

**Advisory Council on the Environment  
Waste Management Subcommittee**

**Notes of the Fourteenth Meeting  
Held on 28 June 2007 at 2:30 pm**

**Present**

Professor Poon Chi-sun      (Chairman)  
Mr. James Graham  
Mr. Edwin Lau  
Mr. Tsang Kam-lam  
Mr. Te Chi-wang              (Secretary)

**Absent with Apologies**

Professor Howard Huang  
Dr. Man Chi-sum  
Dr. Ng Cho-nam  
Mr. Simon Wong  
Dr. Yau Wing-kwong

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Raymond Fan	Deputy Director of Environmental Protection
Mr. Alfred Lee	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Waste Management Policy)
Dr. Ellen Chan	Assistant Director of Environmental Protection (Environmental Infrastructure) [ <i>For Item 3</i> ]
Dr. Cherie Lee	Environmental Protection Officer

**Action**

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

The minutes of the thirteenth meeting held on 6 June 2007 were confirmed.

**Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising**

*Public Education Programme under the “Policy Framework”*

2. Mr. Alfred Lee reported that the Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF) Committee had given in-principle support to the three proposals recommended by the Subcommittee, namely “Green Festival” by Green Sense; “Hong Kong Green Purchasing Charter” by Green Council; and “Use Bags Properly” by Green Student Council. Subject to further refinements on the budgets, the proposals would be formally endorsed shortly.

[Post-meeting note: The ECF Committee formally endorsed the three proposals in late August. Activities will be rolled out from September onwards.]

### **Agenda Item 3: Progress of Landfill Extension Plan (Paper WMSC 9/07)**

3. The Chairman welcomed Dr. Ellen Chan to the meeting. Dr. Ellen Chan briefed Members on the progress of the landfill extension plan, and highlighted the following points:

- (a) **NENT**: The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report was completed in early 2007, and the public inspection period would last till July 2007. Subject to the approval of the EIA report, the tender preparation and the land re-zoning and resumption could begin.
- (b) **SENT**: Various layout options were being considered. The EIA report should be completed in late 2007.
- (c) **WENT**: Various layout options were being developed to address project constraints. The EIA report should be completed in late 2009.
- (d) A “**Continuous Public Involvement**” protocol was adopted to engage public throughout the EIA process.

4. In response to Members’ enquiries, Dr. Ellen Chan said that landfill extensions could extend the landfill lifespan by 5 to 16 years. Mr. Raymond Fan added that landfill extensions were to couple with the Integrated Waste Management Facilities (IWMF) to provide a long-term and sustainable waste management solution. While most of the

community accepted the necessity of the IWMF, the “Not In My Backyard” (NIMBY) syndrome was a hurdle that had to be overcome. The Chairman and a Member suggested that the Government should further educate the public that the IWMF and the landfill extensions were a “complementary pair”.

[Post-meeting note: Upon request of Members, a softcopy of the PowerPoint presentation of the landfill extension plan was circulated to Members.]

**Agenda Item 4: Progress of Key Initiatives in the “Policy Framework for the Management of Municipal Solid Waste (2005-2014) (Paper WMSC 10/07)”**

5. On producer responsibility schemes, Mr. Alfred Lee said that there was apparently a rather broad-based public support on the proposed environmental levy, notwithstanding the dissenting views from the plastic bag manufacturers and the retail trade. For the LegCo Panel on Environmental Affairs meeting on 16 July, the Subcommittee agreed to nominate a Member to represent the ACE to give deputation. Mr. Alfred Lee further added that the producer responsibility schemes on waste electrical and electronic equipment and waste tyres were continuing.

6. On source separation of domestic waste, a Member suggested that EPD should work on floor-to-floor facilities in public housing estates first, while the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) could be amended in the longer term.

7. With the first batch of lots at the EcoPark awarded, the Chairman proposed a visit to the EcoPark after the tenants were in operation. The Secretary would further liaise with the ACE’s Secretariat to work out a visit programme. Secretary

8. In response to a Member’s enquiry, the Secretary said that the information on Government’s green procurement policy and initiatives were available on EPD’s website<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/how\\_help/green\\_procure/green\\_procure.html](http://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/how_help/green_procure/green_procure.html)

**Agenda Item 5: Date of Next Meeting**

9. The next meeting would be held in the afternoon of 24 September 2007 (Monday).

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