#### **Harbour-front Enhancement Committee**

# End of Term Report and Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

# **Background**

At the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) held on 27 April 2006, Members suggested including in the agenda of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting an end of term report and a work plan for the HEC.

## **Advice Sought**

2. Members are invited to consider and endorse the end of term reports and work plans covering August 2006 – June 2007 for the HEC and its three Sub-committees at <u>Appendices A to D</u> respectively.

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### (I) End of Term Report

### Meetings, briefings and retreat

From May 2004 to April 2006, the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) held 11 meetings, three briefings and one retreat. various During the meetings, Members and Government bureaux/departments presented suggestions to improve the operation of the HEC, harbour-front enhancement proposals, development projects, public participation programmes, harbour planning principles, sustainability development concepts, etc. At the briefings, various private and public organizations made presentations related to the harbour. At the retreat, Members discussed public engagement experiences, harbour planning approach and process, institutional issues, as well as the PR issues

#### Activities

2. In May 2004, Members took part in a round-the-harbour ferry tour to familiarize themselves with the latest developments on the harbour-front areas. In January 2005, a guided tour was organized for Members to view the exhibitions on the West Kowloon Cultural District development at Special Exhibition Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. In March 2005, another guided tour on "A New Vision for Our Shores" Holistic Harbour Exhibition at Park Court L1, Pacific Place, Admiralty, Hong Kong was arranged for Members.

#### Items endorsed

3. During the period, the HEC formulated its house rules, overseas

conference procedures and motion procedures. It endorsed the Harbour Planning Principles as well as the Final Report and Design Brief of the Central Harbourfront and Me public participatory programme. It also passed a motion on temporary land use and quick-win enhancement strategies.

### (II) Work Plan Covering July 2006 – June 2007

4. An HEC work plan covering July 2006 – June 2007 is appended below -

Date Tentative event

July 2006 HEC meeting

September 2006 HEC meeting and briefing

November 2006 HEC meeting

December 2006 HEC briefing

January 2007 HEC meeting

March 2007 HEC meeting and briefing

May 2007 HEC meeting

June 2007 HEC briefing

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# Harbour-front Enhancement Committee Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review

# End of Term Report and Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

### (I) End of Term Report

For the term from May 2004 to April 2006, the Sub-committee convened 11 meetings and a number of working sessions to discuss ways to strengthen the public participation process, preparation of draft Outline Concept Plans and draft Preliminary Outline Development Plan. The Sub-committee conducted a site visit to Kai Tak on 20 October 2004 to familiarize with the development opportunities and constraints.

- 2. During this period, the Sub-committee discussed/completed the following-
  - (a) A short title "Kai Tak Development" was used to replace "South East Kowloon Development" as it better reflects the well-established identity of the ex-airport site.
  - (b) A comprehensive public participation programme for the Kai Tak Planning Review was conducted in stages to cover *Community's Vision for Kai Tak* and *Outline Concept Plans*.
  - (c) The Stage 1 Public Participation of the Kai Tak Planning Review regarding Community's Vision for Kai Tak was conducted between September and November 2004 and the Stage 2 Public Participation regarding Outline Concept Plans was conducted between November 2005 and January 2006. For these two stages of public participation, the Sub-committee provided valuable guidance in the preparatory work, suggestions to public involvement preparation encourage and consultation/illustration Sub-committee materials. The Chairman and Members also participated as panelists in

convening the relevant public engagement events.

- (d) Under the Stage 1 Public Participation programme, three public forums and a community workshop were conducted in Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong respectively. In the Stage 2 Public Participation programme, apart from the three District Forums held in Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong respectively, the Sub-committee proposed a territory-wide Public Forum at Kai Tak Point so that the general public could experience the Kai Tak site. The Sub-committee also proposed three Topical Forums on multi-purpose stadium, cruise terminal and Kai Tak Approach Channel respectively to focus discussion on these major issues of the planning review. These forums were subsequently arranged as suggested by the Sub-committee.
- (e) The comments and proposals received in the two public participation programmes were submitted to the Sub-committee for consideration. The Sub-committee highlighted the key concerns as gauged from the public engagement activities and invited concerned bureaux/departments to work out robust responses to the community.
- (f) In order to develop a more transparent process in the deliberation of public comments and the responses of the Government bureaux/departments, the Sub-committee initiated the Kai Tak Forum as a platform to enable the public to participate in such process. The Sub-committee convened the first Kai Tak Forum in March 2005 and the second Kai Tak Forum in March 2006 to involve the public to discuss the comments received and the responses of the Government bureaux/departments and the study consultants.
- (g) Amongst other organizations including Kowloon City District Council, Kwun Tong District Council, Wong Tai Sin District Council, Conservancy Association, Hong Kong Institute of Architects, Hong Kong Institute of Planners, Hong Kong People's Council for Sustainable Development as well as Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management of the University of Hong Kong, the Sub-committee was one of the

collaborators in organizing the various public engagement activities. The Sub-committee convened a Collaborators Meeting in June 2005 to involve the academic and professional institutions, green and business groups, District Councils and Government bureaux/departments to discuss the approach to prepare the draft Outline Concept Plans.

- (h) The Sub-committee organized for the public site visits to Kai Tak in March 2006 so that they could be briefed about the development opportunities and constraints. Feedbacks from the participations were discussed at the site.
- (i) The Sub-committee Chairman and Members also took part in the deliberation of the Outline Concept Plans and Preliminary Outline Development Plan and the public comments received in the LegCo Panel for Planning, Lands and Works, and in the Town Planning Board.

## (II) Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

4. The work plan for August 2006 – June 2007 is as follows -

(a) Stage 3 Public Participation Preliminary Outline Development
Plan: Discussion on public comments
received

September 2006

(b) Third Kai Tak Forum (to be confirmed): to discuss public comments and responses of Government bureaux/departments

October 2006

(c) Finalization of Preliminary Outline Development Plan

October 2006

(d) Progress on Engineering Feasibility Study on Kai Tak Development CEDD to brief the Sub-committee on the progress in June 2007 HEC Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development Review Secretariat July 2006

## Harbour-front Enhancement Committee Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review

# End of Term Report and Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

### (I) End of Term Report

#### Introduction

The major role of the Sub-committee is to assist the HEC to formulate an integrated harbour plan and to identify, give advice on and monitor the improvement projects along the existing and new harbour-fronts. To facilitate the Sub-committee to carry out specific tasks in an efficient and focus way, three dedicated Task Groups have been established under the Sub-committee. The membership of the Task Groups is at Annex.

2. In the past two years, the Sub-committee and its Task Groups held 25 formal meetings altogether and discussed/undertook a number of tasks. Apart from the formal meetings, members of the three Task Groups also met many times to exchange views and discuss relevant matters in a less formal manner. The major tasks undertaken by them are summarized below.

#### **Projects/Studies Completed**

#### (A) Harbour Plan Review

3. In the past few decades, harbour planning focused mainly on the provision of port-related facilities and the provision of land to meet the needs of society for a wide range of land uses and key infrastructure facilities. Since mid-1990s, there had been growing public concerns about reclamation and development along the Victoria Harbour. In 1999, the Town Planning Board (TPB) adopted "the Vision and Goals for

Victoria Harbour". The Government had subsequently commissioned the "Planning Study on the Harbour and its Waterfront Areas" (Harbour Plan Study) to formulate, amongst others, a Harbour and Waterfront Plan to guide the use of waterfront areas and the Harbour up to 2016 and beyond.

- 4. Since completion of the Harbour Plan Study in 2003, new circumstances emerged, amidst which the Court of Final Appeal laid down a clear interpretation of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance and various community groups have expressed their aspiration and views on harbour planning. It was apparent that the Harbour and Waterfront Plan, which was based on the then reclamation proposals in the Harbour, would need to be reviewed.
- 5. Since the establishment of the HEC, the Sub-committee, at a number of its meetings in 2004 and 2005, considered the approaches to Harbour Plan Review and finally agreed on 30 March 2005 to the two-tier approach, i.e. to formulate a revised integrated harbour planning framework at the strategic level and to undertake review studies for areas around the harbour at the district level.

## **Integrated Harbour Planning Framework**

- 6. Under the Harbour Plan Study, a set of Harbour Planning Principles (HPPs) was adopted to guide the formulation of the harbour planning framework. Hence, in the Harbour Plan Review, the foremost task was to review the validity of the established HPPs in the context of the prevailing planning circumstances. In August 2004, a dedicated Task Group was set up under the Sub-committee for the purpose.
- 7. After several rounds of discussion and refinement, a set of new HPPs was formulated. On 13 January 2005, the HEC considered and accepted the set of HPPs as a working draft for public consultation. Since then until August 2005, a number of organisations/bodies in addition to those represented at the HEC were consulted. These organisations/bodies included the TPB, the Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works and various District Councils. Taking into account comments received, the Task Group revised the HPPs, which

were then endorsed by the Sub-committee on 8 March 2006 and the HEC on 27 April 2006. The revised HPPs were subsequently uploaded onto the HEC website and promulgated to concerned Government bureaux and departments, relevant District Councils and stakeholders.

8. Apart from the formulation of HPPs, the Sub-committee, on an on-going basis, keeps track on the findings of major studies/projects such as various planning studies concerning water-based activities in the Victoria Harbour and other water areas in Hong Kong and updates on enhancement initiatives in Tsim Sha Tsui. The findings of these studies/projects will serve as inputs in the formulation of the integrated Harbour Planning Framework.

#### **District Based Review**

- 9. At the district level, review studies are required to examine existing land uses and explore opportunity for harbour-front enhancement, both long and short terms, with inputs from local communities. The Sub-committee considered at its various meetings the approaches to the district based review studies. It was agreed that the waterfront areas would be divided into 7 districts comprising 4 districts in Kowloon and 3 in Hong Kong Islands. Amongst them, Hung Hom district would be the first area for review and that review of other districts would be considered afterwards on completion of the Hung Hom Study.
- 10. The baseline review for Hung Hom was completed by the Planning Department in late 2004 and the findings of the review were presented to the Sub-committee on 26 January 2005. However, in view of the extensive public participatory events and other studies actively on-going in 2005, the Sub-committee agreed to withhold the Hung Hom District Study and review the programme in due course. With the recent completion of the public participatory programme in Central Ferry Piers, the Sub-committee is reviewing the approach and work programme of the Hung Hom District Study.

## (B) Public Participatory Programme – Central Harbourfront and Me

11. The Central Harbourfront and Me (CHarM) is a public

participatory programme organized by the Sub-committee with a view to providing a platform for the stakeholders, including the professional bodies, general public and the related trades to express views on the enhancement of the Central Ferry Piers and the adjoining areas (the Study Area) and drawing up a design brief for the Government to formulate enhancement projects for the Study Area.

- 12. Since the launch of CHarM in April 2005, a series of public participatory events including a brainstorming session, random survey and interview, workshop, exhibition and public forum were held. All the events were well received with over 3,000 people participating in various stages of the programme. The draft Final Report and Design Brief prepared under the programme were endorsed by the HEC on 27 April 2006, subject to some minor revisions to the Design Brief.
- 13. The Design Brief was subsequently submitted to the Government as inputs to future planning and development of the Study Area. The documents have been uploaded onto the HEC website.

## (C) Harbour-front Enhancement Projects/Initiatives

#### West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade

- 14. The waterfront promenade in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) is one of the harbour-front improvement initiatives proposed by the Government. The Sub-committee has provided active support to the proposal by participating in various discussion meetings and site visits and offering comments to the Government on the detailed design. The promenade, featuring harbour-front boardwalk, landscaped area, children's play area, sand pit, pergola and cycle track, was open to the public on 17 September 2005.
- Due to the latest development of the WKCD, the West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade could remain available for public enjoyment until around 2010. At the Sub-committee meeting on 10 May 2006, the Government presented an enhancement proposal to extend the promenade and other park facilities. The proposed enhancement is expected to be completed and open for public use by end 2006.

## Central Hoardings Beautification Drawing Competition

16. With the completion of the works to beautify the hoardings near the Central Ferry Piers by the Government in December 2004, the HEC decided to jointly organize a drawing competition with the Central and Western District Council, where the finalists' entries would be used to beautify the hoardings along the Central waterfront. The drawing competition was formally launched on 20 June 2006 and promoted to the public through the issue of press release, posters and leaflets, advertising through "Take Me Home" local paper and creation of a dedicated website for the event.

#### (D) Others

## <u>Inventory of Harbour-front Development Proposals</u>

17. To facilitate discussion of harbour planning matters, the secretariat of the Sub-committee has compiled an "Inventory of Known (Planned and Proposed) Project at Harbour-front" to keep Members abreast of the latest development proposals in the harbour-front areas. The inventory is updated regularly and reported to the Sub-committee at each of its meetings.

## Inputs to Development Proposals in the Harbour-front Areas

- 18. Development proposals from both public and private sectors have been submitted to the Sub-committee for comment, either upon request by the Sub-committee or of the project proponents' volition. They included -
  - rezoning proposal of the former Government Supplies Depot at Oil Street;
  - proposed amendments to the Notes for "Comprehensive Development Area (1)" zone at King Wah Road;
  - proposed promenade and open space development at Hung Hom Bay;

- proposed installation of LED screen on roof of Central Ferry Pier No. 4;
- proposed erection of inflatable advertising boards at rooftop of North Point Ferry Piers;
- proposed temporary car park at the former Sheung Wan Barging Point site;
- proposed temporary uses at Tamar for recreation, entertainment, amusement, exhibition, advertising, retail or a fee-paying public car park and such other ancillary uses;
- proposed stormwater pumping station at Sheung Wan Gala Point; and
- proposed construction of shafts and associated facilities for Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A at the eastern end of Fung Mat Road, Sai Ying Pun.
- 19. Based on the HPPs, the Sub-committee has offered views and comments on these proposals, which served as valuable inputs to the decision making process of relevant approval authorities or to the project proponents for further improvement of the proposals. The Sub-committee's contribution has helped enhance the design of these development proposals with reference to the HPPs, thereby creating a more pleasant living and working environment for our community.

## (II) Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

20. For the coming year, the Sub-committee will continue with its on-going tasks as outlined below -

# (a) Harbour Planning Guidelines

21. On the basis of the revised HPPs, specific harbour planning guidelines will be prepared to elaborate the HPPs under the auspices of the Task Group on HPPs. According to our tentative programme, the draft harbour planning guidelines will be submitted to the HEC for consideration in early 2007.

### (b) Hung Hom District Study

22. The Sub-committee is now reviewing the approach and programme of the Hung Hom District Study. The Study is expected to commence at the latter part of this year and will take about 12 months to complete.

# (c) Central Waterfront Hoarding Beautification Drawing Competition

23. The Task Group on CHarM will continue overseeing the progress of the drawing competition. It is expected that the whole programme will be completed by September, with a prize presentation ceremony to be held in October 2006 to conclude the event.

#### (d) Enhancement works under CHarM

24. To take forward the recommendations of CHarM, the secretariat of the Sub-committee is now exploring with concerned Government departments some possible enhancement works at the Central Ferry Piers and the adjoining areas, the outcome of which will be reported to the Sub-committee for consideration in due course.

#### (e) Others

25. The Sub-committee will continue to advise on and monitor harbour-front land uses and infrastructure projects through the Inventory List and to provide inputs/comments on specific projects as and when appropriate.

# **HEC Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review Secretariat July 2006**

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**Members** 

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<sup>\*</sup> Membership of the Task Group on CHarM varied slightly for the last two meetings on Central Waterfront Hoarding Beautification Drawing Competition. Please refer to the revised membership as attached.

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# Harbour-front Enhancement Committee Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review

# End of Term Report and Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

### (I) End of Term Report

#### The HER project

The main effort of the Sub-committee within the term was on the public engagement project - "Harbour-front Enhancement Review – Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas" (HER). Results of the HER project serve to provide input to the "Planning and Engineering Review of Wan Chai Development Phase II" (WDII Review) being conducted by the Government to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (PHO) and the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal in relation to the interpretation of the PHO.

- 2. Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) was of the view that public participation in the WDII Review should be enhanced in order that its findings and recommendations would be more readily accepted by the public. With Government's support, the Sub-committee initiated under its steer the HER project. Detailed arrangements for the HER project were worked out by the Sub-committee and endorsed by HEC at the meeting held on 9 September 2004. A Task Force under the Sub-committee was set up at the second Sub-committee meeting held on 13 October 2004 to steer the HER project and a specialist consultant was employed in November 2004 to advise on the process.
- 3. The HER Task Force has met 14 times. In all those 10 Sub-committee meetings since the appointment of the specialist consultant for HER, progress of the HER project was reviewed.
- 4. The HER project comprises three stages. The first stage, the

Envisioning Stage, was completed in end 2005. Five public forums, two community design charrettes and opinion surveys were convened between May to July 2005 to collect ideas and proposals of the public regarding the construction of the Trunk Road and harbour-front enhancements.

- 5. A Transport Expert Panel (Expert Panel) comprising leading local and overseas experts in the transport and planning fields was appointed to review and make recommendations on the sustainable transport planning for the northern shore of Hong Kong Island including the need for the Trunk Road. Having discussed the issues with the public at an Expert Panel Forum on Sustainable Transport Planning and Central – Wan Chai Bypass convened on 3 September 2005 and taken into consideration submissions from the Government and the public, the Expert Panel issued their report in end October 2005. Among the package of short-term, medium-term and long-term measures to achieve a sustainable transport strategy, the Expert Panel supported the construction of the Trunk Road, two sets of planned slip roads and Road P2. Sub-committee endorsed the report of the Expert Panel and supported the construction of the Trunk Road at the meeting held on 12 December 2005.
- 6. On 12 November 2005, an Envisioning Stage Consolidation Forum was held to share with the public ideas and proposals received from the public engagement activities. Outcome of the Envisioning Stage was also summarized in the Public Engagement Report of Envisioning Stage of HER, which was endorsed by the Sub-committee at the meeting on 9 March 2006. Ideas and proposals received during the Envisioning Stage and a number of the recommendations of the Expert Panel which have implications extending beyond the WDII area, the scope of HER and the WDII Review were noted in the Foreword and the Appendix to the report for follow-up at appropriate forums.
- 7. Having supported the construction of the Trunk Road, the Sub-committee proceeded to consider its alignments and construction forms, and the harbour-front enhancement opportunities. Town Planning Board (TPB), Transport Advisory Committee, relevant District Councils (DCs), the Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and

Works and professional institutions were further engaged during April to June 2006 on the outcome of the Envisioning Stage of HER and the Consultants' findings on Trunk Road alignment and harbour-front enhancement ideas.

8. In view of the least area of the Harbour being affected under Variation 1 of the Tunnel Option among the options/variations with comparable functional/traffic performance that were assessed by the Consultants and the general support reflected in the recent public engagement, the Sub-committee endorsed adopting Variation 1 of the Tunnel Option as the basis for Concept Plan preparation. The Consultants were requested to develop different themes of land use proposals and harbour-front enhancement ideas. The Sub-committee also agreed that other ideas/proposals that had been considered would be explained to the public during the public engagement activities of the Realization Stage of HER.

## "Quick-win" project

9. The Sub-committee is also keen to respond to the public aspiration of enhancing the existing harbour-front for public enjoyment at the earliest possible instance. Members suggested at the meeting on 14 June 2005 the opening up of the ex-Public Cargo Working Area for public use before the area was taken up as works area for the WDII project. The area would be accessible from the Wan Chai Ferry Pier area with the opening up of the pathway in the Water Supplies Department Salt Water Pumping Station at off regular maintenance hours, hence providing a continuous pedestrian route from the Golden Bauhinia Square to Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter. The Wan Chai DC was consulted on the proposal on 16 May 2006. Some DC members welcomed the proposal and hoped that it could be completed as early as possible. Detailed design and implementation arrangements were underway in liaison with Architectural Services Department.

### Presentation of proposals/submissions

10. The Sub-committee meetings also served as a platform for proponents of potential developments and specific ideas to present their

development proposals or ideas. The following proposals/submissions had been presented to the Sub-committee -

- Harbour-front enhancement submission from Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
- Traffic management measures submission from Clear The Air
- Proposed Extension of the Atrium Link at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre By Trade Development Council
- Proposed development of a Regional Heliport by the Hong Kong Regional Heliport Working Group
- Proposed Youth Hostel and Arts Center cum Hotel Development at the ex-A-King Slipway Site by representatives of a developer

### (II) Work Plan Covering August 2006 – June 2007

- 11. The work plan for the coming year is to enable the completion of the preparation of the revised draft Wan Chai North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) and the revised North Point OZP that would also be affected by the planning of the Trunk Road by end 2006. Work in this respect would be through the remaining two stages of the HER project, i.e. the Realization Stage and Detailed Planning Stage.
- 12. For the Realization Stage, public engagement activities on the Concept Plan in the form of workshop and town-hall meeting are being planned for August 2006. As preparation for these activities, a trial evaluation using the sustainability principles and indicators on the Concept Plan to be prepared by the Consultants in consultation with Members and HER collaborators is being considered and a public engagement digest would be prepared.
- 13. During the Detailed Planning Stage, the main task would be to ensure that the public consensus would be reflected in the relevant OZPs.

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