

STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2014 AT 2:00PM

Present: Councillors Allan Holliday (Vice Chairman in the Chair);
Yvonne Clarkson and Peter Connolly.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Jon Downie;
David Moore and Elaine Woodburn

Officers: John Groves, Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager;
Denice Gallen, Nuclear and Energy Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member
Services Technical Support Officer.

SNEB 15/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2014 were signed by
the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

SNEB 16/13 Submarine Dismantling Project

Members were advised that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) published
in February 2014, a provisional shortlist of sites that may be suitable
for the interim storage of Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) that will be
removed from ex-Royal Navy nuclear-powered submarines.

The MoD had now entered a period of pre-engagement with elected
representatives, Local Authorities, and site stakeholder groups to seek
views on the criteria that should be considered during the main
assessment of shortlisted sites and what form the public consultation
should take.

The Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager, together with
Councillor Allan Holliday attended a MoD run workshop on 9 April to
represent Copeland Borough Council.

Following the pre-engagement the MoD will publish the final shortlist
of sites that will be used as the basis for the public consultation,
planned for late 2014.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

SNEB 17/13 Consultation on the Management of Overseas Origin Nuclear Fuels held in the UK by DECC Separated Plutonium

Members were made aware of the Department of Energy and Climate Change's (DECC) consultation into the 'Management of overseas origin fuels held in the UK', which closes on 28 May 2014.

Following discussion, there were no further comments or alterations suggested to the draft response shown in the Agenda.

RESOLVED - That

- a) The report be noted, and
- b) The draft response be agreed

SNEB 18/13 Consultation on Strategy for the Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) waste in the UK

Members were advised of a consultation launched into the Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM), jointly by the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and the Northern Ireland Department of the Environment, which set out the joint proposals for managing NORM.

During discussion of this item, a draft consultation response was circulated to Members.

RESOLVED - That

- a) **The report be noted,**
- b) The draft consultation response be agreed, and
- c) The response be copied to the Department of Energy and Climate Change and the Environment Agency.

SNEB 19/13 Key Projects Update

Members were updated on the following key projects relating to the Council's nuclear and energy activities:

Nuclear New Build

- It was noted that NuGen were in the final legal and commercial stages of formalising their new partner, Toshiba who had acquired Iberdrola's 50% share holdings and 10% of GDF Suez earlier this year.

During discussion of this item Members requested that NuGen be invited to attend a future meeting of the Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board.

North West Coast Connections (NWCC) Project

- Following a Stakeholder Reference Group workshop held on 4 April 2014, it was anticipated that the North West Coast Connections (NWCC) Project would be able to provide an update on the key aspects of the development and consultation programme for the project.

Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farms

- An Open Floor Hearing took place at Millom Network Centre on 20 March, to which only one person attended to raise concerns.

Geological Disposal Facility

- The department of Energy and Climate Change had issued a series of documents which summarized responses to the consultation into the revised GDF process.
- It was noted that Government intends to issue a new version of the process, anticipated to be in June 2014.

RESOLVED - That

- a)** the updates be noted, and
- b)** NuGen be invited to attend a future meeting of the Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board.

The meeting closed at 3:00pm

Chairman

Date