

## **Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)**

**16:00-17:00, Thursday 20 October 2016**

**3 Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2AW**

### **Attendees**

Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA)

Radioactive Waste Management Limited (RWM)

Welsh Government (WG)

Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) – Observer

### **Apologies**

None

### **Minutes from last meeting**

1. The minutes of the 12 April 2016 meeting were agreed by correspondence after the meeting and published on the BEIS website.

### **Vision and Terms of Reference for GDPB**

2. The Board discussed the refreshed terms of reference for the Board and agreed them.

### **Context and GDPB Forward Look**

3. The forward look at items to be brought to the GDPB was discussed and agreed.

### **Progress on GDF Enhancement Project planning**

4. BEIS updated the Board on progress to turn the output of the earlier GDF Enhancement Routemap workshop into an action plan aimed at strengthening programme governance.
5. RWM confirmed January 2017 as the timing of the next meeting of the Readiness Review Panel.

### **Welsh Government Update**

6. The Welsh Government gave an update on their plans for implementing geological disposal.

### **Update on progress with the Initial Actions and Preparation for Siting**

7. **National Geological Screening** – RWM continue to work with the British Geological Survey to implement the Guidance and produce the Regional Narratives. RWM and

BEIS are meeting with the Independent Review Panel (IRP) on 22/23 November to discuss the first two regional narratives.

8. **National Policy Statement (NPS) and Working with Communities** – Consultations on both the Working with Communities policy and the National Policy Statement are being developed for ministerial approval.
9. **RWM's Preparation for Siting** – work is progressing on a community engagement plan, development of the site selection framework and ensuring that RWM are resourced appropriately ahead of the launch.
10. **Communications Forward Look** – The Board asked for a standing item on communications and stakeholder engagement to be included on future GDPB agendas.

#### **AOB**

11. Meetings will be arranged shortly for the New Year.