

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Councillors D Banks; B Dixon; D Moore; E Woodburn (Items 1-5).

Apologies for absence were received from Councilors G Blackwell; A Holliday; A Norwood

Officers: F McMorrow; Corporate Director, Economic Prosperity and Sustainability; D Davies, Head of Nuclear Policy and Sustainability; F Duffy, Nuclear Policy Manager; L Taylor, Member Services Technical Support Officer

Also present: S Williams; G Marsden; A Scargill; J Sidney – British Nuclear Group

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 October 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor D Banks declared a personal interest in items 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the agenda due to being employed by BNG.

BNG

Decommissioning

Members received and noted a presentation from Andy Scargill of BNG on decommissioning.

The presentation outlined progress made in the accelerated decommissioning process since the formation of the NDA and BNG. It was stressed to Members that safety and environmental performance were paramount, and that a meticulous level of planning was required in any decommissioning projects.

Members were informed of achievements made and the various new technologies being used. Future plans for decommissioning were also presented.

It was **AGREED** that the presentation be noted.

Sellafield Visitors Centre

Members received a presentation from John Sydney of BNG, updating them on developments at the Sellafield Visitors Centre.

The Committee were informed of new plans for the centre, which would incorporate education, skills and recruitment, building on the expertise at BNG and encouraging businesses to the area. Members stressed the importance of joint working to link local people with job opportunities.

The involvement of 6th Form Students, Undergraduates and Post Graduates to design new exhibits and control systems using radio technology was discussed, along with the introduction of induction courses for adults and lectures explaining the new technologies being used in the nuclear industry.

It was **AGREED** that the presentation be noted.

Government's Response to CoRWM's Recommendations

The Government's response to CoRWM's recommendations on radioactive waste management was received. This included a response to the 15 specific recommendations in CoRWM's report. The following points were noted

- That the NDA would be the implementation body
- The proposed transfer of Nirex to the NDA

It was **AGREED** that the report be noted.

Standard Reports Back

- a) The DTI Planning Framework Response was received and noted
- b) The letter and response to the NDA Annual Plan 2007/08 was received and noted

Any Other Business

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting, scheduled to take place on 21 December 2006 would be cancelled

The Meeting Closed at 3.30pm

Chairman