

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2008

Present: Councillors D Banks (Deputy Chairman); E Brennan; D Moore and Miss E Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon; A Holliday (Chairman) and A Norwood.

Officers: D Davies, Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy; F McMorrow, Corporate Director Economic Prosperity and Sustainability; T Greer, Scientific Officer; J Cain, Environmental Pollution Team Leader and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present Mr B Snelson, Ms S Williams and Mr H Rooms, Sellafield Sites Ltd – Agenda Item 5 only.
Mr D Gray, Honorary Alderman.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillors D Banks; E Brennan; D Moore and Miss E Woodburn 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 12 June 2008 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

NWG 05/08 Sellafield Ltd

Ms Williams presented an overview to Members on Sellafield's contribution to the Energy Future.

It was noted that the announcement for the Parent Body Organisation (PBO) was to be made on 11 July 2008, and also that Sellafield possessed probably the largest concentration of expertise in the nuclear industry anywhere in Europe, together with a strong local nuclear community.

During discussion of this item Members enquired about possible building of new reactors, bearing in mind the stock of nuclear fuel readily accessible and resources.

It was requested that a meeting with the new PBO be arranged as soon as possible after the announcement.

RESOLVED – that the update from Ms Williams be received.

NWG 06/08 NDA – Proposed Geological Disposal Facility R&D Strategy

Members were given a brief overview of the NDA Proposed Geological Disposal Facility R&D Strategy document and requested to feedback any comments to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 30 November 2008.

During discussion of this item, it was requested that Town and Parish Councils in Copeland be given copies of the document and also asked for feedback.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the report be noted and Members provide feedback to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 30 November 2008, and
- b) Town and Parish Councils in Copeland be given copies of the document and also asked for feedback.

NWG 07/08 LLWR Community Package

Members were given a verbal update on the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) Community Package.

During discussion of this item, Members were advised that the Construction work on Vault 9 had been delayed and was now due to commence on 1 August 2008. Members were further advised that a report on the Community Package will be going to the next Executive meeting.

RESOLVED – that the update be received.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act

NWG 08/08 NDA – Proposed Site Selection Framework

Members were provided with an overview of the NDA Proposed Framework for Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) Site

Selection. Members were requested to feedback comments to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 31 July 2008 in order to inform NuLEAF and NDA of Council’s position prior to formal consultation.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted and Members provide feedback to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 31 July 2008.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Chairman.....

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