**Outline Delivery Plan 2023/24**

**Introduction**

This Delivery Plan sets out the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership’s activities over the coming 12 months and should be reviewed on a twice-yearly basis. Activities are shown against the 8 workstreams of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, mapped quarterly and specific timings are subject to change. The scope of these activities and the end of year objectives are linked to the role of the Community Partnership set out in the *Implementing Geological Disposal – Working With Communities* Policy and in the [GDF Community Guidance](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1069004/Community_Guidance_England.pdf) document.

| **Activity/ Workstream** | **Scope** | **Delivery Plan** | | | | **End of Year Objective(s)** |
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| **Q1 (Apr – June)** | **Q2 (July – Sept)** | **Q3 (Oct – Dec)** | **Q4 (Jan – Mar)** |
| **(1) Community Engagement** | *Facilitate discussion with the community within the Search Area, acting as the vehicle for dialogue with Nuclear Waste Services (NWS).*  *Monitor public opinion and sentiment.* | * Community Engagement Plan 2023/24 agreed by Partnership * Community drop-in events * Establish local hub/presence in the community * Attendance at 4 non- Partnership community events per month | * Continue to implement Community Engagement plan * Continue with community drop-in events * Outside of Search Area drop-in events (as NWS) * Attendance at 4 non-Partnership community events per month * Baseline community survey completed | * Continue to implement Community Engagement plan * Continue with community drop-in events * Visit to Finnish repository at Onkalo * Attendance at 4 non- Partnership community events per month | * Continue to implement Community Engagement plan * Attendance at 4 non- Partnership community events per month * Community Engagement plan for 2024/25 agreed | 1. Increased community awareness and understanding of GDF, the siting process and role of the CP (measured through community surveys) 2. Grow relationships with community stakeholders 3. Attendance at 20 third-party events |
| **(2) Communications** | *Provide a range of clear communications for the public across a variety of channels including website, media, social media, newsletters and advertising. Monitor public opinion and sentiment.* | * *Continue to develop and implement Communications Plan(s) on behalf of the Community Partnership and agree activity for 2023/24.* * Printed newsletter delivered * Review the Community Partnership website * Public opinion survey scoped out with developer | * *Continue to develop and implement Communications Plan(s)* * *Review draft recommendations for Community Partnership website* * Work with NWS to continue communications planning for ongoing siting work | * *Continue to develop and implement Communications Plan(s)* * *Start to implement website design changes* * Printed newsletter delivered * Publish public opinion survey on website * Work with NWS to continue communications planning for ongoing siting work | * *Continue to develop and implement Communications Plan(s)* * *Implement any major website changes if required and review performance of initial changes* * *Printed newsletter date TBC* * Work with NWS to continue communications planning for ongoing siting work | 1. Increased community awareness and understanding of GDF, the role of the Community Partnership and the work of Nuclear Waste Services, and the allocation of Community Investment Funding through delivery of a range of clear communications and measured through community surveys. |
| **(3)**  **Community Investment Funding (CIF)** | *Review, determine, and/or make recommendations on the allocation of CIF.*  *Set CIF priorities/strategy.* | * Community Investment Panel (CIP) meetings arranged for 2023/24 * Review CIP membership | * Community Investment Panel meetings * Review CIF priorities | * Community Investment Panel meetings | * Community Investment Panel meetings * Review CIP membership * Longer term CIF strategy agreed | 1. Longer term CIF strategy agreed 2. Award >95% CIF against agreed priorities |
| **(4) Community Partnership Operations** | *To ensure that the Partnership is able to perform its role in line with the Community Partnership Agreement and that resources are available from NWS to support delivery of the Programme of Activities* | * Partnership meetings held in public * Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS | * Partnership meetings held in public * Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS * Recruitment of Tourism member for the Partnership | * Partnership meetings held in public * Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS | * Partnership meetings held in public * Review CPA and ToRs * Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS * Review of current membership | 1. Ensure that Partnership membership is reflective of the communities within the Search Area 2. Ensure the Partnership has the skills to deliver its Programme of Activities 3. Develop and implement stakeholder engagement plan(s), including building relationship with Cumberland Council as new Principal Local Authority. |
| **(5) Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) Interface** | *Ensure that information relating to NWS’s technical work (Site Evaluation, Site Characterisation) is provided to the Partnership in a timely manner to enable planning of CP activities and to respond to public concerns/queries* | * NWS Marine Geophysical Survey “Early Look” presentation to the Partnership (16/05) * Major Permissions summary presentation (16/05) * Site Evaluation update on studies to be completed up to Q4 2025. |  | * Engage with NWS on progress of Marine Geophysical survey data interpretation. | * Site Evaluation update on studies in progress. * Community & Visitor Economy and Transport studies approach presented to CP * Engage with NWS on progress of Marine Geophysical survey data interpretation. | 1. CP receives available information in a timely manner to support planning of activities |
| **(6) Youth Engagement** | *Share information with young people and influential adults (parents, teachers) about GDF, siting process, the Partnership and the role of current young people as future voters and decision-makers* | * Inclusive youth engagement strategy agreed by the Partnership * Pilot youth outreach workshops (Shackles Off) | * Develop Phase 2 youth engagement plan | * Develop schools’ engagement pilot | * Pilot schools’ engagement approach | 1. Gather evidence of the aspirations of young people in Mid Copeland 2. Provide information to support influential adults (parents, teachers) to communicate about GDF with young people in Mid Copeland |
| **(7) Community Vision** | *To facilitate a way to understand whether the GDF project could support the community’s aspirations for the future* | * Form a subgroup to discuss Community Vision * Identify and articulate local challenges * Review existing local community plans | * Current challenges/vision summary document agreed by Partnership * Scope out capacity building support for Visioning | * Commission capacity building support for Visioning * NWS to engage with Cumberland Council on Economic Strategy | * Start to test Community Vision via Community Engagement activity | 1. Approach to understanding the community’s vision agreed 2. Start testing Community Vision through engagement |
| **(8)  Exit Strategy** | *The Community Partnership will support NWS to develop and agree arrangements for a managed end to the GDF siting process in Mid Copeland, including planning for a positive legacy for the local area, if required* |  | * Work with NWS to review existing local/regional legacy plans from previous projects | * NWS to deliver workshop on withdrawal principles * Work with NWS and local authority to develop arrangements for Community Withdrawal\* | * Work with local authority representative to develop arrangements for a Test of Public Support (ToPS)\* | 1. Ensure that, if the GDF Siting Process ends, there is a dignified exit by NWS and a positive legacy for Mid Copeland |
| **Chair** | *Activities undertaken by the Chair to support/further the work of the Community Partnership* | **Ongoing:**   * Monthly joint Partnership Chairs’ call with NWS * Preparation of Chair’s report for CP meetings * Chairing Partnership meetings, monitoring and reporting progress against Programme of Activities * Review external communications, acting as spokesperson for the Partnership as appropriate * Sitting on /Chair of CIF panel * Weekly meetings with Community Engagement Manager | | | | 1. Ensure that the Community Partnership performs its role 2. Ensure that the work of the Community Partnership is fair, unbiased and reflects the needs of the community. |

\* **NOTE**: It is the Community Partnership’s role to engage with NWS on these important issues, to ensure that plans are in place for any eventuality for how the GDF siting process could conclude in the local area. The inclusion of activities marked \* does not presuppose an outcome from the GDF Siting Process in Mid Copeland in relation to either a NWS Withdrawal or progression to a Test of Public Support.