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Present:

Cllr Alan Smith (ABC), Cllr Elaine Woodburn (CBC), Rhuari Bennett (3KQ), Paul Walker (CBC), Steve Smith (CBC), Richard Griffin (ABC), Charles Holmes (ABC), Cllr Tim Knowles (CCC), Stewart Kemp (CCC), Cllr Keith Hitchen (CALC), Chris Shaw (CALC), Guy Richardson (CALC), Paul Gardner (Osprey Communications), Richard Harris (3KQ), Cath Little (CBC), John Dalton (DECC),

1. Apologies

- 1.1 No apologies
- 1.2 RB confirmed that Peter Kane has stepped down from the Steering Group but will continue to attend Partnership meetings.

2. Actions & Minutes – Doc 223

	9 th September 2011 – All actions completed and minutes adopted
6.1	PG advised that it has proven very difficult to come up with another size comparison other than Sellafeld Site however if anyone has further suggestions they would be welcomed.
	Update & discussion around the MoU was missed from the minutes of 9 th September meeting. Therefore a narrative of this item and a further update will be detailed in agenda item 2.1.9

2.1 Updates

- 2.1.1 **Consultation Document.** A further round of drafting changes and graphic design improvements has been made to the condoc. The document will be circulated a week in advance of the Partnership meeting.
- 2.1.2 **Expert review of opinion survey.** The PSE sub-group are meeting to discuss the initial reviews of the broad opinion survey methodology by Dr Sandy Ochojna

and Prof Patrick Sturgis. The most significant issue that they are raising is a question about whether telephone methodology is appropriate, and whether face to face surveying is warranted given the advantages and profile of the issue. This may have significant time and cost implications. The PSE sub-group will discuss and make a recommendation to the Steering Group, once the reviews are finalised.

- 2.1.3 **Finance.** Quarter 2 finances are due to be closed soon. A meeting with DECC is scheduled to take place straight after the Steering Group meeting to discuss progress and if the £1.1m budget needs renegotiating, as well as early discussion of an Engagement Package for next financial year.
- 2.1.4 **Property Valuation Protection briefing.** Galson have submitted an initial draft to Rhuari. This has now been finalised and published as document 231.
- 2.1.5 **David Smythe** has submitted an additional paper. The TRG will discuss with Jeremy Dearlove what, if any, action is needed.
- 2.1.6 **Chris MacDonald.** Paul Gardner gave a verbal update and asked if the Steering Group wished to arrange a meeting with Chris MacDonald. The purpose of the meeting would be to better understand his views around Geology and his views on the Partnership's initial opinions during PSE3. Following discussion it was agreed that the Steering Group would meet with Mr MacDonald initially however if it is appropriate an invitation would be extended to meet with the Partnership.

Action: Rhuari to invite Chris MacDonald to meet with the Steering Group, as part of PSE3

- 2.1.7 **Youth consultation materials** are being developed via a contractor, Jo Dix. They are being reviewed by 3KQ and Connexions before rolling out in PSE3. The views submitted will be analysed and reported on as part of the main consultation. Keith Hitchen requested to see more information regarding Jo Dix.

Action: RB to circulate information on Jo Dix and the bid she submitted for the youth engagement consultation work.

- 2.1.8 **Bure trip recently returned.** Feedback from all members who went on the trip was that it was extremely beneficial. A report back is planned to the full Partnership on 3 November.
A request was made by Elaine that following the circulation of email correspondence from a Partnership Member objecting to the trip the Partnership be reminded that they agreed to this information gathering trip.
- 2.1.9 **MoU** - At the Steering Group meeting on 9th September a number of questions were raised regarding the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the three local authorities. In response it was confirmed that the current draft was intended for the Stage 3 process only and was still subject to final amendment /agreement. The intention is to report through the local authority executive/cabinet as soon as practicable for sign off, and through this process the document would then be in the public domain.

MoU – CALC sought clarification on the decision making process from both Allerdale and County following issues that were raised at the recent Allerdale Joint Parishes meeting.

Both Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council responded by confirming that both authorities executive/cabinet will make any decisions necessary as decision making body with informed discussion from full Council.

The latest update on the MoU is that the DMB are still waiting for a view from DECC which is expected shortly that will inform the MoU for sign off.

CALC made a formal request to have sight of the correspondence between the DMB and DECC. Tim Knowles agreed to take away the request for consideration.

2.1.10 Brand Protection – The interviews have now taken place for the appointment of the consultants re the Brand Protection Project. Only 1 organisation was recalled for 2nd interview. An appointment will follow shortly.

An inception meeting, including LDNPA, will be arranged once the appointment has been confirmed.

3. DVD – View Final Draft

The following points were highlighted following a viewing of the final draft Partnership DVD.

- The timescales at the end of the DVD seem to come up very fast.
- Sellafeld site - yet again concern over using as size comparison.
- Paul expressed concern over the overall length of the DVD. Ideally it should be a shorter run time.
- It was felt that this draft is neutral
- The voice over was again highlighted as being appropriate for the final version.

Paul advised that there are still a number of small changes to be made along with issues highlighted today. There will be an opportunity to view the DVD again at the Partnership meeting on 3rd November.

4. Siting

4.1 Richard Harris introduced and chaired this item. Understanding was sought from CALC and the Lead Authorities as to how far away we are from getting agreement around the current draft circulated prior to the meeting. It was highlighted that this is the document that the programme was slipped for. If we agree sign off today it will go to the Partnership meeting on 3rd November for sign off by all Members.

- 4.2 Guy Richardson said that in terms of content and thrust CALC are happy to live with the current draft. It would be possible to pursue some points further but that could always be the case. CALC are comfortable with this draft.
- 4.3 Charles Holmes said that from Allerdale's perspective some parts are not perfect but the draft is sufficient. No problem with it as it stands.
- 4.4 Stewart Kemp said Cumbria CC is in agreement.
- 4.5 Elaine Woodburn said that Copeland BC is comfortable with the draft apart from a few minor tweaks, which were discussed and agreed in the meeting.
- 4.6 It was agreed by all that the draft version under discussion is the final agreed draft to be presented to the Partnership on 3rd November for consideration.
- 4.7 Some suggestions for improvements were highlighted however Paul Gardner as current scribe for this piece of work will take any additional suggested minor tweaks by email.

Action: All to pass any suggested minor wording tweaks to Paul as soon as possible.

- 4.8 **Way Forward:** It was agreed that this chapter following a few word changes and a legal check will be added to the completed Con doc. Paul Gardner will now also need to write a section for the 8 page summary.
- 4.9 Richard Harris asked considering that everyone in room has given a lot to this chapter in time etc. Could we learn from the process that we have gone through to get to this point? Do we have lessons to learn from this?
- 4.10 Tim Knowles said that the Partnership is a unique experiment. As well as a final report we should have an overall summary of lessons learnt. It should be seen as a unique piece of Governance that needs to be documented.
- 4.11 It is important to highlight what lessons can be learnt from Siting Process piece of work as there are/were obviously issues. It was agreed that Wood Holmes should be requested to do a quick ring round all SG Members to get feedback on the issues.

Action: 3KQ to contact Wood Holmes

5. Property Valuation Protection Briefing

- 5.1 Rhuari introduced this item. The briefing paper was produced by Galson Sciences following a request from the Steering Group for more information around PVP's. All questions are covered in the briefing note along with a conclusion.

- 5.2 Following discussion it was agreed that a paragraph should be included in the Con Doc with a link to specific information. The paragraph needs to highlight that we are aware of the potential issue; we have looked at how PVP's work but we are not making any recommendations now.

Action: RB to draft paragraph to be included in con doc.

6. Actions

	ACTION	WHO
<i>Agenda Item 2.1 - Updates</i>		
2.1.6	Chris MacDonald to be invited to meet with Steering Group Members	RB
<i>Agenda Item 3 – DVD</i>		
<i>Agenda Item 4 –Siting</i>		
4.7	Any suggested minor wording tweaks to be passed to Paul as soon as possible.	ALL
4.11	Wood Holmes to be requested to evaluate feedback re: Siting Process	3KQ
<i>Agenda Item 5 - Property Valuation Protection Briefing</i>		
5.2	Paragraph to be drafted and included in the Con Doc around PVP's	RB
<i>Agenda Item 6 - Any other business</i>		
	No other business	