

## **NUCLEAR WORKING GROUP**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2009**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Moore and B Dixon.

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 I Irving and Mr H Rooms, Sellafield Sites Ltd.  
Councillor N Williams.

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

All Councillors present declared personal interests in the agenda due to either being employed or having family or friends employed in the nuclear industry. D Davies declared a personal interest in the agenda due to accepting employment with AMEC Ltd.

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2009 were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **NWG 26/08 Sellafield Ltd Socio-Economic Development Plan**

Mr Irving presented to Members on the Draft Socio-Economic Development Plan.

It was noted that the plan would play an important role in the local community and would help align funding to local needs.

Additionally Sellafield were keen to get behind and push the use of the local supply chain.

Comments on the Draft Socio-Economic Development Plan were invited and should be received by the end of February 2009. The final version of the document would be available at the end of March 2009.

Details of funds available from the Nuclear Management Partners will be declared in April 2009.

During discussion of this item, it was asked if the funding for GenII was made from the Socio-Economic fund.

Questions regarding the Education Programme, Supply Chain and the allocation of resources to the areas of most need were also raised.

It was asked if a system was in place to review the amount allocated to the fund.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the presentation be received and
- b) any comments on the Draft Socio-Economic Development Plan be forwarded to Mr Irving via the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 28 February 2009

### **NWG 27/08 Sellafield Ltd – Open Discussion**

Mr Rooms and Mr Irving invited questions from Member's.

Members enquired about the dropped load on site during the first week of February 2009 and were reassured that the incident was being taken very seriously and that an investigation was underway.

Reduced subsidies for buses and trains were enquired about as regards the current policy. Members were advised that this was currently 'on hold' and would be looked at as part of the Travel to Work Strategy.

Members asked when the new Executive team were due to be in place and were advised that four positions remained to be confirmed and that this should be confirmed by Mid-Spring.

During the present economic crisis, Members were keen to know if local businesses were being paid promptly and were advised that 97% of invoices were paid on time.

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

### **NWG 28/08 New Build Stakeholder Plan Update**

Members were updated on the New Build Stakeholder Plan.

It was noted that guidance from Government the Strategic Siting Assessment had been received at the end of January 2009 and there had been no major changes.

The deadline for nomination was no 31 March 2009 followed by a four week feedback period. In April/May Copeland Borough Council would receive a nomination pack for Sellafield and be requested to comment on the factual detail of the pack only.

A three month consultation on the national siting would commence in the Autumn with a final policy statement being made in 2010.

Members also noted the visit of the Prime Minister to Sellafield recently.

It was also confirmed that each nominated site must be able to store its spent fuel on site.

**RESOLVED** – that the update on the New Build Stakeholder Plan be received.

**NWG 29/08 Any Other Business**

Members were provided with a copy of the Draft UK Radioactive Waste Storage Review (version 2) and comments were requested to the Head of Sustainability and Nuclear Policy by 28 February 2009.

Members were advised that the next meeting of this Group scheduled for 12 March 2009 was to be rearranged and notification would be sent out in due course.

The meeting closed at 2:20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....