

Emergency Governance Arrangements (Covid-19 Outbreak)

Friday 29 May 2020

Decision

Craig Hatton, Chief Executive.

In Consultation with

All Members (Item 1); and Joe Cullinane (Relevant Cabinet Portfolio/Group Leader: Labour), Marie Burns (Group Leader: SNP), Tom Marshall (Group Leader: Conservative and Unionist) and Ian Murdoch (Nominated Independent Member representative) (Item 2).

1. Determination of the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) for Hunterston A and B Nuclear Power Stations

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) seeking to retain for an interim period, pending final determination by Council, the current status quo relating to the extent of the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) for Hunterston B Nuclear Power Station, under the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 (REPPiR), and to determine the DEPZ for Hunterston A. Appendix A to the report provided a copy of a report intended for a meeting of the Council which was to have taken place on 25 March 2020.

All Elected Members were invited to comment on the proposals set out in the report. Of those Members who responded, all were supportive of the need for an interim decision to be taken. One Member expressed a preference for the DEPZ to be set at 20km pending further consideration of the matter by the full Council in December 2020.

Having considered the implications outlined in the report and following consultation with Members, the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, agreed:

- a) to determine that (i) the boundary of the DEPZ for Hunterston B should be 2.4km to maintain the current status-quo in practice and (ii) this boundary should be fully reviewed at the first Council meeting after 1 December 2020; and
- (b) to determine the DEPZ for Hunterston A at 0km

2. Arrangements for Appeals Against Dismissal

Submitted report by the Head of Service (People and Transformation) on proposed interim arrangements for determining Appeals against Dismissal.

In terms of the agreed decision-making process, the Chief Executive consulted with the Leader of the Council as the relevant Cabinet portfolio-holder. The outcome of additional consultation undertaken with political Group Leaders and the nominated representative of the Independent is summarised as follows:

- the proposals are supported given they have been agreed by the unions;
- suggestions are offered to allow the involvement of Elected Members in considering written submissions; and
- the proposals are opposed on the basis that the appellant is entitled to be heard by the panel.

Having considered the implications of the proposals as outlined in the report, and following consultation with the relevant portfolio-holder, as well as with political Group Leaders and the Independent Member representative, the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, agreed as follows:

- (a) to implement the interim arrangement for Appeals against Dismissal, as set out in the report; and
- (b) to grant powers on decision-making to the interim Panel, to be chaired by the Head of Service with responsibility for Human Resources.