COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE BRADWELL B COMMUNITY FORUM

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To appoint one elected Member of the Council and one Substitute Member to the Bradwell B Community Forum.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Bradwell B Project is proposing to build a new nuclear power station at Bradwell-on-Sea and is establishing a community forum in order to help engage with the community and key organisations. An invitation from Bradwell Power Generation Company Ltd has been extended to the Council to appoint one Member of the Council to attend meetings of the new Bradwell B Community Forum. The Council is also invited to appoint a Substitute Member in the event of the Council appointee not being able to attend any forum meetings; however, it has been requested that this is notified to the Bradwell Secretariat in advance.
- 2.2 It is anticipated that the community forum will meet on a quarterly basis and is intended to be a means to share information about the project and to facilitate questions, discussion and feedback between the developers and interested parties. Those invited to join it include elected representatives representing the areas in the vicinity of the development proposals; local special interest and community groups with at least 20 members living within the vicinity of the site; local business groups and statutory organisations.
- 2.3 Communication has taken place with Group Leaders asking them if they wish to nominate to this proposed new outside body.

3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1 The terms of reference of the community forum are to update forum members on relevant project issues; to enable forum members to ask questions and raise issues of concern to Bradwell B personnel; to help inform Bradwell B of key issues affecting the local community and find ways to minimise the impact and maximise the benefit of the project to those living and working in the area; to act as a further communications channel to provide information and minimise misinformation; and to lay the foundations for good community relations in preparation for Bradwell B entering the construction and operational phases.

4 **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Failure to nominate to the community forum will result in the Council not having an opportunity to ask questions and raise any issues of concern in respect of the proposed development of a new nuclear station in Bradwell.

5 **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no resource implications directly arising from this report.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are none rising out of this report.

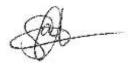
7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups, as defined under the Equality Act 2010.

8 **RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

To appoint one Member and one Substitute Member to the Bradwell B Community Forum.



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Background Papers:-

None.

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