

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors A Holliday (Chairman); D Banks, Deputy Chairman; D Moore; A Norwood and B Dixon.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms E Woodburn and G Blackwell.

Officers: F McMorrow, Director Economic Prosperity & Sustainability; D James, Member Services Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also present: R Mrowocki - NDA

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Disclosures of Interest

Councillors D Banks; A Holliday; D Moore and A Norwood declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

NDA Business Plan – Presentation from the NDA

Members received a presentation by the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency (NDA) on the draft NDA Business Plan 2008-2011 currently in the Consultation stage prior to being submitted for Ministerial approval by the end of March 2008.

During the discussion it was agreed that the NDA reports concerning 'Spent Fuel' and the use of 'Uranium and Plutonium' forwarded to the Director Economic Prosperity & Sustainability for circulation to Members of the Working Group.

Members expressed their concerns that the Socio-Economic fund showed a decreasing amount year on year, and asked that this form part of the Councils response.

It was also noted that Efficiency Savings at the NDA would be applied to all sites in line with national perspectives.

It was further noted that the NDA Strategic Review, due in Spring 2008, had been delayed by 6-18 months.

It was **AGREED** – that taking on board comments made by Members a draft response be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Nuclear Working Group.

Community Fund

Members received and noted the press release issued following the announcement for the proposed Community Fund for the Low Level Waste Repository. It was noted that the funds would be used to offset any impact of the repository and for the benefits of the residents of Copeland.

The meeting closed at 2:50pm

Chairman