

Restructuring the HSE's Nuclear Directorate - June 2009

"Consultation on the Restructuring of the Health and Safety Executive's Nuclear Directorate"



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A Consultation on the Restructuring of the Health and Safety Executive's Nuclear Directorate

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Anticipated Timetable



- 12 week consultation commences 30
 June 2009
- Close consultation 22 September 2009
- Lay LRO in parliament & Government response to consultation - End 2009
- LRO to be made Spring 2010
- Nuclear statutory corporation created -Autumn 2010

Why are we moving to a Statutory Corporation?



- Better regulation to become a World Leader
- Recruitment difficulties Sustainable Solutions
- Climate change the recognised need for nuclear solutions
- On-going Decommissioning
- The Stone review





- To create a new sector-specific independent regulator, under the auspices of HSE;
- Built on better regulation principles;
- To include all elements of the HSE's Nuclear Directorate and regulation of radioactive transport currently within Department for Transport.

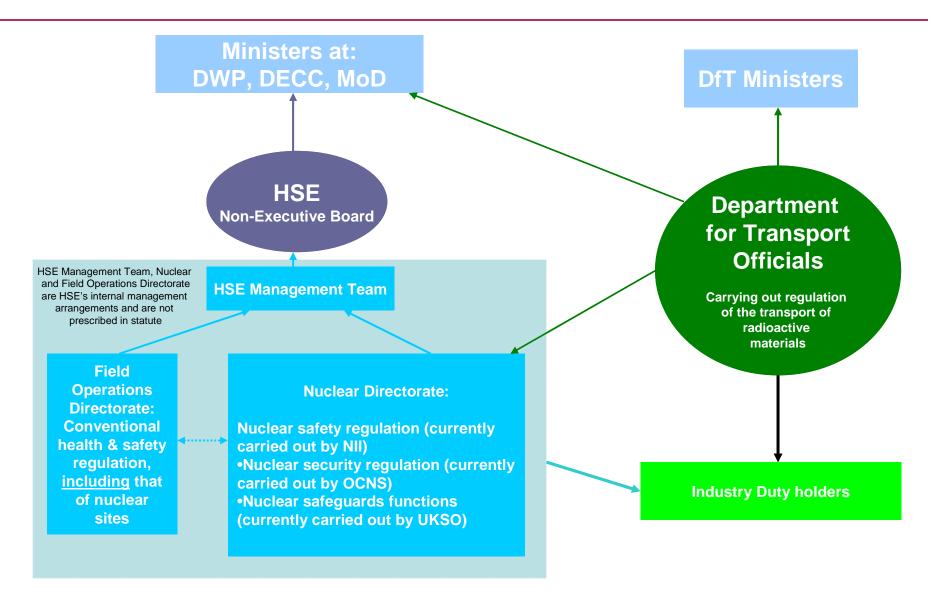


The proposal contd.....

- The new body will be a Statutory Corporation, a public sector body outside the Civil Service;
- It will have its own independent Board;
- The post of Chief Inspector to be defined in legislation;
- Would be created using a Legislative Reform Order (LRO).

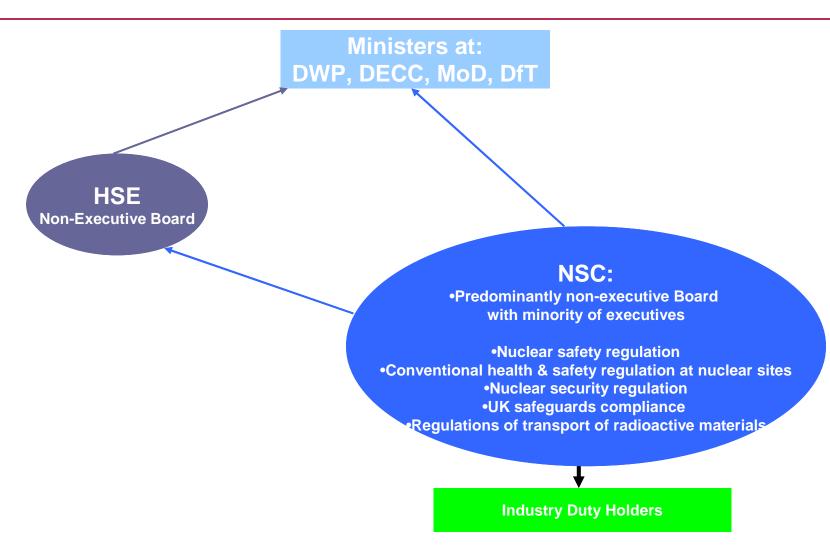


Existing Regulatory Structure





Proposed Regulatory Structure





The benefits of the new organisation

- Small, predominantly Non Executive Board
- Increased flexibility
- Health & Safety a consistent approach
- Enhanced confidence of all stakeholders
 & wider public visibility
- Raising the profile of Nuclear regulation

ND's Aspiration

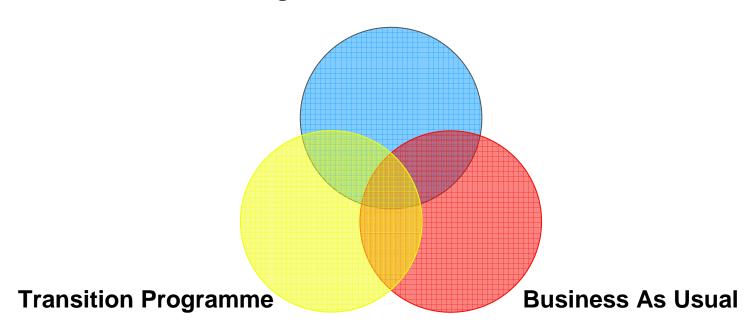


- The drive and direction to deliver a forward thinking world class regulator
- Raising the bar technical & regulatory excellence
- Stakeholder Responsive
- Increased transparency & accountability



How is ND going to achieve it?

Legislative Reform Order





LRO – Legislative Reform Order

Important to note: -

 No proposals to dilute powers of inspectors or organisation or reduce safety standards



What is the impact on stakeholders?

Improvements in :-

- Transparency & Independence
- Accountability
- Consistency of regulatory activities discharged by NSC
- The Benefit: efficient and continued robust and effective regulation of nuclear hazards

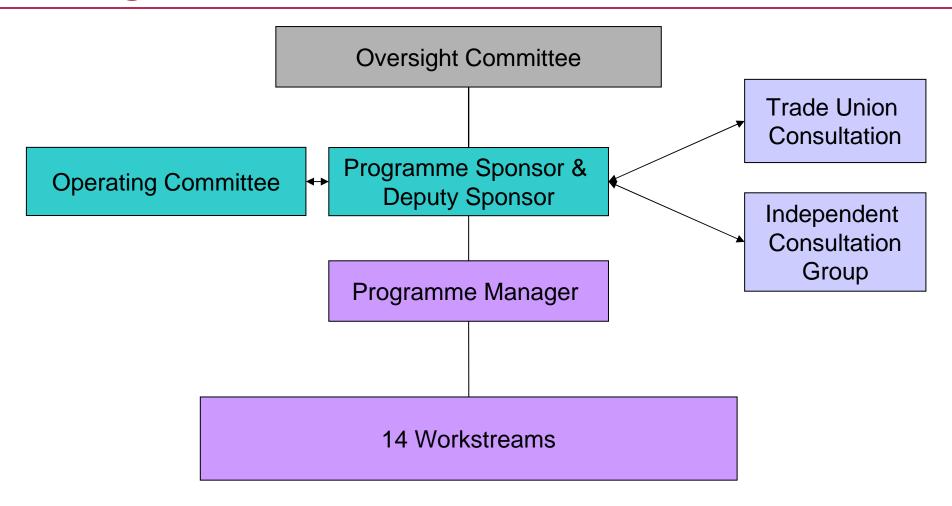


ND – Transition Programme

- Internal Change programme to ensure that the transition from ND to the new Nuclear Statutory Corporation is achieved.
- It ensures that ND has the capability to operate as a statutory corporation.
- It includes existing and planned initiatives to enhance efficiency and effectiveness
- Will not compromise business as usual

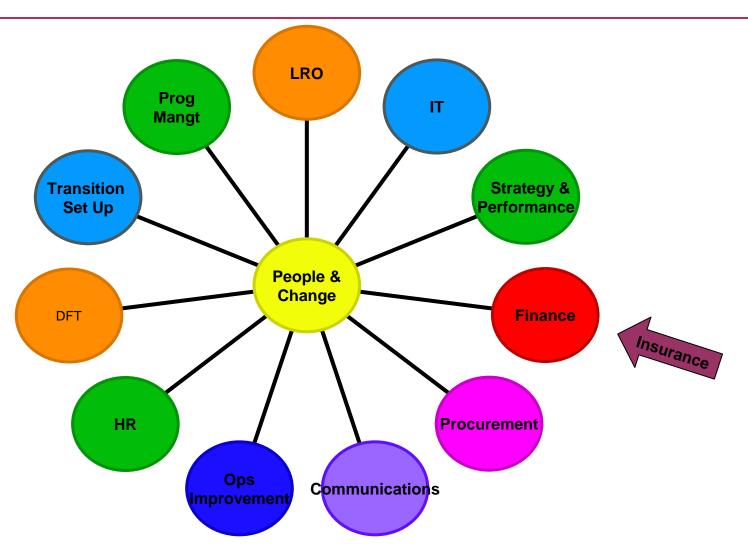
ND Specific: Transition Programme - Organisation





ND Specific: - Transition Programme Workstreams





What will the creation of the new body achieve?



- It will create a stronger, more clearly focused regulator with enhanced transparency and accountability;
- It will have the autonomy and flexibility needed to meet challenges of the changing nuclear environment.

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