

Dounreay Stakeholder Group: Socio Economics

Dounreay Socio Economic Alliance

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Activity	Progress
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft report on “develop and deploy a means of measuring achievement of Socio Economic Interventions” has been delivered. Comments have been returned. The next stage is to discuss the findings with the relevant beneficiaries to ascertain how much can be made public. • We have started consideration of what should be in the next revision of the Socio-Economic plan and would expect to consult with members of the DSG in Feb/March. Our work will reflect the CNSRP strategy which is likely to see emphasis of the development of non energy related sectors. • There are a number of visits, including those from overseas, to the Dounreay site. These will assist in promoting the site as a reference decommissioning site highlighting the skills of both DSRL and the supply chain
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Suppliers” page of DSRL Internet has been updated to include “Services Available in the Local Area.” This page directs 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. • Regular discussions with the Commercial services team to identify potential socio economic benefits in forthcoming contracts continue. As a result potential opportunities have been identified. • Consideration is being given as to how procurement of a major reactor decommissioning project can support the sites socio-economic regeneration aims & objectives. • As part of the contract strategy for a Framework Agreement for Professional Services consideration has been given to

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	<p>contractors using of graduates / interns to give work experience. The contractors will be required to provide a socio economic plan in their Tender Submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSRL will be holding a supply chain briefing to give an update on future procurement opportunities at Dounreay. This event will be held on Wednesday February 12, 2014 in The Weigh Inn Hotel, Thurso, starting at 14:00 hours. • DSRL will be holding a supply chain briefing to give an update on future procurement opportunities at Dounreay. This event will be held on Wednesday 12 February 2014.
Infrastructure Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wick Harbour: Ongoing interaction with the Wick Harbour Authority on the Commercial Pier Project. • Maintaining support to Transport Scotland to deliver Berriedale Improvement scheme study. [• The NNA project has a new Project Manager appointed and work progresses in the selection of the commercial partner selection. • In discussion with organisations on potential infrastructure developments. • Participated in discussions relating to added value for the superfast broadband roll out. • Meeting with HIAL and drafted a specification to support the development of Wick John O Groats Airport – issue of this to the market by HIAL is imminent. • Proposal was received from the Caithness Chamber of Commerce for future funding of the Caithness Transport Forum. DSRL has agreed to part-fund the Forum for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2017.

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Inward Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondment to HIE continues. Work focuses on inward investment activities. • A final draft on labour market intelligence has been received. The document is currently being reviewed internally. • Discussions continue with local company concerning the possible relocation of a business activity to the area.
Education & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation given to the Energy North (Caithness Members) on the Oil & Gas Task Force (Skills Working Group). Initial meeting of sub group held. • The 4 interns recruited by DSRL prepared a report on reducing environmental impacts of the decommissioning activities. Feedback from all parties has been positive. The interns employment has been extended and are now looking to take forward some of the initiatives. DSRL is in discussion with the University of the Highlands & Islands to develop a closer working relationship. A Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared with the intention of this being signed in early 2014. • A meeting was held with representatives from the Centre of Health Science, Inverness to look at areas of mutual benefit. Information has been given to the Centre on the skills and capabilities available at Dounreay. Information on CPD courses are going to be provided for individuals considering future employment in this sector. • Discussions are taking place between the National Skills Academy, Nuclear and DSRL to continue to support the Skills Academy on a part time support for activities in the area.
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowestoft visit to develop understanding Offshore Wind

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	<p>Industry further. Notes completed and with HIE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In light of recent announcements relating to offshore wind by SSE, 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 other sectors.
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A marketing plan has now been drafted and has been discussed with CNSRP. Further refinements are required and it is expected that this will be complete by end of January 2014.
Tourism & Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work continues to develop the Heritage App. Progress meeting arranged. DSRL produced a discussion paper which was submitted to CNSRP identifying potential gaps and opportunities to support Tourism activities. The main conclusions related to unclear responsibility for marketing the area and responsibility for developing and maintaining visitor attractions. CNSRP is organising a meeting between a number of agencies to discuss the tourism sector in the area.