

## **NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2010 AT 1:00 PM**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon and A Carroll.

Officers: P Graham, Director People and Places; S Smith, Head of Nuclear Projects and Programmes; T Pomfret, Development Control Manager; J Cain, Team Leader Environmental Pollution and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present:

Councillors J Bowman; G Sunderland and Mrs Y Clarkson.

Honorary Alderman Mr D Gray.

H Rooms, Ms S Williams and B Klein – Sellafield Ltd.

#### **NWG 21/10 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **NWG 22/10 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillors D Banks and A Norwood 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 23/10 Arrangement of Agenda**

With the permission of the Chairman, it was **AGREED** that an extra item be taken first, that being a presentation on Legacy Ponds and Silos.

#### **NWG 24/10 Legacy Ponds and Silos**

Members received a presentation from Mr Bruce Klein, Deputy Decommissioning Director, Sellafield Ltd on Legacy Ponds and Silos.

The presentation included a brief history, the types of material stored and the risks associated with each.

Members then had the opportunity to raise questions. These included the amount of technology that could be provided by the local supply chain; further information on the supply chain and the skill base requirements for the next seven years.

Members further asked regarding skills development, the re-skilling of the existing workforce, apprentices and graduates. It was requested that a breakdown be provided of where young people entering nuclear training schemes were from.

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

**NWG 25/10 Planning for New Energy Infrastructure – Consultations on Revised Draft National Policy statements for Energy Infrastructure**

S Smith introduced this item and provided Members with an overview. Particular attention was drawn to EN 1 (The revised draft Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy), EN6 (Draft NPS for Nuclear Power Generation) and EN-5 (The revised draft NPS for Electricity Networks Infrastructure)

During the discussion that followed, Members were advised that the consultation period ran until 24 January 2011.

The Panel was also advised that a presentation by DECC to all Members of the council had been arranged for 9 December 2010 and that a special Council meeting would be arranged early in January 2011.

**RESOLVED** – that the approach to the re-consultation exercise proposed within the Agenda report be supported.

**NWG 26/10 Planning Application Reference 4/10/9001. Proposed Waste Management Centre for Low and Very Low Level Radioactive Waste at Keekle Head Open Cast Site Near Pica.**

The Panel received details of a Planning Application for a Proposed Waste Management Centre for Low and Very Low Level Radioactive Waste at Keekle Head Open Cast Site Near Pica, from the Development Control Manager.

Members were advised that a joint Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council site visit had taken place in June 2010. Since the site visit the County Council had asked the applicant for additional information regarding Nature Conservation, Landscape and Visual Impact, Noise assessment and justification for the proposed development. However, the applicant had failed to submit any further information.

The Panel were now asked to make comment on the application prior to Planning Panel making a response on behalf of the Council.

During the discussion that followed, Members explored the options available to them and these were explained in detail.

It was suggested that as a Consultee, the Council object to the application as all the information requested by the County Council had not been made available.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the report be noted, and
- b) comments be forwarded to the Planning Panel for consideration, suggesting that as a Consultee, the Council object to the application as all the information requested by the County Council had not been made available.

**NWG 27/10 Planning Application Reference 4/10/9001. Proposed Permanent Planning Permission for Existing Temporary Car Park and Ancillary Structures, Continued Use of Lorry Park as a Mobile Crane Test Area at Yottenfews, Sellafield, Seascale, Cumbria.**

The Panel received details of a Planning Application for a Proposed Permanent Planning Permission for Existing Temporary Car Park and Ancillary Structures, Continued Use of Lorry Park as a Mobile Crane Test Area at Yottenfews, Sellafield, Seascale, Cumbria, from the Development Control Manager.

Members discussed the number of temporary permissions that had previously been given to this site and also the possible move of non-essential staff off-site.

The Panel was pleased to see that regular reviews were a condition attached to the application, if approved.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the report be noted, and
- b) comments be forwarded to the Planning Panel for consideration, supporting the recommendation.

**NWG 28/10 Council's Regulatory Services – Service Level Agreement with Sellafield site.**

Members were provided with a verbal report on the Council's Regulatory Services – Service Level Agreement with Sellafield site.

It was stated that a more detailed paper would be brought to this Panel once negotiations had been progressed.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be received and noted.

The meeting closed at 3:30 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....