

Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)

Tuesday 14th April 2020

Teleconference

Board Members:

Corhyn Parr	Chair – Director of UK Waste Operations, NDA <i>SRO</i>
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	Welsh Government

Presenting Items:

Siting and Engagement Director	RWM
Head of Group Development	NDA
GDF Programme Director	RWM
Technical Director	RWM

Apologies:

Stephen Speed	Director Nuclear Directorate, Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Alan Cumming	Director of Nuclear Operations, NDA

Item 0 – Siting Update

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

Item 1 – Welcome and Chair’s Opening Remarks

2. Corhyn Parr welcomed the members of the GDPB to the April 2020 meeting, noting that it was by teleconference due to the current CoVID19 restrictions.
3. CoRWM Chair joined the meeting.

Item 2 - Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

4. The minutes of 11th February Board meeting were agreed subject to one change and will be published on the GDBP internet page.
5. The GDPB Secretariat updated the Board on the current status of the actions on the Actions Log.

Item 3 – Terms of Reference

6. The GDPB Secretariat presented the revised Terms of Reference to the Board. **Decision** – the GDPB terms of reference were endorsed by the Board.
7. The JDG terms of reference were noted by the Board with a change recommended to the attendees.

Item 4 – Programme Management: Programme Report & Risk Update

8. The RWM GDF Programme Director presented the GDPB highlight report and risk update. The key items are; a review is being held into the impact of CoVID 19 to the GDF programme in particular the current phase of work; a pause of Tranche 3 (GDF Development Phase) as the timescales and approach are revised to inform a Sub Programme Business Case; the formation of a Tranche 3 steering committee.

9. The Board noted the report and risk updated and welcomed the revised approach and timescales for the Tranche 3 Sub Programme Business Case.

Item 5 – Programme Delivery: Tranche 3, PVR and Plan: Update

10. The RWM GDF Programme and Technical Directors presented an update to the Tranche 3 activities including development of the more detailed technical programme scope, draft project structure and timeline for the sub programme business case.
11. The Board noted the progress made to date and acknowledged that this work will provide greater clarity and confidence regarding the delivery of Tranche 3 and is required to address some of the IPA Project Validation Review recommendations.
12. Following the IPA Project Validation Review undertaken on Tranche 3 in January 2020, the RWM Programme Director provided an action plan in response to the recommendations. The Board noted the proposed responses and will convene a joint working group in support.
13. The RWM GDF Programme Director presented an update covering the progress of the approach to the integrated planning and scheduling across RWM and the GDF Programme. The Board requested that this was reviewed in more depth at a future meeting following further definition and development.

Item 6 – BEIS Update

14. The BEIS Deputy Director provided a progress statement regarding the GDF Programme update note to Ministers including the transition of SRO from BEIS to NDA.

Item 7 – Communications - Welsh Government Update

15. Welsh Government provided a brief update.
16. The new Senior Radioactivity Policy Manager attended the meeting as an observer and will meet the teams as soon as it is possible.

Item 8 - AoB

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