

NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2009

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

Officers: F McMorrow, Acting Chief Executive; D Davies, Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy; T Greer, Scientific Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present Mr D Gray, Honorary Alderman;
Ms S Williams, Mr P Fleming, Mr H Rooms, Mr J Ferguson and Mr P Hallington, Sellafield Sites Ltd.;

Disclosure of Interest

All Councillors and Mr D Gray declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2008 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

NWG 22/08 Nuclear New Build

Mr Fleming provided Members with a brief presentation on Nuclear New Build.

The Group were advised that consultation on the Strategic Siting Assessment closed in December 2008. A draft Cumbria New Build Nomination case was now being produced and the Final Nomination case will be submitted in March 2009. Public consultation and Government Scrutiny will commence at the end of 2009.

RESOLVED – that the presentation be received.

NWG 23/08 Sellafield Ltd

Mr Ferguson provided a brief overview of the current work being undertaken on site, in particular Sellafield prioritisation, Hazard reduction and other key strategic issues.

Member's questions were then invited.

RESOLVED – that the overview be received.

NWG 24/08 Consultation – NDA Draft Business Plan 2009-12

Members were requested to read the agenda item ‘Consultation – NDA Draft Business Plan 2009-12’ and provide comments to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 22 January 2009.

RESOLVED – that the Members comments on the ‘Consultation – NDA Draft Business Plan 2009-12’ be provided to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 22 January 2009.

NWG 25/08 New Nuclear Power Stations – Progress Update

Members were requested to read the agenda item ‘New Nuclear Power Stations – Progress Update’ and provide comments to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 22 January 2009.

RESOLVED – that the Members comments on the ‘New Nuclear Power Stations – Progress Update’ be provided to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 22 January 2009.

The meeting closed at 3:00pm due to another meeting due to take place in the Bainbridge Room at 3:00pm. The Chairman noted that this was the second time in recent months that this had occurred and requested that in future Nuclear Working Group be allocated sufficient time for the business on the Agenda to be concluded.

Chairman.....

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