

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

10:00 – 12:30, Wednesday 25th July 2018

1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Present:

Stephen Speed

Umran Nazir

Malcolm Morley

Peter Welch

Welsh Government Deputy

BEIS Comms Deputy

Chair – Director

Nuclear Directorate, Business Energy and
Industrial Strategy (BEIS) & Geological
Disposal Facility SRO

GDF Programme Director, BEIS

RWM Chair

Programme Manager, NDA

WG (Deputising)

BEIS Comms (Deputising)

Attendees:

Ann McCall

James McKinney

Bruce Cairns

BEIS WWC Joint Policy Lead

BEIS NPS Policy Lead

BEIS Project Manager

RWM Project Manager

GDPB Secretariat

BEIS Head of GDF Comms

NDA Programme Manager for RWM

Head of Campaigns

RWM Campaign Partner

RWM Community Investment Manager

Andrew van der Lem

Sir Nigel Thrift

RWM Siting and Engagement Director

Head of Integrated Waste Management, NDA

RWM Chief Policy Advisor

BEIS GDF Team

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BEIS GDF Team

RWM

BEIS GDF Team

BEIS GDF Team

NDA

RWM

MHP Engine

RWM

Head of Government Relations and Socio-
Economics, NDA

CoRWM Chair (Observer)

Apologies: Bruce McKirdy, Managing Director – RWM; John Corderoy - Programme Director – RWM;

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

1. Stephen Speed welcomed the members of GDPB for the July meeting with a warm welcome extended to Sir Nigel Thrift, the newly appointed Chair of the Committee of Radioactive Waste Management who was attending his first meeting.

Item 2 – Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of the 28th June 2018 Board were agreed and will be published on the GDPB page of the Gov.uk website.
3. The BEIS Project Manager updated the board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log. One action was in hand with all others complete.

Item 3 – Update on the BEIS Select Committee Report

4. The BEIS Policy Lead updated the Board on progress made following the BEIS Select Committee hearing on 10th July 2018. The BEIS Policy Lead thought the hearing went well and thanked those who had input into it. The Committee’s report is expected to be published in August. The GDF Team will then consider the recommendations in the report and the responses to the earlier consultation and, where necessary, amend the GDF National Policy Statement prior to consideration by BEIS Ministers later in the year.

Item 4 – Statutory Instrument Update

5. The BEIS Policy Lead updated the board on the progress made with the Statutory Instrument for the regulation of a GDF. BEIS are currently seeking further legal advice on the options that can be taken forward.

Item 5 – Community Investment Funding Mechanism

6. The Community Investment Manager presented a paper on the Community Investment Funding Mechanism setting out the proposed approach to the Board. RWM are working closely with the NDA to utilise their experience in the disbursement of investment funding. The Board were happy with the direction of the paper and will consider the paper at a further meeting following consideration by the RWM Board.

Item 6 – Decision Making

7. BEIS presented a short paper on the key decision points throughout the GDF siting process, building on the paper presented in March. The paper outlined key decision points; the decision makers for each point; progress reporting and escalation routes.

Item 7 – RWM Campaign Partner

8. RWM Head of Campaigns and the MHP Engine Campaign Partner introduced themselves to the Board. They gave an update on their collaborative approach, work completed to date and their forward work-plan for the launch of the siting process and the engagement plan during the siting process. The Board noted the progress made and their planned approach and asked for a more detailed examination at future Board meetings.

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9. Stephen Speed thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2018.