

**DRAFT NUCLEAR POLICIES – CONSULTATION PROCESS**

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**Summary:** This documents brings together Council policies in relation to the nuclear industry to provide clarity to our community on our views and looks at ways of consulting with the community and wider stakeholders. The report seeks a way forward for the consultation process for these policies.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	A consultation process is developed following discussion with members of the Nuclear Working Group
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**Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan:** Key policies need to be formulated on nuclear issues as these will have significant impact, both beneficial and detrimental on the Council's objective to "create and sustain a healthy local economy" and our community and stakeholders need to be fully consulted on these.

**Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21):** Policies included in this report are key to the Borough's sustainability.

**Financial and human resource implications:** There are significant resource implications arising from the consultation, pursuit and delivery of these policies. If additional resources are required over and above those already allocated they will be subject to the normal processes of budget allocation.

**Project & Risk Management:** Varied depending on specific activities related to individual policies.

**Key Decision Status**

- **Financial:** None  
- **Ward:** None

**Other Ward Implications:** All

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Attached is a copy of the Draft Nuclear Policies as agreed at Full Council on 27 June 2006 to go out for consultation. Members now need to consider the best way to make sure this consultation happens in order to give credence and achieve buy in from both internal and external stakeholders to this very important document.

Issues to be considered (in no particular order of importance) are as follows:

- Timing (12 weeks)
- Internal stakeholders (Members/Staff/OSCs)
- External stakeholders within Cumbria (ABC/CCC/Parish Councils/LSP/private sector)
- External stakeholders outside Cumbria (national nuclear bodies)
- Local Community (Youth Council/Campaign in local press)

The above are suggestions for discussion and need to be looked at carefully so that everyone who is interested feels they have been involved in the consultation, which will strengthen the Council's Nuclear Policies further.