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Summary: To consider the application submitted by Studsvik UK Limited to the Environment Agency to register premises at Lillyhall to store and minimise radioactive waste (LLW and VLLW) prior to disposal at the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg.

Recommendation:	That views of members are sought on this application prior to a response being formulated.

Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan:	May impact on the Council's objective to "create and sustain a healthy local economy"
Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21):	May have impacts on environmental sustainability
Financial and human resource implications:	None
Project & Risk Management:	None
Key Decision Status	
- Financial:	None
- Ward:	None
Other Ward Implications:	All

INTRODUCTION

Studsvik UK Limited has applied to the Environment Agency to register premises at Lillyhall (1 Joseph Noble Road) for open sources and for authorisation to accumulate and dispose of radioactive waste from non-nuclear premises. This will result in the transfer of some waste to the LLWR at Drigg. See attached 'Introductory Document' for further information.

CONSULTEES

Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council are being consulted as the premises are within their areas. Copeland Borough Council is being consulted since the authorisation application includes disposals to the LLWR. ABC, CCC and CBC have been in discussions regarding submitting a possible joint response to this consultation, which has a closing date of July 14th 2006.

DETAILS

The Environment Agency considers the radiological impact of the disposals to be very low, in line with the radiological assessment provided with the application. It also considers the volume of disposals of VLLW to be insignificant and supports the intention to reduce the overall volume of wastes to be transferred to the LLWR.