

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**April 2010 to March 2011**

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It has been another busy year for DSG members and I'd like to thank everyone for their commitment and involvement over the year. In summary:

- The **site competition** has been prominent this year with numerous ad-hoc meetings with the NDA on the progress of the competition and the two bidding participants. Discussions with the bidders have been carried out informally and formally and this will continue throughout this year but to a lesser extent.
- DSG has responded to the following **consultations**:
  - Scottish Government higher activity waste consultation
  - HSE's Bulk Quantities Pre-Consultation Stakeholder Workshop
  - HSE's re-organisation
  - Northern Isles Ferry Review
  - NDA strategy II
  - NDA business plan 2011-2014
  - Dounreay site heritage
- DSG was represented at the following meetings:
  - NDA National Stakeholder Group
  - Visited the Dounreay site
  - Learning journey to Cumbria
  - CNSRP Advisory Board meetings
  - Scottish political party conferences
  - Radioactive waste management workshop, Luxembourg
  - Scottish Sites meetings
- DSG continues to receive updates on the site's **lifetime plan** taking on board the £150M funding allocated. NDA also kept DSG updated on the re-organisation and comprehensive spending review.
- Updates on the progress of the **National Nuclear Archive** were provided throughout the year. While disappointed that current financial restraints have slowed down this project DSG continue to keep up to date with information.
- The format of the **DSG sub groups** was reviewed and as a result the Environmental sub group and the Site Operations sub group were combined and renamed as the Site Restoration sub group. This has been working well since its trial run. The Admin and Procedures sub group was also renamed the Business meeting and now includes the chair, vice-chair and two sub group chairs.
- The Board of Directors for the **Caithness and North Sutherland Community Fund** (low level waste fund) has now been identified. Work is ongoing to ensure that the fund is ready to launch in late summer 2011.
- The DSG regretfully agreed that the **Viewfirth redevelopment project** should not be taken forward given the financial climate.

**Bob Earnshaw**  
 DSG Chairman  
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