

Nuclear Industry Council – Summary of Meeting

22nd October 2018, 11:00 – 12:30, BEIS Conference Centre, London

Attendees: Richard Harrington, John Hutton (co- chairs), Christopher Bowbrick (BEIS), Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson (EDF), Mike Clancy (Prospect), Paul Foster (Sellafield), John Fyfe (Independent), Tom Greatrex (NIA), Terry Hill (Arup/Independent), Paul Hollinshead (MOD), Paul Howarth (NNL), Sue Ion (Independent), Adrienne Kelbie (ONR), Campbell Kier (DiT), Peter McIntosh (Unite), John Molyneux (Rolls Royce), Stephen Speed (BEIS), Wyn Roberts (Welsh Government), Andy Storer (NAMRC), Matt Tuck (MATOM), Mike Tynan (NIRAB), Andrew van der Iem (NDA), Paul Westbury (Laing O'Rourke), Clive White (Wood)

Apologies: Ian Chapman (UKAEA), Rob Fletcher (Rolls Royce), David Peattie (NDA), Ken Skates AM (Welsh Government)

1. Chair's Opening Remarks

John Hutton welcomed members and emphasised that the NIC needed to make an important decision on how the Nuclear Sector Deal (NSD) is implemented.

The Minister placed his thanks on record for all John Hutton's work for the sector as Chair of the NIA and NIC. The Minister stated that having the responsibility for Sector Deals and the Industrial Strategy in Government means he has a keen interest in ensuring the ambitious commitments in NSD are achieved. The Minister made clear that BEIS is to support the deal, but the sector must provide the leadership.

Members approved the minutes from July's meeting and agreed in future they would be approved between meetings.

2. Implementation of the Nuclear Sector Deal

Members discussed implementation of the NSD, building on the output from the implementation event on 14th September and input from the NIC task & finish group. Members agreed that the structure would consist of 5 working groups (WGs) reporting to a Programme Board (PB), which would replace the NIA delivery group, and supported by a Programme management Office (PMO). The WGs and identified leads approved by Members are as follows:

- New build cost reduction will be led by a developer and will be confirmed by the end of October;
- Legacy cost reduction will be led by Simon Bowen;
- Winning UK business (covering both supply chain and exports) to be led by Andy Storer;
- Nuclear Skills Strategy Group will be led by Fiona Rayment;
- Innovation and R&D will be led by Mike Tynan

The WG leads will sit on the PB along with the NIA and BEIS sponsors reporting to meet the NIC and Government's requirements as appropriate. Members agreed that the PMO will be resourced by industry secondees and supplemented by external expertise where needed.

Members also discussed the importance of improving the public perception of nuclear. It was agreed that this is a key area for the NIC to focus on in the future in its capacity as providing oversight for the NSD.

Action – NIA to identify an appropriate lead for the New build cost reduction WG by the end of the October.

Action – PMO to be in place by the end of November.

3. Membership refresh

Members agreed that the NIC would stay the same size and the refresh would take place before the next meeting.

Action – BEIS and the NIA to develop the proposal for the membership refresh and communicate to members ahead of the next meeting.

4. Chair's closing remarks

John Hutton thanked everyone for their time and effort as members of the NIC and reflected that not everyone will be at the next meeting.

John Hutton concluded that this was his last NIC meeting and reiterated his enthusiasm for the nuclear sector and stressed the opportunity it presents to transform the country and its future.

The next meeting of the NIC will be on 28th February.