

District Council Information Paper

Public Consultation on Supply of Recycled Water in Hong Kong

PURPOSE

This paper serves to seek Members' views on the supply, charge and use of recycled water in Hong Kong.

BACKGROUND

2. Climate change makes significant impact on water resources around the world. To ensure water security and sustainable development of water resources, we have been actively exploring new water sources that are not susceptible to climate change, such as recycled water and desalinated water, in Hong Kong.

3. We plan to supply recycled water in Hong Kong and are formulating proposals on aspects including the supply, charge and use of recycled water.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

4. We have prepared a consultation document (see the **Annex**) to gauge the public views on the proposals, which include the following key items:

- (i) Supply of recycled water by the Water Supplies Department (WSD) for non-potable uses, such as flushing;
- (ii) Measures to prevent misuse of the recycled water supplied by the WSD and cross-connections between fresh water supply systems and recycled water supply systems, such as exploring colour-labelling of recycled water;
- (iii) Charge for use of recycled water supplied by the WSD, such as supplying recycled water for flushing free-of-charge;

- (iv) Control of the use of recycled water supplied by parties other than the WSD; and
- (v) Implementation arrangements of the proposals.

5. The public consultation will last for 60 days from 19 October to 17 December 2018. We will hold three public forums during the public consultation exercise. Please visit the following homepage <<https://www.wsd.gov.hk/en/pconsultation/recycle.html>> for more details.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to provide comments on the proposals by returning the duly completed “View Collection Form” (at **Appendix A** to the **Annex**) through mail, email or facsimile transmission to WSD on or before **17 December 2018**:

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7. Please feel free to contact Senior Engineer/Research & Development of the WSD at 2829 5627 if you have any enquiries.

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