

## **Chapelcross SSG August 2019 Meeting**

### **Scottish Government Update**

#### **SG Radioactive substances team**

The team has been going through a transition in recent months. Charles Stewart Roper has moved to a new post and Ewan Young has retired after 42 years service. Recruitment is underway to fill both posts and we hope to have new members of the team in place for the next SSG and to resume our normal level of engagement as soon as possible. As part of the induction of new team members, we will be seeking to arrange early meetings with a range of stakeholders.

The Scottish Sites Meeting is planned for 31 October and is going ahead.

#### **IAEA IRRS visit to UK October 2019**

Preparations continue for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) mission which will be visiting the UK in October 2019.

The IRRS has been established to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of national regulatory frameworks for nuclear, radiation, radioactive waste and transport safety whilst recognising the ultimate responsibility of each country to ensure safety in these areas.

A senior officials group met in July to review preparations by bodies across the UK. Governments and regulators have prepared a substantial volume of evidence for the visit.

Our understanding is that the IRRS mission is not expected to visit Scotland but Scottish Government and regulators are participating in the mission's evidence-gathering sessions in Bootle and have contributed to a number of aspects of the supporting material.

#### **NDA Strategy IV**

NDA has started initial engagement around development of its Strategy IV and the Scottish Government is considering the key areas we would wish it to cover and how we engage with Scottish stakeholders as part of that process.

We will also be working with NDA to understand how it will be engaging with a wider group of stakeholders in developing the strategy.

## **Borderlands**

A proposal that could potentially utilise part of the Chapelcross site as a mixed use employment facility is being considered as part of the Borderlands Growth Deal. The Borderlands deal aims to accelerate inclusive economic growth across the South of Scotland and North of England and is supported by £350m of UK and Scottish Government investment across a 10 - 15 year period.

Before any investment is made, all business cases need to be further developed and scrutinised on the way to agreeing the Final Deal. Local authority partners are now working to develop their proposals following the signing of Heads of Terms on 1<sup>st</sup> July. The projects to be supported will be decided at the full deal stage.

## **South of Scotland Enterprise**

Good progress is being made towards having the agency operational by 1 April 2020. The legislative framework is in place – the South of Scotland Enterprise Act received Royal Assent on 12 July. The new chair has been appointed (Professor Russel Griggs OBE). The process for the recruitment of the chief executive is currently live.

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