HERITAGE STRAETGY UPDATE

Following comments from Historic Scotland earlier this year, the draft Heritage Strategy has been extensively redrafted to provide more substantiation of the statements and more clarity to the possible options. This re-draft will be reviewed by DSRL management and the NDA in early July, before being sent to Historic Scotland for their agreement. Once the draft is finalised in late summer/early autumn, the DSG Environmental Sub-Group, known stakeholders and the public will be invited to comment on the draft strategy.

In parallel with this process, a Collection and Disposal policy for items of historical interest will be drafted in conjunction with the National Museum of Scotland and Caithness Horizons. The National Museum of Scotland has indicated that Dounreay items are of national importance and they are interested in acquiring items for the national collection. They have recently bought a glass sculpture of the Dounreay reactors from an artist and it is currently on display in Edinburgh.

Dounreay's two unique Graphex Fire Tenders are no longer needed on site and options for preserving these are being reviewed with the NDA.

James Gunn will be giving a presentation on Dounreay's heritage at the Thomas Telford Industrial Heritage weekend event, which is being held in Wick on 3rd to 5th July.

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