

**Geological Disposal Programme Board (GDPB)**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Teleconference**

**Board Members:**

Corhyn Parr	<b>Chair</b> – 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
GDF Programme Director	RWM
Technical Director	RWM
Chief Policy Advisor	RWM

**Apologies:**

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

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

1. Corhyn Parr welcomed the members of the GDPB to the June 2020 meeting, noting that it was again by teleconference due to the current CoVID19 restrictions.

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

2. The minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> April Board meeting were agreed subject to two minor changes 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 – Programme Management: Programme Report & Risk Update**

4. The RWM GDF Programme Director presented the GDPB highlight report and risk update. The key items are; progress with the Tranche 3 (GDF Development Phase) sub programme business case; procurement activities to support the current project work; ongoing work to assess the impact of CoVID 19 and the associated reforecasting of the current activities and expenditure.
5. The Board noted the report and risk update acknowledging the progress that has been made with the management, integration and visibility, whilst commenting that further work is required on the granularity of mitigations as the programme progresses.

**Item 4 – Programme Delivery: Tranche 3, PVP and TOPS: Update**

6. The RWM GDF Programme and Technical Directors presented an update to the Tranche 3 activities including the timeline for the sub programme business case addressing the IPA Project Validation Review recommendation covering the assurance and governance steps. Clarity was provided by BEIS regarding the Government governance steps that would also be required and the associated timescales.

7. The Board noted the schedule and next steps in the Tranche 3 sub programme business case delivery and look forward to receiving the document in due course, subject to the appropriate internal governance being conducted.
8. The RWM Siting and Engagement Director presented a progress update on the Property Value Protection scheme and the future key areas that require consideration to support the design and implementation of the scheme.
9. The Board noted the PVP delivery plan, progress to date and the future progress updates to the GDPB and advised that RWM engage with the relevant Government Departments to seek their experience and knowledge in setting up this type of scheme.
10. The Chief Policy Advisor presented information related to the Test of Public Support (TOPS) that will be required to be understood to minimise the risks and to underpin and inform the sub programme business case. The options and considerations associated with TOPS will inform the Tranche 3 activities and will provide a steer on community interactions in future.
11. The Board welcomed the opportunity to comment on the TOPS proposals and requested a follow up session to enable a more detailed input.

#### **Item 5 – BEIS Update**

12. The BEIS Deputy Director provided a progress statement regarding the GDF Programme update note to Ministers, advising that this would now be combined with a number of other NDA items.

#### **Item 6 – Communications - Welsh Government Update**

13. Welsh Government provided a brief update, noting that some activities and engagement had been postponed due to the CoVID 19 restrictions.

#### **Item 7 – AoB**

14. RWM raised an emerging issue related to land which had not been considered to date. The Board agreed that the issue should be investigated in more detail and the findings to be returned to a future meeting for options to be discussed.
15. The Chair thanked the Board for their participation in the meeting noting the progress being made and closed the session.