

## Bradwell B

### Planning Performance Agreement – Proposed 7 Point Vision

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This paper sets out a draft Vision for the Planning Performance Agreement which both MDC and ECC and the prospective development team at Bradwell could agree to work within. This draft is based on the Arup report and is put forward for comment from JMBB.

#### Introduction

Experiences on other contemporary nuclear new build (and also grid transmission) PPAs indicates that having a shared Vision at the project outset can be highly beneficial in ensuring that the PPA is tailored against the backdrop of mutually preferred outcomes. This draft Vision attempts to reflect both the needs of the developer as well as the anticipated overriding principles for MDC and ECC. It is anticipated that this Vision could serve as a supplementary annex to the PPA and be subject to periodic review and updates to reflect the changes in the project. The primary aims of the developer and Joint Councils are listed below:

- **Facilitating an engaged community approach to develop beneficial outcomes from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the nuclear power station.**

The Joint Councils will wish to ensure that they are appropriately resourced to provide an outreach service to community engagement in the project. This could for example, include structured engagement with community representatives and stakeholders to reflect particular local needs and ensure that these are taken into account in project development strategy.

- **Ensuring the project supports the national transition to secure, low carbon electricity, replacing decommissioning fleet in accordance with Government policy.**
- justification for this aim lies with a need for the developer to be assured that the Joint Councils are supportive of the nuclear power proposals in principle. This is important as it will set out early alignment of the collective objective to deliver the nuclear power station against wider national policy and Government priorities. Aligning to this first element of the Vision should be based on the acceptance by all parties of a commitment to the remainder of the Vision.
- **Making a positive and significant socio-economic impact on local communities through employment, skills, infrastructure (to include worker accommodation) and expenditure within the supply chain.**

This aim is directed at ensuring a positive stance is taken with respect to securing local employment opportunities at all levels. The wider dynamic between manufacturing and export potential has been highlighted in this report. An early resolution and agreement on these matters with the developer will be crucial to ensuring that economic-led work packages are pursued / supported through the PPA.

- **Supporting an effective and resilient transport network with enhancements delivered in line with local, regional and intra-regional priorities.**

Transport is a particularly challenging aspect of delivering new nuclear build at Bradwell. Existing road, rail and marine access and infrastructure provision is limited in terms of capacity to service abnormal loads and larger volumes of workers. Ensuring that the PPA reflects the needs to undertake work within the Joint Councils and explicitly to align to the strategic policy for transport will be imperative.

- **Supporting priorities for regeneration in line with local and regional priorities for infrastructure investment.**

Commitment to a legacy proposition which reconciles project needs with the wider aspirations of the affected community will be an important outcome from discussions with the developer. This will need to establish detailed project needs (including Associated Development) alongside a recognition of Joint Councils ambitions for growth. The PPA should provide sufficient resource for meaningful engagement on infrastructure proposals from the developer.

- **Complying with safety and security obligations and seeking high quality and secure design with impacts minimised and environment enhanced.**

Clearly, affected communities and the Joint Councils will take an intense interest in ensuring that the development of proposals are led from the perspective of high quality and secure design (linked in to wider discussions around positive legacy). More widely and accepting the complexity of constructing, operating and decommissioning a nuclear power station, PPA support to matters related to site safety and project security will be necessary for the Joint Councils.

- **Providing for a full scrutiny of project economic, social and environmental effects with a clear approach to mitigation and enhancement.**

It will be imperative that the Joint Councils are resourced to take account of and respond to proposals which have an influence on economic, social and environmental matters. The PPA approach must empower the Joint Councils through the provision of timely data and also the resources to respond to it, particularly during formal / statutory consultation periods. This should include but not be limited to EIA Scoping, Preliminary Environmental Information, Statement of Community Consultation, Section 42 and Section 47 Planning Act consultation periods, Statement of Common Ground, Local Impact Report and support to negotiating and discharging Planning Requirements and S106 Obligations.