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Title:	Notes of MRWS Steering Group meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 Bainbridge Room, Copeland Centre, Whitehaven
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**Present:**

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

**1. Apologies**

Steve Smith (CBC), Stewart Kemp (CCC)

**2. Actions & Minutes – Doc 267**

	Minutes from 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 - To be circulated to all Members of the Partnership
	Minutes agreed

**3. Updates**

**3.1 Opinion Survey.** Interviews are nearly complete, and results are due at the 22 May Partnership meeting.

It was agreed that no advanced sight of results would be circulated before the 22<sup>nd</sup> May Partnership meeting

**3.2 Nuclear Industry Forum annual conference** 19-20 June. Tim is presenting, possibly representing the Partnership, covering the MRWS process in West Cumbria and PSE in particular.

**3.3 Drafting and Responding to PSE3.** 3KQ gave verbal update.

**3.4 Brand Protection Report** The final report is now in the public domain and available on line. Rhuari will circulate the link to all Partnership Members. Some Members of the Steering Group expressed concerns over the outcome of the

report as they were related during the last partnership meeting by the consultants. Tim Knowles flagged up an event in Kendal that he had been invited to attend organised by Cumbria Tourism at which the findings of this report will be presented. Rhuari to make contact to understand the context of the event as the work was undertaken at the request of the MRWS Partnership. If this is a briefing event for its Board the Partnership is willing to support the event as long as it is made clear that the work/report is a piece of work that was commissioned by the MRWS Partnership and the context of the briefing is correct. Introduction at beginning of briefing needs to be given setting the background.

**3.5** Tim Knowles confirmed that Stewart Kemp will be leaving Cumbria County Council at the end of June to take up a position at NuLeAF. Organisational changes and responsibilities due to this change will be announced soon.

#### **4. Response to PSE3 AND Final Reporting**

Rhuari gave an update on the progress to date around the drafting process.

- The Consultation initial summary of views report has been completed and will go to the Partnership meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May for sign off.
- Response plan – this plan brings together the more significant suggested responses to issues raised in PSE3. These responses were generated by the Partnership during the informal workshops in April, collated together and a suggested timing for action allocated.

All listed Actions Now and Actions Later were discussed at length and agreed with various amendments and points highlighted.

Following the meeting today and agreed alterations the next draft of this report will go to the Partnership meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May for agreement.

#### **5. Legal Advice**

The Steering Group discussed three areas of possible legal advice that have arisen. The aim of the discussion was to secure confirmation that the advice is needed and that the wording of the questions is adequate.

Following discussion the Steering Group agreed that the legal advice was required and that providing the questions are worded clearly they should be submitted to the most appropriate legal services to obtain views.

**Action: Legal advice to be commissioned on the three issues highlighted in the consultation.**

## Actions

	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO</b>
	<b><i>Agenda Item 3 - Updates</i></b>	
	No actions	
	<b><i>Agenda Item 4 - Response to PSE3 AND Final Reporting</i></b>	
	No actions	
	<b><i>Agenda Item 5 – Legal Advice</i></b>	
	Legal advice to be commissioned on the three issues highlighted in the consultation.	<b>CBC/3KQ</b>