

Appendix – Summary of BEC’s recommendations on 2015 Policy Address

1. Waste Management

- Implement municipal solid waste charging and the producer responsibility scheme (“PRS”) for waste electrical and electronic equipment as soon as possible
- Extend the PRS for PET and glass bottles to include product take-back schemes
- Environment Bureau (“EnB”), Development Bureau (“DevB”) and the Chief Secretary for Administration to redouble efforts to communicate the importance of waste management policies and strategic infrastructure projects to the Legislative Council and the public
- Further clarify the scope and increase the HK\$5 million cap of the Recycling Fund to enable significant up-scaling of recycling activities in the short term
- Consider alternatives (i.e. Plan B) to cope with Hong Kong’s waste challenges and clearly articulate environmental, social and economic implications to the community

2. Energy Policy

Fuel Mix

- Provide additional information with respect to the impacts of reliability, cost and environmental performance on any changes in electricity market regulations (trilemma discussion on electricity supply)
- Publish detailed results of the Fuel Mix Consultation, move forward with an implementation plan and proceed with the next phase of public engagement

Building Energy Efficiency

- Put forward a comprehensive series of concrete proposals – with clear and ambitious energy saving targets and timeline – in the forthcoming energy efficiency policy paper

Low Carbon Transport

- Accelerate bus route rationalisation while ensuring communities are adequately served by public transport
- EnB, in consultation with Transport and Housing Bureau (“THB”) and DevB, to coordinate quick and decisive action to build a secure EV charging infrastructure for Hong Kong within the next 5 years
- THB and DevB to introduce measures to support the faster deployment of electric taxis and minibuses
- THB and DevB to consult the public on widening pedestrianization measures for select areas of Hong Kong

3. Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Reporting and Performance

- Publish reports on key sustainability issues of Hong Kong on an annual basis, to be led by the Chief Secretary for Administration

- Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau, EnB and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited to further improve coordination on new ESG disclosure requirements

4. Climate Change

- Develop a comprehensive climate change strategy, including a clear carbon reduction target and action plan for 2020 and beyond, and strategies for widening the uptake of renewable energy sources
- Form a high-profile government-business task force on a public-private partnership basis to improve climate resilience of Hong Kong, and publish a risk assessment and action plan

5. Establishment of a Harbourfront Authority

- The Harbourfront Commission to be resourced to develop a comprehensive, multi-sector strategic plan for long term harbour development, prior to formation of the Harbourfront Authority

6. Biodiversity

- Assess the value of biodiversity based on natural capital accounting methods in the development planning process
- Form a cross-bureaux steering group, chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, to consider ways to reduce conflicts between biodiversity conservation and development

7. Water Supply and Waste Water Management

- Proceed with Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2B as originally planned, or otherwise provide justifications and scientific evidence as to why it is no longer necessary
- Devise a comprehensive plan for achieving long term drinking water security with a target timeframe for sourcing raw water locally and for leakage reduction targets
- Consider new raw water sources such as desalination and water recycling
- Review water tariff structure, consider ways to increase seawater flushing coverage, consider regulatory approaches in order to substantially advance building water efficiency and reuse in Hong Kong, and organise rigorous public campaigns to encourage water efficiency and re-use