

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2008

Present: Councillors A Holliday (Chairman); A Norwood and D Banks

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon; D W Moore and Miss E Woodburn.

Officers: D Davies, Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy; T Greer, Scientific Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present Mr R Raaz, Managing Director, Low Level Waste Repository -Agenda Item 5

Disclosure of Interest

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

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2008 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

NWG 01/08 British Nuclear Group

Mr Raaz, Managing Director, Low Level Waste Repository, updated Members on activities at the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg.

Members were advised that Scott Anderson had been appointed the Site Operations Manager, Paul Pointon, the Project Delivery Manager and Richard Cummings the PCSC Project Manager.

Members were also advised that construction work on the new Vault 9 was to commence in July and in preparation to accommodate construction work, the Main Office was to move from the Low Level Waste Repository site to Greengarth with immediate effect.

Members were further advised that other projects to be undertaken included new Site Support Contracts and new Security arrangements.

Mr Raaz was keen for Low Level Waste Repository to interact with the community and in addition to providing monetary support was able to announce that, for the first time, he was able to offer 'Services in Kind' from the NDA paid labour force.

Mr Raaz was keen to stress his open and honest approach to Members. He was thanked for attending this meeting and would be invited to attend future meetings of this group.

RESOLVED – that the update from Mr Raaz received.

NWG 02/08 Yottenfews

Members were given a verbal update on the temporary car park at Yottenfews, for which planning permission expires during 2008. Members were advised that a further planning application for a further three year extension may be submitted.

During discussion of this item, Members expressed their disappointment that during the time the temporary car park has been allowed, there had been little evidence of moving administration staff off site to office accommodation in town.

RESOLVED – that the update be received.

NWG 03/08 Community Package - LLWR

Members were given a verbal update on the Community Package for LLWR. The Group were advised that £1.5m p.a. was payable at the start of construction of Vault 9 (July 2008) and a further £50k p.a. was ring fenced for the village of Drigg.

During discussion of this item, Members were advised that the organisation to administer the community package was exploring ways that would result in it not paying tax, but this was not yet resolved.

RESOLVED – that the update be received.

NWG 04/08 NDA Announcement

Members were advised that the NDA had announced that the Chief Executive was standing down and that Richard Waite had been temporarily appointed to the post.

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

Chairman.....

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