

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 AUGUST 2008

Present: Councillors A Holliday, Chairman; D Banks; E Brenan; B Dixon; A Norwood; Miss E Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Moore

Officers: T Greer, Scientific Officer; D James, Member Services Officer

Also Present: B Snelson, H Rooms and M James, Sellafield Sites Ltd – Agenda Item 5 only.

Mr D Gray, Honorary Alderman.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillors A Holliday, D Banks; E Brenan; A Norwood; D Gray and A Jacob 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 July 2008 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

Sellafield Ltd – Update on Waste Park

Members received a presentation on the current position with regard to the treatment of Low Level Waste at Sellafield. The presentation detailed the current work programme, the two possible locations on the Sellafield site and the current activities being undertaken to develop the project.

The presentation was then open to a question and answer session.

It was AGREED that the presentation be noted.

Following the presentation a general discussion took place during which Members were updated on the progress made with regard to the forthcoming handover to the PBO.

Nuclear New Build Steering Group Draft Terms of Reference

Consideration was given to a report for comment on the draft Terms of Reference for the Nuclear New Build Steering Group and seeking

continued support in working toward the discharge of the Council's nuclear new build policy.

It was AGREED a) that the draft terms of reference be endorsed; and

b) the recommendation that officers continue to work with partners towards discharging the Council's nuclear new build policy be approved; and

c) regular update reports be submitted to the Working Group

Consultation on the Strategic Siting Assessment Process and Siting Criteria for New Power Stations in the UK

Consideration was given to the draft response to the Government consultation relating to the future of nuclear power in the UK – “Strategic Siting Assessment” (SSA) prior to submission by the 11 August 2008.

It was AGREED that taking on board comments made by Members and those received prior to 30th September 2008 the proposed response be resubmitted to the October meeting for final approval.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Chairman