

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2007

Present: Councillors D Banks; G Blackwell (Chairman); B Dixon; A Holliday; Ms E Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Norwood and D Davies, Head of Nuclear Policy and Sustainability

Officers: F Duffy, Nuclear Policy Manager; F McMorrow; Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity and Sustainability); D A James, Member Services Officer

Also present: S Williams; B Snelson; E Dobinson; C Gallery-Strong and D Howarth – British Nuclear Group

Appointment of Chairman

It was moved by Councillor D Banks duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That Councillor A Holliday be appointed chairman for the municipal year.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 April 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Disclosures of Interest

Councillors G Blackwell and D Banks declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

Appointment of Deputy Chairman

It was moved by Councillor A Holliday duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That Councillor D Banks be appointed chairman for the municipal year.

BNG

Prior to the commencement of the presentations S Williams gave a brief update on actions taken following the meeting held on 19 April 2007.

- Ongoing work taking place with Human Resources and Councillor Banks to ensure work opportunities and suitable accreditations for "hard to place" workers.
- Interface meeting – consultation programme for socio economic plan. It was noted that BNG fully recognise that the Council requires sufficient time to feed in comments to draft plans they will put in place a consultation programme to allow consultees to respond to the draft 2008/09 plan
- Princes trust update would be subject to a report to a future meeting
- Progress with British Nuclear Group rebranding
- Programme for the removal of Calder Towers

Site End States

Members received a presentation by Claire Gallery-Strong of BNG on options for site end states which was then open to questions by Members and Officers.

Evaporator D

(Note Councillor B Dixon left the meeting following this item.)

Members received a presentation by Dave Howarth on the installation of Evaporator D which would be required by 2025. This was then open to a question and answer session for Members and Officers.

Next Meeting

Members asked for a presentation on the current position and progress made on New Build to be made at the next meeting.

It was agreed this would be look at by BNG and if possible presented to the next meeting.

Standard Reports Back

Prior to consideration of these items Members asked for covering reports to be included for each briefing paper which would summarise the content of each document.

i. **Draft Nuclear Issues**

Consideration was given to the Council's draft nuclear policies which had been circulated to key stakeholders for comment.

The report also sought approval for the use of a public opinion survey which was appended. Members felt that although the content of the draft policy and the public opinion survey was correct the wording should be looked at.

It was AGREED that the content of the draft policy and opinion survey be approved and if necessary submitted direct to Council for approval.

ii. **Nuclear Sites: Copeland Site end States**

Consideration was given to a report on options for the eventual use of nuclear sites in Copeland and the nature of the clean up that will be required. The report also sought endorsement of a proposed response to an NDA consultation paper. It was noted that as this response would form part of the Council's Nuclear Policy the decision would be referred to Council for approval.

It was AGREED that the report be endorsed and submitted to Council for approval.

- iii. a note of PCM Meeting was received and noted;
- iv. a note of Site criteria meeting at Reading was received and noted; and
- v. a verbal update, by F McMorrow, following the meeting at Birmingham to discuss the Siting Criteria was received and noted.

The meeting closed at 4:15pm

Chairman

