### DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP DSG SITE RESTORATION SUB GROUP

### DSG/SRSG(2019)M001

# Minutes of the DSG Site Restoration sub group meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 1900 hrs in the Pentland Hotel (Georgina suite), Thurso.

Present:	Cllr Willie Mackay	Highland Council (sub group chairman)
	Alastair MacDonald	DSG honorary member
	Gillian Coghill	Buldoo Residents Group
	Thelma MacKenzie	Thurso Community Council
	Roger Saxon	DSG Chairman
	David Broughton	DSG Co-opted Member of the Public
	Derrick Milnes	DSG Vice Chair
	Davie Alexander	Wick and Thurso Trade Union Council
	Cllr Struan Mackie	Highland Council
In addition:	Dawn Clasper	DSG Minute Secretary
	June Love	Dounreay Community Relations Manager (DSG Secretariat)
	Mark Raffle	NDA Programme Manager
	David Lowe	Deputy Managing Director, Dounreay
	Cdr Shaun Southwood	MOD Vulcan
	Danny Gregory	ONR (Dounreay)
	Stewart Ballantine	SEPA
	Pat Green	CNC
	Stuart Pyper	NDA Programme Manager (Observer)
	Wendy Newton	MOD Vulcan
	lan Rogers	ONR (Dounreay)

### MINUTES

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Willie Mackay welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed David Alexander who was now representing the Wick and Thurso Trade Union Council and would also sit on the Socio Economic sub group. Members had been encouraged to attend the alternative sub groups at times especially when there was something of interest on the agenda.

He welcomed Wendy Newton, MOD Vulcan who was providing the update on the future options of the Vulcan site. He also welcomed Stuart Pyper who was attending as an observer on behalf of the NDA Site Facing Team and Ian Roger, ONR (Dounreay) who was attending as an observer. Introductions were made around the table.

## 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Roy Blackburn, DSG Co-opted Member of the Public
- Sand Owsnett, Dounreay Unions
- David Flear, DSG honorary member
- Michelle Johnstone, NHS
- Bob Earnshaw, DSG honorary member

- George MacDougall, Caithness West Community Council
- Brian Mutch, SGRPID

### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that the minutes – DSG/SRSG(2018)M003 – had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. These were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by Thelma Mackenzie and seconded by Alastair MacDonald.

No issues were raised from the minutes.

## 4. ACTIONS

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that the status of actions had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. The majority of actions had been completed and he asked if anyone wished to raise anything on the closed actions before concentrating on the ongoing ones.

- DSG(2018)M002/A005: June Love to contact David Lowe to request that any impact on staffing resources identified in the new decommissioning plan is communicated in a timely manner. Action Complete: David Lowe stated that they are working on their performance plan and incorporation of the site wide impacts of the programme going forward. Phase one would be implemented at the end of this financial year for the coming financial year and then the final performance plan would be in place by September 2019. By September a resource loaded schedule will be available which will allow a staffing profile to be produced. June Love noted that DSRL have a commitment to provide the staffing profile to CNSRP and therefore it would be reported via DSG when the information was available. She suggested that this action be closed at present. This was agreed.
- **M002/A018:** David Lowe to provide a simple A3/A4 page highlighting key milestone dates for delivery of site decommissioning to interim end state based on the SWI-R BCP once accepted by NDA. **Action Complete: This** would be produced following NDA approval of the performance plan. June Love suggested closing this action at present and adding to the DSG's forward diary of rolling topics so that it was not lost but raised again at a more appropriate time.

# Action: DSG/SRSG(2019)M001/A001: June Love to add plan on a page to the DSG forward look diary for September 2019.

## 5. DOUNREAY UPDATE

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that a number of written papers had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting including would be taken as read:

- DSG(2019)P003: Dounreay report
- DSG(2019)P004: SEPA report
- DSG(2019)P001: ONR report

He invited the following to provide updates:

NDA: Mark Raffle, NDA provided the following update:

- The recruitment of a new Head of Programme for the Dounreay Site Facing Team was now complete and an offer had been made.
- The Draft NDA Business Plan had been circulated and NDA were looking forward to the DSG comments.

- A secondee from JAEA would be working on the Dounreay site from April 2019 for 6 months and would be working at PFR as their prime interest was in the sodium destruction in relation to decommissioning in Monju.
- The Secretary of State had agreed the Geological disposal facility siting process for stakeholder engagement/consultation.
- The NDA had published a stakeholder survey which is open until 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- Jeremy Harrison, NDA Assurance Director, and Andrew van der Lem, NDA Head of Socio Economics would be visiting on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February. They would be meeting with various stakeholders including representatives from DSG.

Cllr Willie Mackay thanked Mark Raffle for his input and invited questions from members.

Derrick Milnes asked the Halliday Enquiry report was expected and was there likely to be any impact on the Dounreay programme. Mark Raffle responded that the interim report had been published and this had impacted on more process for any procurement carried out by DSRL. Once we see the final report is received, NDA CEO, David Peattie is committed to taking forward any recommendations from the final report.

Roger Saxon asked, on behalf of Sand Owsnett, what the impact could there be on the Dounreay contract with Babcock International's current interim results for the financial year which had showed a decline in revenue. Mark Raffle responded that he would not be able to comment he has not seen the report.

# Action: DSG/SRSG(2019)M001/A002: June Love to ask Cavendish Nuclear for a response to financial forecast and the potential effect for the Dounreay contract.

Derrick Milnes asked how Cavendish Nuclear could award a contract to itself and queried whether this was acceptable. Mark Raffle responded that this was legitimate as Cavendish Nuclear was one part of the Parent Body Organisation and CDP did not take part in any assessments made of contracts where any of the three parent companies were bidding into a Tier 2 contract. These also had to go to NDA for approval and this was one of the checks and balances that have to be carried out to allow NDA to ensure these assessments had been carried out appropriately. David Lowe commented that from a DSRL perspective no personnel within Cavendish Nuclear took part in the decision making process and this had been carried out by DSRL staff only. This would also apply to any of the parent companies with regards Tier 2 contracts.

### Dounreay: (DSG(2019)P003refers)

David Lowe, Deputy Managing Director, Dounreay provided the following update:

- It has been over 471 days since the last lost time accident and the site TRIR remained at 0.04.
- During the month of December winter preparedness roadshows were held for the Dounreay workforce. There were also a number of discussions and awareness campaigns regarding traffic issues in on and offsite car parks,

- Dounreay had won the Babcock International Group's Safety Programme Award, this award recognising the work undertaken to introduce the Dounreay professionalism and the resulting improvements in safety security and environmental performance.
- Dounreay had received a warning letter from SEPA regarding management of HEPA filters and DSRL was now working on how to improve the management of the HEPA Filter programme.
- The first of the three water vapour nitrogen tools had been successfully installed. Trialling of the next 2 in-reactor tools had commenced.
- The Dounreay Materials Test Reactor (DMTR) contract had been awarded to Cavendish Nuclear and its partners, JGC Engineering, KDC and Frazer-Nash Consultancy for the dismantling of the reactor block and demolition of the structure. A contract was also awarded to Graham Construction for the construction of the DCP Store facility.
- In the Fuel Cycle Area, the first of the contact handleable intermediate level waste has been removed from Lab 33, D1200.
- Good progress continues to be made to remove nuclear fuel from the site.
- Following on from previous DSG discussions, DSRL had now awarded a contract for the production of a Feasibility study to assess viability of opening a new metal treatment waste route and were considering a pilot trial sending 4 historic bulk metal items to a Metal Treatment Facility outside of Caithness
- Four new groundwater monitoring boreholes have been drilled up-hill from the shaft to improve the monitoring of groundwater around the shaft.
- The Highland Council has now provided the site with the approved Dounreay Phase 3 planning submission with 8 conditions placed. DSRL will ensure these are complied with as site decommissioning progresses.
- Dounreay had drafted a booklet to provide a high level explanation of what GRR means to the Dounreay site. This would be made available to DSG members when finalised.
- On the subject of the unusual particle, analysis is still ongoing. It was currently undergoing laser ablation and coupled plasma mass spectrometry was completed in December for the surrogate and they are ready to go forward with the particle this is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February.
- Milestones for 2018/19 had been updated with a small number being delayed. These were:
  - D1204 mixer settler boxes had been delayed due to an issue with the crane, the crane had now been fixed and material in one of the lines was currently being removed before work could commence. This was expected to now be completed by the end of the month.
  - NDA Gate A paper for redefining the end state was behind schedule as the initial paper had been submitted with a number of comments being returned. Further work was being done and it was expected that this would be completed before the end of the financial year. First block cut from cell walls in D1217 is on track to be completed in the next month.
  - Two HAZOP studies relating to Shaft and Silo have been with a slight delay due to some design considerations. This was now expected to be completed before the end of June.

• Dounreay had announced they are carrying out a Dounreay Executive re-organisation of the site. This would mostly affect those in Project Director roles with the majority of site remaining unaffected apart from departments being moved within the reporting structure. The site was currently working through the Management of Change process which would be submitted to ONR for consideration. The restructure was to better align parts of the organisation to deliver the mission going forward.

Cllr Willie Mackay thanked David Lowe for his input and invited questions from members.

Cllr Willie Mackay congratulated Phil Craig on winning 'Ally of the year' in the annual Women in Nuclear (WiN) awards. David Lowe responded that there were a number of people nominated throughout the NDA complex and Phil had been one of the nominees for his encouragement and work with the WiN.

David Alexander commented on the contract award to Nuvia for upcoming decommissioning projects, what is this for. David Lowe was not sure what the contract was awarded.

### Action: DSG/SRSG(2019)M001/A003: David Lowe to advise what contract was awarded to Nuvia.

David Broughton asked if the extra boreholes around the shaft, reported earlier, was because something had been observed and required to be explored further. Stewart Ballantine commented that SEPA review the monitoring arrangements for the facilities on a rotational basis and when they looked at the monitoring for the shaft it was not up to the standard they required. Dounreay had worked with the hydrogeologist to identify the best locations for additional monitoring points that would support emptying it going forward. The bore holes that have been put in come from that work.

Roger Saxon asked if the boreholes were for reassurance as he thought the shaft was already isolated. Stewart Ballantine confirmed that this was the case and that the boreholes were there to confirm this and if there were any issues that arise when emptying the shaft then these boreholes will help to identify those issues and take appropriate action to address them.

Roger Saxon noted that it was taking a long time for the analysis of the unusual particle recovered. David Lowe responded that there has been lots of testing and development work on a surrogate particle first and once completed as discussed at the last meeting they would be carrying out analysis of the particle itself.

Gillian Coghill asked if the Low Level Waste vaults are still being filled. David Lowe respond that there have been a series of programmes to re-looking at the waste characteristics and finger prints associated with that. No waste had been disposed of in the vaults recently but the site was ready to start these operations again. Gillian Coghill asked whether further consideration had been given to the waste potentially going off site to be treated. David Lowe responded a contract had been awarded to look at the feasibility of this and it was likely that a pilot would be implemented before the end of the financial year, with four waste components.

Gillian Coghill noted that the onsite LLW pits was an area of concern for Buldoo residents in relation to coastal erosion. She asked what the timescales were for them to be emptied and disposed of in the new vaults. David Lowe responded that this was going to be part of the performance plan and a key project coming forward. Feasibility work associated with this work would be undertaken shortly.

David Broughton commented that he had been involved in this over 15 years ago and that people needed to recognise that the safety cases for the pits were comprehensive and breaches would possibly occur first only in one place and there would be plenty of time and opportunity to review the gradual degradation. He added that a considerable amount of time had been taken to understand this at the time that the BPEO was developed and this included the assessment of the radiological impact of any leakages to the sea.

### SEPA: (DSG(2019)P004 refers).

Stewart Ballantine, SEPA provided the following report:

- There had been no incidents or reported non-compliances since the report had been drafted.
- The CAS scores for 2017 have been published. The 2018 scores would be sent to Dounreay and then published later in the year.

Cllr Willie Mackay thanked Stewart Ballantine for his input and invited questions from members.

Roger Saxon asked about the warning letter issued for the HEPA filters and queried whether this was about these not being changed on schedule. Stewart Ballantine responded that this was about failure to follow the management arrangements. There were a number of procedures in place in line with industry best practice for changing them which DSRL had not followed. DSRL had addressed the short fall and were working through the programme to deal with any filters that fell out of that range. There was 5 to 10 years cycles for changing these with an allowance to continue for longer if there was a signed off engineering justification from the appropriate SHEQ person.

### ONR: (DSG(2019)P001 refers).

Danny Gregory, ONR provided the following report:

- Ian Rogers would be replacing Danny Gregory as the Dounreay ONR inspector as of 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- In relation to DSRL's re-organisation, ONR had been very critical of the last major organisational change and discussions had ensued on this. He was happy to confirm that DSRL were ensuring any changes were made through the appropriate Management of Change documentation.
  Cllr Willie Mackay thanked Danny Gregory for his input and invited questions from members.

Roger Saxon noted at the last DSG Public meeting in December Danny Gregory offered to do a presentation on the work of the ONR. Danny Gregory responded that his last meeting would be the March 2019 meeting but that his replacement would be content to provide a presentation on ONR at a later date.

# Action: DSG/SRSG(2019)M001/A004: June Love to contact ONR for presentation at DSG Public Meeting.

Derrick Milnes noted in the ONR report there are a number of issues raised and asked whether ONR were satisfied that these were being appropriately dealt with by the site. Danny Gregory responded that the issues had been raised in relation to the previous voluntary redundancy programme, filling in of maintenance records and a very specific breach of administration arrangement of taking and sending minutes of the nuclear safety committee meetings to ONR. These were being taken seriously by the site management.

Roger Saxon noted that the new re-organisation was expected to be implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April and asked if ONR were content with the process to take this forward. Danny Gregory responded that until they saw the actual submission they could not comment in detail but it looked a lot more promising.

**<u>CNC</u>**: Pat Green reported that CNC:

- Continued to work with the site security team to support the fuels project.
- In December support was provided to a leaflet Action Counter Terrorism campaign on site in conjunction with Police Scotland that outlined what type of things should be reported if suspicious activity is observed.
- The new Security & Resilience Director, Mac MacGill, attended the response model testing that is carried out on site and he was very impressed with the CNC professionalism.
- Helen Shirley-Quirk, BEIS had visited site and while there had met with CNC.
- Mac MacGill Security & Resilience Director had invited CNC to join his management team meetings this has been beneficial to us.
- Continued to work with Police Scotland on various activities to provide support.
- Working with Police Scotland and DSRL to raise awareness about the drugs proliferation in Caithness and a presentation was given to DSRL workforce on this topic.
- Plans with NHS to get some training around suicide intervention prevention programme and this would be rolled out on site in the future.
- MDP (MoD Police) will be participating alongside CNC in its' next emergency exercise building on the work in September when CNC participated in the MDP emergency exercise.
- The Chief Constable had visited the site prior to his retirement in March 2019. He had been pleased to see how CNC had developed and maintained under his leadership and that there was a positive site relationship.
- Supported contingency plans being put in place with various resilience partnerships throughout Scotland to ensure arrangements were in place in relation to Brexit.
- CNC were taking part in a recruitment day on the 9<sup>th</sup> February in NHC with adverts on Moray Firth radio. In March new recruits would be undertaking various testing in the assessment centre.

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Police Scotland had been building relationships for a number of years. CNC sometimes have special resources that can expedite investigations and due to their location in Caithness if officers were urgently required CNC have the resource to support but Police Scotland were not relying on CNC or MOD., They fully understand what they need to do to provide for the community and have plenty of resource. There are partnership arrangements, not just here locally, but within Scotland working together is the norm and used in the development of training officers.

Thelma Mackenzie commented on the speeding on the road to Dounreay and if there could be something on the bulletin board regarding this. June Love noted that a DSRL employee who cycles from Thurso to Dounreay had raised the bad condition of the road and this was now currently being pursued through HC transport department and the Construction Director at Dounreay to discuss. Pat Green responded that there was an all site stand-down held recently by the executive team who were aware of traffic and pedestrians issues. Wendy Newton commented that Vulcan had also received correspondence from CNC on speeding traffic and a notice had been issued to all staff to drive appropriately. It was something that was regularly mentioned and taken very seriously.

As there were no further questions relating to the Dounreay activities, Cllr Willie Mackay thanked everyone for their input.

### 6. VULCAN UPDATE

Cllr Willie Mackay noted the following written updates had been provided.

- DSG(2019)P006: Vulcan update
- DSG(2019)P005: Rolls Royce update
- DSG(2019)P004: SEPA report

Cdr Shaun Southwood highlighted the following:

- As previously report to the DSG, there was one lost time incident and two medical treatment cases reported.
- NHS Highland had attended site in December and carried out general health monitoring and awareness.
- The HSE team had carried out a staff roadshow and addressed topics including lifting operations, working at high and safe driving.
- There had been no environmental non-compliances during the reporting period.
- In relation to Radioactive Waste Disposal, the percentages were in accordance with the site's licences and was below the expected dose.
- The Shore Test Facility Programme work continued towards the completion of the defueling of the shore test facility reactor. No events have occurred that raised concerns with ONR in accordance with their mandatory reporting criteria.
- A number of inspections and audits were planned for the next 6 months. The first being in February to cover the Fuel Management Operational Readiness Inspection.

Cllr Willie Mackay thanked Cdr Shaun Southwood for his input and invited questions from members.

The Rolls Royce update (DSG(2019)P005 refers) was considered and there were no questions raised.

 Cdr Shaun Southwood commented that this report covers action DSG(2018)M003/A004: Cdr Shaun Southwood to find out whether MOD Vulcan would be offering support to the Vulcan workforce with regards future employment. Cdr Shaun Southwood noted that in the Rolls Royce update (DSG(2019)P005) it stated "These programmes remain key to the specific Future Business planning for our Capability, Skills and Personnel currently at Vulcan and longer term in Caithness. Immediate tactical focus is on safe delivery of the defueling and fuel movement programme – key to the overall site closure programme. We are continuing to progress at appropriate aligned pace our Business planning and development for utilisation and deployment of our nuclear skills in Caithness in 2022 and beyond. Our resource management activities at our Vulcan Business Unit including recruitment continue to align to our operational delivery requirements and demands in accordance with normal Business management and controls including transformation and structure."

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that there was no Vulcan ONR Inspector. Ian Rogers commented that as of 1st April he would be covering both Vulcan and Dounreay.

The SEPA update (DSG(2019)P004 refers) was tabled with no questions asked.

### 7. PRESENTATION ON THE FUTURE OF VULCAN

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that DSG members had waited for some time to get information on the future options for the Vulcan site and that DSG had made its' feelings very clear that if there is no operational requirement for the site then as a community the preferred option was to fully decommission it alongside Dounreay. He then handed over to Wendy Newton to provide an update.

Wendy Newton provided some background reminding members of the announcement made in 2011 that there would be no requirement for prototype testing of the next generation of Naval Reactors. At that time, it was decided that Vulcan would not be required in the future and the reactor was shut done for the final time in July 2015.

Going forward MOD's focus was on defueling, materials evaluation and the initial clean-up of the site. Vulcan would move to the decommissioning phase around 2023. MOD would start decommissioning following completion of the current Vulcan Post Operational and Defuel Contract (VPOD) contracts with Rolls Royce which would cease in December 2022 (this was referred to as the Vulcan decommissioning period (beyond 2022). The site is leased from the NDA and an agreement would need to be reached on the conditions that the site would be returned to the NDA. A strategic decision would be required in 2020 on the point at which this handover should occur.

Wendy Newton provided details on a number of options for decommissioning which revolved the condition of the site before handback to the NDA. The Treasury insists on a 'do nothing' position as a baseline to measure all options against.

June Love asked whether, for clarity, funding for the options followed the organisation that would be carrying out the activity. Wendy Newton responded that this would be decided between the two government departments (BEIS and MOD). At the point it is handed back to NDA there would be an inter department decision on how the two department manage their funding.

David Broughton asked what was meant by ILW removal. Wendy Newton responded that this would be ILW transferred to an appropriate waste repository. David Broughton asked if this would include building a store at Vulcan for ILW. Wendy Newton responded that would be costed up in the

options appraisal.

David Broughton asked if there was a possibility that waste would be moved across the Scottish border. Wendy Newton responded that this would be decided under the preferred option.

David Alexander asked if the site remained within the MOD it was possible to transfer waste out of the area. Wendy Newton responded that as Defence was not devolved to the Scottish Government, although are bound by SEPA regulation, there would be different options available.

Gillian Coghill asked what the timescale was. Wendy Newton responded that, to make the programme most effective, it would be sensible to align this with the Dounreay closure date.

Wendy Newton reminded the members that a procurement exercise was required and therefore to retain a fair competition the information provided could not be published at this time. The appraisals of the options had to be finalised and then these had to go back to the Investment Board and whichever option was selected a programme would be developed.

June Love, on behalf of David Flear, asked whether options would be publicly consulted on. Wendy Newton advised that there would not be a consultation on the options put forward in the business case. There would be an appropriate point of time to do the public consultations through the planning process.

Derrick Milnes noted his disappointment in the presentation provided stating that it had been two years since this information had been requested and DSG members had expected to see a good robust argument being made between the various decommissioning options. Wendy Newton responded that she needed to undertake investment appraisals of all the options and these were being developed for consideration by the end of this year.

Derrick Milnes noted that a number of DSG members were unable to attend this meeting and would be expecting to hear an update at the March public meeting. He noted that the DSG operated in a transparent way and some information would be required for the public meeting.

Derrick Milnes felt there was a need to get in touch with the MP and MSP's asking them to sort this out with UK Government and ensure that MOD were well aware that DSG was extremely disappointed in the lack of transparency.

Roger Saxon commented that this was putting DSG in a difficult position as at public meetings it had been advised MOD would have a range of options in January 2019, which had been have provided via investment appraisals. He did not understand how the information provided could prejudice any procurement as there were no dates within the presentation to alert companies to what was coming up.

Roger Saxon also stated that he had asked a question at the December DSG meeting on behalf of Tor Justad which had queried the timeline for fuel being removed from the site. The response had been 2022 but it now appeared that defueling (which was different to removal off site) would be complete in 2022. Wendy responded that the information provided here was not contradictory to the information provided at the December meeting.

## Action: DSG(2019)M001/A005: June Love to send an extract of the DSG December Minutes to Wendy Newton.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he thought the information provided looked similar to a decommissioning programme and would welcome some clarity around that. He suggested that DSG extend an invitation to the Minister, Gavin Williamson, to have a meeting to allow DSG to raise their concerns. There was a degree of democratic accountability of the MOD in terms of what was going on, not just around the decommissioning options but, from socio economic aspects as well.

# Action: DSG(2019)M001/A006: Cllr Struan Mackie to contact the defence minister Gavin Williamson with a view to holding a meeting with DSG on MOD's plans to decommission the site.

David Broughton noted that the presentation was a very good description of a set of options for an investment appraisal. This was a management set of options and the detail was how the decommissioning process would be managed with the public/community. There appeared to be differences in expectations of what decommissioning options could be.

David Broughton added that the general public would not understand the options as laid out in the information provided as they would be looking for the type of options that Dounreay developed and had engaged DSG with. Wendy Newton responded that the Vulcan site was just entering decommissioning and when they were at the stage of putting out Invitations to Tender (ITT) for the work they would be putting in a certain amount of requirements. The ITT, when issued, would have more detail to allow bidders to work up solutions.

David Broughton commented that the expectation of this committee and the public is that Vulcan has taken years to develop this in readiness for issuing. The public were interested in the options that were being considered and would not be so involved with the detail. Wendy Newton responded that it would take a while yet to get to the stage of a decommissioning programme and a lot of that would be getting through the decision making of when the site is handed back to the NDA and who the contracting authority would be.

David Broughton felt that to stop future issues MOD ought to find a way to explain this information in a public-friendly way. Wendy Newton responded that there was a difference in the relationship between DSG and MOD in comparison to DSG and Dounreay. David Broughton responded that by hiding behind those differences MOD were making problems for themselves with the community. Cdr Shaun Southwood responded that he could understand the concern that after two years DSG were expecting a list of options for taking the site forward with decommissioning. Wendy Newton added that the way site decommissioning would be taken forward would be unknown until the tenders have been returned and the preferred bidder selected. David Broughton stressed that it would be useful to get this message out to help MOD in future discussions.

Wendy Newton added that there would be a transition programme to manage all the activity and the transition between MOD, Rolls Royce and the decommissioning contractor (yet to be identified) would be included in this. Cdr Shaun Southwood added that as Authorisee the one thing that he could assure DSG was that safety management arrangements will follow through and if that requires a Licence Condition 36 (Management of Change) to go due process with ONR or DNSR this will be carried out.

Roger Saxon asked if the MOD would be looking to support the Vulcan workforce to transition beyond Vulcan operations. Wendy Newton noted that the Royal Navy would deploy to their next posts and the nine MOD civilian employees would be redeployed within the wider MOD or Civil Service.

Cllr Willie Mackay asked Wendy Newton if she would be able to present this at the public meeting in March. Wendy Newton responded that she would feedback to Senior Management the response from tonight's meeting. She added that a presentation would need to be signed off through MOD and the commercial team.

# Action: DSG/SRSG(2019)M001/A007: Wendy Newton to confirm that a presentation will be provided at the March DSG public meeting.

### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Willie Mackay noted that there was no correspondence since the last meeting.

### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Before opening it up to members Cllr Willie Mackay noted:

• The Daft DSG response to the NDA business plan has been distributed for consultation and this was discussed at the socio economic sub this afternoon. The consultation closes on 6<sup>th</sup> February therefore a final draft will be sent out in the next couple of days and members will be required to respond quickly so it can be submitted in time.

## Action: DSG(2019)M001/A008: DSG members to provide comments on the NDA Draft Business Plan to June Love by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

SEPA's nuclear generation and decommissioning sector plan was issued for public consultation before Xmas. David Broughton has provided a draft response to this document. David Broughton commented that he thought this was good that SEPA has decided to do these sector plans my overall comments are that he thinks to get to read this to get buy in from businesses and organisations I feel that SEPA ought to draw in its horns and concentrate on Scotland it need to be more specific to Scotland and businesses, the other point is it needs to concentrate more on finance and business plan issues no issued going beyond compliance if there is a business case a lot of these organization are funded by the tax payers who have got to get value for money, why do it if you're not getting value for money. In the examples most examples are weak on the environment they are socio economic which goes back to the business plan issues. He was surprised there were actual real mistakes where they are talking about LLW storage there is not enough emphasis in this paper on the Scottish Government policy of storage above ground in perpetuity virtually for ILW when speaking about the end state façade needs more clarity.

# Action: DSG(2019)M001/A009: DSG members to provide comments to June Love before 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Willie Mackay asked whether anyone wished to raise any other business.

 Roger Saxon noted that he and Derrick Milnes would be meeting with Andrew van der Lem (NDA Socio Economics) and Jeremy Harrison (Risk and Assurance) on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

## 10. CLOSE

There being no further business, Cllr Willie Mackay thanked everyone for their input and asked members to remain behind to discuss the DSG's focus for this year and formally closed the meeting.

### Willie Mackay

DSG Site Restoration sub group chairman 23rd February 2019

### ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

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DSG(2019)M001/A006: Cllr Struan Mackie to contact the defence minister Gavin Williamson with a view to holding a meeting with DSG on MOD's plans to decommission the site.

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DSG(2019)M001/A008: DSG members to provide comments on the NDA Draft Business Plan to June Love by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

DSG(2019)M001/A009: DSG members to provide comments to June Love before 15<sup>th</sup> February.