JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITY GROUP Actions from meeting held on 18 October 2013

Present:

Cllr Andy Smith (Chair), Cllr Graham Newman, Cllr Ray Herring, Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Cllr Trevor Hawkins, Cllr Stephen Burroughes, Philip Ridley, Arthur Charvonia, Stephen Baker, John Pitchford, Desi Read, Paul Wood, Bryn Griffiths and Graham Saward

Apologies:

Cllr Rich MP	ard Smith, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Gordon Jones, Cllr Lisa Chambers and Dr Th	nerese Coffey
1.	Introductions and apologies for absence	
	Introductions made and apologies received.	
2.	Notes of previous meeting and matters arising	
	Therese Coffey is happy to chair the East Coast Delivery Board and will make contact with DECC.	
3.	Revised Terms of Reference	
	Monitoring Officer for SCC is seeking clarity of meaning on some aspects of the terms of reference and will raise with AC direct. No proposal to change the substance of the terms of reference.	AC/BG
4.	Current understanding of strategic position on progress of DECC negotiations	
	 An announcement on the contract is likely w/c 21.10.13. It appears that there is progress towards a Chinese investment in Hinkley and that this is unlikely to include Sizewell. BG will work on a draft statement with respective Communications Managers pending the announcement which can be tweaked accordingly. 	BG
5.	Accommodation campus strategy	
	 EDF's Accommodation Strategy discussed. Their preferred option is for a single campus as close to the development as possible based on principles of sustainability, efficiency and being some distance from local communities (Option 1). Option 3 (Leiston East) will be retained as the fall back option, but option 2 (Sizewell gap) has been discounted on visual and impact grounds. 	
	 JLAG took the view that EDF should be continuing to look at opportunities for Option 3 to come forward with the possibility of legacy uses. Concentrating all development on Option 1 was not favoured. 	
	 Following a meeting of the Sizewell Parishes Liaison Group on 14.10.13 it was agreed to hold a series of engagement meetings with Leiston Town Council, Theberton and any other interested parties to try and achieve consensus. Officers to work up a strategy for agreement by Members before invites go out. This is likely to be held in the new year. 	JP/PR
6.	Update on transport issues	
	 Four villages bypass – SCC is currently preparing a brief for their consultants to do some further work on costings. 	JP

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	The improvement of the A12 between Martlesham and Lowestoft is	PW
	being taken up by the East Suffolk Growth Group for consideration in conjunction with the LEP.	
	 Agreed that the bypass needs to be raised with EDF now to see if there is any scope for discussion. 	GN
7.	Update on environmental issues	
	Design issues: Hope to have a clear idea of what will be fixed for the main buildings by January 2014.	JP
8.	Update on socio-economic issues	
	 Need to do what we can to prepare our local workers for the higher skilled work opportunities that will come. EDF are prepared to invest heavily in developing local skills and have a very good Skills Strategy from primary school age through to higher education. 	
	 How do we raise our influence in terms of the skills agenda? Need to develop the right package to be offered by local colleges and the colleges need to work together on this. Need to give thought as to how we start planning at primary school age. 	SCC Skills Group
	There is a lot of work to do in terms of highlighting the future opportunities in this sector. The Suffolk Growth Group and the City Deal will also be touching on this. Agreed that a presentation around skills would be useful for the next meeting.	JP
9.	Update on associated development issues	
	Update received.	
10.	Update on Sizewell Emergency Plan consultation	
	Update given. Still awaiting input from ONR.	
11.	Future agenda items	
	Skills.	JP
	 Coastal processes - Environment Agency to be invited to the next meeting. 	JP
	 Rail issues - into the site and opportunities for passenger rail – future meeting. 	JP
	Workstreams – updates on each.	JP
	 Schedule of workshops taking place up to Christmas to be circulated. 	PR
12.	Any Other Business	
	Letter from Together Against Sizewell C dated 09.10.13 considered. Agreed that some Councillors from JLAG will be meeting with them in Leiston. Officers to find a date.	JP/PR
13.	Date of next meeting	
	Next JLAG - 11 December 2013 at 13:30.	
	Site visit to view the main footprint of the building – 15 November 2013 at 09:30.	