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for advice

Information on ACE
to be put onto Planning, Environment and Lands Bureau's (PELB)
Homepage on the Internet

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' agreement to make available various information about this Council to the public through PELB's Homepage on the Internet.

BACKGROUND

2. In response to the recommendations put forth by the Subcommittee of the then LegCo Home Affairs Panel in the Review of Advisory and Statutory Bodies, the Administration has undertaken to adopt a number of measures to further enhance, inter alia, the transparency of the current system of boards and committees. These measures include making available information on the composition and background of members, terms of reference, notices and agendas of meetings, functions and transparency measures of advisory and statutory bodies etc. in the hompages of the concerned bureaus/departments on the Internet.

PROPOSAL

3. To follow up the Administration's undertaking, it is proposed that the following information in both English and Chinese (if available) be put onto PELB's Homepage on the Internet :

- (a) membership of ACE, with Members' background (English version at Annex);
- (b) terms of reference of ACE;
- (c) list of papers discussed by ACE since 1994;
- (d) list of environmental impact assessment(EIA)/initial assessment reports (IAR) discussed by ACE since 1994;

(e) notices of meetings;

(f) agendas of meetings; and

(g) the contact person, telephone and fax numbers of the ACE Secretariat and the types of information available (i.e. minutes of ACE and EIA Subcommittee meetings and hard copies of unclassified ACE papers and EIA reports/IARs).

4. Subject to Members' consent, the aforementioned information will be put onto PELB's Homepage on the Internet as soon as possible. The information will then be updated regularly by the Secretariat.

ADVICE SOUGHT

5. Members are requested to advise whether the aforementioned information should be put onto PELB's Homepage on the Internet. They are welcome to suggest any additional information to be put onto PELB's Homepage on the Internet.

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