

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

13:00 – 16:00, Monday 26th February 2018

1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Present:

Stephen Speed

Umran Nazir

Penny Fox

Bruce McKirdy

Peter Welch

James McKinney

Robert Williams

Chair - Director Nuclear Directorate, Business

Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) &

Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) SRO

GDF Programme Director, BEIS

GDF Communications 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 Project Manager

BEIS Head of Geological Disposal

BEIS Policy Lead

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

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 February Meeting.

Item 2 – Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of the 16th January 2018 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 – GDF Business Cases

3. The GDF Programme Manager updated the Board on the recent developments with the GDF Programme Business Case (PBC) and advised them of feedback received from the internal BEIS review process. Some minor non-material updates were requested by the Board before seeking NDA and BEIS approval.
4. John Corderoy updated the Board on the changes made to the Project 2 Outline Business Case (P2OBC) and advised on areas where further minor changes are required. The Board were happy with the progress made and noted the position ahead of seeking approval by NDA and BEIS.

Item 4 – Third Party Expert View Mechanism (TPEVM)

5. BEIS Policy Lead presented the TPEVM process document to the board and requested approval in principle. This process delivers the commitment made in Chapter 7 of the White Paper for a mechanism to provide access to independent expert views on issues that are contested or unresolved during the siting process. The board supported the current draft proposed approach for providing the TPEVM and further clarity was requested in a few areas. A revised paper will be presented to the Board at a later date for approval.

Item 5 – Integrated Assurance and Approvals Plan (IAAP) for Project 3 (P3) – Site Characterisation

6. Ann McCall presented version 1 of the P3 IAAP to the Board and asked for GDPB approval, noting that this would return to GDPB for further approvals as P3 developed. It was agreed that this was a good first version and the IAAP received GDPB approval.

Item 6 – IPA Review Recommendation Action Plan

7. The BEIS Project Manager presented the IPA Review Recommendation Action Plan and invited Recommendation Owners to update the Board on progress and their delivery confidence assessment for their recommendations. The Board were content with the progress made to date and encouraged Recommendation Owners to maintain the pace of delivery.

Item 7 – Consultations and Planned Engagement

8. The BEIS Policy team gave a verbal update to the Board on press and social media coverage following the launch of the consultations. The Policy Lead also updated the Board on feedback from the London stakeholder event as well as plans and planned attendance for the remaining events.
9. The Board discussed BEIS and RWM's responsibilities during the stakeholder engagement activities for the consultations. Stephen Speed reminded both BEIS and RWM of the need to minute all meetings, for transparency and reiterated the point that during the consultations, whilst RWM maintained a role in raising awareness and to provide technical information on a GDF to interested stakeholders, they should ensure that any policy related questions raised should be referred to the BEIS GDF Team.

Item 8 – Exception Reporting on Risk and Highlight Report

10. Risk – The GDF Programme Manager gave a short update to the Board on the programme's key risks. The Board agreed that these will be discussed at the forthcoming strategic risk review.

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11. It was agreed that the GDPB Forward Look would be reviewed by BEIS and shared at the next meeting.
12. The Chair thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
13. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2018