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Executive Summary

Overview. The 23rd meeting of the West Cumbria Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) Partnership took place on 22nd May 2012. The main objectives of the meeting were to: receive and discuss the results of the opinion poll testing for 'Net Support', agree the 'Initial Summary of Views' resulting from analysis of consultation submissions, agree responses to the issues raised in the consultation including actions and drafting suggestions, and agree the forward timetable for the Partnership's Final Report.

Updates. Shepway District Council, which has Dungeness power stations A and B within its area, is considering making an Expression of Interest in the MRWS process. The Partnership's Engagement Package request for 2012-13 has been approved by the Department of Energy and Climate Change. The responses submitted to the consultation have been published on the Partnership's website.

Opinion Survey. Ipsos MORI presented the headline findings from the opinion survey that they conducted between 8th March and 16th May 2012. The survey tested public opinion on whether West Cumbria should take part in the Government's search for a site for a geological disposal facility in a statistically representative way. The survey results show that there is net support for taking part in the search throughout Cumbria, with this being highest in Copeland.

Initial Summary of Views of consultation submissions. The Partnership signed off the Initial Summary of Views which provides a summary of the responses to the consultation and lists the key issues raised under each criterion. The Summary of Views will be published shortly and will also be incorporated into the PSE3 Report (Public and Stakeholder Engagement Round 3) which will also include the Partnership's agreed responses to the issues raised.

The Partnership's responses to the consultation. At its informal workshops in April the Partnership worked through the issues emerging from the analysis of consultation submissions to consider the type of response required for each issue raised, and discuss/agree responses to the more challenging issues. At today's meeting the Partnership worked through the suggested actions and drafting suggestions for responding to the issues, with a particular focus on the more strategic/challenging issues. A number of actions were agreed including:

- Exploring how to put the MRWS process on a statutory footing.
- Strengthening and expanding the Partnership's Community Benefit Principles.
- Meeting the Geological Society to discuss the issues arising around geology.

The agreed actions and drafting suggestions will be incorporated into the PSE3 Report and the Partnership's Final Report for consideration at the next Partnership meeting on 25th June, alongside outcomes from the actions that are already underway. The Final Report is due to be signed off at the 19th July meeting prior to handing it over to Allerdale Borough Council, Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council.

For future meeting dates and more information please see the Partnership's website www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk.

1. Introduction

1.1 – Objectives

Specific objectives for the day were to:

1. Receive and discuss the results of the opinion poll testing for 'Net Support'.
2. Agree the 'Summary of Views' resulting from analysis of consultation submissions.
3. Agree responses to the issues raised in PSE3 including actions and drafting suggestions.
4. Agree the forward timetable for the Partnership's Final Report.

The full agenda is in Appendix 1.

1.2 – Attendance

36 participants¹ attended at Whitehaven Civic Centre on 22nd May 2012. A full list of those in attendance is in Appendix 2. The meeting was open for the public to observe and more than 45 members of the public attended.

2. Updates

2.1 – Possible Expression of Interest by Shepway District Council

A community in Kent is considering making an Expression of Interest (EoI) in the MRWS process. Shepway District Council, which has Dungeness power stations A and B within its area, has initiated an engagement process with residents and stakeholders to help them decide whether to express interest or not. Details can be found at <http://www.romneymarshnrd.org.uk/>.

It was agreed that the Chair of the Partnership would formally write to Shepway District Council offering advice and support.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) confirmed that they have been in contact with Shepway District Council.

2.2 – Finance

The Engagement Package request for 2012-13 has been approved by DECC. The accounts are being closed for last year and the public statement of funding, Document 106, will be updated and published shortly.

2.3 – Partnership meeting dates

Future Partnership meeting dates are confirmed as 25th June and 19th July 2012.

¹ Plus 8 from the facilitation team, secretariat and presenters.

2.4 – Appointment of Facilitation and Programme Management contract

The procurement process for the MRWS Partnership's independent facilitators and programme managers is now complete. 3KQ have been reappointed.

2.5 – Documents published

Since the last Partnership meeting the following documents have been published in the Documents section of the Partnership website at:

http://www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk/all_documents.asp.

- 269. Brand Protection Strategy Report : Authors - Sedley Place / Communication Group
- 268. Notes from Informal Partnership Workshops 16 and 26 April 2012 (Draft)
- 267. Steering Group Minutes (including discussion with Lead Inspector and Technical Assessor from the Nirex Inquiry) 29 March 2012
- 265. Letter from DECC regarding the Partnership's Engagement Package 2 April 2012

The consultation submissions have also been published on the Partnership website and can be viewed at:

<http://www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk/page/123/Consultation-submissions.htm>.

2.6 – National Audit Office briefing

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) noted that the National Audit Office has issued a briefing entitled 'The Nuclear Landscape of Great Britain', and advised that some of the information in it is potentially misleading. They requested that a copy of the briefing be made available.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) advised that they do not know where the information in the briefing came from, and acknowledged that the information could be misinterpreted. They agreed to find out more about it.

2.7 – Previous action, DECC update on national planning processes

With regard to the action from the last meeting for DECC to provide clarification on the national planning processes and the status of a geological disposal facility (GDF) as a nationally significant infrastructure project, DECC advised that they do not have any further updates at this stage. The Programme Manager noted that this issue is covered in the Partnership responses and it was acknowledged that it remains as one of the issues that needs a watching brief.

A robust survey of a representative cross-section of residents

- Three concurrent surveys, one in each area: Allerdale, Copeland and Rest of Cumbria
- Interviewing took place between 8th March and 16th May 2012
- Each survey used the same approach – scrutinised by external expert reviewers – telephone interviews with a random sample of adult residents
- For each area, all households in the area had an equal probability of taking part, and each adult resident in the household had an equal probability of taking part. Results are weighted to be representative of the adult population in the area

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A robust survey of a representative cross-section of residents

- A statistically robust sample of more than 1,000 in each area, an overall response rate of 45.6%
- An 8 minute questionnaire – developed to be fair and balanced, tested to make sure that residents could easily understand and answer the questions. It underwent internal scrutiny to ensure it was fit for purpose
- The questionnaire was open to external expert review and public comment, the final questionnaire took these comments into account

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The proportion of employees in the nuclear industry is in line with the actual figures

- The proportion of respondents working within the nuclear industry is in line with the known figures:
 - 9,300 work at Sellafield¹; these represent 35% of employed residents in Copeland and 10% of employed residents in Allerdale²
 - 240 respondents in Copeland work in the nuclear industry, representing 32% of those in Copeland who are working
 - A further 77 respondents in Allerdale work in the nuclear industry, representing 11% of those in Allerdale who are working

Base: All respondents (see above) surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

1. Source: Sellafield Ltd
2. Source: Cumbria CC, mapping employment to updated Census 2001 figures
Source: Ipsos MORI

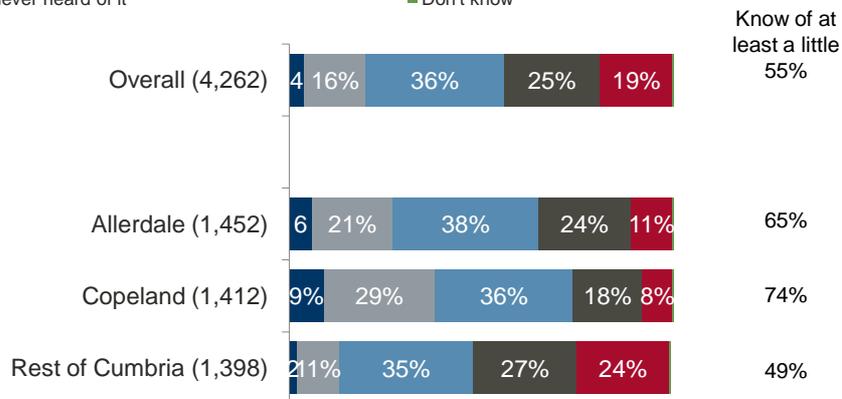
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More than half are aware of the search for a potential site

Q3. How much do you feel you know about this search in West Cumbria for a potential site for a deep underground disposal facility for higher activity radioactive waste

- I know a lot about it
- I know just a little about it
- I have never heard of it
- I know a fair amount about it
- I have heard of this but know almost nothing about it
- Don't know



Base: All respondents (see above) surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

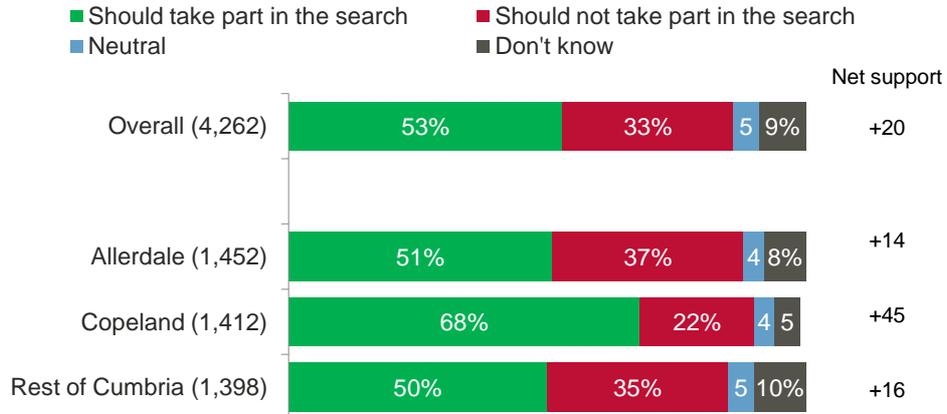
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At least half support taking part in the search for a possible site

Q4. From what you know at the moment, do you think that XXX council and XXX council should or should not take part in the search for a suitable site in XXX for a deep underground disposal facility for higher activity radioactive waste?



Base: All respondents (see above) surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

Source: Ipsos MORI

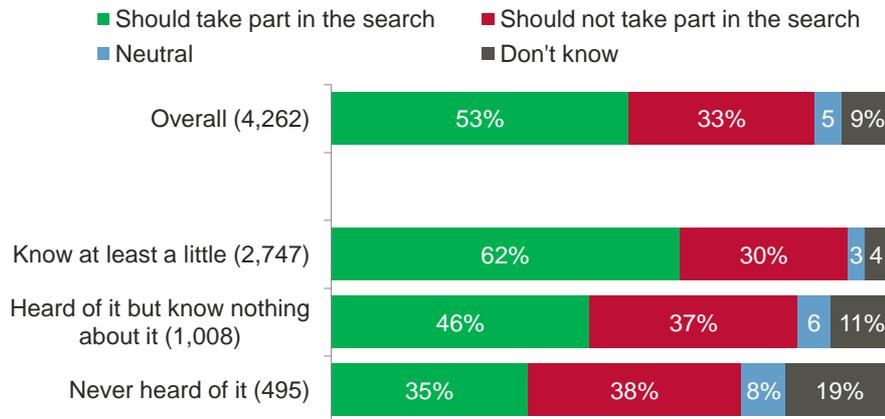
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Support for the search is higher among those who are aware of the search

Q4. From what you know at the moment, do you think that XXX council and XXX council should or should not take part in the search for a suitable site in XXX for a deep underground disposal facility for higher activity radioactive waste?



Base: All respondents (see above) surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

Source: Ipsos MORI

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Main reasons for taking part in the search

Q5. Why do you think the council(s) should take part in the search? For what other reasons?

- Create/bring in jobs/work/employment – **27%** mention this
- We already have [it at] Sellafield/used to it/lived with it for ages – **23%**
- It has to go somewhere/someone has to do it/have it – **20%**
- The council represent [us] our interests/ should take part/be involved/ do the search/look into it – **19%**
- As long as it's safe [good safety record]/ properly stored/protected – **15%**
- Benefits/important for the area/local economy/community – **15%**
- Find sound/stable/suitable/safe site/ geological survey – **12%**
- Underground storage is safest/best/not above ground – **10%**
- Need to understand/know more about it/what's happening/need the facts/more info – **10%**

Base: All respondents saying the council should take part in the search (2,256), surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

Source: Ipsos MORI

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Main reasons for not taking part in the search

Q5. Why do you think the council(s) should not take part in the search? For what other reasons?

- Dangerous/toxic/radioactive/safety concerns/scary/leaks/risk(s) – **28%** mention this
- We've enough waste [Sellafield] already/the area [Cumbria] is a dumping ground – **25%**
- Don't want it here/not in Cumbria/our area/not on our doorstep/backyard – **20%**
- Environmental/wildlife/landscape damage/natural beauty of the area – **14%**
- Waste shouldn't be stored underground/buried/prefer other methods of disposal – **13%**
- Future/long term problems/concerns for children/future generations – **13%**
- Geologically unsuitable area/faults/rockfalls/ tremors/earthquakes – **10%**
- Need to understand/know more about it/what's happening/need the facts/more info – **10%**
- Against nuclear power/energy/industry/waste – **10%**

Base: All respondents saying the council should not take part in the search (1,386), surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

Source: Ipsos MORI

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A representative cross-section of residents achieved

- A robust and representative cross-section of adult residents in each area:
 - Allerdale: 1,452 residents took part (an effective base size of 1,074)
 - Copeland: 1,412 residents took part (an effective base size of 1,000)
 - Rest of Cumbria: 1,398 residents took part (an effective base size of 1,023)
- The response rates were: Allerdale 47.6%, Copeland 45.3%, Rest of Cumbria 43.9%
- Overall county-wide results have been balanced by population size to ensure they are representative:

	Allerdale	Copeland	Rest of Cumbria
% of county population	18.9%	14.0%	67.0%
% of county overall results	19.1%	14.2%	66.7%

Base: All respondents (see above) surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

Source: Ipsos MORI

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Weighted profile of respondents closely matches the actual population

Age	Allerdale (1,452)			Copeland (1,412)			Rest of Cumbria (1,398)		
	Actual	Weighted	Unweighted	Actual	W'td	Unw'td	Actual	W'td	Unw'td
16-24	11.5%	11.4%	4.3%	12.3%	12.2%	4.7%	12.4%	12.3%	4.1%
25-34	11.2%	11.1%	8.6%	12.6%	12.4%	10.2%	11.4%	11.2%	9.7%
35-54	34.6%	34.2%	34.2%	35.4%	35.0%	34.1%	33.9%	33.6%	34.0%
55-64	17.8%	17.6%	22.6%	16.9%	16.8%	19.8%	17.3%	17.1%	21.0%
65+	24.9%	24.6%	29.2%	22.8%	22.7%	30.4%	25.1%	24.9%	30.4%
Gender and Working Status									
Men, working full/part time	29.3%	29.0%	26.0%	28.0%	27.8%	26.1%	29.3%	28.9%	27.1%
Men, other	19.2%	19.1%	15.7%	21.3%	21.1%	17.9%	18.7%	18.6%	16.3%
Women, working full time	12.4%	12.3%	14.3%	11.6%	11.5%	16.6%	12.8%	12.8%	14.6%
Women, working part time	11.9%	11.9%	13.4%	11.4%	11.3%	10.3%	12.5%	12.4%	12.2%
Women, other	27.2%	27.0%	29.9%	27.7%	27.5%	28.3%	26.7%	26.7%	29.2%

Base: All respondents (see above) surveyed between 8th March and 16th May 2012

Source: Ipsos MORI

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The questions and discussion that followed the presentation are summarised in 3.2 to 3.9 below.

3.2– Confidence rating

A question was asked about the confidence ratings achieved from sample sizes of 1000 people in each area. It was confirmed that the confidence interval for this sample size is +/- 3%, meaning that, for example, a percentage of 51% would mean a confidence interval of between 48% and 54%.

In response to a specific question about the response from the Rest of Cumbria, it was confirmed that the net support was still positive even with confidence intervals taken into account.

3.3 – Information about rural and urban areas

A question was asked about how far the more detailed analysis will ‘drill down’ into particular information e.g. responses from people in rural/urban areas, and within/outside the National Park.

It was confirmed that this level of analysis will be carried out.

3.4 – The Partnership’s indicators and clarification of net support

There was a reminder that net support means more people saying yes to the question than saying no, and that it does not include ‘don’t know’ or ‘neutral’ responses. There was also a reminder that this is just one of the Partnership’s indicators, and that net support will be taken into account alongside the consultation responses.

3.5 – Reasons for taking part or not

It was suggested that it would be useful for the main reasons for taking part or not (slides 8 and 9) to be broken down in the main report by the different areas i.e. Copeland, Allerdale, Rest of Cumbria.

It was confirmed that the report will consider responses across the sample areas and across sub-groups including e.g. men, women, ages, connection to the nuclear industry etc. With regard to disaggregation by industry/nature of employment, it was confirmed that the question only asked about the nuclear industry, environmental campaign groups, local councils, and central government departments/agencies. It is therefore not possible to separate out industries such as farming/tourism as this information is not available.

3.6 – Support for moving forward ‘without commitment’

There was a reminder from a Partnership member that the survey was asking about support for moving forward in the process to the stage of further investigations, and was not about support for a repository. Ipsos MORI also reiterated that one of the key reasons given for support was that West Cumbria would not be committed to anything.

There was also a reminder that the question asked was specific to the relevant area e.g. Allerdale residents were asked about Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council, Copeland residents about Copeland BC and Cumbria CC, and Rest of Cumbria residents about all three councils.

3.7 – Comparison with previous surveys

In response to a question about whether the results can be compared to the results from previous surveys, it was confirmed that statistically robust comparisons cannot be made as the questions are slightly different and the sample sizes for this survey are larger.

3.8 – Level of awareness and willingness to participate

Ipsos MORI were asked whether the awareness figures are in line with what they would expect, especially given the level of awareness-raising activity that has been carried out by the Partnership. Ipsos MORI advised that, whilst it is difficult to make comparisons as there is no comparable process, given their experience with other local authorities across the country on other issues, they would say that awareness about this process is high.

It was also noted by Cumbria Tourism that the response rate of 45.6% (meaning the number of people who were willing to take part in the survey) is extremely good and compares favourably to typical response rates of around 18-20% in other telephone surveys that have been undertaken. It was suggested that this means that there is a real willingness amongst people to get involved, and Ipsos MORI confirmed that it also means more robust findings.

3.9 – Agreements and way forward

The full report will be published in early June.

4. Consultation – Initial Summary of Views

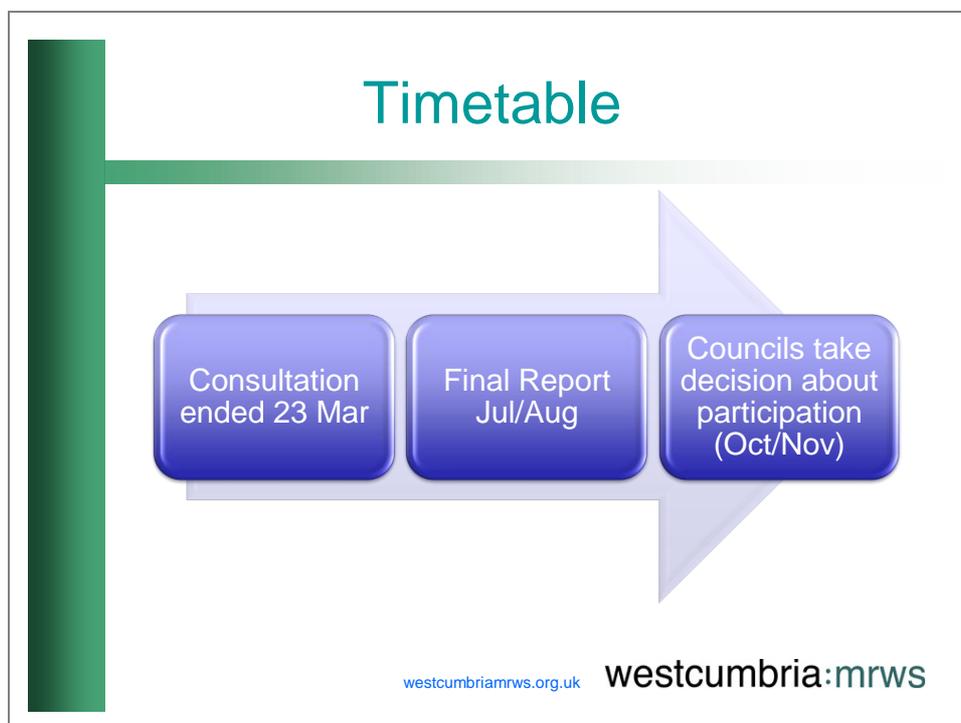
4.1 – Background and overview

At the 23rd February 2012 Partnership meeting (see meeting report – Document 256, Section 3) it was agreed that the Partnership would hold two informal workshops to discuss the issues raised in its formal consultation (PSE3), consider how the Partnership will respond, and develop collective thinking on the main content of the Final Report. The workshops were held on 16th and 26th April 2012 and a summary of the aims, content and outputs of both workshops is provided in Document 268 – Notes from Informal Partnership Workshops.

As preparation for the workshops, Partnership members were sent copies of all consultation submissions, and at the first workshop on 16th April the Partnership considered an early draft Summary of Views, which provided an early analysis of the majority of the responses and listed the key issues raised under each criterion. The aim of today's meeting was to sign off the updated version of the Summary of Views to agree that it is an accurate reflection of all consultation submissions. This was followed by discussions on the Partnership's proposed responses to the consultation (see Section 5).

Rhuari Bennett and Helen Fisher from 3KQ summarised the forward timetable and key activities over the last few months including the consultation itself, and the work that has been done to date in analysing and preparing responses to the consultation submissions.

The presentation slides are provided below.



Indicators

Three indicators to assess the credibility of the Partnership's initial opinions (p107):

1. Broad Support: assessing whether a range of organisations agree with the evidence and arguments of the Partnership, and changing opinions accordingly

2. Understanding/addressing concerns

3. Net support: are there more people who support moving into Stage 4 than oppose?

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Approach

- Consultation November 11 to March 12
- Formal public consultation pack:
 - Full consultation document
 - DVD
 - 8 page consultation overview document
 - Response form
- Large scale public opinion survey
- Supported by range of other activity...

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Activities

Publicity:

- Advertising
- Media coverage (papers/TV/radio), newspaper advertorials
- Newsletters to West Cumbrian households (over 80,000)
- Your Cumbria magazine to Cumbrian households (230,000)
- Website and social media
- Webinar
- Written updates to Neighbourhood Forums, parishes etc

Consultation activities

- 12 community events across Cumbria
- Schools and other community groups

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Participation levels

- Over 3300 consultation packs sent out
- 2300 people/orgs responded, via over 1400 submissions (some via groups)
- Over 800 people attended events
- Over a third of 2300 were young people

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Highlights

- **GEOLOGY:** is enough known to rule area out?
- **UNCERTAINTY:** inappropriate to start search before more is known vs the search will give answers
- **TRUST:** at all levels... Lack of trust that Government would pay benefits, lack of trust that councils would respect the wishes of smaller communities, etc

See full report for details

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Way Forward

	Today	25 Jun	19 Jul
PSE3	Sign off Summary of Views Agree actions and responses to issues raised	Complete drafting of responses to issues raised Sign off PSE3 Report (views + responses)	-
Final Report	-	Consider results of actions (raised in response to issues raised) and... Work on draft Final Report, agree changes to opinion etc	Continue to work on draft Final Report Agree Final Report

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Initial Summary of Views

The questions and discussions regarding the Initial Summary of Views are summarised in 4.2 to 4.6 below.

4.2 – Inclusion of comments on broad support in the Initial Summary of Views

CALC stated their view that there should be a conclusion at the end of each section in which the Partnership says that there is no broad support against each area.

There was a reminder that the Initial Summary of Views is purely meant to be a reflection of the views submitted to the consultation and that the PSE3 Report will include the Partnership's responses to the issues raised, however CALC reiterated their view that it would be helpful to acknowledge that the initial opinions had not been accepted within the Initial Summary of Views.

It was suggested and agreed that the status of the document should be made more clear, including a stronger up-front statement about it being a summary of evidence, rather than the Partnership's judgement on the views expressed.

The issue of broad support is covered further in 4.5 below.

4.3 – Use of quotes

It was explained that quotes have been provided in the report to provide context, flavour and supporting evidence. It was suggested that it would be useful to know which response the quotes came from, to e.g. be able to read the rest of the response and/or know if the quote is from a local person/organisation. It was confirmed that organisation names/User IDs had been deliberately omitted, partly to ensure that quotes are weighted/viewed equally, however a record of the source submissions for each quote has been kept so this information can be provided to those who are interested.

4.4 – Time to analyse and respond

A question was raised by CALC about whether Partnership members have had enough time to analyse the documents under consideration. They suggested that the Initial Summary of Views could be provisionally signed off at this stage, but that it should also be possible to make changes later on if further reading/analysis identifies any missing or key points.

There was a reminder that the Partnership has now seen the document three times, with the first drafts being circulated in advance of the Partnership workshops in April. The Initial Summary of Views will also feed into the PSE3 Report so changes can potentially be incorporated into that report.

The Programme Manager also noted that, as independent conveners, 3KQ have to guard the accuracy of the summary, and cautioned that people must be careful about wanting to add bits that they would like to see, as it is a summary of what respondents said.

4.5 – The Partnership's Indicators of Credibility

A discussion was held about the Partnership's Indicators of Credibility (see slide 2 above and Document 242 – the Partnership's Consultation Document pages 107/108) and how these would be used in analysing and responding to the consultation.

CALC reiterated their concerns that there is no reference throughout the Initial Summary of Views that the Partnership's initial opinions have not been accepted by those who chose to take part in the consultation. In their view it is important to at least acknowledge that the Partnership has not achieved broad support.

The nature/definition of broad support was discussed. It was acknowledged that assessing whether broad support is there or not is a very subjective judgement and there was a reminder that the Partnership discussed this at length at an earlier stage in the process. There was also a reminder that it is not about the numbers of people who agree or disagree with the Partnership's opinions.

Concerns were expressed about making judgements on the quality of argument expressed by individuals and it was noted by some that all opinions, whether expert or not, should be equally respected/weighted.

It was suggested that the question of whether there is broad support or not is one that each member of the Partnership has to decide, however there were also some concerns about it coming down to personal opinions.

It was suggested that the process that the Partnership is working through is designed to enable judgements such as this to be made, including looking at what further information is needed to be able to come to a conclusion about the extent to which the Partnership wants to respond to the issues raised, and whether any of the initial opinions should be changed. This process will encompass all of the work that has been carried out, including the consultation submissions, all of the work carried out by the Partnership and the results of the opinion survey.

There was a reminder that the Consultation Document states (on page 108) that all three Indicators of Credibility have to be met for a recommendation to be made about moving forwards. It was acknowledged that the Partnership will not be making a single recommendation to the decision-making bodies (DMBs) about participation and will simply be producing a report for the DMBs, however it was also reiterated that the Partnership has to show that it has properly considered all three elements.

It was agreed that the discussion to follow on the Partnership's responses to the consultation would address the issues raised during these discussions.

4.6 – Agreements and way forward

It was agreed that the Initial Summary of Views could be signed off for publication. The final version, incorporating final amendments and clarifications about the status of the document, will be published shortly. Any further comments can be raised before the June meeting for consideration for inclusion in the PSE3 Report.

5. Consultation – Partnership Responses

5.1 – Background and overview

At the informal Partnership workshops in April (see Section 3 above and Document 268 – Notes from the Informal Partnership Workshops), the Partnership worked through the issues emerging from the analysis of consultation submissions to consider the type of response required for each issue raised, and discuss/agree responses to the more challenging issues.

The outcomes from these discussions were all collated into a document setting out suggested actions and drafting suggestions for responding to the key issues arising from the PSE3 consultation submissions.

This document has since been through a drafting meeting and a Steering Group meeting, and the most up to date version was circulated in advance of today's meeting.

The responses were grouped into two main sections for the Partnership to discuss and agree:

- **More strategic responses**, outlining actions for agreement by the Partnership, including some which are already underway and some that still need specific work to be done.
- **Less strategic responses**, with specific drafting suggestions for areas where it was agreed that clarification or more information was needed.

There was a reminder that the second informal workshop on 26th April focused quite significantly on issues of trust, and many of the actions suggested in that part of the meeting are in the first part of the document.

A summary of the discussions is provided below. Specific revisions and agreements on wording will be seen at the next Partnership meeting on 25th June and agreed changes to wording will be incorporated into the Partnership's Final Report.

Once the Partnership has agreed its responses to the consultation, a full PSE3 Report will be produced incorporating the final Summary of Views and the Partnership's agreed responses. This report will be signed off alongside the Partnership's Final Report to the three Councils.

The document that was discussed is available as a working draft on request.

5.2 – More strategic responses

The Partnership worked through the actions against the more strategic responses first, and members were asked if they were content with the actions commissioned so far. The key issues that were raised and discussed are summarised below:

5.2.1 – Topic 3 – National process

Reference was made to comments made in the consultation about the degree to which international guidelines are being followed, and a request was made to include a request for clarification about whether the requirement to follow these regulations applies to the UK Government.

Reference was also made to Section 6.5 of the White Paper which refers to the Government reserving the right to explore other approaches at some point in the future. It was agreed that Action 3 would be expanded to ask DECC to set out more clearly when this might apply and what would happen.

5.2.2 – Topic 4 – Stage 4 and 5 Schedule

It was noted that this item does not take into account the possibility of there being more than one Community Siting Partnership (CSP) in Stage 4 and beyond, and that CSPs might work on a different basis. It was agreed that an s should be added to CSP and that it should be implicitly accepted that CSPs might work in different ways.

5.2.3 – Topic 5 – Geology and Siting

CALC advised that they do not think that the proposed action to simply re-circulate DECC's revised framework for Stage 4 is adequate, as the framework does not do enough to acknowledge the technical work and public engagement that is required. CALC would like an action to see a wider framework produced by DECC. It was agreed that the action is OK but that further detail will be needed in the discussions that follow.

5.2.4 – Topic 17 – Impacts and Brand Protection Strategy

It was suggested and agreed that more clarity is needed about what the brand protection strategy would encompass and when the work involved would need to be initiated. It was agreed that the three actions recommended by the brand protection consultants in their final report (see Document 269) should be explicitly stated, and that the recommendation from the Partnership that the strategy should be adopted and taken forward by the DMBs alongside their decision about participation needs to be clear. It was noted that, if the Partnership is expecting activity to be in place at the time a decision about participation is taken, that the work needs to be initiated now through the DMBs and the agencies involved in the brand protection activity.

Cumbria Tourism welcomed the extended phraseology and the additional clarity that it brings. They also noted, on behalf of themselves and Cumbria Chamber of Commerce, that they welcomed the decision to support taking this work forwards immediately rather than on the back of a decision about participation.

5.2.5 – Topic 18 – Impacts – Property Value Protection (PVP) Plans

A question was asked about whether the impacts on the value of land and other such assets are included under PVP plans, and, if not, it was suggested that the criteria should be expanded to encompass these. The Programme Manager agreed to check the briefing note from Galson Sciences (Document 231).

5.2.6 – Topic 20 – Retrievability

It was agreed that monitorability should be added alongside retrievability. It was also noted that further information about the reasons for retrievability are due to be added to the Final Report.

5.2.7 – Topic 21 – Inventory – Overseas Waste, Military Waste and Scottish Waste

It was noted that the Partnership workshops identified the need for clarification from the NDA about overseas waste, in particular a clear statement that the door is not being opened to overseas waste being brought here, whilst also making it clear that overseas waste would go into a repository because of the substitution policy.

It was noted that further information about this is due to be added to the Final Report. DECC was also asked to provide a short clarifying statement.

5.2.8 – Topic 22 – Inventory – Research & Development on different options

A discussion was held about the need for further clarification on what is and might be classified as waste both now and in the future. It was noted that further information on this is due to be added to the Final Report.

Some felt that the action does not do enough to emphasise the importance of research and development (R&D) and it was agreed that the words should be strengthened.

5.2.9 – Suggested changes to Community Benefits Principles

A discussion was held about a number of proposed changes to the Community Benefits Principles, some of which are quite significant. It was noted that, if the Partnership is to ask DECC to sign up to these changes it will take some time and effort at DECC.

- **Principle 4 – Additionality**

New wording was suggested to make it more clear that benefits must be in addition to the investment necessary to develop a GDF and mitigation of impacts.

- **Principle 9 – Distribution**

A discussion was held about the inclusion of the new sentence, particularly the words 'for example', and the proposal to ring fence a proportion of benefits for the host communities. There were mixed views on whether this should be included or not, and concerns were expressed about the difficulties in trying to define proportion or host community at this stage. It was felt by some that it is fairly meaningless at this stage and concerns were also expressed that it could tie the hands of the Partnership/DMBs.

There was a reminder that there were several comments in the consultation about distribution of benefits, and requests to strengthen the principle in relation to this. The aim of adding this sentence to the more generic principle is to acknowledge the strength of the views expressed by consultees, and give comfort to those who expressed concerns that the host communities would not receive any part of the benefit.

It was agreed that the new sentence should stay in as it is to provide an illustrative example.

- ***Principle 12 – Community Confidence***

A discussion was held about whether legal advice should be sought on the options to secure a guarantee that agreed benefits will be delivered if a site is selected and it was suggested that trust might be there if a guarantee could be assured. It was noted, however, that legal advice would only give advice on the options, not an actual guarantee. It was agreed that legal advice would not be sought at this stage.

- ***New principle on Timing of Agreement***

A discussion was held about whether this new principle rules out the possibility that benefits would be available throughout Stage 4. It was noted that the Partnership position at the moment is that benefits are not required or requested during Stage 4 and the principle does not alter that.

There was also a reminder that benefits are separate and additional to both the engagement package (which funds the work of the Partnership and any future CSP/s), and mitigation of impacts.

It was noted that discussions at the Partnership workshops and the most recent Steering Group about public comments on geology, considered the possibility that some of the detailed geological work currently planned for Stage 5 might take place earlier. This could require community benefits to be drawn down at an earlier stage.

It was therefore agreed that the wording of this new principle must not preclude drawing down of benefits during Stage 4 if required, notwithstanding the Partnership's current position.

5.3 – Less strategic responses

The Partnership next considered the less strategic responses and the specific drafting suggestions outlined in the responses document. Discussions focused on substantive changes, with suggestions for minor changes being handed in to 3KQ. The responses were considered chapter by chapter and the discussions/agreements are summarised below.

5.3.1 – Geology

- ***Statement regarding the potential need for further geological assessments in Stage 4***

It was agreed that the reference to when further investigations might take place should be removed.

- ***Issue 1k – The BGS report was too narrow in scope and disregarded previous investigations***

It was suggested and agreed that the statement that the Partnership believes 'this was appropriate for this early stage of the process' should be removed.

- **Issue 1p – West Cumbria may or may not be suitable, but we need to go to the next stage to find out**

It was agreed that ‘one’ option should be changed to ‘an’ option.

5.3.2 – Impacts

- **Issue 3j – Short and long term impacts on health and well-being**

It was agreed that there should be more specifics on health impacts.

- **Issue 3m – Potential World Heritage site**

It was suggested that the proposed wording implies that the World Heritage status of the Lake District is being considered imminently, and it was also noted that whilst it will be a long timeframe, it is not as long as the MRWS process. A request was made to expand the wording slightly to make the relative timing of both processes more clear.

5.3.3 – Community benefits

- **Issue 4b – community benefits would never be enough to justify having a GDF**

It was suggested that the proposed wording was a bit too black and white, and could tie the hands of the DMBs if flexibility is needed. It was agreed that the wording should change to ‘the Right of Withdrawal *could* be used’ (instead of ‘*should*’).

5.3.4 – Inventory

- **Question regarding contracts for waste from new build and host community control over the inventory**

A question was asked about whether the Partnership has come to any conclusion or received any answers on how contracts for waste from new build will work in relation to a host community’s control over the inventory. It was confirmed that actions are already in place to cover this issue and it will be brought back to the next meeting.

- **Issues 5c/5d – Retrievability**

It was suggested that 5d should be expanded to reflect that waste might become less dangerous/less toxic as well as more useful. It was also suggested that there might be financial gain from retrievability.

- **Issue 3 (from second workshop) – The ability to monitor is essential from a safety point of view**

It was agreed that this point needs to be strengthened to reflect that the Partnership understands the importance of this issue, and to look at what can be done to allay community fears. Whilst specific actions were not highlighted it was suggested that it needs to be more than keeping an eye on the work that is happening in Europe through the MoDeRN project and more than a “watching brief”.

The NDA suggested that the response could include working with the NDA to understand what the latest scientific research is on monitoring and retrievability and how that could be used in the UK.

5.3.5 – Siting

- **Issue 11 (from second workshop) – The Partnership should have sought more information on encapsulation and fuel mixing**

It was suggested that consultees were talking about wanting to minimise the headworks and that the Partnership needs to be more specific that this issue is about increasing the scope and size of the site if encapsulation facilities are included. It was agreed that recognition should be included that if anything is added to the scope of a GDF it would add to the surface facilities.

- **Issue 7f – What happens if Cumbria says no**

Copeland BC noted that no decision has been made about the future of surface-storage of waste at Sellafield and it was suggested that reference to this be removed, and that the wording of the response should simply say that the DMBs need to consider the implications for their communities.

It was also noted that this response was written prior to any other potential EoIs, and that it is no longer potentially an “all or nothing” for West Cumbria. It was agreed that a sentence should be added noting that the invitation to express interest is still open and that the Partnership recognises that Shepway District Council are in a process to potentially express an interest.

- **Issue 7h – The Government is taking the wrong approach with the overall MRWS process**

It was agreed that the second sentence ‘However, we also believe... would be similarly challenging’ should be deleted.

5.4 – Agreements and way forward

All drafting changes that were agreed will be updated by 3KQ, and 3KQ/the drafting group will continue to work on the Partnership’s responses for the PSE3 Report and the Partnership’s Final Report for consideration at the next Partnership meeting on 25th June alongside outcomes from the actions for the more strategic responses. Any additional drafting changes should be submitted to the Programme Manager by the end of Friday 1st June.

6. Way Forward and Actions

6.1 – Opinion survey

The full detailed report from the opinion survey will be published on the Partnership website in early June. The Partnership will consider the outcome of the opinion survey alongside the consultation submissions and all of its other work in producing its Final Report to the DMBs.

6.2 – Future meetings and overall timescale

All of the suggestions and drafting changes to the Partnership's responses that were agreed will be incorporated into the draft PSE3 Report which is due to be signed off at the 25th June 2012 Partnership meeting.

An early draft Final Report, which will incorporate agreements on actions and wording, will be circulated in advance of the 25th June meeting with a view to it being signed off at the 19th July meeting prior to handing it over to the DMBs. The DMBs are currently expected to make a decision about participating in the next stage of the process by October/November 2012.

Partnership members are encouraged to book in caucus meetings within their own organisations before the 25th June meeting.

6.3 – Future meeting dates

The forward programme of meeting dates is provided below. Further details are available at <http://www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk/meetings.asp>.

Members of the public are welcome to observe Partnership meetings (right hand column). Please contact the Secretariat for details and registration on 0800 048 8912.

Steering Group meetings 2012:	Partnership meetings 2012:
29 May	
13 June	25 June (Braithwaite Memorial Hall)
9 July	19 July (Egremont Market Hall)

6.4 – Actions. The following actions were agreed:

	Action	Who	By when
1	Write to Shepway District Council formally offering advice and support from the Partnership.	Tim Knowles/3KQ	30 May
2	Find out more about where the statement in the briefing from the National Audit Office came from.	Alun Ellis, NDA	30 May

3	Check briefing note from Galson Sciences to see if definition of property is broader than just housing.	Rhuari Bennett	30 May
4	Provide short statement clarifying the Government's position on overseas waste and how their policy of substitution affects this, including overseas waste currently in Scotland.	John Dalton, DECC	15 June
5	Update drafting suggestions as agreed in this meeting.	Rhuari Bennett	15 June
6	Circulate draft meeting report to Partnership attendees.	Jane	30 May
7	Comment on draft meeting report.	All attendees	6 June
8	Circulate final draft of meeting report and publish on website.	Jane	15 June

7. Public Questions/Comments

7.1 – Question regarding weighting of responses

The Partnership was asked what weighting it will give between quantitative results and the qualitative consultation findings when making decisions.

In response the Partnership said that all areas would get equal weighting. Reference was also made to page 108 of the consultation document (Document 242) which specifies this.

7.2 – Question regarding levels of awareness

Reference was made to the findings of the opinion survey and the comment that, as awareness increases, people are more in favour of proceeding to Stage 4 of the process. Ipsos MORI were asked whether they could break this information down further to show levels of support against levels of knowledge in more detail than shown in the presentation slides.

Ipsos MORI confirmed that this information would be included in the full report.

7.3 – Question and request regarding responses to the 8th question in the consultation

Reference was made to the draft Summary of Views and the fact that the numbers in the report show that there is overall opposition in Questions 1 to 7 whereas for Question 8 there is overall support. It was also noted that the number of people responding to Question 8 is greater than for previous questions, and the Partnership was asked where these additional responses came from. The Partnership was further asked to show responses from those who responded to the whole consultation document separately to those who responded in another way. The questioner noted that this request relates to the findings in the opinion survey that those who are more aware of the process are more likely to be in support, and he suggested that those who have not been through the consultation document will have a lower level of knowledge. (This request was supported by another member of the public.)

In response it was noted by 3KQ that responses to Questions 1 to 7 came from response forms and letters that answered each question in turn, whereas responses to Question 8 also came from comments slips, emails and letters.

It was reiterated that responses to the consultation are self-selecting and cannot therefore be regarded as statistically representative. Additionally, for responses to Questions 8 and 9 it is not always possible to draw a clear distinction as to whether the respondent supports or opposes participation, and the numbers cannot therefore be treated too 'weightily'.

Concerns were expressed about treating different kinds of responses differently. It was also highlighted that it is not possible to know whether people who submitted a response slip have less knowledge than those who submitted fuller responses – for example, some people may have spent a whole day at a community event, and spoken to every expert, and just chosen to fill in a comments slip at the end of the day.

7.4 – Suggestion regarding critical review of all expert input on geology

It was noted that the Partnership has used Dr Jeremy Dearlove to provide geological input and that this input has been accepted by the Partnership and has informed its view. However, many respondents to the consultation have accepted the views of other experts, particularly Professor Smythe. The Partnership's proposed response is to scrutinise the 'criticisers', and not to scrutinise the work of Dr Dearlove. It was suggested that all of the views should be treated equally and all be subject to review. Alternatively it was suggested that all of the experts should get together to do a consensus report.

The suggestion was noted. The Programme Manager made the point that a lot of submissions have been very long, weighty and technical, and the Partnership needs help with assessing that.

The Partnership also noted that the Geological Society has provided a response which supports moving forward in the process on the basis of further geological investigations being carried out.

Another member of the public suggested that Professors Smythe and Haszeldine should be invited to meet the Partnership to interpret their evidence directly rather than it be interpreted by Dr Dearlove.

7.5 – Inclusion of views/submissions in the Summary of Views

A member of the public stated that she had seen little evidence that the views in her submission had been taken into account in the draft Initial Summary of Views. She detailed a number of the arguments that she made including why the process is flawed, pre-determination, domination of the process by councils who want to move forward with nuclear new build, and issues with the Partnership's terms of reference.

She further stated that challenges to the process are not treated as possible show-stoppers, and if they are difficult they are treated as things that might be mitigated against or put forward into the future to be dealt with later. She suggested that these views might have been summarised as a lack of trust in the Partnership, and she asked the Partnership how it is going to take those kinds of views into account.

She also noted that the point that West Cumbria has already got most of the waste completely fails when the DECC view that new build is going to be part of the inventory is taken into account, as the new build waste will be at the power stations.

3KQ advised that section 10 of the Initial Summary of Views lists a number of issues for the Partnership to consider, including comments on the consultation process, the overall MRWS process, the issue of geological disposal as Government policy and comments on the Partnership itself. These issues are being compiled into a list for consideration by the Partnership.

A Partnership member confirmed that they had read through every individual response, and said that anybody who has put that amount of effort into a

response should be thanked and given time to air their views. Whilst it was acknowledged that people might not agree with elements of the process, including timescales for decision making, assurance was given that such challenges and input are welcomed and will be used to advise a future partnership if West Cumbria moves forward in the process.

7.6 – Consideration of the views of the Nirex Inquiry Lead Inspector and Technical Assessor

Reference was made to the meeting that the Steering Group had with the Lead Inspector and the Technical Assessor from the Nirex Inquiry, and it was noted that it is understood that Chris McDonald and Colin Knipe advised the Partnership that the process in West Cumbria is “not terribly promising with regard to geology”. The Partnership was asked how it would consider these views in its deliberations and whether the views of McDonald and Knipe would be put into the public domain.

It was confirmed that the notes from the above meeting have already been published (see Document 267).

7.7 – Comment re public mistrust

Reference was made to the Partnership’s budget request for 2010-2011, including the requested spend for £300,000 on communications and an hourly rate of £98 being paid to some people. It was noted that the communications strategy is meant to promote the MRWS strategy and what is happening within the Partnership. Given this, it was suggested that Partnership members/officials should go away and search themselves as to why there is still such a level of mistrust in this process.

7.8– Clarification regarding status of the Initial Summary of Views

A question was asked whether the Partnership should be making any changes to the Initial Summary of Views if it is meant to reflect the views of members of the public. The Partnership was also asked whether all members are going to read all of the 1500 consultation submissions.

In response it was confirmed that the Partnership is considering how to respond to the views expressed, not considering changes to the Initial Summary of Views. It was also confirmed that all Partnership members were sent the full set of consultation submissions and it was suggested that the majority of members have read them.

7.9 – Weighting of parish council responses and scrutinising of the Partnership’s work

The Partnership was asked whether parish council responses are being given the same weight as other responses. A question was also asked about whether there is an overall independent body scrutinising the work of the Partnership.

It was confirmed that Wood Holmes are the independent evaluators of the process but that there is no other body overseeing or scrutinising the work of the Partnership.

CALC noted that their members on the Partnership have undertaken to look after the interests of the parish councils, and have, to the best of their ability, tried to

reflect the views of parish councils as they have understood them. They acknowledged that not all the views that they put to the Partnership have been popular and not every one has met with agreement by the Partnership. CALC also noted that they have published all parish responses, and that these will be considered alongside all other responses.

3KQ confirmed that all responses carried the same weight in the Initial Summary of Views.

7.10 – Question regarding impact on the Lake District brand

It was noted that the national media are referring to a Lake District nuclear dump and the Partnership was asked what impact the construction of such a facility will have on the Lake District brand and the Lake District as a major tourist destination.

The LDNPA representative agreed to talk to the questioner over lunch about this issue.

7.11 – Suggestions for dealing with mistrust

The Partnership was asked what suggestions it has for the DMBs to deal with the mistrust in central and local government.

In response it was noted that there is also lack of trust from parish level right up to Government level. A lot of time was spent discussing this at the 26th April informal Partnership workshop (see Document 268) and the outcomes are included in the Partnership's proposed responses. Assurance was given that all of the local authorities are committed to working in an open and transparent way, and there is also a willingness to look at things that can be done through the process to address mistrust.

7.12 – Question regarding legal challenge to the process

With regard to the possibility of legal challenge to the process, the Partnership was asked to whom a legal challenge would be addressed, and whether the Partnership has sought legal advice about this.

The Programme Manager noted that the Partnership has not taken legal advice on this specifically. It was further noted that judicial review works much like suing somebody, in that you need to know what your grievance is and on what grounds you are launching the challenge, in order to know where/who to aim the litigation at. It was also noted that it is up to the complainant to determine who to direct their complaint to, and that a legal advisor would advise aiming it at the person/organisation that you are likely to have most luck in challenging.

It was also suggested by a Partnership member that there would be nothing to be gained by taking legal action against the Partnership itself.

7.13 – Questions regarding overseas waste in Scotland

Questions were asked about the overseas waste that is in Scotland at present, and a recent decision that some countries would not have their waste sent back from Dounreay.

The Partnership confirmed that they attended a meeting with the NDA at which it was confirmed that the overseas waste at Dounreay will stay there. It was suggested that this could be clarified further and it was agreed that this should be added to the list of questions for DECC.

7.14 – Question regarding involvement of DECC in the decision-making process

Reference was made to a letter from Charles Hendry to Allerdale BC about the decision-making process (see Document 240), which states that to proceed with the process three levels of consent are required. It was suggested that this could mean that DECC will take part in the decision about participation in West Cumbria.

In response DECC explained that paragraph 6.22 in the MRWS White Paper says that the Government will want to be satisfied that the Decision to Participate is credible, and as a result the Government has a role to play in the process for making a Decision to Participate.

It was agreed that this could be made clearer in the Final Report.

7.15 – Question regarding international experience of developing facilities in inhabited areas

A member of the public stated that she had been advised that there is no safe “implication” for construction of a GDF other than in places that are not inhabited and asked whether anything like this been posed in the world before.

In response the NDA confirmed that there are a number of other facilities being developed internationally, including in New Mexico, Sweden and Finland. The Swedish facility is not in a densely populated area but it is not uninhabited, and France has a 10km² site in a sparsely populated area. There are, therefore, examples of facilities being developed in areas that are inhabited, and it was noted that the NDA will be able to draw on their experience and their safety cases. The NDA further noted that finding a suitable site where they can make a safety case as well as a site that has a willing community is going to be a vital part of the process over the next few years.

7.16 – Question regarding the hydrology of Cumbria

It was noted that Cumbria is the wettest county in the world, and a question was asked about whether it is possible to predict safety when there is no similar experience anywhere in the world. A further question was asked about whether it is possible to avoid burying anything underground in Cumbria.

In response the NDA noted that the issue has been under consideration for some time. Reference was made to the NDA’s generic Disposal System Safety Case, which considers a range of possible sites, and sets out how the NDA would go about setting out a safety case that would cover safety over very long timescales, including issues such as how waste containers would corrode and how groundwater would go through the repository.

With regard to rainfall, because of the depth of the repository the issue is about how water behaves at that depth. The NDA would be looking for a site where the

groundwater flow is very slow, and one of the indicators would be looking for the fact that the water has been there for a very long time.

7.17 – Comparison with plans for low level waste repository at Keekle Head

It was noted that earlier this month Cumbria County Council rejected plans for a low level waste repository (LLWR) at Keekle Head. It was suggested that it was an “entirely rational” decision to reject that plan, and it was further suggested that all of the reasons that Keekle Head was refused could be applied to this process. It was further suggested that the primary reason that the application was turned down was not wanting radioactive waste to be spread around Cumbria, yet this process is discussing disposing of high level waste in Cumbria at a site that is as yet unspecified.

In response, Cumbria County Council advised that the only similarity in the Keekle Head application is that the material under consideration is a category of nuclear waste. Almost every other aspect of the planning application is different including that it does not involve deep geology and it is not part of a comprehensive consultation process. A member of the committee that turned the planning application down advised that the application was taken on merit and confirmed that it was rejected.

7.18 – Question regarding the existence of other facilities for HLW

The Partnership was asked whether any of the current international sites are intended for disposal of HLW.

The NDA confirmed that none of the facilities have yet got approval for what is classified in the UK as HLW. However, the Swedish facility is for spent fuel which is classified as HLW, and the Yucca Mountain facility was for HLW, however this proposal failed for reasons of lack of voluntarism.

7.19 – Consideration of earthquakes

In response to a question about whether earthquakes have been taken into consideration, the NDA confirmed that the impacts of quite large earthquakes inside the disposal facility would be assessed, as well as other hazards.

7.20 – Computer modelling

In response to a question about whether any computer modelling has been carried out on what would happen to groundwater when heat from HLW is introduced to it, the NDA confirmed that they have not yet done this for West Cumbria, but that the effects of heat would be looked at if West Cumbria moves forward in the process.

8. Acronyms/Abbreviations

ABC/Allerdale BC	Allerdale Borough Council
BGS	British Geological Survey
CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CBC/Copeland BC	Copeland Borough Council
CCC/Cumbria CC	Cumbria County Council
CoRWM	Committee on Radioactive Waste Management
CSP	Community Siting Partnership
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate Change
DfT	Department for Transport
DMB	Decision Making Body
DSSC	Disposal System Safety Case
DtP	Decision to Participate
EA	Environment Agency
EoI	Expression of Interest
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FoE	Friends of the Earth
GDF	Geological Disposal Facility
GDIB	Geological Disposal Implementation Board
HSE	Health & Safety Executive
ILW	Intermediate Level Waste
IPC	Infrastructure Planning Commission
ISOLUS	Interim Storage of Laid-Up Submarines
LDNPA	Lake District National Park Authority
LGA	Local Government Association
LLW	Low Level Waste
LLWR	Low Level Waste Repository
MIPU	Major Infrastructure Planning Unit
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRWS	Managing Radioactive Waste Safely
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
ND	Nuclear Directorate (a department of the HSE)
NDA	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
NEA	Nuclear Energy Agency
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NII	Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (of the HSE)
NNPS	Nuclear National Policy Statement
NWAA	Nuclear Waste Advisory Associates
NWDA	North West Development Agency
NuLeAF	Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum
NWAT	Nuclear Waste Assessment Team (of the EA)
OCNS	Office for Civil Nuclear Security
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
ONR	Office for Nuclear Regulation
PSE	Public and Stakeholder Engagement
RoW	Right of Withdrawal
RWMD	Radioactive Waste Management Directorate (of the NDA)
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment

SDP	Submarine Dismantling Project
SLC	Site Licence Company
ToRs	Terms of Reference
TRG	Technical Review Group
UKSO	UK Safeguards Office
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
URL	Underground Research Laboratory
WCSF	West Cumbrian Strategic Forum
WCSP	West Cumbria Strategic Partnership
WCSSG	West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

Appendix 1 – Agenda for the 22nd May 2012 meeting

Objectives of the meeting were to:

1. Receive and discuss the results of the opinion poll testing for 'Net Support'.
2. Agree the 'Summary of Views' resulting from analysis of consultation submissions.
3. Agree responses to the issues raised in PSE3 including actions and drafting suggestions.
4. Agree the forward timetable for the Partnership's Final Report.

Time	Item	Agenda Notes
09.00	Arrivals / Registration	
09.30	Welcome Agenda setting Updates and actions	Richard Harris, 3KQ
	Opinion poll results	Ipsos Mori presentation of methods and results of the opinion poll testing for Net Support. Questions/discussion.
	Tea/Coffee	
	Response to PSE3	Update on progress to date, and a reminder of the other indicators of credibility on p107 of the condoc. Agree the Summary of Views for final publication Confirm the 'more strategic' actions that are already underway, then consider and agree draft responses to 'less strategic' actions
	Public questions	
12.30 / 13.15	Lunch	
	Response to PSE3	Continue to work on draft responses to 'less strategic' actions. <i>Include a break for tea/coffee at about 14.30</i>
	The way forward and actions	Review progress Confirm the next steps for drafting and any other actions
	Public questions	
16.00	Close	

Appendix 2 – Attendees on 22nd May 2012

Harry Dyke	Allerdale Borough Council	
Richard Griffin	Allerdale Borough Council	(Steering Group member)
Charles Holmes	Allerdale Borough Council	
Michael Heaslip	Allerdale Borough Council	
Chris Shaw	Allerdale/Copeland CALC	(Steering Group member)
Geoff Smith	Allerdale CALC	
Keith Hitchen	Copeland CALC	(Steering Group member)
Steven O'Keeffe	Carlisle City Council	
Revd Dr Lindsay Gray	Churches Together in Cumbria	
Yvonne Clarkson	Copeland Borough Council	
Ian Curwen	Copeland Borough Council	
Allan Holliday	Copeland Borough Council	
John Kane	Copeland Borough Council	
Steve Smith	Copeland Borough Council	(Steering Group member)
Elaine Woodburn	Copeland Borough Council	(Steering Group member)
Gerald Humes	Cumbria County Council	
Stewart Kemp	Cumbria County Council	(Steering Group member)
Tim Knowles	Cumbria County Council	(Steering Group member)
Richard Greenwood	Cumbria Tourism	
Mike Tonkin	Eden District Council	
Peter Kane	GMB/Unite Unions	
Judith Cooke	Lake District National Park Authority	
Robert Morris-Eyton	National Farmers Union	
Fred Barker	NuLeAF	
Ian McPherson	South Lakeland District Council	

Observing Members

Clare Bayley	DECC
John Dalton	DECC
Brian Clark	CoRWM
John Rennilson	CoRWM
Gavin Thomson	Environment Agency
Paul McKenna	Isle of Man Government
Elizabeth Atherton	NDA RWMD
Alun Ellis	NDA RWMD
Mick Bacon	ONR

Apologies

Carni McCarron-Holmes	Allerdale Borough Council	
Alan Smith	Allerdale Borough Council	(Steering Group member)
Guy Richardson	CALC	
Jane Meek	Carlisle City Council	
Paul Walker	Copeland Borough Council	(Steering Group member)
Mark Dutton	CoRWM	
Paul Feehily	Cumbria County Council	
Tony Markley	Cumbria County Council	
David Southward	Cumbria County Council	

Robert Allison	Lake District National Park Authority
Stephen Ratcliffe	Lake District National Park Authority
Marcus Swift	Prospect Union
Simon Rowley	South Lakeland District Council

Facilitators, Secretariat and Presenters

Rhuari Bennett	3KQ (Programme Manager)
Richard Harris	3KQ (Facilitator)
Jane Dalton	3KQ (Meeting Report Writer)
Helen Fisher	3KQ (PSE3 Report & Partnership's Final Report Writer)
Cath Little	Copeland Borough Council (Secretariat)
Rose Neville	Ipsos MORI (Presenter)
Gary Welch	Ipsos MORI (Presenter)

Other

Paul Gardner	Osprey Communications (Communications Adviser)
Stuart Smith	Wood Holmes (Partnership evaluators)
Jenny Willis	3KQ

TV/Media

Border TV
BBC
Cumberland Newspapers

Members of the Public/Stakeholders who attended for all or part of the meeting
(*N.B. – the names of those who signed the attendance sheet are detailed below.
Several other people attended for all or part of the meeting.*)

Annabelle Lillycrop	Environment Agency
Jay Redgrove	NDA RWMD
David Wood	
Ian Hawkes	
Nick O'Key	
John Tear	
Nick Jeffery	
Craig Dobson	
Edwin Dinsdale	
Colin Wales	
Andrew Crow	
Margaret Throp	
Robert Powell	
Pauline Soulsby	
Alan Tyson	
Barbara Lamb	
Clyde Mitchell	
Jenny Hawkes	
Hugh Hunter	
Maureen Hunter	

Joe Sandwith
Marianne Birkby
Ron Stirzaker
Jean McSorley
Irene Sanderson
Anita Stirzaker
Bill Miller
Barry Watkinson

Other members who were not in attendance

Ken Williams	Barrow Borough Council
Rob Johnston	Cumbria Chamber of Commerce
David Moore	West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group

Appendix 3 – How Members Represent their Organisations on the Partnership

All Partnership members recognise the need to update the organisations that they represent and proactively feed their views in. This is essential to prevent Partnership members becoming 'detached' from their organisation in terms of understanding, as well as maintaining the credibility of the representative role that members commit to fulfilling. The table below sets out how each organisation undertakes to do this.

Organisation	Nominated Representatives and preferred contact details	Mechanisms Used
Allerdale BC	<p>Alan Smith (councillor) alan.smith@allderale.gov.uk Tim Heslop (councillor) tim.heslop@allderale.gov.uk Carni McCarron-Holmes (councillor) carni.mccarron-holmes@allderale.gov.uk Michael Heaslip (councillor) michael.heaslip@allderale.gov.uk Charles Holmes charles.holmes@allderale.gov.uk Richard Griffin richard.griffin@allderale.gov.uk</p>	<p>Verbal progress report provided to the following meetings: - Corporate Management Team/ Heads of Service. - Regeneration Portfolio Holders. - Regeneration Managers Group (for further cascade). - Partnerships and Communities Directorate.</p> <p>Formal report for endorsement, or decision, would be via: - Nuclear Issues Task Group. - Executive Committee Council.</p>
Barrow BC	<p>Ken Williams (councillor) kenwilliams@barrowbc.gov.uk Phil Huck philhuck@barrowbc.gov.uk</p>	Verbal update given to Leader after each Partnership meeting.
CALC (Allerdale)	<p>Chris Shaw chris.shaw@calc.org.uk Geoff Smith (councillor) geoffandhelen@tesco.net</p>	Regular written and verbal report to CALC's Allerdale Association meetings.
CALC (Copeland)	<p>Chris Shaw chris.shaw@calc.org.uk Keith Hitchen (councillor) keith.hitchen@btinternet.com</p>	Regular written and verbal report to CALC's Copeland Association meetings.
CALC (Cumbria)	<p>Guy Richardson guy.richardson@calc.org.uk</p>	Regular written and verbal report to CALC's Executive Committee meetings.
Carlisle City Council	<p>Jane Meek janeme@carlisle.gov.uk</p>	
Chamber of Commerce (Cumbria)	<p>Robert Johnston rob@cumbriachamber.co.uk</p>	
Churches Together in Cumbria (CTiC)	<p>Revd Dr Lindsay Gray lgray782@btinternet.com</p>	

Copeland BC	<p>Elaine Woodburn (councillor) ewoodburn@copelandbc.gov.uk Allan Holliday (councillor) allan.holliday@copeland.gov.uk John Kane (councillor) john.kane@copeland.gov.uk Yvonne Clarkson (councillor) yvonne.clarkson@copeland.gov.uk Paul Walker paul.walker@copeland.gov.uk Steve Smith steve.smith@copeland.gov.uk Ian Curwen ian.curwen@copeland.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leader's update to full Council. - Update to Nuclear Working Group. - Update to Executive at key milestones. - Update to MRWS Task Group when needed.
Cumbria County Council	<p>Tim Knowles (councillor) timothy.knowles@cumbriacc.gov.uk Tony Markley (councillor) anthony.markley@cumbriacc.gov.uk David Southward (councillor) david.southward@virgin.net Gerald Humes (councillor) gerald.humes@cumbriacc.gov.uk Paul Feehily paul.feehily@cumbriacc.gov.uk Stewart Kemp stewart.kemp@cumbriacc.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6-weekly written report to Nuclear Issues Working Group (NIWG). - Quarterly report to Cabinet. - Monthly report to Nuclear Issues Programme Board. - Possible insert in weekly briefing to all staff. - Link to Partnership website. - Attending Allerdale and Copeland Local Area Committees on request.
Cumbria Tourism	<p>Richard Greenwood rgreenwood@cumbriatourism.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep the rest of the organisation and the wider membership of CT informed. - Updates to Senior Management Team (as and when relevant). - Reports to the Executive Board and, where necessary, formal endorsement of CT's position on any decisions which need to be taken. - Email and Viewpoint (quarterly magazine to all members). - Presentation from the Partnership at a Commercial Members Meeting.
Eden District Council	<p>Mike Tonkin (councillor) mike.tonkin@eden.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report to members on 'Outside Bodies' website. - Presentation to members as Environment Portfolio Holder.
GMB/Unite Unions	<p>Peter Kane peter.kane@sellafieldsites.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates given to Shop Stewards Committee. - Forward on newsletters to members.
Lake District National Park Authority	<p>Robert Allison robert.allison@lakedistrict.gov.uk Judith Cooke judith.cooke@lakedistrict.gov.uk</p>	
National Farmers Union	<p>Robert Morris-Eyton rmorriseyt@aol.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link to Partnership website and Robert's contact details placed on NFU website. - 2 principal officers that cover West Cumbria updated that the process is happening and to forward any queries to Robert.

NuLeAF	Fred Barker fred.barker@nuleaf.org.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written report to each NuLeAF Steering Group. - Referenced in e-bulletin. - Website has a GDF section which signposts Partnership meeting reports.
Prospect Union	Marcus Swift mjs17@sellafieldsites.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make the Partnership an agenda item at Sellafield Site Representatives Meetings, and either the General Purposes Committee or Branch Executive Council. - Send all appropriate papers to Prospect members in the Sellafield Limited Branch. - Collate questions, comments, points and general feedback. - Provide reports to Prospect's national SET Committee.
South Lakeland District Council	Simon Rowley s.rowley@southlakeland.gov.uk Clare Feeney-Johnson c.feeneyjohnson@southlakeland.gov.uk	Forward minutes and newsletters to Senior Management Team and Portfolio Holder.
Observing Members:		
CoRWM	Brian Clark briandclark@btinternet.com Mark Dutton lizmark@lizmark1.co.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verbal update to all plenary meetings. - Circulate key papers to Committee. - Insert in e-bulletin as appropriate.
DECC	Bruce Cairns bruce.cairns@decc.gsi.gov.uk John Dalton john.dalton@decc.gsi.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report to various meetings and colleagues with an interest in the process. - Advise Ministers who take Government decisions in this area.
Environment Agency	Gavin Thomson gavin.thomson@environment-agency.gov.uk	Report key points arising to various colleagues in nuclear regulation and NW region.
Isle of Man Government	Paul McKenna paul.mckenna@gov.im	Presentation on geological disposal given to Council of Ministers in 2009. Regular updates/scientific advice to Isle of Man Government.
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	Alun Ellis alun.ellis@nda.gov.uk Jay Redgrove jay.redgrove@nda.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly reporting to RWMD and central communications staff. - Dissemination of Partnership minutes and Meeting Reports to staff.
Office for Nuclear Regulation	Mick Bacon mick.bacon@hse.gsi.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact reports distributed after each contact (meeting or otherwise). - Regular report to related project groups. - Briefings taken before each meeting depending on agenda.
West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group	David Moore dmoore@copelandbc.gov.uk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarterly verbal updates to SSG. - Paragraph in quarterly newsletter. - Link on website to Partnership site.