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ITEM: 6

**PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 4/10/9001
PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE FOR LOW AND VERY LOW
LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT FORMER KEEKLE HEAD OPEN CAST SITE
NEAR PICA**

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the report is noted and a further report is brought to the Nuclear Working Group once the additional information that has been requested by the County Council to detail the application has been submitted and fully assessed.

REPORT

A previous report was presented to the Nuclear Working Group on 11 March 2010 to advise that the Council has been consulted by Cumbria County Council on a County Matter application for the creation of a waste management centre for the disposal of low and very low level radioactive waste at the former opencast site at Keekle Head near Pica.

The purpose of this report is to update the Working Group on the current position with regards to this planning application.

An initial report was presented to the Planning Panel on 03 February 2010 which recommended that Members visit the site before reaching any conclusions on this application. A joint site visit was subsequently undertaken with the County Council on 7 June 2010.

Since the site visit the County Council has asked the applicant to provide additional information to detail the application This additional information will cover the following issues:-

- Nature conservation
- Landscape and visual impact
- Noise assessment
- Justification for the proposed development

This further information is vital in order to enable a full assessment of the proposal to be carried out. Once it has been received it is their intention to readvertise and reconsult on the application.

A further report will be brought before the Nuclear Working Group once the Council has been reconsulted on the additional information that has been requested.

List of background papers – Planning application reference 4/10/9001/0F2