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Progress Report on the Promotion of Charter on External Lighting

Background Note

PURPOSE

This paper provides background information to the “Progress Report on the Promotion of Charter on External Lighting” (*ACE Paper 10/2018*) prepared by the Environment Bureau (ENB) for discussion at the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting on 8 October 2018.

BACKGROUND

2. The Government set up the Task Force on External Lighting (Task Force) in August 2011 to advise the appropriate strategy and measures to tackle nuisance and energy wastage problems caused by external lighting. Based on the recommendations of the Task Force, the ENB launched the Charter on External Lighting (the Charter) in April 2016 to invite owners of and responsible persons for external lighting installations to switch off lighting installations of decorative, promotional or advertising purposes which affect the outdoor environment during the preset time (i.e. 11 p.m. or midnight to 7 a.m. on the following day). A series of seminars on Good Practice for External Lighting Installations were organized to appeal to Charter signatories and members of the relevant professional organisations, trade bodies and public bodies to observe the Guidelines and to adopt the good practices in the Guidelines when planning or managing their external lighting installations.

3. The ACE had been consulted on a number of occasions prior to the launch of the Charter. Subsequent to the launch, ENB had provided regular progress reports to the ACE with the latest being discussed at its meeting on 3 July 2017. Members were in general supportive of the Charter, and had during the meeting

raised comments and suggestions with regard to the provision of incentives, monitoring of compliance and how to promote the Charter effectively.

4. A table setting out the relevant papers and minutes of meetings is appended below for Members' easy reference:-

Brief description	Relevant papers and meeting minutes
The 177 th ACE meeting on 11 April 2011 to discuss the paper on "External Lighting in Hong Kong"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 4/2011 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
The 196 th ACE meeting on 11 November 2013 to discuss the paper on "Task Force on External Lighting – Engagement of Stakeholders and the Public"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 14/2013 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
The 206 th ACE meeting on 8 June 2015 to discuss the paper on "Report of the Task Force on External Lighting"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 7/2015 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting
Information paper issued in January 2016 on "Report of the Charter on External Lighting"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 1/2016
The 215 th ACE meeting on 13 June 2016 to discuss the paper on "Progress Report on the Promotion of Charter on External Lighting"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 8/2016 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting ●
The 225 th ACE meeting on 3 July 2017 to discuss the paper on "Progress Report on the Promotion of Charter on External Lighting"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACE Paper 14/2017 ● ACE Paper 15/2017 ● Confirmed Minutes of Meeting

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