

## Sizewell C

### Planning Performance Agreement 9h Project Board Meeting

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012

#### On Call:

<b>SCC</b>	Bryn Griffiths	- Assistant Director of Economy, Skills and Environment
<b>SCDC</b>	Stephen Baker Philip Ridley Bob Chamberlain	- Chief Executive - Head of Planning Services - Principal Planner (Major Projects)
<b>Sizewell Project Office</b>	Paul Wood Nicky Corbett	- Project Manager - Project Support Officer
<b>EDF Energy</b>	Richard Mayson Angela Pearce Sheery Sassoon	- Director of Planning & External Affairs - Head of Sizewell C Project - Planning Officer

#### Apologies:

John Pitchford (SCC) – Spatial Planning and Sub Regional Partnerships Manager  
Tom McGarry (EDFE) – Communications Manager

#### Action Summary

- EDFE to provide their response to recent press article on Contract for Difference to the Suffolk Councils.
- SCC to advise of date of their meeting with DECC and whether EDFE attendance is required.
- EDFE to arrange next Project Board meeting.

## Meeting Minutes

### **Item 1 - Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Project Board teleconference of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012 were approved.

### **Item 2 – EDFE Update**

#### Sizewell

EDFE is on track to launch Stage 1 Consultation in Q4 of 2012.

#### Strategic Issues

##### *Energy Bill*

It was noted that there was a recent press article regarding EDFE's negotiations with Government on Contract for Difference. EDFE advised that it had written a response to the paper correcting some of the information in the article which was subsequently published. **Action: EDFE to provide their response on the newspaper article to the Suffolk Councils**

PW queried recent coverage on Radio 4 on the Energy Bill. RM advised that discussions with Government continue. The intention is for the Energy Bill to be drafted in a manner that facilitates investment in low carbon energy generation but also offers competitive energy prices to customers.

##### *Funded Decommissioning Plan (FDP)*

PW queried progress on the on Funded Decommissioning Plan. RM advised that FDP discussions with DECC continue to agree the cost required for decommissioning and waste treatment and storage.

##### *Business Rates Retention*

The Suffolk Councils advised that is having discussions with Government on business rate retention. Government has indicated that it is concerned that small Districts will receive windfall for having larger energy infrastructure projects and as such the Suffolk Councils will need to submit evidence to justify need case. BG advised that they are meeting DECC in October to discuss. RM advised that EDFE would be happy to attend the full or part of the meeting as necessary. **Action: SCC to advise of date of meeting and whether EDFE attendance is required.**

## Hinkley Point C

The DCO Examination continues and is scheduled to finish towards the end of September.

The next DCO hearing is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> August and will cover Requirements and Obligations. Issue-specific hearings are also scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August to cover Socio-economics, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Transport and Combrich Wharf. A hearing on Compulsory Purchase is scheduled for the end of August. However, EDFE has secured land deals with the majority of owners and there are only a few outstanding.

AP advised that once the Examination has ended, EDFE will arrange a session with officers to reflect on the process.

### **Item 3 – Suffolk Council Key Issues**

PW presented the new and amended items in the Suffolk Council Key Issues Paper

#### Support for Town and Parish Councils

This item has been added to the paper in response to a request at the JLAG Engagement Event in May 2012. SCC advised that Town and Parish Councils are concerned that they do not have the resource to review the consultation documentation which will be published by EDFE. EDFE advised that it is keen to ensure that the consultation is clear, transparent and accessible and the documentation is being drafted with these objectives in mind. EDFE advised that any dual consultation process could be misleading. SB suggested that Town and Parish Councils could obtain independent support via the Sizewell Project Office and suggested that SCDC and SCC review.

#### Skills and Workforce

PW reported that there have been some positive discussions on skills and workforce development but work needs to continue to ensure that the future workforce receives the correct training at an appropriate time to enable them to be 'Sizewell ready'. SS agreed that discussions to date have been constructive. The current focus is to understand and the existing education framework across Suffolk. It is also important that skills, education and training interventions are delivered at the correct time. SS confirmed that she will be attending the Raise the Bar Employers' Group meeting in September which has been organised by SCC.

RM added that it is a misconception that there will be negative impacts on existing businesses and skills displacement and that Sizewell C presented a significant opportunity for Suffolk.

## Issues raised by Nuclear Opposition Groups

PW highlighted that Nuclear Opposition Groups have raised some new issues. RM confirmed that EDFE will respond to these issues during Stage 1 consultation.

## Transport

PW mentioned that this section of the paper has been updated to include reference to mitigation which may need to be designed into the proposal. AP highlighted that Roy Collins (EDFE) and SCC are continuing to progress the transport workstream and have now reached a high level agreement on the nature of modelling to be undertaken for assessment of traffic impacts.

## **Item 4 – Sizewell Expenditure**

PW presented the Sizewell Expenditure over May and June 2012. To date, the Suffolk Councils have spent about 45% of approved expenditure. PW noted that the June Expenditure Summary does not include total cost as a number of officers have not yet submitted their timesheets for this month. This will be accrued to July's Expenditure Summary.

## **Item 5 – AOB**

SB mentioned that consultation on Emergency Planning Arrangements in Suffolk is likely to happen at the same time as Stage 1 consultation.

The next Project Board meeting will be arranged to take place in September. **Action: EDFE to arrange next Project Board meeting.**