

## Sizewell C

### Planning Performance Agreement 2nd Project Board Meeting

**Date: 9 February 2011**

#### Attendees

SCC	Lucy Robinson, John Pitchford
SCDC	Stephen Baker, Bob Chamberlain
SCC & SCDC Sizewell Project Office	Paul Wood, Nicky Corbett
EDFE:	Richard Mayson, Angela Pearce, Nick Lloyd Davies, Roy Collins

#### Meeting Minutes

##### **Item 1 – Up-date on Sizewell Project Timetable and Key Issues**

EDFE confirmed that the work on Sizewell studies leading up to Stage 1 consultation was continuing – with consultation planned for the latter part of 2011. Confirmation of the precise timetable for Stage 1 consultation would be provided later this year.

EDFE had recently opened an office in Leiston. This would initially be used for administrative purposes linked to the project but would be opened to the public once the formal consultation process began. EDFE were holding a number of informal events to introduce the office and the Sizewell team to local businesses and community representatives.

##### **Item 2 - Sizewell Project Office**

Paul Wood confirmed that the Sizewell Project Office – a joint SCC/SCDC office to support the project and PPA process - was now operational. Procedures were being implemented to support invoicing, web-site development and wider support to local authority work on the project.

##### **Item 3 – Sizewell C PPA Expenditure to Date**

The Sizewell Project Office presented a note on Sizewell C PPA expenditure to date. Total costs incurred until the end of January 2011 amounted to £42,416 – of which

£22,965 were pre-signature costs. EDFE had been invoiced for pre-signature costs and going forward would be invoiced on a monthly basis.

#### **Item 4 – Workpackages for Board Consideration and Approval**

The Project Board considered three proposed new workpackages put to the meeting for approval.

##### Transport

The transport workpackage would cover all Suffolk Council costs relating to assessment of the transport impacts of Sizewell C during construction and operation. This would include sharing of information on baseline data, key assumptions, and work examining options for the transport of people and freight to the site. The costs of reviewing models of the traffic impacts of the development would also be included in this workpackage – along with the costs of any required support from SCC’s transport consultants, AECOM.

Approval was sought for up to £116,585 of costs up to the end of June 2011. It was noted in discussion that some of these costs may well slip into the latter part of 2011 – depending upon when the output from EDFE’s initial transport studies is available for review. It was also noted that the costs estimated in the workpackage would be incurred on an “as and when required” basis – rather than implying additional recruitment by SCC or the incurring of fixed costs irrespective of the level of activity within the workpackage.

The Project Board indicated that it was content to approve the workpackage on this basis and EDFE confirmed its agreement to meet the arising expenditure.

##### Environment

This proposed workpackage would cover a range of interactions between EDFE and the Suffolk Councils in relation to preparatory and pre-Stage 1 study work in the areas of construction and operational plot plan development, archaeology, architecture, ecological studies, noise and air quality studies, heritage impacts, landscape and visual impact, initial discussions on EDFE plans for radiological waste management and longer term plans for the land surrounding the proposed new power station.

Approval in the draft workpackage was sought for up to £15,000 of costs up to the end of June 2011. The Sizewell Project office noted that the draft workpackage did not identify a lead Council individual or cost for radioactive and non-radioactive waste issues. SCC will lead on this and 3 days had been estimated at a cost of £1,994 – taking the total work package costs to just under £17,000.

The Project Board indicated that it was content to approve costs of up to £17,000 to the end of June 2011 in relation to this workpackage and EDFE confirmed its agreement to meet the expenditure.

**Action: Sizewell Project Office to circulate a revised workpackage with final agreed costs**

#### Associated Development

This proposed workpackage would cover Suffolk Council costs in relation to interactions between EDFE and SCC and SCDC on EDFE's emerging plans for associated development to support the Sizewell C project.

Approval was sought for up to £7,660 of costs up to the end of June 2011. It was noted in discussion that much Suffolk Council costs relating to EDFE's associated development proposals was already captured in other workpackages (in particular transport and programme oversight) and this explained the relatively modest costs for this workpackage.

The Project Board confirmed that it was content to approve costs of up to £7,660 to the end of June 2011 for this workpackage and EDFE confirmed its agreement to meet the expenditure.

### **Item 5 – Areas for future activity / workpackage development**

#### Land and Water workpackage

EDFE indicated that studies were progressing on a wide range of areas covered by the envisaged Land and Water workpackage – including on flood risk assessments, coastal geomorphology issues, marine archaeology and a hydrological model of the Sizewell area. Emerging findings from these studies would be shared in a range of meetings with Suffolk Councils and other stakeholders such as the Environment Agency to provide updates on relevant findings and planned next steps.

This work would justify development of a Land and Water workpackage and EDFE had drafted an initial scope of the workpackage. The Project Board agreed that this would be further developed and costed with a view to bringing forward a version for approval at the next Project Board meeting.

**Action: Suffolk Councils to review the draft workpackage prepared by EDFE and to begin work on cost estimates.**

## Socio-economics

EDFE noted that a draft report on the socio-economic impacts of the Sizewell C project was in preparation. It would be possible to share this with the Suffolk Councils and other stakeholders for comment in the near future and this would justify starting work to define a socio-economic workpackage.

SCC and SCDC expressed a desire to progress socio-economic work on the project in the near future. It was agreed that an initial meeting could be arranged in March to discuss key issues such as workforce numbers and profile. **Action: EDFE to progress**

### **Item 6 – Release of Information Generated by the Project**

The Project Board considered a paper prepared by SCDC on the release of information generated by the PPA process or shared with the Suffolk Councils as part of the PPA process.

The paper proposed a broad categorisation of information:

- Information which would be published on SCDC’s Sizewell website. This would include the text of the PPA itself, PPA Board meeting notes and the Statement of Community Consultation
- Information which would be published as part of EDFE’s Stage 1 and 2 consultations and ultimately the planning application for the project. This information would not in general be released earlier. EDFE would publish a large amount of information in its consultation programme and the partial release of draft or incomplete information related to the project could give rise to a misleading understanding of the project and its impacts.
- Information whose release would be considered on a case by case basis. This could include work stream meeting notes, papers or presentations on particular issues and other “work in progress” material.
- Information not to be released. This could include material on issues such as nuclear security or matters of commercial confidentiality or where the OCNS or police advice prevents release.

EDFE indicated that it was content with the proposals in the paper. It was recognised that the Suffolk Councils would still need to apply specific legislative tests in relation to particular requests for information and the above classification was therefore a guide to how these might be handled.

In relation to the use of classification system for project documents, SCC noted that there was internal guidance within the Councils on document classification. This would be circulated to EDFE to see how it compared with any existing procedures within EDFE.

### **Item 7 – Contents of Stage 1 consultation**

EDFE provided a paper on current thinking on the kind of content and material which would be provided in Stage 1 consultation for Sizewell. This was a work-in progress document rather than a final indication of the type of content which would be included in Stage 1. The paper had been provided to the meeting at relatively short notice and EDFE was happy to receive further comments on the current draft.

SCC and SCDC welcomed the draft paper as a useful indication of the likely structure and format of Stage 1 consultation and indicated any further comments would be provided in the near future.

### **Item 8 – Suffolk Councils responses to the NPS consultation**

A paper was provided to the meeting for information on SCC and SCDC responses to the recent Government re-consultation on the National Policy statements for Energy, Electricity Networks Infrastructure and Nuclear Generation.

### **Item 9 – Any other business.**

No matters were raised under this item.

### **Item 10 – Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Project Board is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday 6 April at EDF Energy offices in London.

It was agreed that further meetings of the Project Board beyond April would be put in the diary.