

SME Steering Group - Wales

Meeting 7: 11am 16 December 2014, University of Chester, Thornton Science Park

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Attendees

SMEs: Chair: Matt Tuck, Chair (MT) Matom Andrew Samuel (ASa) Mon Maintenance Diana Brookshaw (DB), Caulmert	Tier 2s: Peter McNaughton (PMc) Doosan Babcock William Harvey (WH), Doosan Babcock Chris Scott (CS) Costain Support Organisations: Mike Barcroft (MB) Welsh Gov Ian Mowatt (IM) Energy Island Programme Paul Vernon (PV) University of Chester
SLCs: Paul Walsh (PWa) Magnox Amanda McMillan (AM), Horizon Kevan Simpson (KS), Horizon	NDA: Sam Dancy(SD) Pippa Kelly (PK) Peter Welch (PWe)
Apologies: Ian Williams (IW) Advent PM , Ron Gorham (RG) NDA, Sara Lodge (SL) Beehive Coaching, Gareth Davies (GD), Davies Nuclear Associates, Doug Price (DP) Magnox	

1) Introductions

A brief introduction of everyone was made for the benefit of new members from Horizon, Magnox and Caulmert. Chris Scott announced that through internal changes, he will no longer be part of the meeting but Costain will be represented by Glyn McCloughlin

2) Summary from Chair

Following an intense period producing the FAQ's (published on the NDA website) the committee have a quieter period for reflection whilst the new PBO (Parent Body Organisation) are coming to terms with taking over Magnox and Horizon at the start of the process of engaging with their Tier 2 companies before SME's are likely to be getting involved.

3) Update from NDA – National and Regional steering groups - SD

Documents have been produced by the regional groups in response to both regional and national requirements from SME's. The Welsh group worked on a guide to FAQ's which has been well received and was launched in November and has had a number of 'tweets' since then! The Northern group created a guide to Collaboration for SME's within the estate.

At the National Steering Group meeting in October all the regions Chair's were represented as were the Welsh and Scottish Governments and a member from Cabinet Office came to present the latest changes to Contracts Finder. Presentations were received from Jean Llewellyn of NSAN on the Nuclear Skills passport, Fit 4 nuclear and Helen Perthen, Chair of the SSAG and newly appointed Commercial Director for Magnox presented on the SSAG and an update on Magnox and the new PBO. Further details are available in the Minutes from the National SME Steering Group minutes from 15/16th October on the NDA website.

4) Update from Energy Island - IM

The Energy Island Programme is made up of a core team put together and supported by the Isle of Anglesey Council. It looks at all energy sectors (nuclear, wind, tidal, biomass and solar) in order to support low carbon energy development through a number of key workstreams including Supply Chain and Education and Skills. The programme works closely with both the local and

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Welsh government to ensure alignment between the local, regional and national levels. Recently a Regional Economic Ambition Board has been established which will reinforce the support from a regional position. The programme is actively engaged with nuclear new build opportunities offered by Horizon, and activities associated with other low carbon energy developers.

5) Update from Welsh Government – MB

There has been a change in the responsibilities within the Department for Economy Science and Transport and the Minister (Edwina Hart MBE) and falling under the Energy & Environment team headed by Gwenllian Roberts will be Energy policy; Major Energy Facilities & Infrastructure; Oil, Gas, Coal and Steel; Devolution of powers on energy matters from Westminster to Wales.

The Nuclear programme Board, chaired by Gwenllian Roberts will be divided into 7 sub-groups:

- Education, Skills and Labour Availability.
- Infrastructure
- Procurement and Demand side Intelligence.
- Business Development and Supply Chains.
- Communications and Marketing.
- Premises and Inward Investment
- Local Government & Health

Each of these will be headed by the relevant senior Civil Servant from the appropriate government department.

Programme will cover all interactions with the Nuclear industry and will include a more specific focus on : Wylfa Newydd, Trawsfydd, Business and wider supply chain opportunities out of Wales and Ancillary projects such as road, rail and national Grid.

The Welsh Nuclear capability study is complete and will be published in January. Copies can be sent by email, requests to Mike Barcroft.

The Department are currently working on the requirement for Manpower and Skills along with Cogent and NSAN to look at the current situation, what peak demand is likely to be and what resources may need to be secured to meet that demand, either through training local workforce or bringing in from outside the region. The drain on local resources such as Health, Infrastructure etc will also be considered and how to support these. The scope of the work includes the set up of new build, care and maintenance of decommissioning sites and once building work on the new generation of power stations is complete.

6) Guest Speaker – Paul Vernon, CEO Thornton Science Park, University of Chester

Paul gave an outline of the background of the Park, originally owned by Shell UK. The park was sold to the University of Chester in April 2014 to be a new Science Faculty for the University and the first students were welcomed in September 2014. Available for use by both local companies,

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Research and Development and students alike, the facilities offer laboratories containing highly specialised equipment. The University intend to offer the opportunity for smaller businesses working in the environmental, advanced manufacturing and automotive sectors will be able to benefit from access to the university's specialist knowledge and to give students an insight into working in Research or industry.

7) **Guest Speaker – Diana Brookshaw, Caulmert**

Caulmert are an SME based in Wales with 2 additional offices in Cheshire and Derbyshire. The company specialises in consultancy for within the Engineering, Environmental and Planning fields of waste management. Currently Caulmert are working with AMEC on Wylfa Newydd. The company have found working as part of a collaboration with a larger Tier 2 company a much more accessible way to increase knowledge of working in the Nuclear Industry.

8) **Update from Paul Walsh, Magnox**

Magnox and CFP are still in the throes of evaluating the plans for the sites and are as such unable to give much detail on the future direction of work. However it was recognised prior to the change in PBO that the Trawsfynydd site had some challenging issues on work and this has led to some work being differed until a later date and some halted indefinitely. A number of the local supply chain companies have therefore had a dip in workload over the last year and until the reconsideration of the plans have been concluded, no more detail is available.

The change of PBO to Cavendish Fluor Partnership has brought a change in focus and along with this there is a change in the structure of the supply chain from a previously engineering base to more operational.

Wylfa has had its licence to generate extended until late 2015 when it will move from generation into defueling and a change to the supply chain requirements.

The existing frameworks continue to exist however Magnox are keen to hear from any interested parties on alternative ways of working or innovation (not necessarily new technology but alternative uses for current technology) within the sites.

Plans to reinstate the Supplier engagement and relationship management programme are underway and the team are keen to keep dialogue within the supply chain.

It was commented that the decommissioning of Wylfa has less in common with the decommissioning of Trawsfynydd, and should not suffer from the complications of the latter.

9) **Guest Speaker – Amanda MacMillian, Industry Engagement Manager, Horizon**

A copy of the presentation will be made available only to those who attended the meeting.

10) **AOB and Next Meeting**

Please make a note in the diary for the next SME Supply Chain event that will be on 4th November 2015!

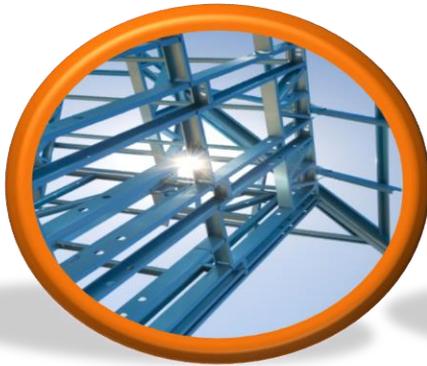
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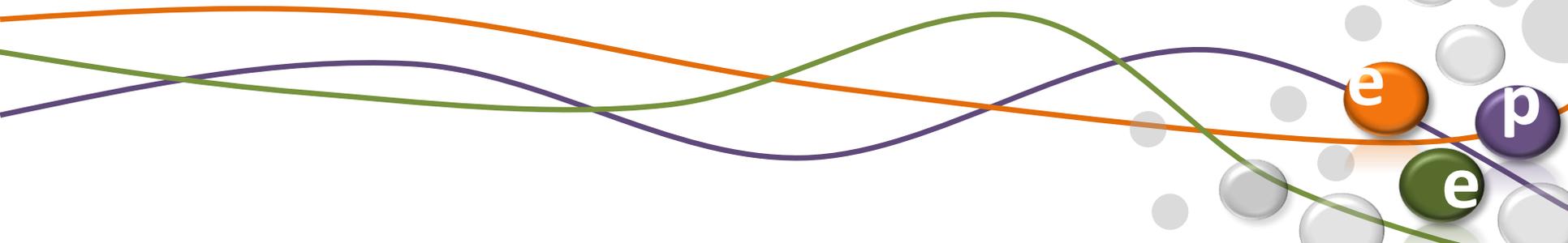
NDA Strategy III is being developed now, please can any member send relevant comments or inclusions to Ron Gorham or Sam Dancy as soon as possible. Focus will be on education, skills and training.

Next meeting to be confirmed, a doodle proposal will be sent for dates in April, with a potential venue of Wylfa .

Action : Paul Walsh to confirm whether the next meeting can be held at Wylfa and what security arrangements would need to be made.

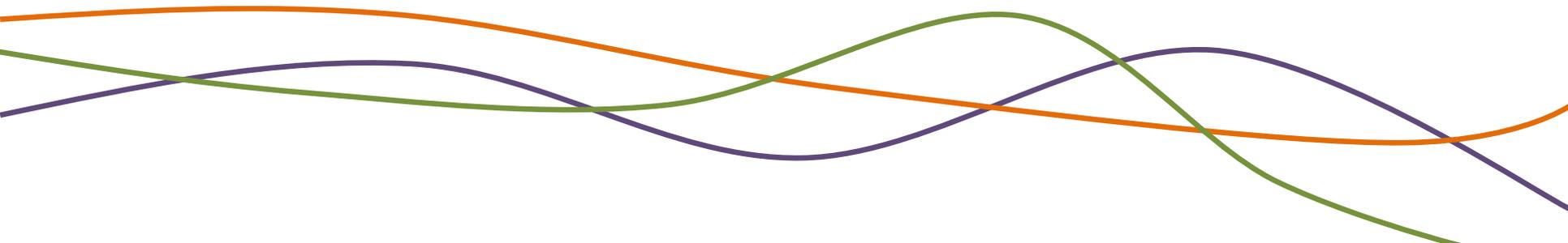


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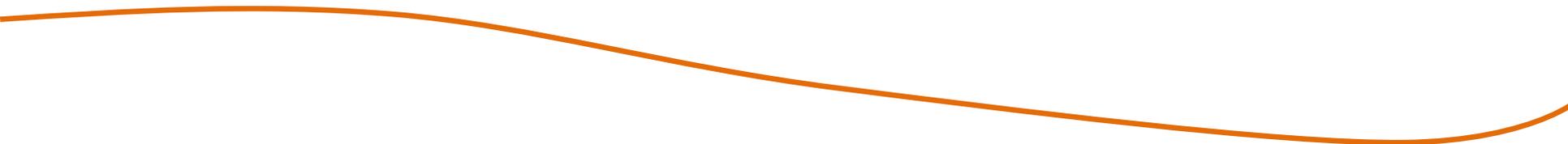


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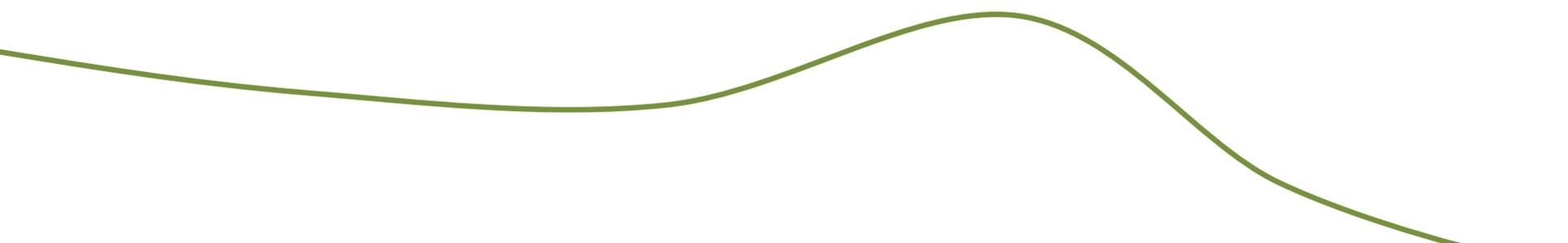
- A multidisciplinary consultancy service covering engineering, environmental and planning
- Head office in Bangor (North Wales), and offices in Altrincham (Cheshire), Codnor (Derbyshire) and a new office in St Asaph (North Wales).



Engineering

- Multidisciplinary capabilities of highly-experienced civil and structural design engineers, geologists and specialist professionals.
 - ‘all round’ engineering service including:
 - Geotechnical and geo-environmental engineering;
 - quarry, landfill, waste;
 - civil and structural engineering;
 - project management and health and safety consultancy.
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Environmental

- Team includes hydrologists, hydrogeologists, chemical engineers and environmental scientists
 - Assist clients to fulfil environmental and regulatory obligations and reduce environmental impact through:
 - Air quality assessments, environmental monitoring, and noise assessments;
 - Environmental permitting (risk assessment);
 - Landfill gas and leachate management;
 - Renewable energy (MRF, anaerobic digestion, landfill gas utilisation, PV installations and wind farms).
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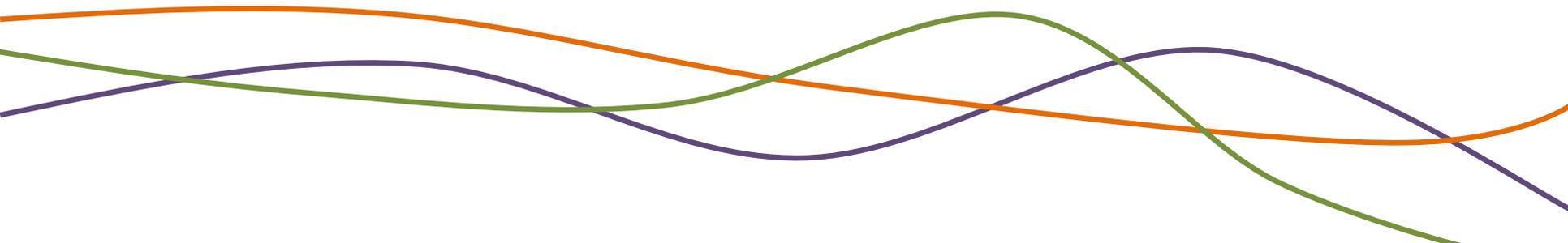
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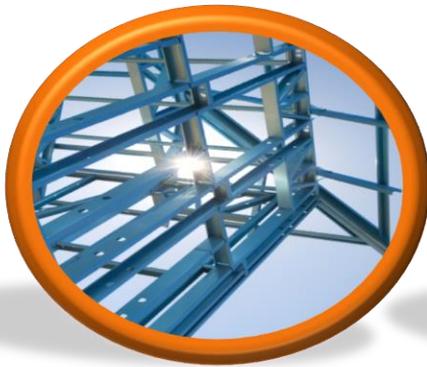
- A comprehensive range of services across all sectors including residential, commercial, retail, tourism, leisure, energy, waste and infrastructure, including:
 - Development appraisals and pre-application advice;
 - EIA;
 - Planning applications and appeals;
 - Planning policy advice.



Caulmert and nuclear

- Local offices to facilities in North Wales
- Transferrable skills and expertise, e.g. recently
 - Geotechnical testing and ground investigations at Wylfa for Structural Soils
 - Air quality assessment at Wylfa including air sampling, weather monitoring and inspection of test panels exposed to atmosphere.





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