

## OFFICIAL MINUTE OF PERMANENT SECRETARY MEETING

MEETING TITLE	Mobuoy Remediation Project
DAERA REF	SINV-0064-2023
VENUE	F1 Klondyke Building
DATE/TIME	Thursday 15 June 2023 at 2.30pm
LIST OF ATTENDEES	Katrina Godfrey (KG), DAERA Permanent Secretary; Paul Donnelly (PD), NIEA Chief Executive; Richard Crowe (RC), Director of Resource Efficiency and SRO Mobuoy Remediation Project; Head of Regulation Unit and Mobuoy Project Director;
APOLOGIES	None

## KEY POINTS DISCUSSED

RC welcomed KG to the meeting and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

provided an overview of the key milestones that the project has achieved to date and the upcoming decision points. She explained that the project had moved on at pace since the guilty pleas in the criminal case. She also advised that sentencing is progressing and a Newton Hearing is scheduled for 9 October 2023.

provided an overview of the key project outputs, advising that the integrated consultancy team (ICT) had completed extensive site investigations, which provided a robust scientific basis to move forward to the appraisal of remediation options for the site.

A Detailed Quantitative Risk Assessment (DQRA) had been published on the Mobuoy webpage in November 2022, followed by the Remediation Options Appraisal Report (ROA) in April 2023. This process followed LCRM — Land Contamination Risk Management — guidance published by the Environment Agency, which applied in Northern Ireland, England and Wales.

The ROA process looked at the site as 10 zones and each zone was appraised for remediation options as if it was a separate site before integrating the individual strategies for each zone into a single, integrated solution to develop the holistic site option. This approach was taken due the size and complexity of the site.

The draft Optimum Remediation Strategy (ORS) has been submitted to the project team from the ICT. A decision would be required before NIEA could proceed to consult publicly on the draft ORS.
Regarding access, the team explained that DAERA was able to access to the site under the powers contained in the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999.
It was explained that the site vision would need to be considered in a separate business case  Although there is a general statutory duty, under the Water Order, on the
Department to promote the cleanliness of water in waterways and underground and to have regard to the protection of public health when it exercises its functions in relation to the cleanliness of water. There is no duty to create the site vision. However, work on the site vision was ongoing and, for the best overall outcome, was developing in parallel with the ORS, thus ensuring that the ORS does not run counter to desired objectives for the site vision.
Stakeholder engagement was a significant element of the remediation project and site vision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The critical path in project management is the longest sequence of activities that must be finished on time in order for the entire project to be complete.

