

Dounreay Stakeholder Group: Socio Economics

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Activity	Progress
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dounreay Socio Economic Plan 2014-2017 has been updated with additional financial information. Discussions are ongoing with the NDA concerning these updates.
NDA Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions and assessments on the potential funding of projects in the marine energy. Tourism Project (Venture North): Funding towards a two year programme of activities to improve the Caithness Tourism offering. This includes marketing of the area, and providing the training/learning opportunities for tourism sector and skills sectors. Discussions with organisations on potential new projects.
National Nuclear Archive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress continues on the National Nuclear Archive. A socio economic clause has been established in the contract for the commercial partner. The end user agreement for North Highland Archive is being drafted to ensure that the public facing service provided is maintained and potentially enhanced once the archive is operational. The competition process for the commercial partner is in progress.
CNSRP Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondment to HIE continues and work focuses on inward investment activities. Cavendish Dounreay Partnership (PBO - Simon Middlemas) is providing support to Eann Sinclair to produce a programme of major activities focusing on jobs. Activities are well advanced with the architecture agreed within CNSRP. Work focusses on ensuring that this is up and running by Dec 14. The PBO Socio Economic team (Simon Middlemas and Shona Kirk) are moving into the ground floor of the HIE offices in Thurso (Tollemache House). DSRL was contacted for information by one of the CNSRP partners concerning a potential development to support the renewable energy sector.
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular discussions with the Commercial services team to identify potential socio economic benefits in forthcoming

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	<p>contracts continue. Recent procurement activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Framework for Professional Services, and - The Supply of Heavy Fuel Oil. <p>Consideration is being given to an opportunity relating to the Design, Build and Commission of a Store Extension to an Existing ILW Facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site has a requirement for the Provision of Catering Services. This contract opportunity was highlighted to the Caithness Chamber of Commerce so that relevant local businesses were made aware. • The Nu-tech annual exhibition was held on 5 June 2014.
Caithness Chamber of Commerce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chamber of Commerce and DSRL are in early discussions concerning a potential pilot project to support business start-ups.
Education & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy North Skills Group has been re-established. A number of regional skills groups will feed into this. DSRL attended the Highland Skills Group and presented a report. The group aims to identify key issues affecting the area and identify actions. • DSRL will be delivering the second Ready Steady Work Programme. This is a 4 day course in the Summer holidays to give practical skills to move into employment. Includes CV; industry visits, interview practice. Over 30 students registered to date.
Workforce Transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As reported at the DSG main meeting in March, work continues to the ASFL reprofiling. When this is complete this will allow the resource data to be updated.
Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on business events is being supplied to individuals who are considering establishing their own businesses. • Work is progressing with the options for potential spin out opportunities from DSRL.
European Reference Site for Decommissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of visits, including those from overseas, to the Dounreay site. These will assist in promoting the site as a reference decommissioning site, highlighting the skills of both DSRL and the supply chain.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PBO has purchased a domain name (www.nucleardecommissioning.eu) which can be used as part of the marketing of the site as the European Reference Site for Decommissioning.
Infrastructure Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wick Harbour: Commercial Pier Project is being implemented. Scrabster Farm Development / Enterprise Zone: NDA Funding has been awarded to support preliminary project works.
Business Mentoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual innovation challenge run by the Chamber of Commerce and supported by Cavendish Nuclear and NDA has been launched. Applications need to be with the Chamber by 14 July, judging will take place during July culminating in "pitches" being made to the judges in August. Simon Middlemas, recently retired UK Projects MD will provide mentoring support to the winner.
Back Office Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simon Middlemas and Shona Kirk are looking at potential remote services support opportunities for Cavendish Nuclear. Work is currently at the concept stage.
Community Sports Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor facility type agreed. Preferred location at Viewfirth. Have met with NDA and their land agents and they are doing a land registry search to confirm exact land owned by them at Viewfirth. Need to get detailed costings so informed decision on facility surface can be made, e.g. 3G or traditional sports hall surface or potentially combination of both. Pre planning advice note submitted to Highland Council on 11 June. Initial discussions with Sportscotland and other potential funders have been very positive. Highland Council has indicated they are likely to partner CSH in this project. One of the potential facility suppliers to come and look at site within the next few weeks so detailed costings can be completed so that CSH know what funding will be required and funding applications can then be submitted.