

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

Wednesday 11th December 2019

1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Board Members

Corhyn Parr

Chair – Director of UK Waste Operations, NDA
SRO

Umrans Nazir

GDF Programme Director, BEIS

Malcolm Morley

RWM Chairman of the Board

Attendees:

GDPB Secretariat

NDA Programme Manager,

GDF Policy Advisor

BEIS

Head of NDA Sponsorship

BEIS

Siting and Engagement Director

RWM

Programme Director

RWM

Head of Programme Integration

RWM

Head of Strategic Business Planning

RWM

Sir Nigel Thrift

CoRWM Chair (Observing)

Presenting Items:

Head of NDA Sponsorship

BEIS GDF Team

NDA Programme Manager

NDA

Siting and Engagement Director

RWM

Programme Director

RWM

Apologies:

Stephen Speed

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

Bruce McKirdy

Managing Director, RWM

Alan Cumming

Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Welsh Government Official

WG (Deputising)

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

1. Corhyn Parr welcomed the members of the GDPB to the December 2019 meeting.

Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

2. The minutes of 23rd September 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 – SRO Transition: Update

4. 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 for BEIS. The Osmotherly letter has been drafted using the current IPA template.
5. The NDA Programme lead stated that the transition activities are almost complete for NDA.

Item 4 – Project 2 FBC: Update

6. RWM Programme Director provided an update on the context and status of Project 2.
7. NDA programme lead stated that the Project 2 FBC has passed through NDA governance

and assurance processes and NDA Board endorsed the FBC on 3rd December for onward submission to BEIS PIC on 30th January 2020. The GDPB were supportive of the next step for approval.

Item 5 - Siting Process: Update

8. RWM's Programme Director gave an update on the Siting process. He reported that Initial Evaluation Reports had been finalised but were on hold due to the General Election. The Site Evaluation document is ready to be published in the New Year.

Item 6 – Tranche 3 Workshop: Update

9. The RWM Programme Director provided an update on the approach for Tranche 3 noting there is no change to scope. The Board requested that the approval route was reviewed to consider level of approval and timing.
10. Work on the appropriate approach is ongoing and no conclusions had been reached yet. A Project Validation Review has been planned with IPA in the New Year.

Item 7 – Progress Report on Property Value Protection

11. The RWM Siting and Engagement Director gave an update on the outcome of financial modelling in relation to property value protection. An update was also provided on the status of information gathered about the formulation of non-statutory property value protection schemes for Government funded projects. The Board requested that based on the analysis undertaken, recommendations were provided to the February GDPB for consideration.

Item 8 – Welsh Government Update

12. Welsh Government informed the Board out of committee that a new Senior Radioactivity Policy Manager has been recruited.

Item 9 – AoB

13. The Board were informed that the GDF Policy Advisor will be the nominated BEIS contact for GDF going forward.
14. Before closing the meeting, Corhyn Parr thanked Ann McCall, Siting and Engagement Director for all her hard work to date on GDF Siting.