

Joint Local Authority Group

Friday 17 November 2pm

Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House

INVITEES - Councillors: Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (Chairman), Cllr Richard Smith (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Andy Smith, Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Ian Pratt, Cllr Russ Rainger, Cllr Graham Newman, Therese Coffey MP (*arrived at 2.15pm, left at 3pm*)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Ray Herring, Cllr Alexander Nicoll, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Tony Fryatt, Cllr James Finch, Dr Dan Poulter MP, Peter Aldous MP.

INVITEES - Officers: Lisa Chandler (Sizewell C Planning Project Advisor SCDC), Philip Ridley (Head of Planning & Coastal Management SCDC), Bryn Griffiths (Assistant Director Infrastructure and Waste SCC), Michael Moll (SCC Sizewell C Programme Director), Nicole Rickard (Head of Communities SCDC), Nick Khan (Strategic Director SCDC), Paul Wood (Head of Economic Development SCDC), Jai Raithatha (Economic Development SCC), John Pitchford (Head of Planning SCC), Judith Mobbs (Assistant Director Skills SCC - *arrived at 3pm*), Nick Collinson (Natural Environment SCC – *left at 3pm*), Paul Warmington (Skills SCC)

SCDC staff work jointly for Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council.

1	Welcome and Introductions	14.00
2	Notes of last meeting 27 October 2017	14.05
3	Sizewell C – An environmental exemplar Nick Collinson	14.15
4	Feedback from Sizewell C Community Forum (16 November 2017) Michael Moll/Lisa Chandler	15.00
5	STEM hubs: Sizewell C engagement with primary and secondary schools (Paper circulated with the agenda) Judith Mobbs/Paul Warmington	15.40
6	Forward planning	16.10
7	AOB and next meeting Friday 15 December 2pm Deben Conference Room, ESH	16:15

Meeting Notes:

Item 1:

Cllr Geoff Holdcroft welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions were carried out around the table. Apologies as above.

Item 2:

The notes of last meeting were agreed.

Item 3:

Nick Collinson highlighted in his presentation the challenges in ensuring that Sizewell C becomes an environmental exemplar; this included revisiting the environmental and design principles agreed by JLAG (available on the website). He highlighted the achievements and successes of the Councils to date, including the close collaboration with statutory and non-statutory environmental organisations coordinated by the local authorities. The Chair and Vice Chair thanked Nick on behalf of JLAG for his efforts to make Sizewell C an environmental exemplar, and wished him well in his new role with the National Trust.

Item 4:

Cllr Holdcroft and Cllr Smith reflected on the Sizewell C Community Forum which had taken place the previous day, and Lisa Chandler took JLAG through the slides that EDF Energy had presented. The Community Forum was the first formal feedback by EDF Energy of the Stage 2 responses. JLAG welcomed EDF Energy's public statement that they were willing to work with the Councils on the possibility to contribute to a four village by pass in lieu of mitigation required specifically for their development proposals.

Action: Officers were asked to issue a JLAG newsletter before Christmas which would also reflect on the Community Forum event and seek input and feedback from Town and Parish Councils in attendance at the EDF Energy event.

Item 5:

Judith Mobbs and Paul Warmington presented early proposals to establish a Suffolk Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Hub, to promote STEM subjects and careers in primary and secondary schools. They also suggested the use of "science boxes" to support the curriculum. JLAG welcome these proposals. Officers were asked to work the proposals up further and then take them to a future meeting of the Suffolk Energy Coast Delivery Board, given its wider remit for the whole energy sector.

Action: Present further developed STEM hub proposals to the Suffolk Energy Coast Delivery Board and return to a future meeting of JLAG to report progress.

Item 6:

As further information about EDF Energy's forward plan is not yet available, there are no specific items for JLAG's forward planning list at this time. It is expected that the programme will progress further in 2018.

Item 7:

No AOB.

Next meeting: Friday 15 December, Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House.

Meeting closed at 16:20.