

## Joint Local Authority Group

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020; 13.00

### Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS: Cllr Richard Rout (Chairman); Cllr Craig Rivett (Vice-Chairman); Cllr David Ritchie; Cllr Norman Brooks; Cllr Tony Cooper; Cllr Jocelyn Bond; Therese Coffey MP; Cllr Richard Smith; Cllr Andrew Reid; Cllr Graham Newman; Cllr Russ Rainger; Cllr Alexander Nicoll.

OFFICERS: Lisa Chandler (Energy Projects Manager ESC); Paul Wood (Head of Economic Development and Regeneration ESC); Philip Ridley (Head of Planning and Coastal Management ESC); Bryn Griffiths (Assistant Director Infrastructure & Waste / SZC Senior Responsible Officer SCC); Michael Moll (SCC Sizewell C Programme Director SCC); John Pitchford (Head of Planning SCC); Paul Warmington (Skills SCC); Steve Merry (Highways Authority SCC); Michael Gray (Skills SCC); Sharon Bleese (Coastal Manager South ESC); Graham Gunby (Development Manager SCC);.

APOLOGIES: Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf; Peter Aldous MP; Daniel Poulter MP;

1	Welcome Cllr Richard Rout chaired the meeting
2	Presentation update by Philip Ridley (Head of Planning and Coastal Management ESC) on Sizewell C Project.  Overview of constraints to NSIP processes during the coronavirus pandemic, and an update on indications how these may be addressed by PINS/Government. Members were briefed on the Councils' stance as to the circumstances under which EDF Energy could commence the Section 56 consultation in light of Covid-19 restrictions.  Members were informed of what to expect at each stage of the NSIP process. Councils would need to feedback on EDFE's adequacy of consultation and were looking to publish a newsletter and press release at point of submission.
3	John Pitchford (Head of Planning SCC) provided an overview of the timetable of the NSIP process.
4	SPR East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarm update given by Graham Gunby (Development Manager SCC).  PINS looking to recommence meetings virtually to aid progress.  Philip Ridley added that a statement had been made in parliament regarding the progression of NSIP's during pandemic.
6	Other Energy Projects

	<p>Lisa Chandler (Energy Projects Manager ESC) provided a brief overview and update on the proposed Nautilus Interconnector.</p>
7	<p>Members were updated on Current Strategic Engagement by Phil Watson (Landscape Officer).</p> <p>Joint submission by numerous local authorities to the Environmental Audit Select Committee regarding offshore wind, and continued engagement with BEIS Officials.</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>Cllr Alexander Nicoll (SCC) raised that Wickham Market Parish Council requested further discussions regarding the impacts of the proposed Park and Ride site. Officers confirmed that further meetings were being set up by EDF Energy.</p> <p>Meeting was ended at 14:00.</p>