

Meeting:	NuLeAF Steering Group, 27 th February 2013
Agenda Item:	9
Subject:	Service Plan 2012-14 Update
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Purpose:	To update members on progress with the actions set out in the NuLeAF Service Plan 2012-14 not covered elsewhere

Introduction:

This paper covers progress in all the main areas set out in the Service Plan, excluding those for which a separate paper has been provided.

- Legacy Management Implications of Potential New Build
- Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP)
- Seminar update
- Community Funds and Socio-economic support
- Major accidents
- Other consultations
- Business support and member services
- Other updates

Recommendations:

1. To note the report and respond to specific updates as appropriate. NuLeAF is making progress towards the objectives set out in the Service Plan.

Contribution to 2012/14 Service Plan:

This report provides a note of progress against areas of the Service Plan, enabling members to assess the extent to which NuLeAF is delivering against the objectives set.

1 Legacy Management Implications of Potential New Build

NuLeAF officers in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Suffolk County Council officers responded to [EDF Energy's Sizewell C Stage 1 Pre Application Consultation on Initial Proposals and Options](#). The consultation closed on 6 February 2013. EDF Energy has acknowledged NuLeAF's response and says it will consider and take into account all comments received in the preparation of its Sizewell C 'Stage 2' consultation on preferred options for development.

In an observer capacity NuLeAF attended an NNLAG business meeting hosted by South Gloucestershire Council, near Oldbury, on 11 January 2013. The NNLAG meeting considered a number of matters including:

- a work programme, which was agreed with small amendments.
- development of NNLAG organisational arrangements (where the NuLeAF constitution was flagged as a possible model for NNLA to follow).
- GDF development, where it was agreed to write to the three councils in Cumbria to highlight the importance of their decision for new nuclear build.
- community benefits, which was agreed as a work programme priority in advance of planning approval for Hinkley C (expected on 19 March). An urgent meeting would be sought with Danny Alexander MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

2 Submarine Dismantling Project

The Submarine Disposal Project (SDP) has now moved on to the next stage, screening potential ILW storage sites, having spent the last few months completing its post-consultation analysis of the strategic options for the project and submitting its Business Case for approval by the MOD. It is anticipated that the MOD will make an announcement on this in the near future.

NuLeAF has accepted an invitation to be part of the Advisory Group Sub-Group dealing with site selection processes. Executive Co-Director Phil Matthews will sit on the group with representatives of Babcock Nuclear, NFLA, the Nuclear Submarine Forum, Warwick University, Eden Nuclear and some independent consultants. The first meeting of this group was held in Bristol in January. NuLeAF was unable to attend due to adverse weather, but will attend future meetings and report back on progress.

3 NuLeAF Seminar Update

Plans for the NuLeAF seminar are now finalised. The event will be held on 12 March, 2013, 11.00 to 3.00 at Local Government House, Smith Square, London. Presentations will be given on:

- Radioactive waste and waste planning policy – Rob Murfin, Head of Planning Advisory Group of the Planning Officer’s Society and Mark Plummer, Team Leader Minerals and Waste Planning, DCLG
- Duty to Cooperate – Mark Plummer
- Strategic delivery: the Low Level Waste programme – developments in the capacity gap analysis and future disposal options – Dave Rossiter, Head of National Programme, Low Level Waste Repository Ltd

At the time of writing 22 bookings had been made, which is a good response.

4 Community Funds and Socio-economic support

As noted above, NuLeAF has stressed in its consultation response on the NDA Business Plan 2013-16 that there must be more transparency around expenditure on socio-economic issues and a clear commitment to community funds. NuLeAF is currently reviewing the situation on community benefits discussions around nuclear sites and will prepare a paper for the next Steering Group meeting.

5 Major Accidents

Nothing to report.

6 Other consultations

Nothing to report.

7 Business support and member services

Nothing to report