

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2007

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Blackwell.

Officers: D Davies, Head of Nuclear Policy and Sustainability; F Mcmorrow , Director Economic Prosperity & Sustainability; D James Member Services Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Officer (Technical Support)

Also present: S Williams; P Foster; P Halligan – Sellafield Ltd

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 August 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Arrangement of the Agenda

Due to there being a presentation by Sellafield Ltd it was proposed duly seconded and

AGREED that Agenda Item 7 – Vault be considered as item 6 on the Agenda.

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.

The Future of Nuclear Power – Government Energy Consultation - Draft

Consideration was given to a proposed draft of the Councils response to the Government's consultation on Energy and the Future of Nuclear Power.

It was noted that Members felt that more emphasis should be put on the reprocessing of fuel and confirmed their views commitment to teaching the relevant skills to the local community in order that future jobs could be filled locally and subsequently improve the economy of West Cumbria.

It was further noted that the response was that of the Council as a whole and this should be made clear in the covering letter to the response.

It was AGREED a) that subject to

- i) more emphasis being put onto reprocessing;
- ii) the Councils commitments to training and skills being noted; and
- iii) the final wording of the covering letter being delegated to The Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity & Sustainability) in consultation with the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy, the Leader of the Council and the Chairman;

the draft response be submitted as Council's response; and

b) Councils response be submitted to Full Council for information and noting.

Vault 9 Application

Consideration was given a County Council Planning Application for determination for the construction and operation of Vault 9, for the storage of Low Level Waste at the Low Level Waste Repository, Drigg. This application was due to be considered by Copeland Council in their capacity as consultee, and the working party were to consider the application and make recommendations to the Councils planning Panel in line with the Councils approved Nuclear Policy .

It was AGREED that the Planning Panel be recommended to oppose any increase in capacity at the Low Level Waste Repository in Copeland until a community package is agreed with this Council.

British Nuclear Group/Sellafield Ltd

Members received a presentation by Phil Hallington of Sellafield Ltd on the Sellafield Life Time Plan Prioritisation. This included an outline of planned activity to meet scheduled, milestone and utility customer requirements within short and medium term funding availability.

The presentation also detailed the process for the awarding of the tender for the Parent Body (PBO) who would manage the site post NDA.

During the presentation members revisited the ERM Study and asked if it would be possible to refresh it in order to get more information. It was noted that although Sellafield Ltd would be willing to revisit the study the NDA must be on Board and mandate them to do the work.

On conclusion of the presentation a question and answer session was open to Members.

It was AGREED that a) the presentation be noted; and

b) a meeting be arranged with the NDA, Sellafield Ltd and Officers of the Council to address the ERM Study.

The meeting closed at 3:10pm

Chairman