

Harbour-front Enhancement Committee

Work of the Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) is invited to comment and agree on the approach to be adopted in handling tasks related to harbour planning.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review (the Sub-committee) was established under the HEC. As work of the HEC progress, it has been apparent that apart from the two review studies on Kai Tak and Wan Chai Development, all harbour planning matters and waterfront enhancement projects, both existing and proposed, are all eventually passed onto the Sub-committee.
- 2.2 The Chairman and some Members of the Sub-committee have concern about the situation especially considering the already heavy tasks involved in the Harbour Plan Review. The matter was again raised at the Sub-committee meeting on 26 January 2005, and Members decided that a special meeting should be convened to consider the way forward.
- 2.3 The Chairman of the Sub-committee convened a special meeting on 7 March 2005 with the Convenor of the Task Group on Harbour Planning Principles (Dr. Thomson), Mr. Zimmerman and representatives from the PlanD. A number of principles and criteria were then proposed as a basis for prioritising the long list of tasks required to be handled by the Sub-committee.
- 2.4 The proposed criteria were presented to and agreed by the Sub-committee on 30 March 2005. The meeting agreed that a paper detailing the above be presented to the full HEC in its coming meeting on 26 May 2005. The tasks identified are based on the 'Harbour Planning – Approach and Process'.

3. Principles and Criteria

3.1 The Sub-committee agreed the following principles in handling given tasks:

- i) Sub-committee should continue to steer the committed programmes and on-going projects already at advanced stage;
- ii) Continue to utilize the existing mechanism, namely the two Task Groups, to handle committed tasks;
- iii) For new tasks, input from the Sub-committee would be provided at the planning stage, and HEC will be invited to deploy other appropriate mechanism to take those tasks and initiatives forward; and
- iv) Institutional/implementation issues to be handled by other group.

3.2 The Sub-committee also accorded priority to the following tasks:

- i) Promote the agreed Harbour Planning Principles amongst different bodies, agencies and organizations (TPB, LegCo, and DCs etc);
- ii) Monitor harbour-front land uses, land/water interfaces and infrastructural projects inventory, and initiate a review of specific projects as and when needed;
- iii) Review impact on harbour-front land uses and land/water interfaces resulting from territorial requirements and initiate studies as and when needed (i.e. marine uses);
- iv) Develop harbour planning guidelines and harbour-front enhancement initiatives (i.e. temporary land use strategy and initiatives);
- v) Decide on priority and strategy for each study district and initiate preparation work for district studies;
- vi) Invite the HEC to take specific studies forward (currently the Hung Hom study and related public engagement activities);
- vii) Steer the Central Ferry Participatory Programme;
- viii) Monitor temporary enhancement work at the West Kowloon Cultural District.

4. Advice Sought

4.1 Members are invited to note and agreed on the approach detailed in para. 3 above.

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