

Chairman's Report

February 2021 Hinkley Point SSG.

Since the last SSG in October 2020, The Vice Chair and myself have had various and detailed Zoom, Skype and Teams meetings with various nuclear organisation and the Station Directors.

All the meetings are now subject to the Government Covid 19 rules but I am forever hopeful that the June meeting this year will be face to face.

I must thank Gemma and Jill for their continuing support and more important keeping us all up to speed with developments both locally and nationally.

As some of you know, SSG's have been pressing for more dialogue with the ONR and some Government departments. We had an exploratory meeting on the 16 November with the ONR. This was prior to my pre meeting with the Chief Executive of the NDA and the quarterly meeting with the NDA on the 23 November.

There have been several meetings with District Council's regarding Nuclear **FUSION** Reactors and STEP. We will be receiving a presentation from Professor Tom Scott of Bristol University during this SSG. Please note the current reactors (A+B and, when built, C) are **fission** reactors. There are distinct differences which will be explained during the presentation.

Can I congratulate Mr Peter Evans for Rowing a Marathon on his 60th Birthday and raising a considerable amount for his nominated charity.

Lastly, we all know that Local Government will change, one way or another, in the next year or so. One thing is certain, District Councils will disappear and we will either have a single Unitary Authority or two Unitary Authorities. This will mean changes to the membership of this SSG. I am seeking your permission to form a sub-group to look at future membership. This would sit after the May elections and have initial findings for the June SSG. The Vice Chair will organise the Sub-group in accordance with our constitution.

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