

Strategic nuclear and energy board meeting - Thu, 06 Jun 2013

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Councillor	Present
Councillor Elaine Woodburn [1]	
Councillor Allan Holliday [2]	
Councillor Peter Connolly [3]	
Councillor David Moore [4]	
Councillor Yvonne Clarkson [5]	
Councillor Lena Hogg [6]	
Councillor Jon Downie [7]	

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STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD
MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2013

Present: Councillors Elaine Widdowson, Alan Holliday, Patricia Clarke, Peter Cawthley and Sue Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillors Ian Bowden and David Moore.

Affidavit: John Green, Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning, and Peter Smith, Member Services Officer.

MIN 24/13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2013 were signed by the Chairman at a correct record.

MIN 25/13 Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Draft Business Plan

Consideration was given to a summary of the Council's response to the NDA draft Business Plan for 2013-16 which highlighted issues which needed further development.

Members expressed concern that the Council had responded to the business plan but had not been informed of the concerns had been taken on board prior to it being put before Parliament.

Being consideration of the response (minutes) a letter is to be sent to the NDA and the HGA with regard to the possibility of releasing the NDA office to Luton.

Members also expressed concern that the NDA had not been consulted without consulting the Council and asked for this to be a point of discussion at the meeting scheduled for the 27th May 2013.

RESOLVED - That the response be noted.

MIN 26/13 Nuclear

Members received and noted a report updating on the position regarding tracking following the submission of the 10 month plan proposal December 2012.

Being consideration of the submission a letter is to be written to the NDA seeking clarification on the offset funding solution on Copeland.

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Nuclear Program Update

BOARD OFFICER: John Green
REPORT AUTHOR: Peter Smith

Summary and Recommendation:

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

1. NUCLEAR WIND WIND

There is nothing substantive to report in addition to what was reported at the last meeting, with the investigation work in part of the project by North West Coast (NWC) in developing a new nuclear power generating facility on the site just north of the existing battery site is progressing according to plan. A funded programme for the development is available.

2. NORTH WEST COAST CONNECTIONS PROJECT

The North West Coast Connections project is led by National Grid and is looking at options to enhance the power transmission capabilities from the Cumbria and Lancashire offshore power generated by nuclear sea built proposals and other renewable proposals to the national electricity market. National Grid is planning to commence public consultation for the final phase of the programme at the end of the summer 2013 and as part of the process an informal Members briefing session will be arranged for next September.

3. HULLBY EXTENSION OFFSHORE WIND FARM

The time for the submission has elapsed and the developer has indicated to submit their Development Consent Order (DCO) for the 28th June. Copeland Borough Council officers have been working with the developer to ensure that the level of information provided in the application is appropriate.

The developer has appointed independent monitoring organisation of the sea bed for sedimentation, pollution and other, they have also carried out a night time assessment of the

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0000 Decision on Authorisation for the Disposal of Radioactive Waste

LEADER/OWNER: John Cross
REPORT AUTHOR: Catherine Latham

Summary and Recommendation:

This report is a brief update on the application made by Magnox Ltd regarding the disposal of low level waste from Disposal and the decision made by British Environment Protection Agency (BEPA).

Recommendation: The contents of this report are noted.

1. BEPA Decision

British Environment Protection Agency (BEPA) consulted Copeland Borough Council on 2 separate applications. The first application was from Magnox Ltd for permission to dispose of low level waste (LLW) from Disposal and the second similar application from Magnox Ltd for consent authorisation for disposal of water from treatment of site.

BEPA intends to issue an authorisation for Magnox limited for the disposal of radioactive waste from the decommissioning of the Disposal site.

The authorisation for this application is still being submitted. The issue raised by the Council has been considered in relation to both applications and therefore has not been addressed in the response to the Disposal application.

2. Background to application and decision

Magnox Ltd applied for a licence to dispose of very low level waste (VLLW) to the sponsor of the Cigarette landfill facility in Cumbria on 15 May 2012.

British Environment Protection Agency (BEPA) issued a decision on the proposal that the licence application was not approved on the basis of the information provided in the application.

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The UK's Nuclear Future Strategy - The Vision

LEADER/OWNER: John Cross
REPORT AUTHOR: Catherine Latham

Summary and Recommendation:

This report seeks to provide an overview of a series of documents which establish the Government's Nuclear Industrial Strategy, sets out the UK's nuclear vision and identifies the current capacity and gaps in the research and development sector.

Recommendation: The contents of this report are noted.

1. Background

The series of strategic documents are a direct result of the House of Lords Science and Technology Select Committee report on the UK's nuclear research and development (RD&D) capacity. The report released at the end of 2010 focused on whether the Government was doing enough to maintain and develop the nuclear research and development (RD&D) capabilities and whether the associated expertise was available to ensure that nuclear energy was a viable option for the future. The report found reasons to question the ability of such expertise to maintain and make a number of recommendations, including an assessment that the government should set a long term strategy for nuclear energy and a funding for RD&D prefer to RD&D funding on 7th Dec 2010 - appendix 1.

In response the Government has undertaken to work with industry to produce a wider statement outlining the role industry might play in the global nuclear market, and to identify how the research and development sector is to grow. The 'Vision' has been produced as a 'Nuclear Industry Strategy', which sets out a vision for the nuclear industry.

The content of the 'Vision' has not been finalised to date and will be updated as the work continues. The opportunity for research and development to be a catalyst for job creation in the UK.

The Vision extends over the next 10 years and presents a vision on each of the four major civil nuclear business sectors:

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STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2013

Present: Councillors Peter Woodburn (Chair), Peter Kennedy, Jane Hogg and David Mann.

Absent: The absence was notified from Councillors Frances Darke, Alan Hobbins and Dawn Smith.

Officers: John Cross, Head of Nuclear, Energy & Planning and Steve Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

0000 000003 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

0000 000003 Key Problems/Issues

The Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning updated Members on the following key issues relating to the Council's nuclear activities:

Nuclear New-Build

- It was noted that initial site investigation work, support of the process for the construction of the new nuclear power generation plants on the site and north of the existing site, comprising a new power station.
- A detailed programme for the development is available.

North-West Coast Combined Cycle Report

- The North-West Coast Combined Cycle project is led by National Grid, with funding from the Government and the private sector. The project is a new power station generated by nuclear new build proposals and other renewable proposals for the combined cycle station.
- A detailed programme for the development is available.

The meeting concluded at 10.15am and a copy of the minutes will be sent to all members of the Board by email on 11 June 2013 and a copy of the minutes will be sent to all members of the Board by email on 11 June 2013.

Meeting attendance

Statistics for meeting attendance

Total committee membership	Apologies / Not present	Present	Percentage attendance
7	3	4	57

Meeting venue: The Copeland Centre - Bainbridge room

Date of event: 6 June 2013 - 2:00pm

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