

## **NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillors A Holliday (In the Chair); D Banks; B Dixon; D Moore; A Norwood; E Woodburn

Also in Attendance: Councillor H Wormstrup (Items 1-5)

An apology for absence was received from Councilor G Blackwell

Officers: D Davies, Head of Nuclear Policy and Sustainability; F Duffy, Nuclear Policy Manager; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; L Taylor, Member Services Officer Technical Support

Also present: B Snelson; B Anderton; S Morgan; S Halliwell – British Nuclear Group

#### **Appointment of Chairman**

It was moved by Councilor B Dixon, duly seconded and

**AGREED** that Councilor A Holliday be appointed Chairman for the meeting

#### **Arrangement of Agenda**

It was Agreed that Item 7- Proposed NDA Amalgamation of the Windscale Site would be considered as Item 6

Members were informed that Item 8 – Draft LLWR Community Prospectus had been withdrawn from the Agenda

#### **Disclosures of Interest**

Councilors D Banks; A Holliday; D Moore; A Norwood; E Woodburn; H Wormstrup declared personal interests in agenda items 5,7,9 and 10 due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the industry.

#### **BNG**

Members received the following updates which were then open to question and answer sessions from Members.

### **Sellafield Visitors Centre**

Members were given an update on plans for the future of the Sellafield Visitors Centre. Transition of the centre to attract people and business to the area was discussed, along with the possibility of relocation of the site.

Members stressed the importance of the Sellafield Visitors Centre as an important tourist attraction and education facility.

It was **AGREED** that a representative of the NDA be invited to attend a future meeting to answer the concerns of the Group, and clarify the NDA's position with regard to the Sellafield Visitors Centre

(Note; Councillor H Wormstrup left the meeting following this item)

### **PCM Retrievals Update**

A presentation by Simon Morgan of BNG outlining the progress made to clear the Drigg Site of Plutonium Contaminate Material was received and noted.

### **LLWR Update**

An update on the Low Level Waste Repository from Chris Halliwell of BNG was noted

### **Proposed NDA Amalgamation of the Windscale Site into Sellafield Nuclear Site**

Consideration was given to a report outlining the proposed amalgamation of the Windscale Nuclear site into Sellafield Nuclear Site and the NDA's intention to remove Calder from the Sellafield Nuclear Site and to place it within the Magnox Northern bundle. Members expressed their grave concern that the Council had not been formally consulted on the proposals and felt that this was unacceptable. It was agreed that representatives from the NDA should be invited to a future meeting of the Nuclear Working Group to explain their thoughts behind the proposal. Issues such as timing for the amalgamation, along with costs were discussed.

Members requested a copy of British Nuclear Group's response to the amalgamation.

It was **AGREED** that a response to the amalgamation be formulated to include the concerns of the Nuclear Working Group.

(Note: Councillor D Moore left the meeting following consideration of this item)

### **What do you want from your Nuclear Working Group? - Discussion**

A discussion took place on what Members expect from the Nuclear Working Group. It was felt that Members should have more control over which items should be on the agenda, which should be more structured to include updates from BNG, NDA, UKAEA and other bodies.

The possibility of changing the time and date of future meetings was discussed.

It was **AGREED** that

- a) Any comments on how Members expect the Nuclear Working Group to develop be directed to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy and
- b) if possible, the dates for future meetings should be changed to Thursdays

### **Studsvik Update**

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the proposed Studsvik Development at Lillyhall. Officers informed members of a meeting held on 11 August with the President of Studsvik, where the concerns of the group were expressed. It was felt by officers that all concerns were answered satisfactorily.

Members were informed that a formal presentation open to all members of the Council had been arranged and would be taking place on Monday 4 September at the Council Offices.

**AGREED** that the report be noted.

### **Standard Reports Back**

Members received updates on

CoWRM - Final Recommendations – deferred to next meeting  
NDA – Annual Plan 2007/08 – circulated

The Meeting closed at 3.45pm

Chairman