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# **Expansion of Hong Kong International Airport into a Three-Runway System Report on the Effectiveness of SkyPier Plan on Chinese White Dolphins**

## **PURPOSE**

This paper briefs Members on the progress of implementing the Marine Travel Routes and Management Plan for High Speed Ferries of SkyPier (the Plan) on the Chinese White Dolphins (CWDs) since its implementation on 28 December 2015.

## **BACKGROUND**

2. The Plan is one of the submissions required by the Director of Environmental Protection (DEP) when granting the Environmental Permit (EP) for the project “Expansion of the Hong Kong International Airport into a Three-Runway System” (the 3RS). Pursuant to the discussions by this Council on the Plan in July and October 2015, the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) had submitted a finalized Plan and the Plan was approved by the Direction of Environmental Protection (DEP) in November 2015. Extracts of the minutes of the Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE) meeting held on 13 July 2015 and 12 October 2015 are at **Appendices A and B** for Members’ reference.

3. The Plan was implemented by AAHK with effect from 28 December 2015. As agreed at the ACE meeting held on 12 October 2015, AAHK was required to report to ACE on the effectiveness of the mitigation measures on CWDs six months after the implementation of the Plan.

4. Meanwhile, Members raised their concern towards the alleged non-compliances of the Plan as reported by the MingPao on 13 May 2016, and AAHK was invited to give an account on the incident to the Environmental Assessment Impact Subcommittee (EIASC) in May 2016. A copy of the report by MingPao and the written response provided by AAHK are at **Appendices C and D** respectively for information. An extract of the minutes of the EIASC meeting held on 20 May 2016 is at **Appendix E** for Members' reference.

5. AAHK proposes to brief Members on the effectiveness of the Plan at the ACE meeting on 5 September 2016 and the paper which summarizes the findings on a 6-month review on the effectiveness of the Plan on CWDs since its implementation on 28 December 2015 is at **Appendix F**.

#### **ADVICE SOUGHT**

6. Members are invited to comment on the paper as mentioned in para. 5 above.

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