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**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP BUSINESS MEETING****Minutes of DSG Business Meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 0930 via Microsoft Teams.**

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| <b>Present:</b> | Cllr Struan Mackie | DSG Chair                                       |
|                 | Davie Alexander    | DSG Vice-chair & Socio Economic sub group chair |
|                 | June Love          | DSG Secretariat, DSRL                           |
|                 | Dawn Clasper       | DSG Minute Secretary, DSRL                      |

**MINUTES****1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Cllr Struan Mackie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies have been received from Gillian Coghill, Peter Faccenda, Cllr Willie Mackay and Roger Saxon.

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Cllr Struan Mackie noted that the minutes of the last meeting – DSG/BM(2022)M024, 12 April 2022 – had been endorsed by members via email. It was agreed this was a true reflection of the meeting. No issues from the minutes were raised. These would now be circulated to all DSG members for their information.

**3. ACTION STATUS**

June Love provided an update on the progress of actions. Discussion focused on:

- DSG(2022)M001/A004: DSG to respond and ask for clarity around the Higher Activity Waste Policy Review. **Action complete:** Response from Scottish Government Radwaste Team: We are currently developing the scope of work to take stock and progress the implementation of both the 2011 HAW policy and the 2016 Strategy. The first part of this is a technical work stream, that we are now undertaking with our secondee from the NDA, to develop our thinking around near surface disposal concepts for Scotland. This will also include work to help us better understand the radioactive waste inventory in Scotland, including which radioactive waste is suitable for near surface disposal and that which is not - including wastes held at Dounreay. The Scottish Government Policy, as set out in 2011, is that the long-term management of higher activity radioactive waste should be in near-surface facilities.

As part of this wider work, we are developing a robust stakeholder engagement plan. This will include engagement with the DSG and other site stakeholder groups as our work progresses and we will provide a further update at DSG and SSSG meetings.

Cllr Mackie thanked June Love for progressing the actions.

**4. DSG PUBLIC MEETING**

June Love noted that the DSG Public meeting would be held on 8 June, and this would be a blended meeting. Adverts have been placed in the local newspapers and on the DSG website. She has issued an email for asking members and observer to confirm their attendance in person

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or via MS Teams. There was further discussion on the chairs brief and the topics that may be discussed on the night.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The following was raised:

- Cllr Struan Mackie noted that he would write to the Caithness and North Sutherland councillors outlining the importance of representation at DSG. He also noted that the Caithness Council representation on various groups had not been decided.
- June Love noted that following the DSG meeting with Maree Todd a Note for the Record would be issued once all comments had been collated.
- Cllr Struan Mackie and David Alexander will meet with Roz Rivaz, NDA Chair on Wednesday 8 June.
- It was queried whether progress had been made in identifying a new DSG secretariat. It was noted that DSG operates differently to Magnox SSGs and it would be important to ensure a full handover.

### **ACTION - DSG/BM(2022)M025/A01: June Love to raise this Mark Rouse MD and Josh George Organisation Excellence Director.**

- June Love noted that there has been a slow uptake regarding the DSG review meeting. Cllr Mackie noted that he would raise this at the DSG Public Meeting and ask all members respond. David Alexander noted that if members could not provide availability then it could be taken through the business meeting to decide how to progress.

### **ACTION - DSG/BM(2022)M025/A02: Dawn Clasper to issue email to members requesting response to attendance at DSG review in person or via MS Teams after DSG Public meeting.**

- June Love noted that the SSG Chairs' Forum would be held in Manchester in July. She added that travel would be organised shortly.
- Following the DSG Chair/Vice-chair discussions with Paul Vallance a formal request for SSG reps to attend Scottish Party Political Conferences had been made. This was something that could be co-ordinated with other Scottish SSGs and it was to raise awareness of the impact of nuclear decommissioning within Scotland. The formal request had gone to NDA who had responded they were happy for DSG to do this.

## **6. CLOSE**

There being no further business, Cllr Struan Mackie thanked everyone their input and formally closed the meeting.

**Cllr Struan Mackie**  
**DSG chair**  
**8<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

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