

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

Thursday 24 May 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 (attended from 11am)

Alan Cumming

Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Welsh Government Official

WG (Deputising)

Corhyn Parr

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

Sir Nigel Thrift

CoRWM Chair (Observing)

Presenting Items:

Head of GDF Transition, Governance & Sponsorship

BEIS GDF Team

Programme Manager

NDA 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 May 2019 meeting.

Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of 04 April 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 –Programme Business Case (PBC), and Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP).

4. The BEIS GDF Programme Manager presented a paper on the updated PBC and IAAP. The Board discussed first emplacement dates and noted that the outcomes and learning from projects 2 and 3 may impact on the timeline. The Board agreed that the executive summary could focus more on some of the key information that is in the document. The Board agreed that any final comments on the PBC and IAAP should be sent to the BEIS GDF Programme Manager by 31 May 2019.

Item 4 – NDA readiness and due diligence

5. Umran Nazir provided an overview of the BEIS team restructuring that is taking place.
6. Scott Mckirdy presented an overview of the SRO transition work including a wiring diagram for decision making.
7. The NDA Programme Manager presented a paper on NDA readiness and due diligence. The Board were content with the summary of actions before the SRO handover but noted that some of the actions may need to be completed ahead of the Treasury Approval Point scheduled for 9 July 2019. The Board agreed it would be helpful if the NDA could identify the new SRO as soon as possible so there could be a shadow running period for the new SRO before the final handover.

Item 5 – Sponsor’s Requirement

8. BEIS Programme Transition Lead presented a paper on the Sponsor’s Requirements document. The Board agreed that the information within the document should avoid replicating information that already exists in other documents.

Item 6 – Joint Delivery Agreement (JDA)

9. The Head of GDF Transition, Governance & Sponsorship presented the Joint Delivery Agreement. The Board discussed the purpose of the document and provided feedback on the title of the document and its tone.

Key Projects Developments

10. Umran Nazir gave an update on the draft NPS and on possible timings for it being laid in Parliament. He also provided an update on the Annual Report.
11. Ann McCall gave an update on project 2 covering timings of analysis of site evaluation consultation responses and stakeholder engagement.
12. The Welsh Government gave an update.

Item 7 – AoB

13. None