

Nuclear Industry Council – Summary of Meeting

9th July 2018, 16:15 – 17:45, BEIS Conference Centre, London

Attendees: John Hutton (Chair), Jay Bhart, Gordon Byran, Ian Chapman, Mike Clancy, Matt Clarke, Rob Fletcher, Tom Greatrex, Terry Hill, Paul Hollinshead, Paul Howarth, Sue Ion, Campbell Kier, Jo Nettleton, Gwen Roberts, Gary Shuttleworth, Stephen Speed, Paul Spence, Andy Storer, Andrew Van Der Lem, Paul Westbury, Clive White

Apologies: Richard Harrington, Humphrey Cadoux Hudson, Paul Foster, Duncan Hawthorne, Adrienne Kelbie, Peter McIntosh, Ken Skates, Matt Tuck, Mike Tynan

1. Chair's opening remarks

John Hutton welcomed members, acknowledged apologies and approved the minutes from the previous meeting. Richard Harrington could not be in attendance due to urgent parliamentary business. John Hutton put on record his thanks to the Minister, his team of officials and those around the table who had contributed to the successful delivery of the Nuclear Sector Deal.

2. Implementation of the Nuclear Sector Deal

Members agreed the following key points on implementation:

- NIC would oversee implementation of the Nuclear Sector Deal;
- work should be cognisant of wider activities such as NNL's 'Big Tech' initiative and should make links, where appropriate, with other Sector Deals (e.g. Construction);
- industry resources for implementation will be vital for success, including agreement on how these will be organised across the Working Groups needed to deliver commitments in the Deal;
- NIA's Delivery Group should have a role in the process;
- a government-industry workshop should be held to facilitate more detailed discussions on implementation with a wider group of stakeholders. Outputs should inform a plan in time for the next NIC meeting.

Action: BEIS to organise the implementation workshop.

3. NIC Membership Refresh

Members agreed the following principles to guide the refresh process/future membership:

- it should be simple & transparent;
- membership should be organised around 'sub-sectors', defined in such a way as to ensure the range of interests in the sector are adequately represented;
- future membership should reflect the sector's ambitions for greater diversity;



- a degree of continuity in membership between Council tenures was important;
- in addition to core membership the Council should retain the flexibility to tailor invitees to discussions, as appropriate;
- consideration should be given to the international angle, not only the domestic agenda.

Action: BEIS & NIA to discuss sub-sectors and put forward a proposal for the refresh period during Autumn. NIC members would need to agree the process in good time ahead of February 2019 when new members would be expected to join the Council.

4. NIC Forward Programme

Members agreed that implementation of the Sector Deal was the Council's main priority and, as such, should be a standing item on the agenda. It was agreed that 'deep dives' into specific areas of the Deal should be considered for future meetings to facilitate detailed and focused discussion.

Other areas identified for potential future Council business included work on the perception of nuclear – in particular that the Sector Deal offered an opportunity to communicate a positive image to the next generation – and long-term planning for projects beyond industry's current proposed pipeline.

5. AOB

John Hutton confirmed that the next NIC meeting would be his last, as he is due to step down as Chairman of the NIA.