

Minutes of the Local Liaison Committee (LLC) Meeting held on the 17/07/2025 at Market Hall, Devonport.

Committee Members Present	Brigadier M Tanner OBE ADC RM J Gane R Foran L Langsford	NBC (Chair) Managing Director (Babcock) Assurance Director (Babcock) Radiation Protection Adviser (MOD)
Others Present	S Tucker M Mapstone H Smethurst B Phillips H Ramachandra R McCann O Hayes R Lee J Dingle T Tuohy B Steven P Wooldridge E Relton X Syratt	Babcock Babcock Babcock Babcock MOD DNSR ONR EA PCC PCC PCC RN Media RN Media RN Media Member of Public x2

<u>Purpose and Agenda</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1) Chair Opening Remarks	
The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and provided a safety brief. Chair introduced members on the panel. Since last LLC we have continued to deliver operations safely and ambition on developing infrastructure to support future operations is happening currently on site. Submarine programme at Devonport is rapidly accelerating and for the first time in many years Devonport has 3 submarines in dock.	
2) Minutes of Last Meeting	
The minutes of the Feb 2025 meeting were approved with no amendments.	
3) Action Updates and Matters Arising	
4 issues were raised in Feb 2025 meeting. 3 of the 4 issues have been resolved. 4 th issue was regarding site operators to work with PCC to promote public engagement via LLC is still ongoing	MOD 04/24

<p>4) Devonport Site Safety and Operational Updates</p>	
<p>Review of safety performance was conducted by L Langsford and R Foran provided details about Babcock updates. Period covers January-June 2025</p>	
<p>Naval Base Operations (L Langsford)- Naval Base has welcomed HMS TRIUMPH and marks the end of Trafalgar class operating from Devonport. Since last meeting Triumph is being prepped for safe storage and defueling. Another T-class has been transferred over to Babcock to continue works. Naval Base has also welcomed HMS ASTUTE at the end of its first commission and now is prepping for mid-life revalidation period.</p>	
<p>Defueling and Dismantling (L Langsford)- Devonport have docked a defueled submarine to undertake routine out of water survey and re-preservation of the hull to ensure continued safe afloat storage.</p>	
<p>MOD have contracted Babcock to deliver defueling over the next 3 years and are targeting that platform moving into dock towards end of 2026 following completion of upgrades to civil structure of facility.</p>	
<p>1st submarine to be dismantled completely is in dock at Rosyth for final part of dismantling programme. Huge milestone being achieved with focus on maintaining stringent safety standards.</p>	
<p>Collectively looking into how investments can be optimised that has been put into skilled work force and infrastructure across the UK to optimise delivery of defuel and disposal programmes in a way which delivers best value for taxpayer</p>	
<p>Babcock Updates Submarines (R Foran)-</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanguard Class- One platform undergoing DMP • Astute Class- One platform undergoing BMP • Trafalgar/Valiant Class- Four platforms undergoing mix of long-term berthing prep, post fleet-time support, survey and docking period 	
<p>T23 Frigate- Number of surface ship platforms undergoing refits and deep maintenance. Amphibious platform in tidal berth with engineering activity ongoing with fleet time engineering continuing support platform operational priorities.</p>	
<p>Babcock Site event (R Foran)- Babcock reported 12 events to regulator and all events were rated 0 on INES</p>	
<p>Naval Base site events (L Langsford)- No events occurred on Naval Base which required reporting to regulators</p>	
<p>Emergency Arrangements (R Foran)- Short Sermon was conducted in July. Demonstration of on-site emergency plan in the unlikely event of nuclear emergency was assessed by regulators as "Adequate". Successful test with multi agency response and UK 1st test of processing people through public radiation monitoring unit on large scale.</p>	

<p>Collective Dose (L Langsford and R Foran)- Babcock dosimetry provides chest, whole body monitoring and internal dosimetry assessment service. Highest dose to individual in 2025 was 1.04mSv which is well below annual limit for workers (20mSv). Dose accumulated in 2025 is similar in value to 2023 this reflects increase in work which was previously predicted. Increased work impact has been assessed and will not result in any individual receiving dose of 20mSv.</p> <p>Radioactive Waste discharge summary (R Foran)- Devonport site operates well within limits.</p> <p>Marine environmental monitoring (R Foran)- Surveys were carried out in Jan and April 2025. Next survey is in July and December 2025. Survey continues to show Devonport is a low radiological impact site and low environmental impact.</p>	
<p>5) Questions from Committee and Public (1)</p> <p>No Questions asked by LLC members</p>	
<p>6) Plymouth City Council (PCC) Matters</p> <p>Apologies received from PCC, who are busy running today's referendum. PCC focus in period was on running and executing short sermon exercise which was successful and provide more details in next LLC meeting</p>	
<p>7) Regulators Report</p> <p>ONR (O Hayes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O Hayes summarised that routine work, including inspections, had been conducted at the Devonport site. 	
<p>DNSR (R McCann)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R McCann summarised that DNSR had maintained a strong presence on site. DNSR had raised no Corrective Action Requirements or Improvement Notices in the reporting period <p>EA (R Lee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R Lee summarised EA report was available, it was highlighted the EA report has expanded to include generic information provided in similar reports for all UK nuclear sites, and this information does not necessarily relate to activities being undertaken at Devonport. 	
<p>8) Questions from Committee and Public (2)</p>	

No questions asked by LLC members	
9) AOB/Date of Next Meeting	
Date of Next meeting Feb 2026 Date: TBC	
10) Chair's Closing Remarks and Review of Actions	
<p>The Chair expressed thanks on behalf of the LLC to the Market Hall team for hosting the meeting. Any suggestions for future topics would be gratefully received.</p> <p>The site will also work with PCC to promote the meeting and encourage greater public participation.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting has not yet been confirmed but once confirmed, this information will be distributed through the usual channels</p>	