DELEGATED DECISION NOTIFICATION

DEPZ 25/11/2019

Directorate: HR&OD

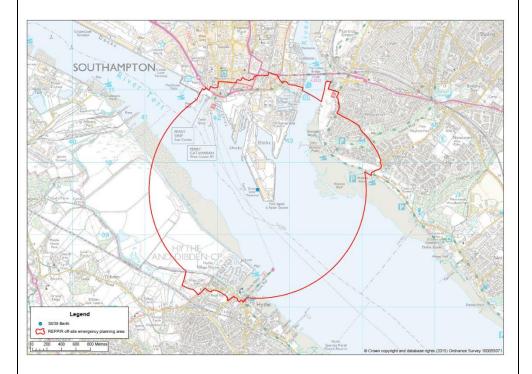
Decision Maker Head of Emergency Planning & Business Resilience

Subject Detailed Emergency Planning Zone for the Southampton Operational Berth

Cabinet Decision Number:

Decision Reason

Southampton City Council (SCC) has determined the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) for the Southampton Operational Berth as an area of approximately 1.5km from the Berth, including parts of Southampton and Hythe (below). This is unchanged from previous determinations of this zone made by the Office for Nuclear Regulation.



SCC is required to make this determination by Regulation 8 of the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 (REPPIR19), which replaced the previous REPPIR 2001 Regulations on 22 May 2019.

In accordance with REPPIR19 Regulation 7, SCC received a Consequences Report from the Operator (Royal Navy) on 20 September 2019, setting out the potential consequences of a nuclear emergency and containing recommendations for associated public protection measures.

This Consequence Report recommended that SCC's Reactor Emergency Plan contain provision for:

- Controlled evacuation of the immediate area around the submarine- 200m from the submarine in all directions (NB No members of the public are expected to be within this area as it is within an access-controlled part of the ABP Southampton docks – this controlled evacuation is managed by the Royal Navy in accordance with their "SOTNUSAFE" on-site emergency plan);
- Sheltering indoors for personnel within the first few hours- 400m from the submarine in all directions (NB This is within the ABP Southampton footprint managed by the Royal Navy);
- Provision and consumption of Stable Iodine Tablets within the first few hours- 1.5km from the submarine in the downwind sector.
- Sheltering indoors within the first few hours- 1.5km from the submarine in the downwind sector

SCC requested advice from the Public Health England Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards (PHE CRCE) in support of its interpretation of this Consequence Report when considering DEPZ determination. However, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) informed SCC that the Consequence Report contains all the information necessary for SCC to make its determination and that "MOD will not be providing additional detailed technical information/assessments to PHE", which is viewed by MOD to be "outside of the policy intent and requirements of the Regulations". PHE CRCE were not able to comment on interpretation of the Consequence Report without this additional information from MOD.

The requirements set out in the Consequence Report are compatible with the existing DEPZ, which was determined by the Office for Nuclear Regulation in partnership with SCC to reflect local geographic conditions, avoid bi-section of local communities and to include vulnerable groups. In the absence of advice to the contrary from PHE CRCE (which is unavailable due to MOD's current position), SCC considered that this DEPZ was appropriate and that no changes would be made.

This approach was consulted upon with Local Resilience Forum partners in a consultation event on 17 October 2019. This was attended by representatives from Coastguard, Eastleigh Borough Council, Environment Agency, Fareham Borough Council, Hampshire Constabulary, Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Joint Regional Liaison Officer (military), Local Health Resilience Partnership, Public Health England, PHE CRCE, Royal Navy, and University Hospital Southampton. No objections were received at the consultation event and partners expressed support for this determination. Further comments were requested by 25th October; none were received.

As no changes affecting the fundamentals of the Reactor Emergency Plan were proposed, this decision is not a Key Decision and was therefore made by the appropriate SCC Officer under delegation.

Declared Officer / Member Interests	None			
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Details of consultation undertaken (other reasons / organisations consulted		Yes	No	Date
	Executive Member	\boxtimes		Place and Transport CMB 25/11/2019
	Ward Councillors			
	Chief Officer affected	\boxtimes		Service Director HR&OD 15/11/2019
	Others (specify)	\boxtimes		Local Resilience Forum partners 17/10/2019
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