

Response by Isle of Anglesey County Council

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re. The Energy Act 2008 – Consultation on revised Funded Decommissioning Programme Guidance for New Nuclear Power Stations

The Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above outlined document.

The development of the Funded Decommissioning Programme (FDP) Guidance for New Nuclear Power Stations is clearly significant for Anglesey, due to the identification of Wylfa Head as a potential site for the first phase of new nuclear development by the UK Government and the associated intention of Horizon Power to submit a planning application for a new nuclear power station on the site in the near future.

The IACC believes that the Funded Decommissioning Programme, which requires the site operator to have in place prudent and effective plans for new nuclear power stations, and managing and disposing of the waste that they produce; have management arrangements in place whereby they are able to meet the full cost of decommissioning and their full share of waste management and waste disposal costs, is key to avoiding unnecessary burdens on the public purse in future.

The guidance provided in part 2 of the consultation document is clear in setting out the information required in relation to the preparation, content, modification and implementation of a FDP, including the Decommissioning and Waste Management Plan (DWMP) and Funding Arrangements Plan (FAP). The requirement for annual and quinquennial reporting is also a welcomed criteria to ensure that the FDP and associated components remain realistic and achievable plans.

To summarise the IACC welcome the development of the FDP guidance and believes that the document's content is comprehensive and provides a detailed overview of the process. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of our response further.