

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Hill, Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services

DECISION NO:

19/00066

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Revised Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) for Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services I confirm the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) for Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station is to remain at the 2.4km radius

Reason(s) for decision:

The Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations (REPPIR) place a duty upon upper tier local authorities to 'make, maintain and test' at least every 3 years offsite emergency plans for nuclear installations. Revised and updated REPPIR regulations were published in May 2019. The regulations require that new or updated offsite emergency plans must be prepared within 8 months of the local authority's receipt of the Consequence Report. The Consequence Report was received on 19th September and confirms that the County Council should develop a Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) based on a minimum Technical Planning Area of 1km.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal will be discussed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 10 October.

Any alternatives considered:

1. DEPZ based on a minimum Technical Planning Area of 1km.
2. Retain current DEPZ of 2.4km.

The second option is the preferred option as this takes into account local conditions and demography based on previous work undertaken between Kent County Council and the Office of Nuclear Regulation to identify vulnerable communities and areas around Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station. These discussions concluded that the current 2.4 km DEPZ was the most practical layout to administer and that stakeholders, including local residents, were familiar with this established configuration.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date

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