper on “Strategies on Waste Management”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">ACE-WM Paper 4/2020</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Confirmed Minutes of Meeting</a></li> </ul>
The 41 <sup>st</sup> Waste Management Subcommittee Meeting held on 29 March 2021 to discuss the paper on “Waste Blueprint for Hong Kong 2035”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">ACE-WM Paper 2/2021</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Confirmed Minutes of Meeting</a></li> </ul>

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