

Nuclear Industry Council – Summary of Meeting

11th October 2017, 10:30 – 12:30, Houses of Parliament, London

Attendees: Richard Harrington (co-Chair), John Hutton (co-Chair), Jay Bhart, Mike Clancy, Alan Coley, Kevin Coyne, John Fyfe, Capt. Mark Gale, Tom Greatrex, Duncan Hawthorne, Terry Hill, Harry Holt, Paul Howarth, Adrienne Kelbie, Campbell Kier, Nigel Knee, David Peattie, Gwen Roberts, Tom Samson, Chris Savage, Helen Shirley-Quirk, Stephen Speed, Andy Storer, Matt Tuck, Rebecca Weston, Clive White.

Apologies: Simon Bowen, Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson, Paul Foster, Sue Ion, Julian Kelly, Ken Skates AM, Paul Westbury.

1. Chair's Opening Remarks

John Hutton welcomed members and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2. Euratom update

The Minister provided an update on Euratom ahead of the Nuclear Safeguards Bill being introduced to Parliament later that day, emphasising this was a priority for the Government. Members discussed the nature of the new arrangements and it was stressed that there is no “off the shelf” solution. John Hutton said that industry will continue to engage with Government on this.

3. Nuclear Sector Deal

The Minister stated the importance of the Nuclear Sector Deal and that industry needed to articulate clearly a compelling case for nuclear, both in terms of power and also economic benefits. The process for considering deals would require the nuclear industry to set out a clear ‘offer’ and equally clear ‘asks’, quantifying proposals where possible.

Members stated their appreciation to the NIA for work to date on co-ordinating industry inputs to the Deal. Members acknowledged that the Deal was still a ‘work in progress’ and agreed areas for further work and discussion, including:

- presenting a clear ‘elevator pitch’ - showing the ask and offers upfront for ease of reference;
- explaining how nuclear enables the economy with regards to growth and local transformation, skills, exports and jobs – all areas of strength that should be highlighted;
- maximise the links with Defence through decommissioning and skills;
- maximise the impact of ‘Place’ to reflect benefits the sector brings to different regions of the UK and highlight role of Devolved Administrations and regional stakeholders in implementing, enabling and adding value to the Deal.



4. Chair's closing remarks

John Hutton closed the meeting by saying that there had been clear progress on the Deal, and areas for more work agreed. He welcomed offers from Members to assist with this.