

SIZEWELL C JOINT LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP

Actions from meeting held on 11 July 2014

Present:

Cllr Andy Smith (Chairman), Cllr Mark Bee, Therese Coffey MP, Cllr Michael Gower, Cllr Trevor Hawkins, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Cllr Geoff Holdcroft, Cllr Graham Newman (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Richard Smith MVO, John Pitchford, Katherine Potts, Paul Wood

Invitees:

Nikos Savvas (Chief Executive – West Suffolk College), Judith Mobbs (Assistant Director for Skills, Suffolk County Council)

Apologies:

Cllr Stephen Burroughes, Stephen Baker, Bryn Griffiths, Arthur Charvonja, Cllr Ray Herring, Cllr Andrew Nunn, Cllr Andrew Reid, Philip Ridley

1.	Chairman’s welcome and introductions	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed Katherine Potts to JLAG. Katherine has been appointed jointly by Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council as Project Manager for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and will be attending future JLAG meetings.</p>	
2.	Skills paper and discussion	
	<p>A presentation was given by Nikos Savvas, Cllr Matthew Hicks and Judith Mobbs, to update JLAG on the work being done with regard to skills.</p> <p>EDF will start to draft its Workforce Strategy this summer. A working group led by Suffolk’s further education colleges, with representatives from Suffolk County Council, local schools and higher education institutions, is putting together a draft position paper to contribute to this which will outline activity proposed for people of all age groups.</p> <p>The working group are seeking JLAG’s views on this draft paper before it is submitted to EDF.</p> <p>The paper sets out a strategy for developing talent using a “whole system approach”. This includes working with young people at school, linking up with employers, accelerating careers into the energy sector, and supporting young people in the workforce.</p> <p>[Therese Coffey MP left the meeting at this point]</p> <p>The working group gives EDF a single point of contact to talk to, with discussions currently focusing around four points of negotiation (“4 asks”):</p> <p>Ask 1 – building capacity in STEM (Science, Technology and Maths)</p> <p>[Cllr Andrew Nunn joined the meeting at this point]</p> <p>Ask 2 – apprenticeships – strengthening the programme and identifying opportunities across the whole supply chain. Recognising the current shortage of opportunities and competition with other sectors.</p> <p>Ask 3 – local training solutions.</p>	

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	<p>Ask 4 – access to employment. EDF working with JobCentre Plus and local employers, creating a gateway to retraining and upskilling, available across the county.</p> <p>JLAG gave the following feedback on the paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must pay attention to whole spectrum (age range) - FE (further education) is very strong in the paper - Work Inspiration programme involving 24 primaries. Expanding to cover 100 across Suffolk. Another 110 will follow in September 2015. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o EDF have confirmed they welcome the group’s views; o The paper is an opening salvo to negotiations; o Similar to the design principles paper – a joint approach presented by partners. Will form part of audit/evidence trail. o It is a key issue on which planning application will be judged by the Planning Inspectorate. - How can we measure progress on influencing EDF on this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o When we see the first draft of their Workforce Development Strategy. <p>There were some small changes recommended but generally JLAG confirmed it was happy with the work done on the paper.</p> <p>Action: JLAG agreed that if Members had any suggested changes, these should be confirmed directly to Judith Mobbs and Nikos Savvas by Monday 13th July.</p>	JLAG - All
3.	Notes of previous meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carry forward item on Rights of Way to September <p>Some comments were made about the Environment Scoping Report – the Secretary of State appears to recognise JLAG’s points and the significance of the AONB.</p>	John Pitchford
4.	Latest understanding of EDF’s consultation proposals	
	<p>There is a requirement of developers of NSIPs (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects) to produce a “Statement of Community Consultation”. The developer must consult local authorities four weeks in advance of publication of this statement. A first draft has been provided and there was some discussion around the key points.</p> <p>The issue of timings was discussed – 8 weeks each for Stage 2 and 3 – JLAG would prefer longer, or at least longer for Stage 3 (e.g. 12 weeks).</p> <p>EDF propose to circulate statement to JLAG and have it signed off by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. JLAG confirmed it was happy with this approach.</p>	
5.	Update on workstreams (environment; transport; socio-economic; associated development)	

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	<p>Any further questions can be put directly to the Chief Inspector for ONR – ONR's remit is safety (i.e. not aesthetics).</p> <p>AONB has worked with EDF on definitions table of special qualities held in the site area, to help EDF to consider mitigation and compensation.</p>	
6.	<p>Dates of further meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 12 September 2014 at 2.00pm - SCDC Council Chamber • Friday 10 October 2014 at 2.00pm - SCDC Council Chamber • Friday 14 November 2014 at 2.00pm - SCDC Council Chamber • Friday 12 December 2014 at 2.00pm - SCDC Council Chamber 	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Somerset meeting – still being organised. Date for meeting proving to be very difficult – it may need to be a teleconference.</p> <p>Visit to Flamanville – JLAG agrees it would be useful to look at as almost built. Possibly in September/October. Two options – a view from the clifftop (maximum 40 people) or on site (maximum 15 people) – JLAG prefer the latter option.</p> <p>Action: Officers from both authorities to ascertain costs and how these can be met.</p> <p>DCO submission (due late 2015/early 2016) and progress on Sizewell C investment decision – JLAG to be kept updated on this.</p> <p>On site briefing for members (beyond JLAG membership) felt to be useful at Stage 2. Officers agreed to programme this in.</p>	Philip Ridley & John Pitchford
	Future meeting dates to be circulated by email after the meeting.	
	The meeting closed at 5:00pm	