

Projects Update

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Summary and Recommendation:

This paper provides a summary update of key projects relating to the Councils nuclear activities and Members are asked to note the current position and way forward.

1. NUCLEAR NEW BUILD

- 1.1. The Council is working with NuGen to help them deliver their project in a way that minimises the impact on the environment, whilst maximising the opportunities for local people and securing a positive lasting legacy for the wider area. NuGen aims to carry out stage one consultation on the issues and options for the development in spring 2015.
- 1.2. NuGen Ltd. will give a presentation to Members prior to the SNEB meeting at 3 O Clock in the Bainbridge room on the 15th Jan on the proposed new nuclear power station and update Members on the project developments and the consultation process. Officers are liaising with NuGen staff to arrange a series of further Members briefing paper to keep Members appraised of the progress as the project progresses.
- 1.3. At the same time we are running in house briefing sessions with CBC officers who may be asked to directly contribute to the project. The aim of these briefings is to ensure that everyone is aware of the level of work that is expected to be generated through the DCO process and to ensure that we are in the best situation to respond to the demands to capture the most benefit for our community.

2. NORTH WEST COAST CONNECTIONS PROJECT

- 2.1. The National Grid consultation closed on the 28th November; all Members will have received a copy of the draft consultation response. A copy of the Councils response has been reported to this committee.
- 2.2. The next stage in the process will take place after consideration of the consultation response and will then move to the more detailed design aspects of the project.

3. Geological Disposal Facility

- 3.1. The Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) department were in attendance at the NuLeAF meeting on the 10th Dec and discussed their approach to communicating the national geographical screening process. They sought information on how local Authorities wished to be kept informed on the process and in what way they should communicate the information and findings.
- 3.2. RWM are hosting an event on the 12th Feb regarding the national geological screening exercise for the Geological Disposal Facility siting process.
- 3.3. The meeting is solely for a local authority audience and RWM are seeking our input on what geological information local authorities would like in order to help them engage in the process, and the format it should be presented in.
- 3.4. The venue for the meeting is the [National Council for Voluntary Organisations](#), 8 All Saints, Kings Cross, London, N1 9RL and will run from 12.00 – 3.00.

4. Nuclear Legacy Advisor Forum (NuLeAF)

- 4.1. The Councils Strategic Nuclear Planning Manager – John Groves, attended a meeting held by NuLeAF and LLWR in Manchester on the 14th November to discuss the VLLW / LALLW movements for the coming year, and will give a verbal update at the meeting on the issues discussed and resolved.