

Minutes of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group meeting held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 1900 hours via Teams.

Present:	Cllr Struan Mackie	DSG Chair (The Highland Council)
	David Alexander	DSG Vice-chair (Thurso & Wick Trade Union Council)
	David Craig	Caithness West Community Council
	Cllr Matthew Reiss	The Highland Council
	Gillian Coghill	DSG Site restoration sub group chair (Buldoo Residents chair)
	Bob Earnshaw	DSG Honorary member
	Thelma MacKenzie	Thurso Community Council
	Tor Justad	Co-opted member of the public
	David Broughton	Co-opted member of the public
	Peter Faccenda	CNSRP programme manager
	Brian Mutch	SGRIPD
	Cllr Willie Mackay	The Highland Council
	Sandy Mackie	Scrabster Harbour Trust
	Niall Watson	DSRL Trade Unions
	Fiona Bruce	Women in Nuclear
	Trudy Morris	Caithness Chamber of Commerce
	Roger Saxon	DSG Honorary member
	Ian Rogers	ONR (Dounreay)
	Vik Winspear Roberts	ONR (Vulcan)
	Adreain Gill	Interim End State Delivery, DSRL
	Diane Hamilton	Scot Gov Radwaste team
	Keith McCarthy	CNC
	Mark Cleminson	Vulcan, MOD
	Mark Rouse	NDA Operating Company – DSRL
	Stewart Ballantine	SEPA
	Gareth Taylor	NDA
	Dan Couldridge	Scot Gov Radwaste Team Leader
	Sam Usher	Strategic programme director, DSRL

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting. This vital interface continued in a C-19 safe manner and DSG had optimised digital meetings to ensure information continues to flow. Some members are keen to restart meetings in person as the IT for virtual meetings can sometimes be a challenge. He thanked members for their forbearance on these matters.

Cllr Mackie then provided a short reminder of virtual meeting protocol asking members to ensure their microphones were muted when not speaking and virtual hands should be raised if wishing to ask a question or make comment.

He went on to welcome Dan Couldridge, newly appointed Team Leader for the Scottish Government Radioactive Waste Team and also to Diane Hamilton who had recently joined as Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Officer.

Cllr Mackie acknowledged members of the public who had requested a link to the meeting and stated he would ensure they would also have opportunity to raise any questions throughout the meeting.

Before continuing, Cllr Mackie stated that the DSG business meetings had continued to meet fortnightly while Covid restrictions continued noting he would pick this back up under Any Other Business.

Before handing over to the Secretary for apologies, Cllr Mackie noted that he had received a note from Paul Hetherington on Friday 21 May signalling his last day at Dounreay as Head of Communications and thanking DSG for their support during his time working on site. He has moved on to work directly for the NDA and looks forward to seeing some of us when NDA stakeholder events are again held in person. This was also a perfect opportunity to welcome Gail Ross who had taken over from Paul and wished her every success in her new post.

2. APOLOGIES

Before moving on to apologies, Cllr Mackie placed on record his thanks to those organisations who put forward deputies when unable to attend these meetings. He reminded members this was an opportunity for all organisations and encouraged this as the norm.

June Love noted the following apologies had been received:

- Sand Owsnett, Dounreay Trade Unions – Niall Watson deputising
- Michelle Johnstone, NHS
- Christian Nicolson, NHS
- Ron Gunn, CHAT
- Kirsty Strachan, WiN – Fiona Bruce deputising
- Joanna Coghill, Association of Caithness Community Councils
- Stephen Clackson, Orkney Island Council
- Eann Sinclair, HIE
- Debbie Murray, NHC
- Joanna Coghill, Association of Caithness Community Councils
- Cllr Stephen Clackson, Orkney Island Council
- Wendy Newton, MOD – Cdr Mark Cleminson deputising

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr Struan Mackie stated that members had received the minutes of the March meeting in advance of the meeting and some minor amendments had been made (DSG(2021)M01 refers). He invited members to raise any further changes. Of note:

- June Love noted the omission of Sandy Mackie and Cllr Matthew Reiss who had attended the March meeting but had not been listed in the attendee list.

Niall Watson queried the target date for Scottish Government to meet net zero and noted this should read 2045 and not 2025 as indicated in the minutes.

With these amendments made to the minutes, the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by Thelma MacKenzie and seconded by Cllr Willie Mackay.

Cllr Mackie then invited members to raise any issues from the minutes. Of note:

- Tor Justad asked whether there had been any progress on the Fusion project. Peter Faccenda, CNSRP responded that they were still awaiting a response from UKAEA and this was expected shortly. [Secretary's note: following the meeting UKAEA announced 15 sites going through the site selection process including the Dounreay site.]
- Tor Justad asked whether Scottish Government had responded to the action placed at the March meeting in reference to the Scottish Government's energy policy. June Love noted that this action had been closed and the information was provided within the status of actions – DSG(2021)M01/A002 refers.

Cllr Mackie noted there were no sub group minutes to endorse at this meeting given the April sub groups had been cancelled due to the pre-election period. The next sub groups would take place on 21 July and consideration was being given to holding the socio economic sub group as a blended meeting (i.e. some members attending in person (continuing to comply with Covid restrictions) while others log on virtually. The secretariat was currently looking at the IT equipment that would be required to allow a blended meeting to take place. This would also provide opportunity for those who travel from further afield an opportunity to join these meetings virtually in the future. For now, the site restoration sub group meeting would continue to be held virtually.

4. STATUS OF ACTIONS

Cllr Mackie noted that the status of actions had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting. The business meeting was content with the progress being made in closing out actions in a timely manner. He stated that there were four outstanding actions that continue to be progressed.

- Tor Justad asked what progress had been made on a discussion with Hazel Blears on social value. June Love responded that she continued to progress this and it was hoped that something would be arranged within the next couple of months. Cllr Struan Mackie added that members were well versed with the socio economic agenda and it would be equally important to understand the social value and sustainability elements as well.
- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that Davie Alexander had attended the Caithness Transport Forum and asked if the action (DSG(2010)M01/A017) had been closed. Due to IT difficulties, Roger Saxon noted that he and Davie Alexander had both witnessed the trial alongside members of the CTF and the observations made was that it appeared more time consuming and resource heavy than operations that take place at other stations due to the fixed crane and high platform. It was also noted that DRS had followed up with a response to the CTF letter that outlined these views and recent correspondence had confirmed that Chris Connelly would be visiting shortly to follow up on these discussions.

Tor Justad asked how the Tesco system worked in Inverness as he, alongside others, had visited that facility a few years ago and thought it was quite a simple system. Trudy Morris responded that crane at Georgemas was not the same as that used at other facilities and it may be there would be a requirement to decommission the crane once the fuel shipments were complete. She added that Inverness used a completely different system. The point of the trial was to explore whether it could be used for commercial activity as this had been indicated prior to it being built that it could be a socio economic legacy. Trudy Morris further commented that the whole issue was around having a commercial proposition and at this stage this was missing. Tor Justad responded this was a bit of chicken and egg – if the infrastructure was not in place it would be difficult to secure a commercial proposition.

Trudy Morris noted that as stated earlier, Chris Connelly was planning to visit shortly and

these comments and further exploration of potential business development would be discussed in full. Niall Watson stated that from a sustainability perspective transporting freight by rail was something that should be encouraged.

Cllr Struan Mackie thanked Trudy Morris for continuing to pursue this work through the Transport Forum.

4. HIGH LEVEL UPDATES

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that given there had been no April sub groups there would be slightly more information to be provided at this meeting. He had requested those providing updates to keep these to high level updates. He also added that given the site was now back within the NDA Group he would invite Gareth Taylor to provide an update from NDA Corporate while Mark Rouse would provide the update from the NDA Operating Company (DSRL). He then handed over to Gareth Taylor, NDA.

NDA Corporate: Gareth Taylor reported:

- The NDA Corporate Centre was working closely with all NDA Operating Companies.
- The transition of DSRL into the NDA Group was now complete with the transfer being made on 1 April 2021.
- All NDA sites continued to provide community support to Covid-19 related activities.
- Elsewhere across the NDA, the new transport division had been set up which brought together DRS (Direct Rail Services), INS and PNT. This division had now been consolidated into the business and a chair had been appointed in May to oversee this part of the business.
- NDA had published Strategy 4 and the NDA Business Plan in March 2021. Also published was the NDA's sustainability report and this would become a work stream that would be at the heart of what NDA and its subsidiary companies do moving forward.
- The NDA would also be hosting its supply chain event on 3 February 2022 and this was anticipated to be a very well attended event.

Before opening up to questions, Cllr Mackie invited Mark Rouse to provide the operational update noting that he would then take questions for both Gareth Taylor and Mark Rouse following DSRL's update.

NDA Operating Company: DSRL: Mark Rouse reported the following:

Health, Safety, Environment

- DSRL had returned to full compliance with the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations (EASR) (and other) permits issued by SEPA while implementing a Covid-19 secure working environment. This meant that there was no longer a reliance upon the Temporary Regulatory Position Statement issued by SEPA and marked the culmination of a significant amount of work to develop Covid-19 secure methods of working (e.g. in laboratories). SEPA have been notified of this position.
- DSRL was preparing to submit a variation for the EASR Permit for the D3100 Low Level Waste Disposal Facility to enable the most efficient use of the facility by building on operating experience, improving waste acceptance criteria in line with industry good practice and refining the conditions to improve clarity and consistency. The application

would be supported by an updated Environmental Safety Case.

- Routine engagement with ONR had commenced. Covid-19 controls were in place that manage both travelling and attendance on site. To date no significant issues had been raised by ONR with working level issues dealt with as normal business.
- The UK had transitioned to regulation of nuclear material accountancy by ONR rather than EURATOM. DSRL's top level documentation had been submitted to ONR and a series of interventions had commenced to confirm implementation in the site's facilities.
- DSRL was working on developing a sustainability strategy that supports the NDA corporate approach and engages with the local community through the CNSRP Sustainability Steering Group. Early targets include initial carbon reduction, energy and water audits and developing a carbon management plan. DSRL was also looking at aligning its sustainability activities within the socio economics and CNSRP sustainability group. The strategy development was at an early stage and would develop over time.
- Site was closed on 7 June (Monday) due to an overnight power outage. All back-up systems had kicked in and a small group of people attended site to get the power back up and running. The site was working with SSE to identify the issue.

NDA

- DSRL officially became part of the NDA family on the 1 April. This had involved a lot of effort by PBO secondees, DSRL Executive Team and the wider workforce alongside the NDA who all worked tirelessly to get everything in place for the transition to be completed on time.
- The NDA Board had a virtual meeting with the site last month and met with a number of staff. Comments from the Board had been very positive.

Covid

- The site continues to adhere to Covid guidance as set out by Scottish Government.
- There were around 750 people back working on site full time and enhanced work controls continue to be in place to ensure adherence to Covid guidance. Those who can continue to work remotely were being encouraged to continue to do so and site has indicated this may continue until August although this is constantly kept under review. In parallel with this, work was ongoing to 're-imagine' the workplace and there was a great deal of engagement with the Trade Unions and workforce taking place prior to decisions being made.
- The temporary office facility at Ormlie, Thurso was now open and those who need occasional use can book 4 hour slots. This facility caters for around 30 staff and provides the benefit of small teams being able to meet face to face. Dounreay.com has also been opened up to DSRL staff to allow printing of large documents if required. A further project looking at long term accommodation in Thurso and/or Wick is being developed at present.
- Staff continue to be supported in terms of wellbeing with a number of activities being undertaken to encourage those who may be struggling to reach out and ask for support. Community support continued with volunteers helping out at vaccine centres and donating PPE (1800 masks) to various organisations within the community. Funding

was also provided to North Highland Initiative which has allowed a number of organisations to apply for funding to support Covid recovery projects.

Decommissioning activities

- The Near Term Work Plan for the next three years had been approved and work had commenced to deliver this plan.
- The Life Time Plan was still under development. The appointment of the new DSRL Executive Team was almost complete and time was required for the new team to bed in and then to ensure that the LTP was robust and deliverable. Therefore it was expected that the LTP would be developed by the end of this financial year and would then go through the various approvals prior to it being made available.
- The PFR heel pool project has been running for the last 4 years from initial design through to the installation and operation of the sodium transfer pump. The pump was used to transfer the sodium heel from the reactor vessel to the sodium receipt tank, which is a bespoke design to hold the sodium. The transfer took approximately 40hrs to complete, which removed approximately 1810kg of the alkali metal hazard from the reactor. Work had also been completed on the decommissioning and removal of the pump from the reactor and the installation phase of the Water Vapour Nitrogen (WVN) system skids and pipe work for the treatment and passivation of the remaining sodium residues. This was a remarkable achievement by the PFR team.
- In D1200 labs, airline suit working had restarted after more than a year. A lot of work had been carried out prior to commencement of this work to update procedures, training and safety documentation to allow this work to restart safely.
- Construction of the site's new intermediate level waste store continues with internal structures starting to take shape.
- Lancaster University recently completed a piece of research for the site. They used soil samples taken from an area near to the site to identify whether minute traces of plutonium in the soil came from operations or from global fall out. This has the potential to lead to considerable cost and time savings as areas of local pollution can be specifically identified, targeted and then assessed for clean-up. This sort of work was one of the reasons the site continues to review end states.

Staffing

- The new DSRL Executive team was now almost complete. Offers have gone out for the appointment of a Strategic Programme Director and a Programme Delivery Director. These appointments would be announced shortly.
- Recruitment had continued for engineering apprentices, business apprentices, graduates, health physics surveyors and Quantity Surveyor modern apprenticeships. In total around 30 new young people will come on board through these various roles. In addition to this, recruitment activities had commenced for around 20 new posts mainly for Engineers and Project Managers.

Socio economics

- The Dounreay Socio Economic Board had been revamped to ensure it better aligns and integrates into Near Term Work Plan (and, in the longer term, Life Time Plan). This would allow a number of site activities to be explored that have the potential to provide wider benefit to the community. A programme for socio economic activity continues to evolve with a number of workstreams to ensure a fully integrated approach.
- The North Coast Visitor Attraction (formerly known as Caithness Horizons) is scheduled to re-open in July. DSRL and The Highland Council have jointly funded the re-opening of the facility with a commitment for 3 years funding.
- DSRL was delighted to collect the Community Award for Covid Support at the National Skills Academy Nuclear held earlier this year. The award was decided by a public vote and demonstrated the tremendous support provided by the DSRL workforce supporting their community alongside other organisations.

Cllr Mackie thanked both Gareth and Mark for their updates and invited members to raise questions.

Tor Justad noted the amalgamation of the transport division and asked as nuclear demands reduced would the new company be looking for other commercial activity. He further asked what the balance would be between commercial and government activity. Gareth Taylor confirmed the organisation would seek commercial activity as it does now and this would continue.

- Tor Justad stated that the materials disposed of (in the shaft) had historically been done so without full records. He added it must be a huge task to identify what the inventory was and queried the timescale for this work to be carried out. Mark Rouse responded that the ground clearance for the works on the shaft had commenced. The project would run for around 5 years. It had been unfortunate that this project had been delayed a number of times due to other priorities. The project had a lot of caution built into the programme and design work was ongoing to complete the sorting and segregation of waste. He reminded members that this had been a licensed disposal ILW store and recognised the decommissioning challenges.
- Tor Justad noted the report on the Lancaster University research and asked if Mark Rouse was concerned by this. He further asked if there had been any interim conclusion. Mark Rouse responded that the research was to enable the site to trace the origin of contamination and characterise it. There had been no specific concern around this but merely to ensure that when contamination was detected it was clear where it had originally come from.
- Tor Justad noted the power outage reported on 7 June and recalled a similar occurrence in previous years where the power had not been restored immediately. He asked why this had happened and was it a serious occurrence. Mark Rouse acknowledged previous outages and noted that this was one was different. All back-up systems had kicked in and the site was currently working with SSE to identify where the fault was.
- Tor Justad made comment that he was delighted to hear the site's focus on social value. He also mentioned that he was pleased to hear Caithness Horizons was re-opening as this had been a fantastic facility and wished those who would be managing it all the best for the future. Mark Rouse noted these comments and supported the sentiment.

- Tor Justad asked about the timescale for the retrieval of waste from the shaft. Mark Rouse responded that it would take about 5 years with construction of containment buildings first prior to any waste being extracted. He added that alongside the shaft there was also the silo to deal with and this was as challenging. For both projects, lots of caution would be used to ensure thorough analysis prior to any retrieval.
- David Broughton noted the recently published document – Dounreay 2021 - and made comment that he was disappointed to see that there had been no mention of the LLW vaults which were technical superior to anything that Drigg had. Gareth Taylor noted that the LLW vaults had been a fantastic achievement and continued to be held in that regard by NDA.
- David Broughton asked what the changes were for the authorisation for LLW. He also commented that the shaft had been a licensed disposal facility for a number of years. Mark Rouse responded that he did not have the detail of the authorisation changes to hand but would take an action and respond following the meeting.

Action: DSG(2021)M02/A001: Mark Rouse to provide information on the changes for the LLW authorisation.

- Fiona Bruce stated it was positive to hear that recruitment for the new Executive team was now almost complete and asked what the diversity split was within that team. Mark Rouse responded that in terms of gender balance it was not good enough. One position had been offered to a female candidate but the offer had been turned down. Sadly, there had been very few females apply for the posts advertised but noted that those who had had been very powerful candidates that had unfortunately been out with the paybands on offer.

Having said that, Mark Rouse acknowledged that there was diversity amongst his new team with regards to different backgrounds with two non-UK personnel recruited and from the background of working in other industries. Mark continued that the level down (Executive+) demonstrated more diversity within the gender balance and within this team there was some real talent that would be grown and developed for the future. Part of the people plan was looking to accelerate the development of people's careers. He conceded that for the short term the statistics on gender balance would go backwards but it was up to the new team to redouble efforts to correct that balance.

Cllr Struan Mackie thanked Fiona for her question and stated that it was good to see representation from Women in Nuclear at DSG.

- Roger Saxon stated that DSG had seen the NDA new organisation structure and it appeared that there were four divisions – Waste, Transport, Sellafield and Magnox. He asked if NDA could inform DSG members of where Dounreay would sit within this structure and if there were future plans to subsume DSRL into one of these boxes as it could only be under either the Sellafield or Magnox box. Clarity on this would be good given this had already been alluded to at the SSG Chair's forum meeting. The site had gone through a lot of changes over the past decade and it appeared it was not quite finished yet.

Gareth Taylor responded that a final decision was still awaited but it was important to emphasise that Mark Rouse was a key member of the new NDA Leadership team and priority would always be to safely deliver the mission. With DSRL now transitioned, the site now had greater access to the wider NDA Group. At present, it was fair to say that no final decision had been made and options were currently being considered and once

this could be made available NDA would engage. At a previous meeting, David Peattie had outlined the NDA's four pillars but had also said that DSRL would continue to be an important part of the jigsaw.

Roger Saxon said it felt like the decision, as it had been mentioned at previous meeting, had already been made and could not understand why NDA could not simply just tell the DSG now. Gareth Taylor re-iterated that a final decision had not yet been made. Cllr Mackie stated that the meeting Roger had been alluding to was a previous discussion at the Magnox level around DSRL's position in this respect. He added it would be useful for NDA to engage with DSG around the site's positioning within the organisation given this would be a strategic decision.

Niall Watson stated that this was something that DSRL's Trade Unions had raised with David Peattie with regards to where DSRL would sit within the NDA Group. From the union's perspective the key points being made were that any restructure should not adversely impact on staff in terms of Terms and Conditions. The second area was to ensure that, irrespective of where DSRL sat, it was important that DSRL continued to have a distinctive voice. He added that David Peattie, CEO NDA had responded, indicating he recognised and acknowledged this. The DSRL Trade Unions would continue to take an interest in this topic.

- Sam Smith, NDA nuclear graduate stated that he was currently working within the graduate team at Dounreay for a couple of months. Now that DSRL was part of the NDA Group he queried whether there were plans to link into the wider networks such as the graduate nuclear programme. He added that he had felt his time at Dounreay had exceeded some of the learning of some graduate placements and he believed other secondees to the site would benefit from the challenges. Mark Rouse responded that one of the NDA Group's targets was to ensure the movement of people around the various sites and connecting these to development opportunities. The Group Leadership Team was pleased to encourage graduates to come to site and noted that these partnerships would develop over time. As part of the NDA GLT Mark had been nominated as the sponsor for NDA innovation.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the opportunities between DSRL and Vulcan provided young people with incredible employable skills and that there had been a long history in Dounreay trained apprentices working in various industries across the world. The current apprentice and graduate programmes appeared to be going from strength to strength and he was very conscious that the NDA graduate programme was an exceptional opportunity for young people.

There being no further questions Cllr Struan Mackie thanked both Gareth Taylor and Mark Rouse for their updates.

Cllr Mackie then invited SI Keith McCarthy to provide an update from CNC.

CNC: SI Keith McCarthy reported:

- CNC were moving from Covid Recovery into Response activity with Covid restrictions constantly under review.
- A Memorandum of Understanding with Police Scotland is on the cusp of being signed off and this will allow CNC to provide support to Police Scotland in areas where this may be required.

- Training of officers had recommenced including vehicle manoeuvring training as well as fire arms training.
- Support had been provided to DSRL at the recent security demonstration exercise.

Cllr Mackie then invited questions.

- Roger Saxon asked if the MoU with Police Scotland was two-way. Keith McCarthy confirmed this was the case adding that the MoU allowed support to be provided much more easily.
- Cllr Matthew Reis stated he was delighted to hear about this collaboration and noted that CNC had in the past supported Police Scotland with many activities including road traffic accidents. He added that irrespective of what Police force the primary focus was to safeguard lives. From Highland Council's point of view he was delighted to see this signed and sealed. Keith McCarthy thanked Matthew Reiss for his comments.

ONR (Dounreay): Ian Rogers reported:

- The formal report covering Jan to March 2021 had been issued to DSG members prior to the meeting. (DSG(2021)P010 refers).
- Three inspections had taken place during this period: Due to Covid-19 restrictions on site, the inspections in January and February had taken place remotely with site visits resuming in March.
- DSRL have undertaken a comprehensive programme of work to address previous regulatory concerns relating to the reporting of incidents on site and learning from operational experience. ONR is now satisfied that DSRL has put in place the necessary arrangements to demonstrate relevant good practice in these areas.
- ONR continues to assess DSRL's arrangements for the control and supervision of operations with a specific focus on the arrangements to protect staff from the risk of infection from Covid-19. In addition, DSRL continues to demonstrate a robust and systematic approach to the safe restart of operations.
- ONR has undertaken an inspection of DSRL's arrangements for the management of radioactive waste in preparation for the restart of decommissioning operations. ONR remains satisfied that these arrangements meet the regulatory expectation and reflect relevant good practice.
- ONR has continued to progress the technical assessments in support of the permissioning of the shaft and silo project. ONR remains confident that it will be in a position to release the regulatory hold point for commencement of the construction of the Advanced Transition Work later this year.

Cllr Struan Mackie stated that, from DSG perspective, it was good to hear that site was exceeding the minimum that could be done at this time. He then opened up for questions.

- David Broughton noted that there had been a high level update from Mark Foy, Chief executive and Chief Nuclear Inspector, ONR circulated to DSG members and noted comment about enhanced regulatory attention. Ian Rogers responded that ONR carries out assessments in terms of safety and security and if ONR feel a site is falling below a certain standard then that site would be subject to enhanced attention. DSRL had been

on enhanced inspections but improvements that had been made had returned this status back to routine regulatory attention.

- David Broughton asked where site inspectors sat within the organisation Ian Rogers responded that DSRL sat alongside Sellafield decommissioning, Fuel and Waste Director with Paul Dicks responsible for this division.
- Tor Justad asked at what stage ONR would get involved in nuclear fusion, i.e. would it be involved at a project level? Ian Rogers responded that this would fall under new build works in relation to the generic design process. A site would submit the relevant information with the intention of describing the design of the facility and this would go through the process and would result in certification of design. ONR would then become further involved as the design moved to a build phase.

Cllr Mackie stated that while not quite the remit of DSG he was happy, as chair, to take questions in respect to fusion given the ongoing application process. This would inevitably result in further discussion if the application submitted by / via CNSRP was successful in getting through the first round.

SEPA: Stewart Ballantine reported:

- As everyone was aware, SEPA had been victim to a cyber-attack and this had proved a significant blow to the organisation and its' operations. SEPA's website provides ongoing updates on this in terms of the issues that were affected.
- In terms of SEPA engagement during this period, Mark Rouse had provided a good summary of the topics and therefore there was no need to repeat what Mark had covered.
- During the cyber-attack, SEPA had continued to engage with the site and thanks went to Mark Rouse and his team for their patience and support throughout this period.
- SEPA were now looking to re-instate site visits although inspectors were respectful of travel and Covid-19 requirements.

Cllr Struan Mackie noted it was pleasing to hear that SEPA had now got back with IT access and opened up for questions.

- Tor Justad asked if SEPA inspectors had not been on site how could they effectively do their job? Stewart Ballantine responded that technology had helped a great deal and work had continued to scrutinise the management systems. Technology had allowed SEPA to do this remotely whilst acknowledging that through this time it had not been possible to actually view site operations. He had visited the site at the back end of last year and physically inspected compliance monitoring arrangements and confirmed everything was operating in a satisfactory manner. DSRL had self-reported to SEPA if issues had arisen that required SEPA input.

Since Covid-19 there had been a temporary regulatory position statement in place and DSRL had done a great job to produce this quickly and had then returned to full compliance. SEPA would be returning to site when it was safe to do so. A steep learning process had allowed SEPA to provide a level of scrutiny which he was comfortable to defend.

Scottish Government Radioactive waste: Diane Hamilton reported:

- That a new team had been formed over the last few months and details of those involved had been appended to the update note circulated prior to the meeting.
- Dan Couldridge, Team leader (at the meeting) introduced himself. Dan took over this post on 26 May and was looking forward to working with SSGs in the future.
- Following the Scottish elections, there had been a change of Minister and the Radioactive waste team would now report to Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.
- The Scottish Government Scottish Nuclear Sites meeting would take place on a virtual platform on the 29th June.

Cllr Mackie thanked Diane for her update and opened up for questions.

- David Broughton stated that he had seen the update report that had been circulated in advance of the meeting (DSG(2021)C024 refers) and had been disappointed in the organisation structure as it did not provide any great detail on the professional / career background of those now in the team. Diane Hamilton said she would take a look at this and provide an update if it was appropriate.

Action: DSG(2021)M02/A002: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to provide a more detailed organisation chart to provide background of those involved if appropriate.

- Tor Justad asked what Scottish Government's view on Fusion was in terms of the energy policy. Diane Hamilton advised that Scottish Government were still against nuclear and that for the STEP fusion, ministers need to know much more about the costs, safety and effectiveness of nuclear fusion technology before any future development can be seriously considered.

Dave Craig stated he would support David Broughton's comments regarding more detail about the background of those in the Radwaste team. He added it would be important to know who was making the decisions on policy/strategy from a technical and political basis.

Cllr Matthew Reiss backed up Dave Craig's statements and emphasised the urgency of Scottish Government making a clear statement on whether Fusion could be part of the policy going forward given this was new technology. He asked that this be taken back to ensure some urgent discussions were taking place.

Action: DSG(2021)M02/A003: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to ensure Ministers were aware of urgency to reach a decision on whether Fusion was new nuclear and would be part of the Energy policy.

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that Dounreay was not the only Scottish Site who had submitted a first round application for the Fusion STEP project and it was fair to say that Scottish Government needed to clarify this from a policy point of view. His understanding, having participated in the election, was the fusion question had been constantly raised and deemed it was being considered as new technology.

Cllr Matthew Reis added that there was an urgency to get this clarified. One of the wards that he represented could have a positive impact from a project such as Fusion as

it was one of the highest depopulation areas within the Highlands. The jobs that the Fusion project would create would be valued here. He also noted there had been a lot of public support for the project as people were aware of the benefits these jobs could bring to the area.

Cllr Struan Mackie thanked everyone for their input. At this point, there was a five minute break.

Following the break, Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone back to the meeting noting that the next update reports were focussed on Vulcan. He invited Commander Mark Cleminson to provide an update.

MOD Vulcan: Mark Cleminson reported the following:

- On health and safety, the workplace inspections had continued routinely throughout Covid-19 with a wealth of personnel taking part from various backgrounds providing fresh eyes and perspective.
- Monthly behavioural safety training has been provided to all staff and is mandatory for all people on the site regardless of employer.
- One minor incident had resulted in an operator cutting their finger and any appropriate lessons will be identified.
- On site, a lateral flow centre had been set up and had been in use for a few months now. The centre was an interim response with the workforce now receiving home testing kits. While no issues were anticipated by moving to home lateral flow testing, the decision to dismantle the test centre was deferred whilst the change to a distribution hub was being evaluated.
- In terms of MOD and Rolls Royce staff there were now discussions on a wider return to working on site in line with Scot Gov guidance. A lot of work had been carried out to ensure Covid compliance and while there were still reasons for some people to continue to work from home it was also recognised that face to face meetings did have some benefits. The site continued to look at the best way ahead for hybrid ways of working to provide the best balance of productivity and work-life balance, noting what aspects of working from home worked well and what still needs on site engagement. Any hybrid working model will not be at the cost of safety.
- On 1st August the site would become smoke free across the Vulcan estate including car parks. Support has been offered to smokers by both SDA and Rolls-Royce. Vaping would be allowed to continue in designated areas but by August 2022 vaping would also be prohibited across the whole site.
- From an environmental point of view there had been no challenges to compliance with arrangements.
- SEPA had been informed of a minor sewage monitoring issue. Further investigation found rusted components and these had been replaced. Quality of sewage discharge had not been compromised and the issue was now rectified.
- Compliance continued for radioactive waste discharges.

- Defuel and fuel management activities continue to progress.
- The 2021 LONESTAR emergency response exercise is planned for 25 November.
- Inspections and audits had continued to be undertaken albeit remotely. DNSR and SEPA are expected to be visiting the site soon.
- As previously notified, the Decommissioning PIN has been withdrawn to allow the inclusion of an additional scope of work. At this stage there was no further update.

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed the operational update and noted some positives within the report.

- Cllr Mackie then stated that DSG had been waiting for a long time for a presentation and update on the decommissioning timeline and market engagement and this had been expected at the March DSG meeting but the presentation had been pulled from the agenda at the last minute. He added that DSG had been hopeful that, having pulled the MOD presentation on the decommissioning contract at short notice for the March meeting and the fact that no meeting, following the elections, had been forthcoming that MOD would have been in a position to provide an update at this meeting. Unfortunately this was not the case and he found that extremely disappointing.

David Alexander stated that he did not want to put the Commander on the spot as this seemed unfair but agreed with Struan's statement adding DSG had been extremely patient given past examples of MOD not appearing to wish to engage appropriately. Given the elections had concluded at the beginning of May and this was now June disappointing was not the word he would use. He stated it was completely frustrating and continued to be an ongoing issue with MOD not providing DSG with information in a timely manner. He emphasised that he did not believe this was due to the local team but to bureaucrats remote from Caithness who make the decisions as to what can be said and when it can be said. These people obviously do not realise how frustrated members are in being brushed off all the time. DSG has heard all the arguments that MOD has a different remit from NDA/DSRL and that was understood but there was an expectation that MOD would have learned by now that if they don't want to have meaningful engagement then why did they bother coming to these meetings and providing us with vague information. It simply was not good enough.

Roger Saxon stated it was like 'Déjà vu' as in his time as chair this had occurred numerous times. While he did not blame local representatives he did agree with Davie Alexander that engagement with MOD was merely a tick box exercise and this was simply not good enough. In the past DSG had written to the UK Gov Minister involved with defence raising these concerns but have just received platitudes in response.

Cllr Matthew Reiss noted that the decision-making for MOD was done in faraway places and it was unfair to put the local team in this position. He added that coming from a police background he was aware that MOD had been welcome in Caithness but policy/responsibility was a part of the leadership that was not being done adequately. He agreed there was a need for certainty because it would allow a balance of benefits that would be really helpful to move forward.

Cllr Struan Mackie concluded that it was clear that DSG had made their feelings clear. As a group, DSG was not happy with the way in which there appears to be constant delays in providing the decommissioning information given the PIN had been issued then cancelled and that MOD should be in a position to know what the direction of travel was.

He added that the community was, in the whole, incredibly proud of the work carried out at Vulcan which supported the safeguarding the country and submariners who work globally to protect the UK. Vulcan had been good for the county and the county had been very supportive.

Cllr Mackie recognised that the MOD's stakeholder engagement remit was different to that of NDA and the Dounreay site but that did not necessarily mean that the DSG needed to be the local liaison for MOD.

He added that DSG would be kicking off a review shortly of its remit and capabilities and therefore he proposed that DSG write to MOD, including the Secretary of State stating that if this vitally important information on the future of the Vulcan site and the options for decommissioning is not forthcoming by the next public meeting (Wednesday the 15th September) then the DSG should take the view that we are no longer able to provide a stakeholder forum that adequately informs and engages with our community.

DSG would therefore outline that a separate local liaison group must be formed by MOD Vulcan, one that seeks to address many of the long standing issues which DSG have previously voiced – especially at a time when understanding timelines and co-ordination of Vulcan/Dounreay activities is important in terms of the future.

While he was loath to make such a proposal and ask the community to make this very important decision he was personally of the opinion that DSG (from office bearers and members and secretariat support) had exhausted every avenue to provide proper engagement.

David Alexander stated he would second that proposal, adding that too many times DSG had asked and promises had been made and as soon as the meeting was over MOD reverted back to turning up and providing as little information as they possibly can. DSG had made their feelings clear over the years and from his perspective nothing has changed and it continued to appear to feel like a tick box exercise.

David Broughton wished to provide a different view whereby a completely ineffective committee may be set up so that MOD could continue to provide their ineffectual briefings. Being part of the DSG there was, at least, an opportunity to raise this ineffectiveness. If MOD moved out of DSG remit nothing would happen. Gillian Coghill agreed with David Broughton.

Bob Earnshaw stated that this had been an issue since the beginning of DSG and had been going on for far too long. He recalled 3-4 years ago efforts to try to have meaningful engagement with MOD. He added that he would certainly support David Broughton's proposal as it provided one last chance for MOD to engage. In the early days of DSG, Rolls Royce had also been part of the DSG but were then told not to attend. While he preferred to have MOD within the DSG it was taking far too long for information to come forward.

Tor Justad stated his experience of dealing with MOD was that they were one of the most secret organisations and he had his own views. He found it almost impossible to get any answers to queries and did not believe that MOD understand the meaning of community engagement. He added that DSG should not hold its breath for a change in attitude of MOD and supported that MOD should continue to report through DSG.

Cllr Mackie responded that he had heard the arguments for and against and he had not taken the decision lightly to call for this proposal. However, he felt that DSG had no alternative but to move forward with his proposal. He then asked members to raise (a virtual) hands in supportive of the proposal. [Secretary's note: out of 15 voting members in attendance, 13 raised electronic hands, one raised a 'real' hand in support of the proposal.

Members were also invited to raise a hand if they objected to this motion – no hands were raised.]

Action: DSG(2021)M02/A004: DSG Chair to write to MOD, copied to UK Government Minister for Defence setting out the proposal as agreed with regards MOD engagement with DSG.

Cllr Mackie thanked members for the discussion and emphasised to Commander Mark Cleminson that the frustrations aired tonight had no bearing on him or the local team.

Cllr Mackie then invited an update from DNSR: June Love noted that James Bryson had made contact earlier saying that he may not be able to attend. He subsequently was not on the call but had sent through an update. June Love stated she would minute through James' update and if members had any questions these could be raised as actions so that these can be addressed. The written update received is below:

- **Defence Safety Authority Policy:** The current Joint Service Publication JSP 518 (Regulation of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Programme) will be replaced by two Defence Safety Authority documents. These have been issued to the Defence Nuclear Enterprise stakeholder community as of 27 May 21. The new documents are:
 - DSA02 - DNSR Defence Regulations of the Defence Nuclear Enterprise – Regulations
 - DSA03 - DNSR Defence Regulations of the Defence Nuclear Enterprise – Guidance

The introduction of DSA02–DNSR and DSA03–DNSR will necessitate Vulcan NRTE Authorisee safety management arrangements to be reviewed and uplifted to reflect the changes from JSP 518. For a period of eighteen months, DNSR will take account of this transitional period and will regulate accordingly, pragmatically and proportionately.

The method by which DNSR will continue to regulate the Defence Nuclear Enterprise remains unchanged, as does its regulatory model and suite of Authorisation Certificates, the latter of which (including Vulcan NRTE) will be uplifted to reflect this change. In due course, DSA02 - DNSR & DSA03 - DNSR will be available on the Gov.uk website.

- **DNSR Inspections: DNSR has conducted the following remote themed Inspections of Vulcan NRTE by MS Teams:**
 - 14 April 21 - Control and Supervision of Operations (Authorisation Condition 26)
 - 18 May 21 - Instructions to Persons on the Site. (Authorisation 9)
- **Formal Meetings:** DNSR has held two level 3 Regulatory Interface Meetings with the Vulcan Authorisee – NSV:
 - 9 April 21 – the purpose to discuss the Head of Establishment role and delineation of safety responsibilities at Vulcan NRTE;
 - 12 April 21 – the purpose to discuss setting up a forum where the working relationship between MOD, NDA, DNSR, ONR and SEPA can be developed and strengthened on Vulcan Site Decommissioning.

Action: DSG(2021)M02/A005: DSG members to provide June Love with any questions from DNSR written update.

ONR (Vulcan) update: Vik Winspear provided a high level update on:

- **Covid-19 (Coronavirus) (ONR position):**

ONR were continuing to obtain assurance that nuclear site licensees and other duty-holders are adequately resourced to continue to carry out their activities safely and securely. We remain satisfied with industry's response at this time and there has been no significant change to duty-holders' safety and security resilience. As COVID-19 restrictions change, our focus is on the preparedness for the weeks and months ahead and maintaining safe and secure operations. Our latest position can be found on our [website](#).

- **Enforcement Action**

In January, we agreed to extend two [Improvement Notices](#) served on the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE), recognising the good progress made so far. The Notices, which were served in June 2019, relate to the way the company controls changes to organisational structure and resources which may affect safety.

In January, we served an [Improvement Notice](#) on Sellafield Ltd following a number of electrical safety incidents across the site. While we are satisfied that Sellafield Ltd is currently meeting the high standards expected with regards to nuclear safety, as a regulator we require sustained improvements in the area of electrical safety.

In February, we served an [Improvement Notice](#) on Morgan Sindall Construction and Infrastructure Ltd after workers came close to striking a live high voltage electric cable during excavation work at the Sellafield site. Nobody was harmed in the incident on 7 October 2020, and there was no impact on the public or the environment. However, the incident posed a serious risk to workers who were operating within one metre of the 11kV cable.

- **Regulatory Updates**

In March, we published a response on our [website](#) to a BBC report relating to Sellafield. We were naturally concerned to hear the claims, particularly any suggestion that staff have been subjected to racist abuse of any kind. As a regulator, if we had any concerns or evidence that bullying and harassment was impacting safety at the site, we would take robust action to ensure this is addressed as a matter of urgency.

In March, we [published](#) an article about how we responded to the serious nuclear accident at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in 2011 to mark the 10th anniversary.

In March, we gave [EDF permission](#) for Reactors 3 and 4 at Hinkley Point B power station to return to service for a limited period of operation. Permission for Reactor 3 will allow it to operate to a core utilisation of 17.55 terawatt days, while permission for Reactor 4 is to operate to a core utilisation of 17.3 terawatt days, which equates to two periods of approximately six months operation for each reactor.

- **Stakeholder Engagement**

In February, we encouraged interested parties to take part in a [Nuclear Energy Agency \(NEA\)](#) survey about building and maintaining trust between nuclear safety regulators and the stakeholders they engage with.

- **Corporate updates**

In February, we provided an update about the [leadership structural changes](#) we initially announced in December 2020. Under existing contractual arrangements, current Chief Executive Adrienne Kelbie CBE was always expected to step down as her extended term of office comes to an end in January 2022. Mark Foy will step into the new combined role on 1 June 2021, when the new leadership structure will come into full effect.

In February, we announced that we had appointed [Donald Urquhart](#) to the newly-created role of Executive Director of Operations, which will form part of our new leadership structure. As Executive Director of Operations, Donald will be responsible for leading our regulatory work.

In March, we announced that as part of our new leadership arrangements, we had [appointed three new deputy chief nuclear inspectors](#) (DCIs) to our regulatory and senior leadership teams: Jane Bowie, Paul Dicks and Steve Vinton, currently all senior superintending inspectors at ONR. All three new DCIs have a strong track record of delivering regulation across the organisation and will help us maintain a focus on our Strategy 2020-25.

Tor Justad commented that MOD could learn a lot from ONR who organise NGO forums and demonstrate real engagement.

5. NEAR TERM WORKPLAN AND UPDATE ON SITE END STATE REVIEW

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that members would recall DSG had looked at having some focussed presentations for these virtual meetings. For this one DSG had requested DSRL to provide an update on the development of the Near Term Work Plan (NTWP) and Sam Usher was in attendance to provide a short update on this alongside progress on the end state reviews.

Sam Usher, DSRL Strategic Programme Director provided a short presentation. DSG(2021)C026 refers.

Cllr Mackie thanked Sam Usher for his presentation and opened up for questions.

- Gillian Coghill thanked Sam Usher for his presentation and noted she was pleased that the options assessment for site end state, especially with regards LLW pits, was continuing to be progressed. She and David Broughton had taken part in the three day workshop and there had been lots of challenges to assumptions and the options during the three day period.
- Gillian Coghill added it was also good to hear that there was now an approved NTWP which allowed the workforce some focus going forward. While she appreciated the further out the programme becomes there would be a number of uncertainties but asked what progress you are making with the LTP and if or when DSRL would be in a position to provide DSG with an estimated end date for decommissioning operations. It is understood that once the decommissioning activity is finished there will still be an element of institutional control. The end date DSG is interested in is when the majority of jobs will be no longer.

Sam Usher responded that the process to build the LTP to assure the right quality reasons were well balanced. There was some big blocks of work identified in the programme and it was important that the site got this right and get the right approvals process in place. The work that DSRL was doing to prepare a LTP was about 12 months' worth of work to do until completion. The formal proposal process would take a period of time after that. Sam added that he thought it would be appropriate to be provide updates on the progress of the LTP but could not promise dates within the next 12 months. This was a complex process and site management wanted to take the time

to ensure the quality of the LTP was robust.

Cllr Mackie stated that the NTWP was welcome and allowed some surety for the next three years. While this was a good step forward DSG would continue to hold DSRL's feet to the fire for more information on the LTP at the end of the financial year.

Gillian Coghill thanked Sam for his honesty stating it was refreshing to hear. She looked forward to some engagement once DSRL was in a position to do so.

- David Alexander noted that DSG had heard a lot in the run up to DSRL going back in-house to NDA of work mobility and the potential opportunities for some work continuing beyond Dounreay in support of the wider NDA estate. He asked had there been much discussion on this and when would NDA/DSRL be in a position to start identifying what types of jobs may be retained in the Caithness area to continue to support NDA?

Sam Usher responded that (as one example) DSRL was actively exploring this in relation to Sellafield. A lot of discussion had taken place on lead and learn collaboration with Sellafield. Dounreay FCA has some technical and safety challenges which are similar to Sellafield and the work at Dounreay will be around 10-15 years earlier in our programme. This provides a very clear opportunity for DSRL to learn from Sellafield and that the Sellafield team can learn from DSRL as the site starts to tackle these challenges. Over the last year and a half DSRL has been elevating that collaboration to management shared resources appropriately.

David Alexander thanked Sam for his response noting that those who can work from home continue to do so and therefore demonstrates that a person does not need to be on a site to deliver the work.

- Roger Saxon stated there had been a lot of to-ing and fro-ing with the LTP and each time the question is asked the response has been it's about a year away. The end date and staffing resource was an important one for CNSRP as they look to future employment opportunities in the area. Each time the question was asked there was reasons for the delay, i.e. a new team being put in place, Covid-19. It would appear that no-one wants to admit to an interim end date. It would now appear DSG will have to wait a further year before this information is available.

Sam Usher responded saying he understood the comments on the LTP and also understood the frustration given the length of time DSG had been waiting to hear about this information. However, he emphasised that the LTP was a minimum of 12 months' worth of work to ensure it is robustly underpinned.

- Surprise was voiced that in-situ disposal was being considered for the low level waste pits as it was felt that this would have been a zero/do nothing option and given coastal erosion questioned why this was being considered. Tor Justad followed this up asking whether this was being considered because it was a cheaper option.
- Sam Usher replied that the in-situ option was not about 'doing nothing' as there would be a number of engineering additions to ensure mitigation of environment degradation. Options for this could include a grout curtain and/or further immobilisation of the contents. Nothing had been decided as yet and was all dependent in developing an environmental safety case to see if it is possible. The option becomes an attractive option but work also continues for the retrieval options as well. In respect to cost, even if (say) a concrete wall was implemented this would still encompass a lot of work to immobilise and redirect the ground water. This had a potential to be a lower cost than

emptying and building 2 vaults at the new facility to accommodate this waste. Sam Usher re-iterated there was a lot of work still to be done prior to any decision being made.

- David Broughton, in relation to the discussion on the LTP, erred caution as in his time at Dounreay involved in long term plans and because the site was no longer under contract the site could only provide a life time plan if surety of funding was provided. He added the site could develop a really robust LTP but if the Government cut the budget to NDA it would have an impact on the budgets for all the sites. Governments can ask for programmes to be stretched or changed to accommodate budget cuts. Therefore, any questions on the end dates and LTP do put people in a difficult position when responding as there are always unknowns out with the NDA and site's control.

Cllr Struan Mackie agreed stating that DSRL was in the fortunate position of the strategic importance to reduce the high hazards. He recognised the uncertainties of budgets but believed there was still some significant work to be done which could maintain the budget level for a few years yet. One of the things DSG could do is to ensure our message is clear and that the importance of continued realistic funding for the site continues especially as the supply chain cannot be turned on and off like a tap.

Cllr Struan thanked Sam for his presentation and responses to questions raised. He thought it would be useful to continue this discussion at the next site restoration sub group meeting.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Before Cllr Mackie opened up to members he raised the following:

- As mentioned previously DSG business meeting continues to meet fortnightly and this has proved beneficial throughout the Covid restrictions. The business meeting plans to continue meeting fortnightly for the foreseeable future to ensure information is flowing in a timely manner. Any member who feels they may not be aware of what the business meeting has been doing please don't hesitate to get in touch with one of the members of the group or drop June an email and we will ensure that information is provided.
- There was a long standing action to carry out a review of DSG as has been done every five years or so since it was set up. It was always good to go back and review to make sure the group has the capacity to do their job to the best of their ability.
- A draft scope was agreed to cover the review and this had been circulated to members for comments. Comments were received and the business meeting is considering these. The NDA plan to carry out a review of the SSG guidance and the business meeting has agreed it would be useful to wait for the outcome of this prior to carrying out a DSG review. This will continue to be progressed.
- NDA representatives are visiting Caithness week beginning 14th June and the DSG Chair, alongside Vice-chair and sub group chairs will be meeting with them to explore topics for an NDA Scottish Strategy. While NDA is up in the area they plan to carry out a number of discussions to gain thoughts and input into the strategy. He invited members to get in touch if there was anything they would wish DSG officials to raise at this meeting.
- DSG is part of the wider NDA SSG Chair of Chairs forum and meetings are taking place, via Zoom, on a quarterly basis. It is fair to say it is a difficult meeting via Zoom as each site has their own particular topics to raise but it is useful to have a link into the wider SSGs. The chair's forum last met on 28th of May and the main topic of this meeting was a presentation by ONR. This information was circulated to all members on 7th June as part

of the DSG paperwork for this evening.

In addition, the Chair's forum have a further Chair's meeting on Friday 11th June. This meeting is with David Peattie and Ros Rivaz and will cover an updates on the NDA strategy, the social impact strategy and an opportunity for sites to provide updates. One of the other topics raised will be NDA's support to SSGs going forward. Magnox had recently announced a potential reduction of SSG support across the Magnox sites with no early discussions with SSGs and there will be further discussion on this topic.

Cllr Mackie then invited members to raise any other business. No issues were raised.

7. CLOSE

Cllr Mackie thanked everyone for their input and formally closed the meeting.

Cllr Struan Mackie
DSG Chair
13 June 2021

ACTIONS ARISING (CURRENT)

DSG(2021)M02/A001: Mark Rouse to provide information on the changes for the LLW authorisation.

DSG(2021)M02/A002: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to provide a more detailed organisation chart to provide background of those involved.

DSG(2021)M02/A003: Diane Hamilton, Scottish Government Radwaste Team, to ensure Ministers were aware of urgency to reach a decision on whether Fusion was new nuclear and would be part of the Energy policy.

DSG(2021)M02/A004: DSG Chair to write to MOD, copied to UK Government Minister for Defence setting out the proposal as agreed with regards MOD engagement with DSG.

DSG(2021)M02/A005: DSG members to provide June Love with any questions from DNSR written update.

ACTIONS ONGOING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DSG(2021)M01/A003: June Love to explore with NDA the potential to arrange a workshop for all DSG members on social value. **Action ongoing:** NDA considering workshops and likely to be held in summer 2021.

DSG(2021)M01/A013: June Love to invite the wider DSG to the July Socio Economic sub group for the Pentland Offshore Wind presentation.

DSG(2021)M01/A015: June Love to ask John McNamara whether he had a timeline for undertaking the review of the SSG guidance. **Action ongoing:** emailed on 24 May 2021 – awaiting response.

ACTIONS COMPLETED

DSG(2020)M03/A003: June Love to put on the agenda (at the appropriate time) a review of the membership of DSG. (from the AGM it was agreed that this review would also consider the responsibilities of the co-opted members and a review of the ToRs). **Action superseded** – see DSG(2021)M01/A009 for updated information on progress.

DSG(2020)M03/A014: Jacq Longrigg to provide further information on the Leadership Academy when further developed (expected to be end February 2021). **Action completed** – see DSG(2021)C017

DSG(2021)M01/A001: June Love to explore whether the website analytics can provide further information on the types of documents that are being viewed. **Action complete:** see DSG(2021)C019.

DSG(2021)M01/A002: Martin MacDonald to provide DSG Secretariat with link for policy position on new nuclear. **Action complete:** [The future of energy in Scotland: Scottish energy strategy - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/energy-strategy-2021-2032/pages/introduction.aspx) NB: Scottish Ministers have set out plans to publish a revised and updated Energy Strategy over the coming months. This was set out in the recent Programme for Government and Climate Change Plan update.

DSG(2021)M01/A004: June Love to contact MOD to explore whether DSG members could discuss what social value impacts should be considered for MOD decommissioning contract. **Action complete:** see DSG(2021)C018.

DSG(2021)M01/A005: DSG Chair to write to David Pettie and Alan Cummings for an update on the Scottish Strategy. **Action superseded:** Prior to this action being completed an update on the progress of the Scottish Strategy was sent to the secretariat. The update is: Analysis as part of the research project and gathering background information to move this forward is continuing. An engagement plan is being developed identify key stakeholders NDA would like to talk to as part of the strategy development – DSG

will be included in the stakeholder plan. The aim is to start to engage May/June 2021 allowing things to settle down after the Scottish Government elections.

DSG(2021)M01/A006: June Love to email DSG members and observers to cancel the April subgroup meeting and attach the NDA guidance. **Action complete:** Email to members and observers on 8th April 2021.

DSG(2021)M01/A007: June Love to circulate the Holliday summary report. **Action complete:** <https://www.neimagazine.com/news/newsfinal-report-on-uk-ndas-handling-of-magnox-tender-calls-for-change-in-culture-8588510>

DSG(2021)M01/A008: June Love to provide draft scope for DSG review. **Action complete:** draft scope discussed at DSG Business meeting on 20th April, updated taking further comment on board, and issued to DSG members for their input (deadline 30th April).

DSG(2021)M01/A009: June Love to distribute draft scope DSG review for comments and recommendations. **Action complete:** Draft scope was amended as per discussion at Business meeting held on 20th April and circulated to all DSG members requesting feedback by the 30th April 2021.

DSG(2021)M01/A010: June Love to speak to Andy Maxwell regarding rumour of redundancy programme. **Action complete:** It was confirmed on 24th May that no redundancies were being made at Vulcan (Rolls Royce).

DSG(2021)M01/A011: June Love to invite Dave Wallace to the next Business meeting 18th May to discuss the SSG's review. **Action complete:** Dave Wallace visiting area week beginning 14th June therefore on agenda for discussion then.

DSG(2021)M01/A012: June Love to invite Pentland Offshore Wind representative to July socio economic sub group meeting and an invite would be extended to the wider DSG membership. **Action complete:** Pentland Offshore Wind rep indicated availability for the July sub group (this presentation may be done virtually).

DSG(2021)M01/A014: Cllr Struan Mackie to send the Government Public Appointments to June love to distribute to DSG members. **Action complete:** UK Atomic Energy Authority – Non-Executive Directors x2 Appointing body: UK Atomic Energy Authority Department: Location: Oxfordshire / Various Closing date: 13/06/2021
<https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/uk-atomic-energy-authority-non-executive-directors-x2/>

Civil Nuclear Police Authority, Independent Member. Appointing body: The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Department: Location: Abingdon, Oxford, but virtual for the foreseeable future Closing date: 06/06/2021
<https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/civil-nuclear-police-authority-independent-member-2/>

DSG(2021)M01/A016: June Love to distribute the roles and remits to the DSG membership. **Action complete:** See DSG(2021)C023

DSG(2021)M01/A017: Roger Saxon to take DSG views on Georgemas freight trials forward with the Caithness Transport Forum at their next meeting. **Action complete:** Views were provided at the Caithness Transport Forum in early June. Further action would be followed up by the Transport Forum