

## **NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2010**

Present: Councillors A Holliday (Chairman); D Banks; B Dixon and Miss E Woodburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Moore and H Wormstrup.

Officers: F McMorrow, Director of Development; P Graham, Director People and Places; J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present: Honorary Alderman Mr D Gray.

#### **NWG 13/10 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **NWG 14/10 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor D Banks declared a personal interest in the agenda due to being employed by Sellafield Ltd.  
Honorary Alderman Mr D Gray declared a personal interest in the agenda due to or having family employed in the nuclear industry.

#### **NWG 15/10 Managing Radioactive Waste Safely**

Members received an update report from the Director of Development regarding the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership.

It was reported that the work programme was paused while confirmation of DECC funding for the current financial year was awaited.

Confirmation of funding was received in early October and was reduced by £100k on the bid amount to £1.255m. The Steering Group has agreed to accept this offer.

As a result of the delays it was expected that a report will be prepared to the decision making bodies on whether or not to move to the next step in January 2012 rather than November 2011.

The British Geological Survey's desk top survey which applies the Government's first filter was to be made available at the Partnership meeting at the end of October 2010.

Once the British Geological Survey's report was available a meeting was to be arranged to present the findings to All Members.

It was reported that the second Public and Stakeholder Engagement Programme was to begin shortly. Discussion Packs were available for Members.

Members were advised that work was ongoing to develop a Memorandum of Agreement which could be signed with Government before any decision to go to the next stage could be made.

It was noted that a further piece of research investigating the potential impacts of Geological Disposal Facility was being considered. This was to include the effect of negative perceptions of radioactive wastes on hosting communities.

The Government were proposing to set up a National Board with the objective of providing Ministerial oversight of the GDF implementation programme as well as enabling local communities to have direct input. The proposal would comprise of Government, NDA and the Community Siting Partnership. Consignors, Environmental interest groups. The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management and representatives of Community Partnerships that have made the decision to participate would also be invited as observers.

A further piece of work regarding Credible Support from the Community was also ongoing.

Regarding matters of Inventory, the principles were being worked on.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be received.

#### **NWG 16/10 Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Strategy 2**

The Director of Development provided Members with an overview of Nuclear Decommissioning Strategy 2 which is divided into a number of themes,

- Site Restoration
- Spent Fuels
- Nuclear Materials
- Integrated Waste Management
- Business Optimisation
- Critical Enablers

Members were reminded of the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group/CBC Joint Workshop on the NDA Strategy 2 Consultation which was to be held on Tuesday 26 October at Cleator Moor Civic Hall, to which all Members were invited.

The possible responses included in the agenda report provided material for consideration alongside the Workshop. The draft response to the consultation would then be circulated to Members of this group. It was suggested submitting of the Final Response be delegated to the Chief Executive and Leader

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the update be received, and
- b) submitting of the Final Response on NDA2 Strategy be delegated to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council.

**NWG 17/10 Cumbria County Council Waste and Mineral Strategy**

The Director of Development provided Members with an update following his attendance at the recent Public Hearing. It was not known when the results of the Inquiry will be known.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be received.

**NWG 18/10 Review of Nuclear Working Group**

Members were advised that a review was to be held looking at the Council's Strategic, Community Leadership and Consultee Roles in relation to Nuclear issues. This was also to consider Constitutional changes and who makes decisions.

The review was being scoped at present and an external consultant was being engaged to conduct the work.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be received.

**NWG 19/10 Nuclear New Build Update**

Members were provided with an update on Nuclear New Build. It was noted that the next stage of consultation had started and will last for 14 weeks. At this stage of the process Kirkstanton and Braystones had been removed from the process. A number of Consultation Events were planned, including one within Copeland. A Roadshow around the neighbourhood Forums was also planned.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be received.

## **NWG 20/10 Future Meetings**

It was requested that the next meeting of the Nuclear Working Group be moved from 9 December 2010 to 2 December 2010 commencing at 1:00 pm.

Agenda items for this meeting will be

- Background & update presentation on Ponds and Silos
- Reachback
- Environment Agency

Agenda items for the January 2011 meeting will include

- Lifetime Plan
- Nuclear New Build
- NuLeaf briefing

**RESOLVED** – that the Nuclear Working Group meeting scheduled for 9 December 2010 be moved to 2 December 2010 commencing at 1:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 12:45 pm.

Chairman.....

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