

## **Nuclear 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. The Council has asked NuGen Ltd. to come and give a presentation to Members 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 date and it is aimed to hold the meeting pre-Christmas, for further details refer to the Members briefing paper.
- 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 closes on the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 RWM department will be in attendance at the next NuLeAF meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec and will discuss the national geographical screening.
- 3.2. Members will be updated of any emerging issues following this meeting.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Appendix One:**

**Executive Report on the Government White Paper 'Implementing Geological Disposal'.**

## **Appendix Two: letter to Baroness Verma**