# **Dounreay Socio Economic Alliance**

## November 2013

Activity	Progress
General	<ul> <li>NDA/DSRL agreed to continue to part fund the CNSRP Programme Manager for a further 3 years (2014 – 2017)</li> <li>Ken Linn has taken over as the Head of Commercial Services at Dounreay from Joe Kane. He has held initial meetings with representatives from the Dounreay Stakeholder Group and the Caithness Chamber of Commerce.</li> <li>The report on "develop and deploy a means of measuring achievement of Socio Economic Interventions" is now expected in November 2013. The delay was outside of the contractor's control.</li> </ul>
Procurement	<ul> <li>Framework Contract award for Decommissioning         Services. This contract has a requirement for training new         decommissioning staff – 7 per year. Contractors are         working with North Highland College to take this forward</li> <li>Regular discussions with the Commercial services team         to identify potential socio economic benefits in forth         coming contracts.</li> <li>Investigating the possibility of including training of         graduates in a forthcoming tender.</li> <li>A revision is underway to the "Suppliers" page DSRL         Internet to create a new page "services Available in the         Local Area." This page will direct potential bidders to the         Chamber of Commerce to highlight services offered by         local companies and to Job Centre Plus for information         on availability of local labour. See Appendix 1</li> </ul>
Infrastructure Development	Wick Harbour: Phase 2 (sea defense and commercialisation to support windfarm O&M) development consideration continues. Long term

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	business plan development continues.
	<ul> <li>Information provided to Transport Scotland to deliver</li> </ul>
	Berriedale Improvement scheme study.
	NNA supply chain discussion concluded, now at ITT
	stage for commercial partner engagement.
nward	Secondment to HIE continues. Work focuses on inward
vestment	investment activities. Agreed to continue with the
	secondment role for a further 3 years.
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Marketing	<ul> <li>Knowledge &amp; Enterprise Conference (30 September 2013). HIE have a target of creating 1000 jobs in the life sciences sector by 2020. Notes of the conferences were produced for CNSRP with actions identified.</li> <li>It is important that as the CNSRP strategy develops we do not lose sight of the challenges ahead and we would expect to pursue other related work in this and other sectors in the future.</li> <li>Communications/Marketing plan now received from Liddell Thompson. Plan being discussed with CNSRP</li> <li>Issue 2 of the "This is Caithness Supplement" has been published and circulated on 25 October 2013.</li> <li>A document has been started to turn the LT work into a proposal to carryout marketing activities across the CNSRP partners plus wider organisations over a multiyear period.</li> </ul>
Tourism &	Scoping study produced for a heritage app.
Heritage	<ul> <li>Whilst there are a number of trade organisations in the area, a review was started of the tourism &amp; cultural history sector to identify any potential gaps and opportunities to support. Initial findings are to be discussed with CNSRP.</li> <li>Next stage will be to ascertain how we can support existing organisation's to fill the gaps.</li> </ul>

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### **APPENDIX 1: New Web Page**

### Services Available in the Area

#### **Sub Contractors**

Within the Dounreay locality, there are a number of companies who have gained a track record in supporting the nuclear industry in the area. They can provide a wide range of services which may be of interest to contractors tendering for work with us. Some of the services available locally include:

- Building & construction services
- Demolition services
- Fabrication / welding services
- Installation, commissioning and testing
- Scaffolding / lifting
- Supply of construction materials including aggregates and quarrying services
- Recruitment services

Caithness Chamber of Commerce can provide details on capabilities of local sub contractors and have produced a directory of services available to those main contractors working at Dounreay. To see obtain a copy of the nuclear services directory click here.

The Chamber can also organise Meet the Buyer events where contractors can discuss their requirements with potential local sub contractors.

For further information on the please contact:

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E: <u>info@caithnesschamber.com</u>
W: <u>www.caithnesschamber.com</u>

#### **Local Labour**

Our local Jobcentre Plus office will be able to assist on the availability of local labour. Please contact:

Jobcentre Plus Government Buildings Girnigoe Street Wick. KW1 4HJ

E: wick.jobcentreplus@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

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