**Outline Delivery Plan 2025/26**

**Introduction**

This Outline Delivery Plan sets out the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership’s proposed activities over the coming 12 months and will be reviewed on a twice-yearly basis. Activities are shown against the eight workstreams of the Community Partnership’s Programme of Activities, mapped quarterly and specific timings are subject to change.

The role of the Community Partnership is set out in the [UK policy framework for managing radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6632371769098ded31fca7c1/managing-radioactive-substances-and-nuclear-decommissioning-uk-policy-framework.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 Activity 2025/26 agreed.
* Engage with hard-to-reach communities e.g. working age people and local business.
* Arrange focus groups with hard-to-reach communities.
* Continue to encourage and support NWS team to engage with neighbouring communities.
* Circulate newsletter
* Carry out engagement within the Nuclear Estate
 | * Continue to implement Community Engagement Activity.
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* Public opinion community survey 2025 to commence.
* Continue to carry out engagement within the Nuclear Estate
 | * Continue to implement Community Engagement Activity
* Continue to encourage and support NWS team to engage with neighbouring communities.
* Draft report from focus groups that have taken place with hard-to-reach communities.
* hard-to-reach communities.
* Review of engagement with hard-to-reach communities.
* circulate newsletter
 | * Continue to implement Community Engagement activity.
* Continue to encourage and support NWS team to engage with neighbouring communities.
* Community Engagement Plan for 2026/27 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 a minimum of 20 third-party events
4. Increased engagement across the Nuclear Estate
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| **(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.* | * Communications & Engagement activity agreed for 2025/26.
* Continue, development of a revised Community Partnership website
* Work with NWS to communicate GDF developer-led activity locally.
* Publish newsletter and circulate
* Develop, publicise and launch Instagram account
* Produce draft external communications on developing a Community Vision, including a leaflet.
 | * Continue to develop and implement Communications & Engagement activity.
* Revised Community Partnership website complete and launch.
* Work with NWS to communicate GDF developer-led activity locally.
* Community Vision communications leaflet approved and published for use at local events.
 | * Continue to develop and implement Communications & Engagement activity.
* Publish public opinion survey findings on website.
* Work with NWS to communicate GDF developer-led activity locally.
* Work on annual update
 | * Continue to develop and implement Communications & Engagement activity.
* Work with NWS to communicate GDF developer-led activity locally.
* Annual update published.
 | Increased community awareness and understanding of:1. GDF
2. The role of the Community Partnership and the work of Nuclear Waste Services
3. The allocation of Community Investment Funding.

All 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 2025/26.
* Review pipeline for CIF.
* Feedback from Meet the Funders event
* Recruit new panel members from within the Community Partnership
 | * Present CIF performance review.
* Train new panel members
 | * Review CIF priorities.
 | * Review CIP membership.
* Longer term CIF strategy agreed.
* Present end of year performance.
* Arrange CIF funding events with other local funders if required
 | 1. Longer term CIF strategy agreed
2. Award >95% CIF against agreed priorities.
3. More diverse CP panel
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| **(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* | * Publish Partnership’s Delivery Plan for 25/26.
* Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS.
* Collate revised Declarations of Interest from Community Partnership members.
* Ensure all signatories on revised CPA
* Appointment/reappointment of Chair
 | * Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS.
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* Collate & prepare information for Annual Update.
* Review CPA
 | * Management of the Partnership’s Programme of Activities, including reporting to NWS.
* Review of current Community Partnership 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 Principal Local Authority.
4. Publish Annual update.
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| **(5)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* | * TOR and Chair appointed to Youth subgroup.
* Project Plan for a larger youth engagement event
* Engage Secondary Schools re engagement event
* Business Case for Engagement event.
 | * Investigate the need for a CP Youth Group
 | * Planning for Engagement event
* Deliver Youth Project to align with developing the Community Vision.
* Develop governance processes and guidance for Youth Group
 | * Review previous youth engagement (Learning from Experience)
* Delivery of Youth Engagement event).
* Plan delivery of next Youth Project.
 | 1. Deliver a Youth Engagement event
2. Set up a Youth Group
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| **(6)Community Vision** | *To facilitate a way to understand whether the GDF project could support the community’s aspirations for the future* | * Work with the supply chain to identify and articulate local challenges.
* Engage with Cumberland Council re Community Vision.
* Draft & execute Community Vision engagement boards
* Revisit themes and priorities with two external workshops
* Engage with the community at third party events
* Scope Community Vision feedback document
 | * Work with the supply chain & Community Partnership to scope a Community Vision.
* Work with the supply chain and communities to scope a Community Vision through community forum type events.
* Re-engage with young people on Community Vision
* Community Vision leaflet approved and published.
 | * Workshop with the Partnership to formulate a Community Vision Plan for the year ahead.
 | * Consider the need for a further Community Vision event
 | 1. To continue to track the local priorities and themes as part of developing a Community Vision.
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| **(7) Withdrawal**  | *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* | * Continue to work with NWS and local authority with regards to community withdrawal.
 | * Review of Withdrawal Strategy subgroup.
 | * Withdrawal subgroup on hold until required
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 | 1. Ensure that, if the GDF Siting Process ends in Mid Copeland, there is a managed exit by NWS and a positive legacy for Mid Copeland.
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| **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.
* Chair of CIF panel.
* Chair of visioning subgroup.
* Weekly meetings with Community Engagement Manager.
* Supporting the Community Engagement Team at events
 | 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.
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\* **NOTE**: The Communications and Engagement Plan will run alongside this Delivery Plan