

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

10:00 – 13:00, Thursday 28th June 2018

1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Present:

Umran Nazir

Chair (Deputising) GDF Programme Director,
BEIS

Bruce McKirdy

Managing Director, Radioactive Waste
Management Ltd (RWM)

NDA Programme Manager for RWM

Programme Manager, NDA (Deputising for
Peter Welch)

Attendees:

John Corderoy

RWM Programme Director

Ann McCall

RWM Siting and Engagement Director

James McKinney

Head of Integrated Waste Management, NDA

BEIS WWC Policy Lead

BEIS GDF Team

BEIS Senior Policy Advisor

BEIS GDF Team

BEIS Policy Lead

BEIS GDF Team

GDF Programme Manager

BEIS GDF Team

BEIS Project Manager

BEIS GDF Team

Bruce Cairns

RWM Chief Policy Advisor

RWM Project Manager

RWM Team

RWM Head of Permitting

RWM Team

GDPB Secretariat

BEIS GDF Team

BEIS Head of GDF Comms

BEIS GDF Team

Richard Shaw

Deputising for Acting Chair Committee on
Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) –
Observer

Apologies: Stephen Speed – BEIS, SRO; Malcolm Morley – RWM Chair; Campbell Gemmell – CoRWM Acting Chair (Observer); Peter Welch – NDA; Welsh Government Policy Lead - WG

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

1. Umran Nazir welcomed the members of GDPB for the June Meeting and announced the meetings apologies.

Item 2 – Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. A) The minutes of the 30th May 2018 Board were agreed and will be published on the GDPB page of the Gov.uk website.
B) The BEIS Project Manager updated the board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log. All actions were complete, in hand or were items on the agenda.

Item 3 – Infrastructure Projects Authority (IPA) Project Assessment Review (PAR) Readout

3. The BEIS Project Manager updated the Board on the IPA PAR report and advised that whilst the Review Team have made further recommendations they report “...there are no significant barriers to Project 2 being launched and delivered...”.
4. The Project Manager presented a revised Action Plan, including new and existing recommendations. Owners of the recommendations and timescales were discussed, and it was agreed a working group will be arranged to discuss further and agree the owners and precise actions. All recommendations were accepted.

Item 4 – Programme Approvals – Major Projects Review Group (MPRG)

5. The Programme Manager updated the Board on the IPA and HMT's decision that an MPRG is not needed for Project 2 to launch the GDF Siting Process as BEIS Project and Investment Committee had already approved the funding of the Project 2 Outline Business Case (P2 OBC) which was within the delegated departmental threshold. The Programme Manager presented a short paper to the Board setting out three options concerning potential scenarios for when the GDF Programme Business Case and the P2 OBC could go to MPRG and the benefits of each one. It was agreed that Option 2 (MPRG as soon as possible post-launch of Project 2) was the best approach.

Item 5 – Working with Communities (WWC) Verbal Update

6. The BEIS Policy Lead updated the board on progress made in developing the WWC policy, including options that will be presented to Ministers for their decision and timescales for submissions. There was agreement that the preferred option represented the most appropriate option and the BEIS Policy Lead agreed to send round a summary of the discussion and options following the meeting.

Item 6 – Site Evaluation Framework (SEF) - Consultation Options

7. Ann McCall presented a paper on the options for public engagement/consultation on the SEF. Whilst the Board agreed that there was no legal duty to consult, it was also agreed that there could be positive benefits in carrying out a consultation. A decision was made that RWM would hold a formal public consultation on the SEF, the format and timing of which would be considered in due course.

Item 7 – Community Engagement Funding Mechanism

8. Ann McCall presented a paper on Community Engagement Funding Mechanism, which built on the procurement approach the Board agreed in March, detailing what the funding could be used for and example guidance on the allowances for certain named expenses. The paper was endorsed by the Board and it was noted that some of the detail would be helpful input to the Government's response to the Working with Communities consultation.

Item 9 – Red Team Review Action Plan

9. RWM Policy lead and BEIS Senior Policy Advisor ran through the recommendations following the Red Team Review. All recommendations were accepted. They presented an action plan; including recommendation owners and deadlines to the board. The action plan was approved by the Board.

Item 10 – Risk Workshop

10. The Board were updated on the GDF Programme Risk Workshop, facilitated by The Institute of Risk Management, which took place in May. It was agreed that there was alignment between the workshop findings and existing risk registers, which are now being reviewed to add or expand on risks which have come to light as a result of the workshop. A revised risk strategy would be developed following this work.

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11. Umran Nazir thanked everyone for their time and closed the meeting.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for July 2018.