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Socio-Economics Update

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Introduction

Passionate about Nuclear Communities

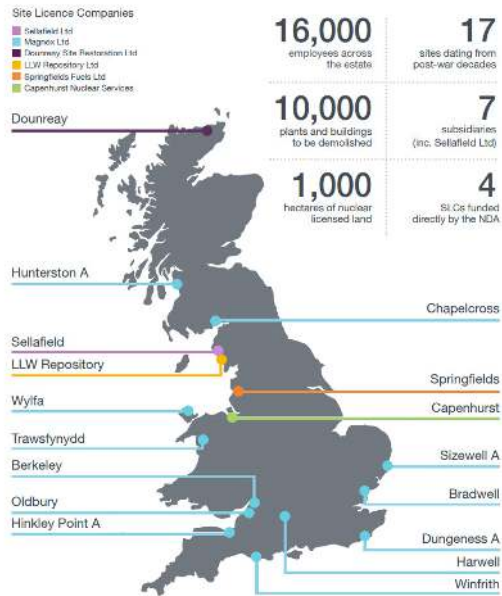
- **Head of Corporate Affairs – Sellafield Ltd**
 - Led on Sellafield's SiX Campaign
- **MP for Copeland 2005 - 2017**
 - Shadow Minister for Health
 - Shadow Minister for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 - UK Delegate NATO Parliamentary Assembly

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Initial impressions and priorities

- Purpose
- People
- Places
- Projects



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Purpose: A legislative basis

The Energy Act (2004) gave the NDA a socio-economic role, recognising the importance of delivering the decommissioning programme in a socially responsible way.

The importance of this work is highlighted in Government policy, legislation and priorities

- Social Value Act: 2012
- Policy Procurement Note 06/20 (&06/21)
- Levelling Up White Paper (and equivalent in Scotland & Wales)
- Building from NDA Socio-Economic Policy (published July '20) and supporting delivery the NDA's Sustainability Strategy

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Purpose: levers for socio-economic impact

The NDA's "business as usual" activities have considerable positive socio-economic impact, but we would like to improve further:

Well established grant programme (~£15m per year)

- Targeted at supporting local economic, environmental and social regeneration
- Supports diversification of local economy (e.g. green energy, tourism, manufacturing)
- Aligned with HMG Priorities e.g. levelling up agenda, 'net zero' etc
- UN Sustainable Development Goals

Social value and wider considerations in business decisions

- Procurement
- Employment
- Reuse of land and other assets
- Skills links to wider nuclear agenda
- R&D&I – applied research with export potential
- Alignment to Sustainability Agenda

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Purpose: Sustainability, Social Value and Socio-Economics: How does it all fit together?

Sustainability

Our approach towards sustainability incorporates everything we do as an organisation; from our carbon footprint to our employment practices. This is an emerging field across the private and public sector and so remains iterative.

Social Value

The Public Services (Social Value) Act, 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. Government departments operate within the scope of the Act. The Social Value Beacon Project relates to the NDA's approach to social value with regard to employment and procurement practices.

Socio-Economics

Our approach towards socio-economics is based upon statutory obligations referenced in the 2004 Energy Act. Working through and with our site license companies, we co-create effective economic interventions in the communities closest to our sites using independently produced economic assessments. Ultimately, it's about creating permanent, positive, and significant social and economic change through deliberate activities which improve people's lives.

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People and Places: the context for our work

Most nuclear communities share particular characteristics. NDA sites are in rural, coastal and sometimes 'remote' locations

Our approach to socio-economics considers:

- The negative impact of decommissioning: how can we mitigate against these?
- Degree of dependency and what new opportunities can we help to create as decommissioning proceeds?

To better inform our work, we are refreshing economic impact studies; these will likely demonstrate growing economic reliance across the estate post-Covid.

A post-Covid response is required against increasing resource pressures, nationally, regionally, locally.

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Projects

- Co-Creation & Partnership working is key to continue to support the priorities and ambitions of our local communities
- Deliver the current strategy with more to do in this area both in terms of communication and delivery
- Will keep the strategy under review but in current circumstances we believe remaining flexible is critical
- Leverage NDA funding to pull through and unlock significant investment schemes

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Successful Projects: our approach in action

Scrabster Harbour

- NDA Group contributed £5m towards a total project cost of 18.9m (along with support from HIE)
- Pier redevelopment increasing capacity and opportunity for diversification through increase in cruise/offshore energy (renewables).



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Successful Projects: our approach in action


Romney Marsh Business Hub

- NDA Group invested ~700k (buildings and development support) as part of a £2.175m project
- Part of wider industrial estate redevelopment project.
- Ambition is to support 500 jobs over 10 years.
- Work to date provides basis for future bids for HMG funding.



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Successful Projects: our approach in action



Morlais

- One of the elite NW Growth Deal projects, as part of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.
- NDA group has invested ~£900k to enable progress through the consent and development phase.
- To date this has leveraged in £8m of Welsh Govt, and WEFO funding.
- Now at Infrastructure phase; potentially unlocking further £27m from WEFO.
- Potentially 100 new jobs over next 10 years.

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Successful Projects: our approach in action

Whitehaven Bus Station

- Visual symbol of decay and decline
- Gateway to the town



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Successful Projects: our approach in action

- NDA Group investment ~£3.5m as part of ~£9m project
- Award winning development
- First Barclays Eagle Lab outside major conurbation
- Catalyst for future growth



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