

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2008**

Present: Councillors C Whiteside (Deputy Chairman in the Chair); D Banks; E Brennan; B Dixon; D Moore; J Prince; W Southward; Mrs C Watson; A Wonnacott and H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Kane (Chairman); N Clarkson and H Branney.

Also Present: Councillors E Woodburn; J Bowman; A Holliday and R Pitt. Mr I Hudson, Sellafield Programme Director and Mr P Kane, GMB.

Officers: J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; D Davies, Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer

**EDE 22/08     Minutes of the Meetings**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2008 be signed by the Deputy Chairman as a correct record.

**EDE 23/08     NDA Skills and Capability Strategy**

Members received a presentation from Mr I Hudson, Sellafield Programme Director, on the skills strategy which covers education from Science, Engineering Technology and Maths in Schools, Vocational training, Degrees up to PhD Masters.

Members were advised that there are 6 themes in the skills programme:

- Understanding the need
- Delivering skills and training programmes
- Providing a robust infrastructure
- Attracting and retaining the right skills
- Developing and maintaining networks
- Standards and benchmarking

The Committee were also provided with an update on the progress of the Energus site at Lillyhall. Members requested a visit to the site when it was opened in late March/early April 2009.

Following the presentation Members questions were invited.

It was **AGREED** a) the presentation be received and noted; and  
b) a site visit to Energus be arranged for late March/early April 2009.

**EDE 24/08 Work Plan**

Consideration was given to the Work Plan for the Committee.

**RESOLVED** – That the work plan be noted.

The Meeting Closed at 4:00pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....