

**Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the
Energy Conservation Projects Vetting Subcommittee
held on 11 September 2012 at 3:00 p.m.**

Present

Mr. Edward Leung	(Chairman)
Mr. Cheung Yan-hong	
Dr. Cynthia Lam	
Mr. Kendrew Leung	
Mr. Man Mo-leung	
Mr. Anthony Wong	
Ms Betty Cheung	EPD
Ms Anita SW Tsui	EPD
Mr. Steve Tsoi	EPD
Mr. Simon Kam	EPD
Mr. Donald Ng	ENB
Mr. Ip Kin-ping	ENB
Mr. Szeto Wing-sum	EMSTF
Mr. Raymond Tong	EMSTF
Mr. Ming Chan	EMSTF
Ms Vivien Mok	(Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Dr. Chan Fuk-cheung
Mr. Alan Chow
Mr. Bryan Pallop Gaw
Mr. Alfred Lee
Ms Wong Wai-ching
Dr. Yau Wing-kwong

Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the seventh meeting of the Energy Conservation Fund (ECF) Energy Conservation Projects Vetting Subcommittee (ECPVSC).

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

2. The draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2012 were circulated to members on 29 August 2012. The minutes were endorsed without amendments.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising

I) Circulation of ECPVSC Papers 7-9/2012-13

ECPVSC Paper 7/2012-13

3. In response to a member's comments on ECPVSC Paper 7/2012-13 on new applications under Buildings Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes (BEEFS) circulated on 29 August 2012, Mr. Szeto Wing-sum explained that the first pre-approval visit for the project EEP0959 was conducted in November 2010.

4. Note

ECPVSC Paper 8/2012-13

5. In reply to members' remarks on ECPVSC Paper 8/2012-13 concerning the new applications under the Energy Conservation Projects for Non-government Organizations Scheme (ECP NGO Scheme), Mr. Steve Tsoi briefed members about the application DCP0013, an education programme proposed by the Mission Healthy Greens Limited, to carry out the second phase of Lohas Wong Tai Sin.

6. Note

7. After discussion, members considered that project DCP0013 was generally worth supporting, except for the proposed budget on publication (\$70,000), opening ceremony (\$30,000), purchase of energy-saving devices (\$250,800) and mobile demonstration centre (\$404,000). The applicant organization should be requested to consider other means to attract participants to the activities under the proposal instead of giving out energy-saving devices.

ECPVSC 9/2012-13

8. Mr. Steve Tsoi briefed members about the variation request in ECPVSC Paper 9/2012-13 submitted by the Tai Po Environmental Association Limited (TPEA) for extending the project period of DCP0007 for three months up to 30 September 2012, and to redeploy a surplus budget of \$442,685.2 (including \$122,400 derived from the unspent balance for staff cost) for organizing additional activities not originally covered in the project.

9. Note

10. Note

11. After deliberation, members disapproved the variation request for the project DCP0007.

II) Minutes of the Last Meeting

12. There was no matter arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agenda Item 3: Way Forward for ECP for NGO Scheme (ECPVSC Paper 10/2012-13)

13. Mr. Steve Tsoi briefed members on ECPVSC Paper 10/2012-13 which aimed to seek their views on the proposal to put a close to the ECP NGO Scheme by the end of the three-year period on 31 October 2012 for recommendation to the ECF Committee. To allow ample time for interested NGOs to prepare and submit applications before the closing date, endorsement of the ECF Committee by circulation was proposed to be sought. Pending the ECF Committee's endorsement, the closing of the Scheme would be announced by mid September 2012 through the issue of a press release and a notification on the ECF website.

14. After discussion, members recommended closing the ECP NGO Scheme on 31 October 2012 for the ECF Committee's consideration by circulation.

Agenda Item 4: New Applications

I) Applications under BEEFS (ECPVSC Paper 11/2012-13)

15. Mr. Szeto Wing-sum briefed members on ECPVSC Paper 11/2012-13 which aimed to seek their agreement to approve 76 funding applications including 72 EEP and four energy-cum-carbon audits under the BEEFS costing under \$2 million; to seek their support for two funding applications of values exceeding \$2 million; and to reject a total of 14 applications due to inadequate information or commencement of work before approval. Since the last ECPVSC meeting held on 11 July 2012, nine applications were withdrawn by the applicants of their own accord.

16. After discussion, member approved 76 applications costing under \$2 million with a total cost of \$26,522,737.5; supported two applications costing over \$2 million with a total cost of \$4,750,000 for ECF Committee's approval; and rejected 14 applications as set out in the Paper.

II) Applications under ECP NGO Scheme (ECPVSC Paper 12/2012-13)

17. Mr. Steve Tsoi briefed members on ECPVSC Paper 12/2012-13 which aimed to seek their comments on 47 funding applications under the ECP NGO Scheme including one application for education programme, two for energy-cum-carbon audits and 44 for energy improvement works.

18. Mr. Tsoi drew members' attention to the funding application for an education programme titled "Leadership in Energy Performance of Education" submitted by the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (ECP0284). The applicant organization proposed organizing a school-based energy assessment competition under which students would be required to apply acquired energy assessment knowledge in real-life situations through conducting "energy assessment" at home with the use of a questionnaire containing 12 very simple questions. Results of the competition would be assessed based on the quantity of questionnaires completed by students at homes/residences of friends/relatives and the

energy performance of these residences.

19. Note

20. After deliberation, members approved 44 applications for energy improvement works and two for energy-cum-carbon audits set out in ECPVSC Paper 12/2012-13 at a total budget of \$10,304,733.6 and turned down the funding application of ECP0284.

Agenda Item 5: Any Other Business

I) Variation to Approved Projects under BEEFS (ECPVSC Paper 13/2012-13)

21. Mr. Szeto Wing-sum briefed members on ECPVSC Paper 13/2012-13 which aimed to seek members' endorsement on –

- (i) revising the budget of eight approved projects i.e. EEP0059, EEP0080, EEP0635, EEP0705, EEP0708, EEP0791, EEP0830 and EEP1085;
- (ii) extending the project commencement date of an approved project i.e. ECA0127; and
- (iii) procuring goods or services from the supplier which was not the lowest bid of one approved project i.e. EEP0968.

22. Note

23. After deliberation, members approved the requests for budget variations from the projects EEP0059, EEP0080, EEP0635, EEP0705, EEP0708, EEP0791, EEP0830 and EEP1085 and the request from the project EEP0968 for procurement of goods or service from the supplier which was not the lowest bid as set out in ECPVSC Paper 13/2012-13. Regarding the request from the project ECA0127 for extension of project commencement date, EMSTF would provide further information for members' consideration.

II) Variation to Approved Projects under ECP NGO Scheme (ECPVSC Paper 14/2012-13)

24. Ms Vivien Mok briefed members on ECPVSC Paper 14/2012-13 which aimed to seek members' endorsement for the proposed variations to eight approved projects, i.e. ECP0035, ECP0139, ECP0202, ECP0216, ECP0217, ECP0218, ECP0245 and ECP0252 under ECP NGO Scheme.

25. After deliberation, members approved the proposed variations as set out in the ECPVSC Paper 14/2012-13.

III) BEEFS Progress Report (ECPVSC Paper 15/2012-13)

26. Mr. IP Kin-ping briefed members on the progress report of BEEFS as at 5

September 2012. In sum, 2,004 applications had been received including 233 energy-cum-carbon audits and 1,771 EEP. Total funding approved was \$402.72 million. The estimated savings in electricity per annum were 167 GWh and the estimated reduction in carbon dioxide emissions per annum was 116,898 tonnes.

**IV) ECP NGO Scheme Progress Report
(ECPVSC Paper 16/2012-13)**

27. Ms Vivien Mok briefed members on the progress report of the ECP NGO Scheme as at 31 August 2012. In sum, 475 applications had been received including 24 energy-cum-carbon audits, 40 education programmes and 411 energy improvement projects. Total funding approved was \$85.83 million. The estimated savings in electricity per annum were 8 million kWh and the estimated reduction in carbon dioxide emissions per annum was 5,600 tonnes.

28. Members had no particular comment on the above two progress reports.

Agenda Item 6: Date of Next Meeting

29. As the current term of the ECPVSC would end on 15 October 2012, the Chairman thanked all members for their invaluable advice and contributions in the past two years to the Subcommittee.

30. The meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.

**Secretariat, ECF Energy Conservation Projects Vetting Subcommittee
October 2012**

Note:

The paragraph will not be included in the version of notes to be uploaded to the webpage of ECFC according to the standing practice of not disclosing the detailed reasons for supporting or rejecting an application. The ECFC webpage contains a general disclaimer that "Reasons for supporting/rejecting an application had been made known to the project proponents concerned, and the public could ask the project proponents direct for such information."