

## **STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 11:30AM**

Present: Councillors Elaine Woodburn (Chairman); Yvonne Clarkson; Peter Connolly; Lena Hogg and David Moore.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Allan Holliday.

Officers: Pat Graham, Director of Economic Growth; John Groves, Strategic Nuclear & Planning Manager; Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer; Denice Gallen, Nuclear & Energy Officer and Karen Morley-Chesworth, Communications Manager.

Also Present: Councillors John Bowman; Jackie Bowman and Graham Sunderland.

#### **SNEB 24/14 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **SNEB 25/14 Submarine Dismantling Project**

Members were advised that the Ministry of Defence (MoD) was carrying out a consultation on the five possible sites where an interim storage facility may be created to store Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) from the Submarine Dismantling Project, one of which is the Sellafield site.

Having reviewed the Strategic Environment Assessment a draft consultation response from Copeland Borough Council was considered.

It was suggested that the response include reference to the inadequate infrastructure of West Cumbria.

It was further suggested that a copy of the response be sent to the NDA and Sellafield Ltd.

**RESOLVED** - That the draft consultation response be agreed, subject to reference being made to the inadequate infrastructure of West Cumbria, and submitted with copies to the NDA and Sellafield Ltd.

**SNEB 26/14 NDA Consultation on Low Level Waste (LLW) Strategy Review**

The Board was advised that the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) launched a consultation on 27 January 2015 on an update of the UK Strategy for the Management of Solid Low Level Waste from the Nuclear Industry. The consultation period closes on 21 April 2015.

Members were asked to consider the consultation document and submit comments for inclusion in the Council's response. The draft response would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Board.

During the discussion that followed it was suggested that a Member workshop be arranged to look at Low Level Waste issues and that a briefing paper be prepared setting out the position.

**RESOLVED** - That

- a) the NDA Consultation on Low Level Waste (LLW) Strategy Review be noted,
- b) Members be asked to consider the consultation document and submit comments for inclusion in the Council's response, and
- c) The draft response would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Board.
- d) A Member workshop be arranged to look at Low Level Waste issues.

**SNEB 27/14 Projects Update**

Members were updated on the following key projects relating to the Council's nuclear and energy activities:

**Nuclear New Build**

Copeland officers were currently working with NuGen offering advice on community consultation.

The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Panel (NSIP) is to be consulted on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) at its meeting on 3 March 2015 and the formal SOCC, which will be published in all the local papers for public consultation, will be put to Executive on 24 March for sign off.

**North West Coast Connections Project**

National Grid held a Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) on 21 January 2015 where they gave an overview of the consultation process so far. Copeland Borough Council also presented on our experience.

National Grid have not made any final decisions on the route corridor, although a decision is expected shortly.

**Geological Disposal Facility (GDF)**

Copeland continues to maintain a watching brief on the Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) process.

**Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (NuLeAF)**

The Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager attended a meeting held by NuLeAF and LLWR in Manchester on 29 January 2015 which discussed the LLW strategy III which is due for consultation in September 2015.

**Nuclear Policies**

The Council is in the process of developing nuclear policies which outline Copeland’s aspirations for a sustainable and prosperous community. A Member Workshop was held on Monday 16 February 2015 to help formulate the Council’s position on a number of nuclear related issues.

**NDA Strategy III**

The NDA will begin formal consultation on their Strategy III document in September 2015.

At the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) meeting on 23 February 2015 the NDA will undertake pre-consultation top level explanation of the engagement process.

The NDA will be working on a strategic engagement strategy to include all relevant stakeholders prior to the formal consultation launch in September.

Following the discussion of this item, it was suggested that LLWR be invited to attend a future meeting of this Board.

**RESOLVED** - That

- a) the updates be noted, and
- b) LLWR be invited to a future meeting of this Board.

The meeting closed at 12:30pm

Chairman .....

Date .....