

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

Monday 23rd September 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

Umrans Nazir

GDF Programme Director, BEIS

Corhyn Parr

Director of UK Waste Operations, NDA

Alan Cumming

Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Welsh Government Official

WG (Deputising)

Attendees:

GDPB Secretariat

BEIS GDF Team

GDF Policy Advisor

BEIS GDF Team

Siting and Engagement Director

RWM

Programme Director

RWM

Sir Nigel Thrift

CoRWM Chair (Observing)

Presenting Items:

Head of GDF Transition

BEIS GDF Team

Apologies:

Malcolm Morley

RWM Chair

Judith Pomfret

Programme Manager, NDA

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

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

Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of 25th July 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 – Siting Process: Update

4. RWM’s Siting and Engagement Director gave an update on the Siting process. She reported that RWM with the NDA has been conducting a series of roadshows with nuclear site stakeholder groups to promote interest the siting process.

Item 4 – Tranche 3 Workshop update

5. The Programme Director at RWM advised the board on emerging thinking on the proposals for revising the approach to the business case development for the site characterisation phase of the project and considerations regarding whether a single business case was appropriate for this.
The timing of the business case was also discussed. Work on the appropriate approach was ongoing and no conclusions had been reached yet.

Item 5 – Progress Report on Property Value Protection

6. The GDF Policy Advisor gave an update on information gathered about the formulation of non-statutory property value protection schemes for Government funded projects. The RWM Siting and Engagement Director reported that RWM is currently carrying out some

financial modelling in relation to property value protection.

Item 6 – Final Siting Evaluation Document

7. The Siting and Engagement Director reported that RWM is finalising the Site Evaluation Documents for England and Wales following consultation earlier this year. The Board discussed the final siting evaluation document and the key messages from the consultation responses. RWM expect to publish the documents following designation of the National Policy Statement for Geological Infrastructure in England.

Item 7 – SRO Transition (Verbal Update)

8. The BEIS sponsorship lead stated that the work on transferring the SRO function for the GDF programme from BEIS to the NDA is almost complete.

Item 8 – Welsh Government Update

9. No update from the Welsh Government

Item 9 – AoB

10. There was an update on recent communications activity from the GDPB Secretariat.
11. Before closing the meeting, Stephen Speed thanked all of his staff in BEIS for taking up the Secretariat role of the GDPB and also thanked NDA and RWM for the help and input into the GDPB meetings.