

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

Tuesday 11th February 2020
1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET

Board Members:

Corhyn Parr	Chair – Director of UK Waste Operations, NDA <i>SRO</i>
Stephen Speed	Director Nuclear Directorate, Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Umran Nazir	Deputy Director, BEIS
Karen Wheeler	CEO RWM
Malcolm Morley	Chair of the Board RWM
John Corderoy	GDF Programme Director RWM
Welsh Government Official	WG

Presenting Items:

Head of NDA Sponsorship	BEIS GDF Team
NDA Programme Manager	NDA
Siting and Engagement Director	RWM
Programme Director	RWM

Apologies:

Bruce McKirdy	Departing Managing Director, RWM
Alan Cumming	Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

1. Corhyn Parr welcomed the members of the GDPB to the February 2020 meeting.
2. Karen Wheeler was welcomed as a new member of the Board in her newly appointed role as CEO of RWM Ltd.

Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

3. The minutes of 11th December Board meeting were agreed and will be published on the GDBP internet page.
4. The GDPB Secretariat updated the Board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log.

Item 3 – Terms of Reference

5. The GDPB Secretariat presented the revised Terms of Reference to the Board. It was agreed that further review was required following Karen Wheeler’s recent appointment as RWM CEO.

Item 4 - SRO Transition: Update

6. The BEIS sponsorship lead stated that the SRO transition is complete. It was also stated that the recently signed Osmotherly letter will be revised to reflect SRO tenure.
7. The NDA Programme lead stated that the transition activities complete for NDA. All future programme activity will form business as usual.

Item 5 – BEIS PIC Approval of Project 2 and Siting Update

8. RWM Programme Director noted that the Project 2 FBC had been approved by the BEIS Project and Investment Committee on 30th January 2020. The Board reflected on the positive outcome for the next stage of the Siting process.

9. CoRWM Chair left the room.

10. The RWM Siting and Engagement Director gave an update on the Siting process.

11. CoRWM Chair returned to the room.

Item 6 – New Engagement Strategy: Update

12. The RWM Programme Director presented an overview of the Engagement Strategy for Project 2 as the project moves into the next phase of community engagement. This considered the organisation structure and capabilities required.

Item 7 – Tranche 3 PVR and Approach: Update

13. Following the IPA Project Validation Review undertaken on Tranche 3 in January 2020, the RWM Programme Director provided an update. The Board requested time to consider the recommendations from the review and consider the appropriate approach to address the recommendations.

Item 8 – Progress Report on Property Value Protection

14. The RWM Siting and Engagement Director gave an update on property value protection. The Board agreed that Property Value Protection is required and considered whether a Strategic Outline Case should be developed to present the options for consideration.

Item 9 – Welsh Government Update

15. Welsh Government informed the Board that the new Senior Radioactivity Policy Manager is now in post.

Item 10 – IAAP, Programme Risks and Programme Reporting

16. The GDPB Secretariat provided an update of the forward assurance and approval plan for GDF.

17. Following transfer of SRO to NDA, GDF programme reporting will follow standard NDA Corporate Reporting processes.

Item 11 - AoB

18. No AoB was raised and the meeting was closed.