

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

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Summary: Suggests a response to the consultation by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)

Recommendation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The response is agreed and disseminated to local partners 2. The response may be amended in the event of additional comments raised by partners, subject to the consideration of the Director of Economic Prosperity and Sustainability in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
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Impact on delivering Copeland 2020 objectives: Links directly into key actions in recently approved Corporate Plan

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21): Overall strategy context being developed will have implications for safety, environment, employment, sustainability and regeneration.

Financial and human resource implications: None directly but will influence NDA investment plans and would, therefore, have very significant indirect financial consequences for Copeland.

Project & Risk Management: None directly

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** None
 - **Ward:** None

Other Ward Implications: None

- 1.1 This report sets out a proposed response to the consultation on the NDA's first Strategy. This is a vital document that will set the context within which the Authority will invest. Although there will be a further development of the strategy next year it will go to Ministers for approval and will set a policy direction that, in some respects ,may be difficult to influence subsequently
- 1.2 The consultation closes on 11th November and the strategy will go to the NDA Board for approval on 15th December. It will then be submitted to Ministers on 23rd December. The deadline for Government approval is 31st March next year

- 1.3 The draft strategy is, as you would expect wide ranging, covering many issues of concern to this Council. Issues around future investment in nuclear energy are not part of the NDA's remit and they do not have a position on it. For other nuclear matters this response provides an opportunity to bring together many of the policy statements the Council has made in relation to specific issues and consultations as they arose
- 1.4 It is intended to disseminate the Council's views to partners to determine the level of support for the draft and generate as much common response to the issues as possible
- 1.5 Copies of the Draft Strategy Document have been made available in the member's room for information and are available on request from the authors.
- 1.6 The attached annex sets out comments that it is proposed to make in response if members agree and subject to consultation responses.

Appendix 1	Proposed Draft Response to the consultation on the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's Strategy