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Sizewell C

Planning Performance Agreement 7th Project Board Meeting

Date: 2nd May 2012

Attendees

SCC	Bryn Griffiths	- Assistant Director of Economy, Skills and Environment
	John Pitchford	- Spatial Planning and Sub Regional Partnerships Manager
SCDC	Stephen Baker	- Chief Executive
	Bob Chamberlain	- Principal Planner (Major Projects)
	Philip Ridley	- Head of Planning Services
Sizewell Project Office	Paul Wood	- Project Manager
	Nicky Corbett	- Project Support Officer
EDF Energy	Richard Mayson	- Director of Planning & External Affairs
	Angela Pearce	- Head of Sizewell C Project
	Ian Bryant	- Head of Planning
	Tom McGarry	- Communications Manager
	Sheery Sassoon	- Planning Officer

Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Project Board meeting of 8th February 2012 were approved.

Item 1 – Update on Sizewell Project

EDF Energy provided an update on its UK nuclear new build programme. . EDF Energy is committed to delivering four reactors in the UK (at Hinkley Point in Somerset and Sizewell and Suffolk), subject to having a robust investment framework. EDF Energy explained the key enablers for the project:

- obtaining the relevant planning consents, including the Development Consent Order for Hinkley Point;
- obtaining the Nuclear Site Licence and relevant Environmental Permits;
- Electricity Market Reform;

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- being ready to construct;
- having an agreed Funded Decommissioning Programme; and
- ensuring that a robust budget is in place.

Item 2 – Key Issues Paper

The Suffolk Councils presented an updated paper on key issues relating to the current development of the Sizewell C project.

Transport Issues

The Suffolk Councils queried the lead in time for completing any environmental studies which may be required should EDFE pursue a bypass option. EDFE stated that at Stage 1 consultation it is intended to present some high level environmental data. Some environmental information about bypass options is already available from previous studies. EDFE confirmed that it is intended to present more detailed environmental information during Stage 2 consultation.

Potential Hostel Location and Emergency Planning Zone

It was noted that EDFE will be meeting the ONR shortly to discuss the extent and implications of the Emergency Planning Zone.

Loss of SSSI, Bridge Design and Ecological Corridor

EDFE confirmed that it is conscious of the issues surrounding the SSSI and the maintenance of a viable corridor fluvial corridor.

Coastal Management

EDFE confirmed that it is aware of the sensitive coastal processes at the Sizewell site and surrounding area.

BC stated that it would be good to have a bit more information of the nature of the coastal information which will be presented at Stage 1 consultation. EDFE suggested holding a separate presentation on coastal process issues to give an update on the survey work which has been completed to date. **Action: EDFE**

Density of Proposed Development

All parties present recognise that the Sizewell site and area surrounding the site is very sensitive.

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EDFE confirmed that it is reviewing the assumptions surrounding the design of the plot plan and the team is very much aware of the sensitive environment surrounding the site.

Community Fund

The Suffolk Councils informed EDFE that the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG) had prepared a paper on Community Fund which it intends to submit to DECC shortly.

Lowestoft Land Issues

EDFE confirmed that they were considering their potential requirements for land at Lowestoft Port.

Item 3 – JLAG Engagement Event

EDFE confirmed that it would be happy to work with the Suffolk Councils to help prepare for the JLAG Engagement Event as appropriate. **Action EDFE & Sizewell Project Office**

It was noted that there may be intentions to hold future engagement events. EDFE noted that it was the responsibility of the developer to undertake local consultation, and parallel consultation processes should be avoided because of the risk of causing confusion locally.

Item 4 – PPA Expenditure

The Suffolk Councils presented details of the expenditure for February 2012 and March 2012. To date, approximately 40% of the agreed expenditure has been spent on the project although it is anticipated that this will accelerate over 2012.

Item 5 – Work Packages and PPA Issues

Existing Work Packages

All of the existing Work Packages have been updated.

The work forecast under the Environment and Programme Oversight Work Packages is within the existing expenditure limits of £40,506 and £51,964 respectively.

New limits for the other existing Work Packages were agreed as follows:

- Project Management – £390,543
- Associated Development – £13,660

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With respect to the Transport Work Package, it was considered that some further work will need to be completed to agree the scope of work and associated costs anticipated for 2012. **Action: EDFE and SCC**

It was agreed that EDFE and the Councils should agree up-front the scope of any studies required, including reaching agreement on who should undertake and fund them.

It was agreed that a teleconference with members of the Project Board will be arranged to discuss the Transport Work Package. **Action: EDFE & Sizewell Project Office**

The Suffolk Councils are in the process of costing the Land and Water Work Package and will circulate to EDFE shortly. The updated Work Package will be approved via written correspondence between Project Board members. **Action: EDFE & Sizewell Project Office**

New Work Packages

In addition to the existing Work Packages, two new Work Packages were also approved by the Project Board with expenditure limits as follows:

- Communications - £5,248
- Socio-Economics - £12,285

EDFE stated that the socio-economic information that would be presented at Stage 1 consultation would be high level with some information on potential impacts and mitigation. It is anticipated that detailed assessments will be completed following Stage 1 consultation and only at that stage would further input from wider stakeholders be necessary.

Emergency Planning

EDFE stated that it will consider with the security team whether it is necessary to prepare an Emergency Planning Work Package before or following Stage 1 consultation. **Action: EDFE**

Item 6 – Any Other Business

Communications Protocol

The latest draft of the Communications Protocol was agreed subject to a small amendment under paragraph 2.2 to incorporate further information under the security marking. **Action: EDFE**

Programme

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The Suffolk Project Office queried the implications of the Flamanville Programme on Sizewell. EDFE confirmed that it is learning the lessons from Flamanville and other new build projects.

Next Meeting

EDFE to arrange the next Project Board meeting to take place in July. **Action: EDFE**