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Dear all

#### **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

At the last sub group meeting of DSG held in November it was disappointing to note that no councillors were able to attend. This came up again at the December public meeting where there appeared to be a clash of meeting dates and after some correspondence you agreed between you who would represent at each meeting.

While we recognise that a number of meetings can mean that you are in Inverness at short notice there was an action placed on me to remind you that it is equally important to ensure that local meetings are attended regularly and ask that you work together to ensure there is at least one Caithness Councillor representative attending DSG meetings whether that be sub groups or public meetings. If it was helpful we would be delighted for you to identify deputies to ensure attendance and the onus for those who attend would be to ensure that all Councillors are updated on the issues around Dounreay and Vulcan. We greatly value the presence of elected members, both as an opportunity for them to be kept updated on site matters and for them to pass on information of value to the Dounreay community.

From a Sutherland Council point of view it would be useful to have a deputy to cover at times when the nominated representative from Sutherland is not available.

On another note I was also actioned to write to you to ask for an update on the proposed town centre improvements project. This was as a result of a discussion at the DSG Socio Economic sub group meeting where it had been mentioned there had been a very early discussion with NDA. Since our meeting I recognise Cllr Karl Rosie, supported by other Caithness Councillors, had called a public meeting relating to Community Development. It would be useful if either Matthew Reiss or Struan Mackie could attend the next sub group on 31st January 2018 to provide an update on this project so that DSG can explore if there are areas they could provide support with.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2018.

Yours sincerely

*Sent electronically without signature*

**Roger Saxon**  
**DSG Chairman**

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