

Sizewell C Joint Local Authorities Group meeting

01 March 2013

Suffolk Coastal District Council

Meeting Notes

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Cllr Guy McGregor - **Chair** SCC Portfolio Holder for Roads, Transport and Planning
- Cllr Andy Smith – **Vice-Chair** SCDC Deputy Leader
Cabinet Member for Planning and Coastal Protection
- Cllr Rae Leighton SCC for Blything
- Cllr Trevor Hawkins SCDC & Leiston TC
- Cllr Geoff Holdcroft SCDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Economic Development
- Cllr Andrew Nunn SCDC Cabinet Member for Green Environment
- Cllr Tony Cooper SCDC & Leiston TC
- Cllr Tony Goldson SCC for Halesworth
Assistant to Cabinet Member for Roads & Transport
- Cllr Richard Smith MVO SCC for Leiston & Aldeburgh
- Cllr Judy Terry SCC Cabinet Member for Economic Development

SUPPORTING OFFICERS:

- Stephen Baker SCDC/WDC Chief Executive
- Andrew Charvonia SCDC/WDC Assistant Chief Executive
- Philip Ridley SCDC/WDC Head of Planning Services
- Graham Saward JEPU District Emergency Planning Officer
- Bob Chamberlain SCDC Principal Planning Officer, Major Projects
- Paul Wood SCDC/SCC Sizewell C Project Manager
- Bryn Griffiths SCC Assistant Director for the Environment
- John Pitchford SCC Spatial Planning Manager
- Joanna Jones SCDC/SCC Project Support Officer

OBSERVING

None

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APOLOGIES

- Cllr Ray Herring SCDC Leader of Council
- Viv Hotten SCDC Communications Manager
- Cllr Andrew Reid SCC for Wilford
- Dr Daniel Poulter MP Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk & North Ipswich
- Dr Therese Coffey, MP Member of Parliament for Suffolk Coastal
- Peter Aldous MP Member of Parliament for Waveney

ACTION POINTS:

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- AP:** Project Office to liaise with Hinkley – Project Office to confirm 17th April 2013
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1 **Welcome and Introductions**

Welcome and Introductions – Chair of JLAG

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2 **Review – Paper 1 Notes of Meeting 15th January 2013**

Paper noted and agreed by All

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3 **Review – Paper 2 Post Stage 1 Work Programme**

The Stage 1 consultation flagged up a number of areas where further work is required in conjunction with EDF to understand the full impacts and mitigation required in order to meet JLAG’s strategic objectives:

1. Environmental Exemplar
2. Maximising Local Economic Growth
3. Securing Infrastructure Legacy
4. Agreeing a long term community benefits package

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Key Milestones coming up:

1. Decision for Hinckley will be made on 19th March 2013
2. End March: EDF to seek agreement from their board to fund Sizewell C Stage 2
3. 23rd April Project Board meeting with EDF to agree future work programme and budget
4. EDF indicated that providing green light with Hinckley then there will be times where their key staff will have their focus there, all agreed that pressure to be kept on EDF to ensure that the Sizewell C Project continues its forward momentum post key milestone decisions

Specific areas of work have been identified and organised into their respective work packages, although recognised that all work packages have links to each other:

1. **Environment**
2. Transport
3. Land & Water (Coastal Processes)
4. Socio-Economic
5. Associated Development
6. Communications

Activity within each work-strand is split into short term (next 3-6 months) and medium-term (6 months+); also includes refreshed programme structure and the Local Authority/EDF governance structure provided for members information

It was agreed that each work package would be sponsored by a relevant JLAG member. They would act in an advisory capacity for the work package lead.

Emergency Preparedness & Response currently within Associated Development Strand. It was noted. that the councils should seek agreement with EDF that this area of activity should have its own work package.

4 **Review Paper 3 – Housing & Tourism**

Baseline Paper presenting information to Councillors on Planning Policy, Housing Need, Impacts of Sizewell C, Hinkley point C Housing/Tourism Funding, Potential Housing Legacy, Tourism Legacy

Recommendations:

That JLAG consider the legacy options set out in the report and any they have in mind and indicate which, if any, they consider merit further investigation and negotiation with EDF.

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5 **Future Agenda Items**

24th May meeting:

- Passenger Rail discussion to include EDF, Greater Anglia & Consultant – discussion to include potential for New rail technology
- Workforce Development, EDF presentation
- Feedback from stage 1 consultation
- Community Benefits (dependent on govt announcement)

Main Site Visit in June

7. **Future Meetings & Agenda Items**

26th April – 12:00pm – 2:00pm – SCDC Deben Room

- Officer Briefing with Councillors

24th May 2013 – 14:00 – SCDC: Council Chamber

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8. **Any Other Business**

A request had been received from Councillor Fellowes for a joint visit of Sizewell Stakeholder Group (SSG)/JLAG to the Flamanville 3 site in Normandy to understand better the socio-economic agreements reached between the operator (EDF) and the local communities. It was agreed that this would not be proceeded with as the situation in France is very different to the UK, and that continuing to build the ongoing relationship between JLAG, as the Group responsible for Suffolk LAs' involvement in Sizewell C, and NNLAG, especially the LAs involved with the Hinckley Point project, is the Group's priority.

No further business and meeting closed at 12:15pm