

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

13:00 – 16:00, Tuesday 16th January 2018

1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Present:

Stephen Speed

Umran Nazir
Bruce McKirdy

Peter Welch

James McKinney
Robert Williams

Chair - Director Civil Nuclear & Resilience,
Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) &
Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) SRO
GDF Programme Director, BEIS
Managing Director, Radioactive Waste
Management Ltd (RWM)
Head of Programme for Waste Management -
Nuclear , Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
(NDA)
Head of Integrated Waste Management, NDA
Welsh Government

Attendees:

John Corderoy
Ann McCall
RWM Chief Policy Adviser
RWM Project Manager
RWM Head of Delivery
BEIS Policy Lead

GDF Programme Manager
BEIS Project Manager
GDPB Secretariat
BEIS External Affairs Manager

Professor Campbell Gemmell

RWM Programme Director
RWM Siting and Engagement Director
RWM Team
RWM Team (phone)
RWM Team

BEIS GDF Team
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BEIS Communications, Partnership and
Governance
Acting Chair Committee on Radioactive Waste
Management (CoRWM) – Observer

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

1. Stephen Speed welcomed the members of GDPB for the first board of 2018.

Item 2 – Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of the 19th December 2017 Board were agreed and will be published on the GDPB page of the Gov.uk website. All actions were complete or in hand.

Item 3 – Programme Reporting Updates

3. Risk – The GDF Programme Manager gave a short update to the Board on the programme’s key risks. The Board agreed that these should be discussed at the forthcoming strategic risk review.
4. The Head of the GDF Team advised the board that they were hopeful that the consultations on the GDF Working with Communities policy and National Policy Statement would be launched later this month.
5. Ann McCall updated the board on the Community Engagement & Site Evaluations Project. The board were happy with the update.

6. The Welsh Government reconfirmed that they are ready to launch their consultation on the proposals for working with communities in parallel with the UK Government consultations.
7. Communications Update – BEIS External Affairs Manager gave an update on the preparation for the consultation launch and advised on timelines for the launch day. It was agreed that details of consultation related media/communications activity would be presented to the board post launch of the consultations.

Item 4 – GDF Programme Business Case (PBC)

8. The GDF Programme Manager presented the GDF PBC to the Board with an update on progress to date and key changes to the PBC since they reviewed an earlier version. The PBC was approved by the board (subject to minor drafting changes) to be submitted for further approval through NDA and BEIS.

Item 5 – GDF Project 2 Business Case (P2 BC)

9. The GDF Project 2 Business Case was presented to the board by RWM's Head of Delivery who gave an update on progress to date and key changes since the Board reviewed an earlier version. The GDF Project 2 Business Case was approved in principle by the board (subject to the agreed drafting changes) to be submitted for further approval through NDA and BEIS.

Item 6 – RWM Project 2 Procurements

10. John Corderoy updated the board on RWM's proposed procurement activity plans during the pre-siting-process launch period. Approval was given subject to approval from Cabinet Office where required.

Item 7 – IPA Recommendations Action Plan

11. The board approved the IPA Recommendations Action Plan and the assigned recommendation owners. It was agreed that recommendation owners should present updates at GDBP on their delivery confidence assessment for their recommendations.

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12. The proposed GDPB Forward Look was reviewed for the next few meetings and was agreed with the Board.
13. The Chair thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
14. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2018