

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

Thursday 04 April 2019

1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Board Members

Stephen Speed

Chair – Director

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

Bruce McKirdy

Managing Director, RWM

Umran Nazir

GDF Programme Director, BEIS

Malcolm Morley

Chair, RWM

Alan Cumming

Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Welsh Government Official

WG (Deputising)

Attendees:

Ann McCall

RWM Siting and Engagement Director

John Corderoy

RWM Programme Director

Head of BEIS GDF Team

BEIS GDF Team

GDPB Secretariat

BEIS GDF Team

Andrew van der Lem

NDA

Sir Nigel Thrift

CoRWM Chair (Observing)

Presenting Items:

Head of GDF Communication

BEIS GDF Team

Head of GDF Transition, Governance & Sponsorship

BEIS GDF Team

Head of Strategic Business Planning

RWM Team

Programme Manager of RWM

RWM Team

Programme Transition Lead

BEIS GDF Team

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

1. Stephen Speed welcomed the members of the GDPB to the April 2019 meeting. The Board agreed that the Project 2 Full Business Case 4 (item 3 on the original agenda) would not be discussed as RWM were still in the process of implementing the recommendations from the NDA’s keyholder process.

Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of 31st January 2019 Board meeting were agreed and will be published on the GDBP internet page.
3. The GDPB Secretariat updated the Board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log.

Item 3 – Protocol for Sharing Confidential information from Initial Discussions

4. Bruce McKirdy presented a paper setting out the protocol for sharing confidential information from initial discussions between RWM and interested parties. The board were content with

the protocol, and agreed that the head of BEIS GDF Team should be added to the circulation list.

Item 4 – Site Evaluation Framework Consultation

5. Ann McCall provided an update on RWM's site evaluation framework consultation which ended on 31 March 2019. RWM is now in the process of evaluating the consultation responses as well as the approach to the consultation itself. The Board agreed that the timings of publishing the analysis of the consultation response and the updated site evaluation framework needs to be aligned with publication of the NPS.

Item 5 – SRO Transfer Planning and Delivery Agreement

6. The head of the BEIS GDF Transition, Governance and Sponsorship team provided an update on the transfer of the SRO role from BEIS to the NDA and highlighted key milestones and expected timelines for this transfer. A skeleton Joint Delivery Agreement (JDA) was also shared with the Board.
7. The Board discussed timings of the SRO transfer and how it will be important for the RWM/GDF Programme governance arrangements to align with those used by the NDA for its other subsidiaries. The Board suggested it would be helpful to include a RACI matrix within the governance documentation. The Board agreed the SRO role transfer should be socialised with senior BEIS stakeholders.

Item 6 – Key Projects Developments

8. Umran Nazir explained that the draft NPS is currently awaiting clearance within BEIS and gave an update on possible timings for it being laid in Parliament. He also mentioned that BEIS and RWM are undertaking work on principles for property compensation and that BEIS is providing a monthly update on its GDF work to the RWM Board.
9. Ann McCall gave an update on project 2.
10. The Welsh Government gave an update on the media that had occurred around the siting process consultation.

Item 7 – AoB

11. None