

Copeland Open For Business

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Hosting the event, the Mayor of Copeland, Mike Starkie, encouraged people and businesses to make the most of the opportunities coming to the area in order to create better and sustainable future for the area.

He said: "We have Moorside, the largest nuclear new build development in Europe and the Sellafield site right here in Copeland, putting the area at the heart of the UK's Centre for Nuclear Excellence. These projects and others are on an unrivalled scale and so are the opportunities that they present to nuclear and non-nuclear organisations."

Deputy CEO of NuGen, Robert Armour, said: "We are committed to creating a positive legacy for the

area from our development at Moorside. Our work programme could provide employment opportunities for the grandchildren of the people at the conference here today. We want the project to have a long term benefit for Copeland.”

Addressing the conference, Chief Executive of Cumbria Chamber of Commerce, Rob Johnston, set out the need for organisations to work together to improve the infrastructure of the areas, including road and rail links as part of the economic development of the area.

Planners from Copeland Borough Council and Lake District National Park also addressed the conference to set out how they can help businesses looking to invest in the area as Copeland looks for new houses, industry, restaurants and hotels.

Mayor, Mike Starkie said: “We are delighted so many businesses from the widest range of businesses were able to attend the conference. There wasn’t a spare chair in the room.

“The conference shows that there’s both opportunity and importantly a commitment and willingness to ensure a legacy for the investment in the nuclear industry in Copeland.

“Local, regional and national companies were represented all with the same aim of being part of the success story of Copeland moving forward.”

Sellafield Ltd Stakeholder Relations Director, Rory O’Neill, said: “Our nationally important mission at Sellafield will continue to present opportunities for people and businesses for generations to come. These opportunities stretch far beyond the nuclear industry and I was delighted to see so many non-nuclear businesses at this conference keen to see how they can be part of a vibrant and diverse Copeland”.

The networking and discussions are continuing after the conference virtually via a LinkedIn group ‘Copeland Open for Businesses’, where entrepreneurs, businesses and people looking to move into the area can find out more about the opportunities in Copeland.

Mayor Mike added: “The conference has been such a great success we are aiming to make this a bi-annual event, to keep the interest and investment growing in Copeland.”

Would you like to listen to this event?

You can listen to the event **here**:

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Link with 'Copeland Open 4 Business'

Mayor Mike Starkie would like to welcome businesses from all sectors to his [LinkedIn group](#) [4], where he will highlight and showcase the opportunities being created now in Copeland.

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