

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT FOR BRADWELL NUCLEAR POWER STATION - CONSULTATION

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To further consider the consultation on proposals for decommissioning Bradwell Nuclear Power Station.

2 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 At the last Committee Meeting on 6 June 2002, Members considered options put forward by Magnox Electric for decommissioning Bradwell Nuclear Power Station.
- 2.2 The Council has been consulted by the regulatory body, the Health & Safety Executive, and has until 30 September to respond.
- 2.3 At the Meeting it was resolved
- That a full copy of the Environmental Statement be obtained – this has been placed in the Members' Room.
 - That Magnox Electric be requested to provide further information relating to:-
 - additional security measures, to minimise risk under Option B from terrorist attack.
 - the possibility of flooding given the 100 year timetable for Option B.
- 2.4 A preliminary examination of the full Environmental Statement has not revealed any information relating to these points, although there is a statement concerning security issues which, perhaps not surprisingly, says that security details are not made publicly available.
- 2.5 However, the points raised by Members have been put to Magnox Electric and, if it is received in time, any response will be sent to Members as an addendum to this report.

3 DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Having seen the full Environmental Statement and any specific information received on the security and flooding issues, Members may wish to make a response on which of the three options proposed they support.

In summary, these were:

- Option A – Early site clearance (early dismantling)
- Option B – Deferred site clearance (deferred dismantling)
- Option C – On site disposal (in situ decommissioning/mounding)

Magnox Electric have proposed Option B as having the least health and safety implications, and least potential consequences any faults could have on workers, local residents or the environment.

- 3.2 This is a highly specialised technical subject and if Members require further information it is suggested that representatives from Magnox Electric be invited to the next Meeting on 5 September.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) Which option for decommissioning Bradwell Nuclear Power Station the Council supports, and that this form the Council's response, **OR**
- (2) to invite representatives of Magnox Electric to the next Meeting to provide further information, prior to finalising the Council's response. (HHHCC)

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Background Papers:

Bradwell Nuclear Power Station Environmental Statement

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