

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2009

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brenan and B Dixon.

Officers: K Parker, Acting Corporate Director Quality of Life; J Cain, Environmental Pollution Team Leader and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present Councillors J Bowman; G Clements; G Garrity; J Kane; J Park; R Pitt; N Williams; Mrs J Williams and H Wormstrup.

Honorary Alderman D Gray.

Mr H Rooms, Sellafield Sites Ltd.

Mr S Dagnell and Mr R Gill, RWE.

Mr S Hardy and Ms D Batey, Environment Agency.

Mr M Snell, Ms A Borwick and Mr M Travis, WRG.

Disclosure of Interest

Councillors A Holliday; D Banks; D Moore; A Norwood; Miss E Woodburn; J Kane; J Bowman; G Garrity; N Williams; G Clements and Hon Alderman D Gray declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

Councillor H Wormstrup declared a personal interest and advised that his need to make a declaration was currently being reviewed by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2009 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

NWG 30/08 Nuclear New Build, RWE

Mr Gill and Mr Dagnell from RWE presented to Members on their applications to build new nuclear power stations at two sites in Copeland, Kirsanton and Braystones with either an AREVA EPR or Westinghouse AP1000 reactor.

Following their presentation, Members questions were invited.

During the discussion that followed, Members raised questions regarding: Connections to the National Grid; the elevation of both sites

above sea level and risks related to global warming; Accessibility to both sites and the lack of good transport infrastructure; the use of local suppliers; the size of both sites; the access to jobs for people in the local community; Timescale in relation to the decommissioning work being undertaken at Sellafield; Early employment training and Apprenticeships.

Members generally welcomed RWE's nominations and would welcome close working between both parties. It was suggested that RWE be invited to attend a future special meeting of the Nuclear Working Group after Government had published its list of nominated sites.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the presentation be received, and
- b) RWE be invited to attend a future special meeting of the Nuclear Working Group after Government had published its list of nominated sites.

NWG 31/08 Lillyhall Landfill Site VLLW Project

Councillor H Wormstrup declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room at this point.

Members received a presentation from the representatives of Energy Solutions, a nuclear decommissioning company, on the use of the Lillyhall landfill site for Very Low Level Waste (VLLW). During the presentation it was noted that Energy Solutions were a well established waste disposal company and the proposal was a commercial venture to broaden the existing operations at Lillyhall by handling high volume very low level waste. The proposed site, which would require authorisation by the Environment Agency, would handle VLLW from local sites such as Sellafield, Calderhall, Chaplecross and the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg.

Following the presentation, questions from Members were invited.

These included:- the Lifespan of the operation; Logistics and the possible use of rail for movement of materials; the accepting of VLLW from Scotland;

RESOLVED – that

- a) the presentation be received and
- b) the report be considered.

NWG 32/08 Sellafield Ltd – Open Discussion

Mr Rooms invited questions from Member's.

Members asked if, following the previous presentation, any of the demolition material on site could be used for a future new build.

RESOLVED – that the updates be received.

The meeting closed at 3:10pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....