

## STRATEGIC NUCLEAR AND ENERGY BOARD

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019

**Present:** Councillors Felicity Wilson (in the Chair), David Banks, Gemma Dinsdale, David Moore, Steven Morgan, Sam Pollen

**Officers:** Steve Smith (Interim Nuclear Projects Manager) and Robert Ward (Nuclear Sector Development Manager)

#### **SN 19/1**      **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

#### **SN 19/2**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interests made at this meeting.

#### **SN 19/3**      **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2019**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **SN 19/4**      **Nuclear Team Overview**

The Nuclear Sector Development Manager introduced a report, which outlined the role, scope and membership of the Nuclear Team, to inform all Members including new Members of the Board following recent local elections.

The report provided Members with an analysis of current work-streams and an indication of priority issues that would need to be considered by the Board over coming months. Following discussion around the detailed elements of the work-streams it was:

**RESOLVED:-** that Members note the information presented in the report and familiarise themselves with the issues covered on recent SNEB agendas.

Cllrs Banks and Pollen requested paper copies of a number of the references cited in the paper.

#### **SN 19/5**      **Nuclear Position Statements**

The Board considered a report that provided the background on the role and purpose of the Council's Nuclear Position Statements and the need for the Statements to be updated in light of a range of international, national and local policy drivers, as described within the paper. Following a number of comments it was:

**RESOLVED:-** that Members of the Board provide comments on the draft position statements to be circulated in advance of the next meeting of the Board, for endorsement at that meeting and for subsequent consideration by Executive.

#### **SN 19/6**      **Nuclear Prospectus**

The Board received a report setting out the background and purpose behind a proposal to prepare a new Economic Vision and a Nuclear Prospectus document for Copeland, which will

highlight the value of West Cumbria's nuclear capability, skills and assets in delivery of the Government's Industrial Strategy and Nuclear Sector Deal. Members sought clarification on a number of issues including the target audience for the prospectus and links to the Industrial Strategy.

**RESOLVED:-** that Members of the Board note the proposal contained within the paper.

**SN 19/7      Nuclear Projects**

The Interim Nuclear Projects Manager updated the Board on Nuclear projects principally the Moorside Project, the North West Coast Connections Project and the Government's search for a willing community and suitable site for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). It was noted that a new Energy White paper is expected from Government in the summer which may set out the context for the role of new nuclear in the future energy generation strategy for the UK and similarly a consultation is awaited on a new National Policy Statement (NPS) for large scale nuclear power stations to replace the current NPS which covers the period to 2025. In relation to GDF it was noted that following the launch of the Government's 'Working with Communities' policy in December the Council had embarked on a programme of Member briefings with the ultimate aim of developing a Council position over the coming months. The programme was put on hold during the period of local elections but would now be re-started with the next session identified for 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**RESOLVED :-** that the update be received.

**SN 19/8      Exempt Information**

The Deputy Chair moved and it was duly seconded and

**RESOLVED -** That the press and public be excluded for the next item of business in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

**SN 19/9      Planning Update**

The Principal Planning Officer provided the Board with an update of developments on the Sellafield site.

**RESOLVED:-** That the Update be noted.

**SN 19/10      Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Strategic Nuclear and Energy Board will be held on a date to be confirmed.

**The Meeting closed at 4.15 pm**

Chair