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Minutes of the Local Liaison Committee (LLC) Meeting Held on 07 Sep 2023

Item 4 – Devonport Site Safety & Operational Updates

R Dickson provided an overview of the Devonport site, highlighting those areas where the Naval Base conduct nuclear operations, and the areas where Babcock conduct nuclear operations.

R Dickson provided an update on nuclear operations and relevant events on behalf of the Naval Base.

R Robilliard provided an update on nuclear operations and relevant events on behalf of Babcock. This included highlighting that the majority of events were the activation of dockside crane safety mechanisms. The increased number of events reported to the regulator reflected a decision by Babcock to broaden the criteria for reporting events to the regulators with a view to further improve safety on site, and that 5 out of 7 cranes are currently upgoing upgrades to reduce the number of spurious activation of these safety mechanisms.

R Robilliard also provided a summary of radiation doses received by all workers and radioactive waste discharges from the Devonport site.

R Robilliard

A written question was submitted by a member of public to the Chair who will provide a written response.	Action MOD 05/23
Item 7 – Devonport Strategic Planning	

B Staniforth provided an overview of the key activities of the Naval Base and the planning for work activities looking 50 years to the future, which is enabling the site to make good decisions on investment today to meet current and future demands. Devonport provides a submarine Deep Maintenance capability which is unique within the UK.

B Staniforth then provided an overview of the contribution of the site to the local population and economy, including that the site employs approximately 11% of the total employable workforce in Plymouth

Item 10 - Regulators' Reports

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

V Winspear-Roberts

Substances Compliance Assessment Report (RASCAR) produced by EA would become a public record.	
A member of the public queried whether PCC would take the opportunity to include a cell broadcast system, akin to that used by the UK government emergency notification system, as part of the off site alerting system in the future. J Setterington replied that there is a Local Authority Nuclear Working Group and this is engaging with the Cabinet Office regarding the ability to use the cell broadcast system. The next version of DOSEP may include this, but this will be in addition to existing notification arrangements, rather than replacing the existing arrangements.	
Item 12 - AOB	
The next meeting will be held in February 2023 at the Market Hall, Devonport.	
Item 11 – Closing Remarks and Review of Actions	

The review of actions identified that 3 actions have been raised during the meeting.