

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

April 2012 to February 2013

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

- It's been almost a year now since Babcock Dounreay Partnership took over the site closure contract for Dounreay.
- In June 2012 we had a number of changes to the membership of DSG.
- DSG has responded to the following **consultations**:
 - Bulk quantity waste (ONR)
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 - Broadband roll out (HIE)
 - Low level waste authorisation (SEPA)
 - Procurement reform bill (Scottish Government)
 - Dounreay's RSA Authority (SEPA)
 - Draft Business Plan (NDA)
 - Stakeholder engagement survey (NDA).
 - Phase 2 decommissioning (DSRL)
 - Dounreay's Socio Economic Plan 2012-2015 (DSRL)
- DSG was represented at the following meetings throughout the year:
 - NDA Site Stakeholder Group chair's meeting
 - NDA National Stakeholder Group
 - CNSRP Advisory Board meetings
 - Caithness Transport Forum
 - Scottish Sites meetings
- DSG received the following presentations throughout the year:
 - Dounreay Site Contract (difference between old and new) (NDA)
 - Dounreay update (DSRL)
 - Dounreay Phase 2 decommissioning (DSRL)
 - Dounreay's procurement strategy (DSRL)
 - Future of Vulcan site (MOD)
 - Dounreay Planning Framework (Highland Council)
- DSG continued to be updated on the activities of the Vulcan and Dounreay site. A new lifetime plan was completed in December 2012.
- The DSG undertook an **external review** during 2012. A number of recommendations were identified and all have now been taken forward.
- The **Caithness & North Sutherland Fund** continues to administer funding associated with the new low level waste facility at Dounreay. The first annual general meeting was held in October 2012. At the AGM the fund had awarded £273,167.87 to projects which attracted a total funding leverage of £815,821.60

and £138,831.32 in 'in-kind' contributions.

- The NDA contributed £100K to Transport Scotland towards the feasibility study for the re-alignment of the Berriedale Braes.
- The **North Highland Regeneration Fund** which is funded by NDA (£1.8M) held its AGM in November 2012. £1.873 million has been provided in loans across a variety of businesses (28% in the business services sector and 17% in the energy sector). The funding to date has secured 147.5 jobs and created 95.5 jobs.
- NDA announced in December 2012 their commitment to build the National Nuclear Archives in Wick. The project will see a new purpose built archive facility constructed at Wick to provide long-term storage of records and other archive material from civil nuclear sites in the UK. It was expected that the facility will be operational in 2016.
- I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Chairman of the DSG and would like to think we have, collectively, helped to make a difference to some of the issues that have come forward over the past few years. On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my time as chairman of the DSG and ask that you afford the same support to the new chairman.

Bob Earnshaw

DSG Chairman

28th February 2012