

**Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)**

**Thursday 25 July 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

Corhyn Parr

Director of UK Waste Operations, NDA

Welsh Government Official

WG (Deputising)

**Attendees:**

GDPB Secretariat

BEIS GDF Team

Sir Nigel Thrift

CoRWM Chair (Observing)

**Presenting Items:**

Head of GDF Transition

BEIS GDF Team

GDF Policy Advisor

BEIS GDF Team

**Apologies:**

Alan Cumming

Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Ann McCall

RWM Siting and Engagement Director

John Corderoy

RWM Programme Director

**Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks**

1. Stephen Speed welcomed the members of the GDPB to the July 2019 meeting.

**Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting**

2. The minutes of 24 May Board meeting were agreed and will be published on the GDPB internet page.
3. The GDPB Secretariat updated the Board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log.

**Item 3 – Update from Treasury Approvals Point (TAP)**

4. Corhyn Parr updated the Board on the TAP review. She felt it went well and cannot foresee any major concerns. Corhyn advised that Treasury have not yet issued the final report.

**Item 4 – Third Party Expert View Mechanism (TPEVM)**

5. The GDF Policy Advisor gave an overview of the TPEVM and explained how and where it fits into current policy. There was a discussion around how and when the TPEVM could be used. It was agreed that the RWM Resource Library should incorporate information for Community Partnerships on the purpose of the mechanism and how they can access it.

**Item 5 – NDA Readiness and Due Diligence**

6. The Head of GDF Transition presented the NDA Readiness and Due Diligence document to the Board and updated them on the changes to it. They also updated the Board on the progress of outstanding actions. New targets dates have been set for some actions, but these do not affect the timeline of the programme of work.

**Item 6 – Funding Distribution Models**

7. Umran Nazir led a discussion on funding distribution models. Bruce McKirdy advised that RWM has decided to carry out community engagement funding using in-house resources. The intention is still to procure a grant fund administrator to help with investment funding.

**Item 7 – Property Valuation Scheme (PVP) – Scoping**

8. The GDF Policy Advisor led a discussion on the potential development of a PVP scheme and the next steps needed for detailed scoping. It was agreed that further information gathering was required to ensure that any potential scheme provides sufficient protection and is value for money.

**Key Projects Developments**

9. Umran Nazir advised the Board that the National Policy Statement was laid in Parliament and is due to be designated in autumn. The Annual Report, covering the last two years has also been published. This will be the last Annual Report for GDF.
10. Bruce McKirdy gave an update on project 2 and stakeholder engagement.
11. The Welsh Government gave an update.

**Item 7 – AoB**

12. None