

Meeting Notes

Joint Local Authority Group

Friday 14 June 2019

Deben Room, East Suffolk House

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE: Cllr Richard Smith (Chairman), Cllr Craig Rivett (Vice-Chairman), Cllr David Ritchie, Cllr Norman Brooks, Cllr Tony Cooper, Cllr Jocelyn Bond, Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf, Cllr Andrew Reid, Cllr Graham Newman, Cllr Russ Rainger, Cllr Alexander Nicoll, Cllr Ray Herring as substitute for Dr Therese Coffey MP.

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS: Cllr Tony Goldson, Dr Therese Coffey MP.

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE: Bryn Griffiths (Assistant Director Infrastructure & Waste / SZC Senior Responsible Officer SCC), Philip Ridley (Head of Planning & Coastal Management ESC), Michael Moll (SCC Sizewell C Programme Director), John Pitchford (Head of Planning SCC), Paul Warmington (Skills SCC), Steve Merry (Highways Authority SCC), Michael Gray (Skills SCC), Joseph Hough (Highways Authority SCC). Nick Khan (Strategic Director ESC), Naomi Goold (ESC).

APOLOGIES FROM OFFICERS: Lisa Chandler (Energy Projects Manager ESC).

1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Cllr Smith welcomed new and old members to the first JLAG meeting following the elections at East Suffolk Council.</p> <p>JLAG Members agreed that Cllr Smith would be Chair of JLAG for the current and following municipal year.</p> <p>The Group paid respect to two very active JLAG members who were not on JLAG anymore after they were not re-elected in May 2019: Cllr Geoff Holdcroft who had been a very diligent chairman for the past two years, and Cllr Andy Smith, who had put a lot of work and commitment into JLAG over the past years. The group agreed for Cllr Smith to write a letter of thanks to them.</p>
2	<p>Notes of last meeting 15 March 2019</p> <p>The group agreed the notes of the last meeting.</p>
3	<p>Terms of Reference and Confidentiality</p> <p>The members of the group were reminded of the purpose of JLAG, as a forum to discuss common approaches to Sizewell C. The success to date of the collaboration between the two Councils was noted, with Cabinet meetings of both Councils agreeing on joint responses to all Stages of consultation to date.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the confidential nature of the discussions. Maintaining this confidentiality was essential in order to give EDF Energy the assurance that they can share with the Councils commercially sensitive information. The group was also reminded of the</p>

	<p>advisory function of JLAG; the decision making rested with the Lead Cabinet Members and ultimately with the Cabinets of both Councils.</p> <p>The group discussed whether JLAG should also consider at its meetings SPR and other energy projects in the area. It was recognised that whilst these were different proposals, many issues overlapped. The group concluded that it was desirable to use JLAG as a forum for all energy developments, while maintaining sufficient focus on Sizewell C.</p>
4	<p>Expected timetable between Stage 3 and examination – next steps</p> <p>The group was taken through the expected timetable for Sizewell C and the Scottish Power Renewables projects.</p>
5	<p>How we are working through the issues raised at Stage 3 with EDF Energy</p> <p>The Group was introduced to the Issues Tracker which officers have introduced as a way of tracking progress of all the issues raised in Stage 3. The group agreed that this was a useful internal tool and noted confidentiality of these updates.</p>
6	<p>Transport Strategy and SEGWAY update</p> <p>The Department for Transport had turned down the Local Majors funding application by Suffolk County Council together with East Suffolk Councils for SEGway / A12 four villages bypass. The Councils have agreed to continue to work with the local MPs to lobby for funding as without SEGWay transport is likely to become a difficult issue locally for the development.</p> <p>The Councils' response to the Stage 3 transport proposals was recapped, and an update provided on progress at addressing the transport issues the Councils raised at Stage 3.</p>
7	<p>Update on engagement with and proposals by EDF Energy since Stage 3</p> <p>The group was updated on recent engagement activity between EDF Energy and the Councils in other workstreams, and on progress to address the issues the Councils raised in Stage 3.</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr Smith suggested that the Environment Agency be invited to a future JLAG meeting to share their views. The group agreed that this suggestion should be considered further by officers.</p> <p>The group was informed that the Councils were consulted by the Planning Inspectorate on an updated EIA Scoping Opinion for Sizewell C. It was noted that this was a technical response which officers were compiling and submitting to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>