

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

April 2013 to February 2014

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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:

- During the year there was a number of changes to the membership:
 - Resignations
 - Cllr Alex MacLeod, Highland Council
 - Cllr Michael Stout, Shetland Islands Council
 - Alan Scott, Caithness Contractors Consortium
 - Andrew Cummin, ERI
 - Ross MacKenzie, Health Service
 - New memberships:
 - Cllr Matthew Reiss, Highland Council
 - Mike Favell, Health Service
 - Tor Justad, DSG member
 - David Broughton, DSG member
 - Roy Blackburn, DSG member
- DSG has responded to the following **consultations**:
 - UK Government, Managing Radioactive Waste Safely, Siting process, June 2013
 - DSRL's All Waste BPEO review
 - DECC's consultation on site selection for GDF
 - NDA's draft business plan 2014-17
 - Highland Council's Dounreay Planning Framework 2
- 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 Government, Scottish Sites meetings
 - Scottish Government, Higher Activity Waste Implementation Project Board
 - Broadband roll-out meetings organised by Chamber
 - North Highland Regeneration Fund
 - Foundation Scotland, Caithness Conversation
 - Highland Council Charrettes meeting
 - DSG observer at Dounreay's site emergency exercise
 - Magnox competition verification discussions
 - InSotech stakeholder seminar, Berlin
- DSG received the following presentations throughout the year:
 - Dounreay's Procurement Strategy
 - Future of Vulcan site

- Higher Activity Waste, Dounreay
- DSG continues to raise questions and receive updates on NDA and site activities, including:
 - operational issues at both Dounreay and Vulcan
 - Dounreay lifetime plan and impact on staffing profile
 - health, safety and environmental topics relating to Dounreay
 - security at both sites (within the bounds of security regulations)
 - nuclear transports
 - waste topics
 - Procurement
 - Staff transition / Make the Right Connections training programme
 - Delivery of Socio economic plan
 - Funding for socio economic projects
 - National Nuclear Archives progress
 - Georgemas junction development
 - NDA sale of surplus land
 - CNSRP priority projects (Dounreay's contribution)
- DSG has been invited to be a speaker at the forthcoming Marketforce "Future of Utilities" conference in London at the end of March. This is testament to the work of the DSG that we continue to be invited to speak at such conferences. The main speaker is the Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, Minister of State for Energy, Department for Energy and Climate Change.

Finally, as the outgoing chairman, I would like to place on record my thanks to all DSG members for their support, input and interaction over the past year.

David Flear
DSG Chairman
10th February 2014