## Sizewell C Councillors update

Cllr Geoff Holdcroft August 2017 Cllr Richard Smith MV0
Chairman of Sizewell C Vice Chairman of Sizewell C
Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG) Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG)

 At the Sizewell Joint Local Authorities Group (JLAG) meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (Deputy Leader of Suffolk Coastal District Council) was appointed to chair the group for the civic years 2017/18 and 2018/19. Cllr Richard Smith MVO (Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation at Suffolk County Council) was appointed as Vice-Chairman of the group.

The Chairman welcomed the new Suffolk County Council Members to JLAG and looked forward to working with them in the future. The Chairman also thanked the retiring Members for their contributions over the past two years that he had been JLAG's Vice-Chairman.

2. Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council officers and the Lead Members from the two councils attended a visit of the New Nuclear Local Authority Group (NNLAG) to the construction site at Hinkley Point C in Somerset at the end of June. Cllr Holdcroft is Chairman of NNLAG. Sizewell C is proposed to be the same design as Hinkley Point C so the scale of the development and some of the associated development (for example park and ride sites) were of particular interest.

Local authority colleagues from Somerset conducted a tour of highway improvement sites in the vicinity, completed and under construction, and future sites for park and ride and accommodation Campus developments that are yet to be completed. There are approximately 1800 workers on site at present, with a peak workforce of 5,600 expected (as proposed at Sizewell C). There are a number of planning applications coming forward for additional park and ride capacity and caravan sites in the vicinity (outside of the development consent order process) which are being monitored by the local authorities. This knowledge will help us to understand where the additional development is differing from the consented order for Hinkley Point C.

We will continue this dialogue with our West Country County and District Council colleagues and we hope to do a further visit next year with a larger number of local councillors. EDF Energy have a series of videos available on their <u>YouTube</u> channel of construction works being undertaken.

3. We are awaiting news from EDF Energy and feedback on the responses received to their Stage 2 consultation into Sizewell C. We understand that they will arrange a meeting of the Sizewell C Community Forum in the Autumn and a newsletter once their feedback is available In the meantime we intend to work collaboratively with EDF Energy on the points we made to them in our joint response to the <u>Stage 2 consultation</u>.

If you have any further queries or comments, please contact us on: sizewellc@eastsuffolk.gov.uk