

STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2012 AT 2:00 PM

Present: Councillors Elaine Woodburn (Chair); John Fallows David Moore and Dave Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Yvonne Clarkson

Officers: Paul Walker, Chief Executive; Pat Graham, Director of Services; Steve Smith, Interim Head of Nuclear and Energy Development Denise Gallen, Nuclear Officer and Denise James, Member Services Officer

Todd Wright and Shirley Williams Sellafield Ltd

SNEB 15/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SNEB 16/11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Elaine Woodburn declared a personal interest in the Agenda due to being a Member of the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) Partnership and Vice Chair of the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group (WCSSG).

SNEB 17/11 Presentation Sellafield Ltd – Performance Plan Quarter 3

Member received a presentation from Todd Wright on Sellafield Ltd performance for quarter 3, end December 2011. The presentation a full discussion took place and Members were invited to ask questions.

During the discussion Members asked for, where “Events” had occurred, a report to be submitted to the Board in case study form giving details of incident and outcome.

Members expressed concern that where security changes are made on site this often resulted in major traffic problems around the site gates and it was agreed that consideration would be given to this in the future.

It was agreed that the baseline data would be integrated into the Sellafield Plan.

During the discussion it was agreed that a site visit would be arranged for Members

RESOLVED That the report and actions be noted.

SNEB 18/11 Consultation on Movement of Exotic Fuels

Consideration was given to the response submitted to the NDA on the Exotic Fuels and Nuclear Materials – Dounreay Credible Options Paper.

RESOLVED - That the report and response be noted.

SNEB 19/11 Radioactive on Waste and Nuclear New Build

Consideration was given to a report providing a summary of the current position on proposals for managing radioactive wastes and spent fuel from new nuclear power stations.

RESOLVED – That a) the report be noted; and NuLeAF in their calls for the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) to take account of the views of the Royal Society on reviewing the proposed methods of storage of spent fuel storage be supported

SNEB 20/11 Funded Decommissioning Programme

Consideration was given to a report on the Funded Decommissioning Programme (FDP) Guidance for New Nuclear Power Stations.

RESOLVED That the report be noted and taken into consideration when assessing the plans for the proposed new nuclear power station.

SNEB 21/11 Verbal Update on MRWS

Members received a verbal update on the current position with regard to MRWS. It was noted that the round 3 consultation with the public and stakeholders had resulted in approximately 1300 responses being received the outcome of which would be known on May 22nd. A partnership workshop would then take place with a final report going to three decision making bodies to decide whether to participate or not.

It was felt that although the final decision was delegated to the Executive the recommendation should be made by Full Council and if necessary a Special meeting could be called and a recommendation made from Council back to the Executive for final approval.

SNEB 22/11 Verbal Update on National Grid North West Coast Connections Project

Members receive a verbal update on the current position with regard to the National Grid North West Coast Connections Project. It was noted that there were 6 strategic options taking the line, underground, over ground and off shore which would go out for consultation.

It was further noted that a Members briefing had been arranged for 20 June 2012 at 5pm and all members had been invited.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.

Chairman.....

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