

STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2013

Present: Councillors Allan Holliday (Deputy Chairman in the Chair);
Lena Hogg and David Moore.

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Peter Connolly

Officers: Pat Graham, Director of Services; John Groves, Head of Nuclear,
Energy & Planning; Denice Gallen, Nuclear and Energy Officer and
Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

SNEB 10/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2013 were signed by the
Chairman as a correct record.

SNEB 11/13 Key Projects Update

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

Nuclear New Build

- It was noted that Government had agreed a strike price with EDF Energy on the price to be paid for electricity produced from the generation of nuclear energy.
- The Council held a meeting with NuGen last month regarding the development of Moorside and is expecting to progress plans in 2014.
Copeland and Cumbria County Council officers have met to discuss the spatial and logistical impacts of building a nuclear power plant.
- A further meeting with Nugen was scheduled for 17 December 2013 to progress the project and to sign off on the Planning Performance Agreement.

North West Coast Connections Project

- The second round of consultation by National Grid on outline routing and siting for the upgrading of the electricity grid due to commence in late summer 2013 did not proceed as anticipated.

Members would be advised when revised timescales are known and a Member Briefing arranged.

Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farms

- The Local Impact Report was agreed and signed off at Planning Panel on 9 October 2013 where it was agreed to delegate authority to sign off on the Statement of Common Ground to the Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning.
- The Planning Inspectorate would confirm date, time and place of any Issue Specific hearings by 20 December 2013.
- No progress had been made on the issue of Community benefits.

Geological Disposal Facility

- A Member Workshop was held on 15 October 2013 when Members had an opportunity to provide comments to help shape the Council’s final consultation response to Government’s consultation outlining the background to and the proposals for changes to the siting process.
- Executive at their meeting on 19 November agreed that the final submission be submitted following agreement by the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group.

RESOLVED - That the updates be noted.

SNEB 12/13 Date of Next Meeting

It was AGREED that the scheduled meeting of the Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board on 9 January 2014 be cancelled. The next meeting would therefore be on 20 February 2014 at 2:00pm.

The meeting closed at 2:35pm

Chairman

Date