

NDA(2023)C028 NDA Update -

There is reference to a new corporate strategy from Nuclear Waste Services. This will be very relevant to Dounreay and particularly we will be interested to see how the strategy addresses the Scottish Government position on management of ILW. Can we get hard copies of this document please?

DSG/SRSG(2023)M02 - Page 4 - 4th para. & Actions Arising (Current)-DSG(2023)M01/A03 -

The DSG has unfortunately little idea of the near term and long term decommissioning plans for Dounreay. For about two years the DSG has been informed that that the Long Term Plan (LTP) is being developed and now it is stated to be completed in April 2024. The Interim 4 year Plan (ITP) depends of this so we conclude this will not be available until April 2024. In the Actions paper noted above the Gate B paper is still delayed but it is assumed by DSG (perhaps incorrectly) that this paper sits above both the LTP and ITP. What is further confusing is that ITP is also referred to as the Near Term Work Plan (NTWP) and equally confusing in the M02 paper referred to above is the surprising comment that the LTP is not a detailed schedule for the life of the site but a "route map". The question is therefore what strategy paper actually exists or is in preparation for the programme of decommissioning of Dounreay and when will it be available to DSG. This is important in the context of other issues raised in this evenings papers about future employment as parents in this locality will want some indication of the opportunities, or not, for their children. It is also important for the DSG to maintain confidence that the community is associated with a vibrant and competent organisation.

DSG/SRSG(2023)M02 - Page 4 - 13th para.

Although DSG knows that Dounreay is now part of Magnox Ltd. it was stated that Dounreay would retain its identity. Until we get used to it, it would be helpful for DSG if the regulators could be more explicit in whom they are dealing with when they mention Magnox Ltd. If it is Magnox Ltd, corporate could you say so. If it is Dounreay could you put after Magnox Ltd, (Dounreay) so we know where the dialogue is.

DSG(2023)C027- 5th para. & page 2 next to last para.

In the 5th para. noted above it states that the NDA is blessed with a strong and high Annual Site Funding Limit which gives consistency for planning. However in the page 2 next to last para. reference it says that it is an uncertain funding environment. Some explanation is required please.

DSG(2023)C027- Risk Reduction

Dounreay has worked with Sellafield for decades on similar issues. Bespoke designs are often required in the Fuel Cycle Area decommissioning tasks and Sellafield is really the only comparable site that has similar challenges that can be jointly addressed. The last paragraph is quite peculiar. Having said earlier in the paper that funding is secure it mentions reductions of 8%. Also the statement " the need to fund investments being made to build the future" needs further explanation. Building waste facilities and processing plant for decommissioning is not a "compounding" problem, it is the basic requirement for decommissioning.

DSG(2023)C030

As there is still £37,170.88 unallocated for community projects is the Chamber of Commerce doing enough to encourage and help local businesses and groups to put forward proposals?

DSG(2023)P022

As the DSG Site Restoration Sub Group is the primary committee that looks in detail on the programme and performance of Dounreay I think this report should be fuller as it does not give a comprehensive picture of what is happening on the site. It should note activity at all the major plants at Dounreay and the associated continuing work, particularly referencing work being undertaken by contractors both national and local.

DSG(2023)P019 Page 4 2nd para

It would be helpful for the DSG to have a detailed explanation of the organisations involved in the Spaceport. For instance:-

Who owns the land?

Who is building the launch pad?

Who is building the satellites for the 2024 launch?
Who is building the rocket for the 2024 launch?
Who gives the authorisation for the 2024 launch?
What is HIE's role?
What is Focus North's role?
Has NDA a role?