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Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. What the local supply chain brings to County and Community
- 3. Current Issues
- 4. Looking forward
- 5. Q's /Discussion

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- 1. Introductions
 - · Who we are , History, brief overview of services provided.
- 2. Contributions To Community
 - · Training opportunities
 - Community support

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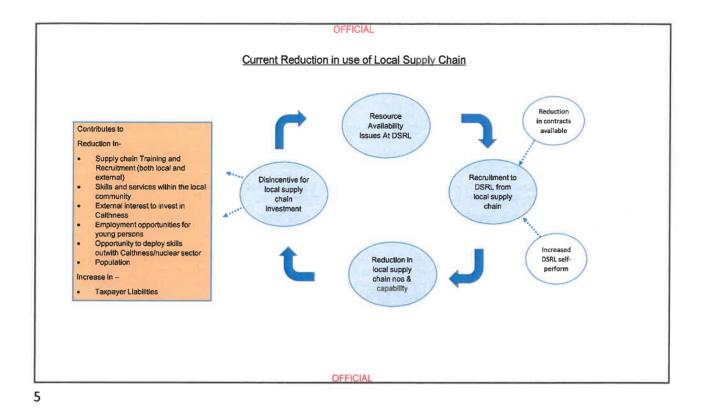
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- 3. Current Main Issues (themes)
 - Recruitment and retention issues
 - Make or buy
 - Continuity of prospects and work (termination of contracts and frameworks)
 - Forward vision re prospective opportunities /requirements
 - Engagement with DSRL

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What County has to offer going forward

- · Highly skilled and experienced engineering resource
- · Presence of long term fully funded major source of engineering work.
- Unique opportunity The county has two excellent engineering classrooms (the Dounreay site -where a
 vast array of unique challenges often require unique innovative solutions, and NHC which continues
 to do an excellent job training our apprentices -both are excellent facilities let's use them more)
- Multi -disciplined versatile proven capability (nuclear, science, production, oil and gas, renewables)
- Longstanding support and development of apprenticeships and trainees
- Local presence of NHC /UHI.
- Major area in UK for marine and wind renewables
- Spaceport development
- Location of several major marine bases to service both oil and gas and renewable developments

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Way forward for the supply chain and the county?

- Re-establish a basis for both local and external supply chain organisations investing locating and developing in Caithness long term.
- Work alongside local supply chain orgs to establish joint strengths which can be used in nuclear decommissioning both at Dounreay and elsewhere.
- Invest in schemes whereby our traditional strengths in engineering skills can be used to service other industries apart from Nuclear (ex renewables) ie look to life post Dounreay.
- Encourage an environment within the county where the supply chain can work alongside DSRL in genuine collaboration to increase the skills base and also give the next generation in Caithness a reason to remain in the county.
- Establish a much more joined up approach to both identifying future skills/resource needs, recruiting and training the future required skills base for the county (ie apprenticeships, traineeships, graduates etc.).
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- Ensure locally available funding is used to support local training initiatives and locally recruited trainees.

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What are we trying to achieve?

To build on the current skillbase of the county so that the needs of both Dounreay and future industries wishing to develop in the Far North are serviced. To create a sustainable future for Caithness, so that the effects of depopulation are minimised and the levels of services available locally and associated opportunities are developed fully.

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