

Nuclear Opportunities Group

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Recommendation: that the presentation from the Nuclear Opportunities Group be received and considered.

BACKGROUND

It is planned during the next civic year to request a number of external partners to come along to the committee to explain what work they are doing to meet the requirements of the Energy Coast Master Plan. In particular how the economy of Cumbria is going to be diversified.

The start of this process is with the nuclear process before we move on to the non nuclear process. Rosie Mathiesen, Nuclear Opportunities Director of the Nuclear Opportunities Team, has been invited to this meeting to give a presentation on the current position on Nuclear Investment Issues within Copeland, the effect this has on local employment and what progress has and is expected to be made on the nuclear issues within the master plan.

West Lakes Renaissance (WLR) is the urban regeneration company responsible for Furness and West Cumbria. WLR Nuclear Opportunities manager Rosie Mathisen chairs the Nuclear Opportunities Group, which is the forum for considering nuclear issues and its supply chain in West Cumbria. Members include representatives from all the major public and private organisations in West Cumbria, including the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), Invest in Cumbria, and the West Cumbria Development Agency, as well as the West Cumbria Business Cluster and British Nuclear Group (BNG).

As well as providing valuable input into the West Cumbria Strategic Forum's West Cumbria Spatial Master plan, the Nuclear Opportunities Group has a particular role to play in supporting the nuclear sector, by promoting significant international opportunities and helping the community to become less reliant on direct operational employment on nuclear sites.

List of Appendices

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None