

## Nuclear projects update

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### Summary and Recommendation:

This paper provides a summary update of key projects relating to the Council's nuclear activities and Members are asked to note the current position and way forward.

#### 1. NUCLEAR NEW BUILD

Proposals by NuGeneration Ltd to develop a new nuclear power generating facility at a site known as Moorside just to the north of Sellafield are progressing. Key points worth noting are;

- The Council has agreed in principle to enter into a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with NuGeneration Ltd to ensure that the resource implications for the Council of dealing with the application for development consent are adequately reimbursed by the developer. Further discussions are underway regarding the detail of such an agreement.
- Initial work to consider transport and infrastructure implications is underway.
- Issues relating to Mineral Rights have now been resolved to allow access to the site for NuGeneration Ltd to carry out initial site investigations.

#### 2. NORTH WEST COAST CONNECTIONS PROJECT

The North West Coast Connections project is led by National Grid and is looking at options to enhance the power transmission connections from the Cumbrian west coast to take new power generated by nuclear new build proposals and other renewable proposals to the national electricity market. Key points worth noting;

- On 11<sup>th</sup> May National Grid launched a stakeholder consultation seeking comments on 6 strategic route options for new grid connections across Cumbria and parts of Lancashire. A report to Executive on 10<sup>th</sup> July confirmed the Borough Council's views on the preferred option.
- A decision on strategic route options will be made by National Grid in the Autumn and this will lead on to the next stage of the process which will look at detailed route options within the chosen route corridor

### **3. WEST CUMBRIA MANAGING RADIOACTIVE WASTE SAFELY**

The Borough Council is a member of the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership which has been meeting and delivering a work programme with a view to preparing a final report about participating in the next stage of the Governments process to Copeland and Allerdale Borough Councils and Cumbria County Council by mid-July. Key points worth noting are;

- The draft final report is to be considered by the Partnership's Steering Group on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July prior to being considered by the full Partnership on 19<sup>th</sup> July
- The report responds to comments received through the consultation process which ran from Nov to March
- The final report will then be submitted to the 3 Councils
- The final report will be considered and debated by a Special Full Council Meeting in September, with a report to consider whether or not to participate in the next stage of the process being considered by Executive on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. List of Appendices**

**None**

### **5. Consultees**