

Key Messages from the NDA

- The NDA has responsibility for 20 sites across Britain, but some are of a higher socio-economic priority than others; the West Cumbrian sites being among those priority areas.
- The NDA's priority as an organisation is safe and cost-effective decommissioning. Socio-economic development is a supplemental function, although one which is very important, both to the organisation and to stakeholders.
- The NDA is not the lead body in terms of socio-economic development. Its key role is to support Regional Development Agencies, their equivalents, and others in planning for and managing the impact of decommissioning upon communities.
- Currently, all NDA socio-economic spend is channelled through the site licence companies, which is £5 million per annum. Most of this is spent in Cumbria.
- However, the NDA is seeking, and finding, efficiency savings from operations that may be directed towards further socio-economic activities. It is hoped that this will be a significant amount.
- Our key aims are to:
 - Diversify local economies
 - Increase the attractiveness of nuclear-affected areas for inward investment and migration for employers, employees and their families
 - Give local people the opportunity to be involved in decommissioning work, which is likely to last for several generations
- The NDA will work with regional and sub-regional agencies on how best to spend the budget to achieve long-term community benefit
- The NDA will work with Site Licence Companies on workforce profiling, supply chain support and skills development and on ensuring that the £5 million mentioned above is focused on long-term community benefit as far as possible.
- Over the next 12 months, the NDA will
 - Draft an NDA socio-economic strategy, which will be consulted upon widely
 - Support Site Licence Companies to base their spending decisions on evidence of local need and to redress the balance between 'good neighbour' type spend and spend which is more likely to achieve longer-term benefits

- Continue to work with local development agencies and support them in developing a set of co-ordinated proposals to the NDA
- Share good practice between sites
- Consider devolving some socio-economic budget to local, community based organisations, such as charitable trusts, in order to fund smaller-scale projects.