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EAST CENTRAL SCOTLAND PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS STUDY  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Edinburgh, 23 October 1987 - At a meeting of the Management Committee.

**Present:-**

Councillor W Herald, Lothian RC (Chairman)  
Councillor B Fallon, Lothian RC  
Mr E Bain, Lothian RC (Solicitor's Department)  
Col I Cameron, Lothian RC (Regional Emergency Planning Officer)  
Mr C M Hood, Lothian RC (Secretary's Department)  
Mrs E Kemshead, Lothian RC (Finance Department)  
Mr A O'Neill, Lothian RC (Secretary's Department)  
Councillor Mrs H Livingstone, Central RC  
Councillor R Montgomery (substituting for Councillor T Coll), Central RC  
Mr G Edwards, Central RC (Emergency Planning Department)  
Councillor C J Groom, Fife RC  
Councillor W G Anderson, Fife RC  
Mr J Tunnah, Fife RC (Regional Emergency Planning Officer)  
Mr D Ross, Fife RC (Chief Executive's Department)  
Councillor P Doran, Tayside RC  
Councillor G Allan, Tayside RC  
Mr T G Milne, Tayside RC (Assistant Chief Executive)  
Mr J Smith, Tayside RC (Regional Emergency Planning Officer)  
Councillor P McLaughlin (substituting for Councillor Luke), Dundee DC  
Councillor R Alexander, Edinburgh DC  
Mr A Laing, Edinburgh DC (Technical Services Department)  
Councillor W Milne, Falkirk DC  
Councillor E Carrick, Stirling DC  
Councillor D Flannigan, West Lothian DC  
Councillor Caldwell, Chair NFZ Scotland Steering Committee  
Mrs R Slaven, NFZ Scotland Secretariat  
Mr A Walker, University of Edinburgh (Study Co-ordinator)  
Mr R Mackenzie, University of Edinburgh (Research Assistant)

**Apologies:-**

Councillor T Coll, Central RC  
Mr B Smith, Central RC (Regional Emergency Planning Officer)  
Councillor T Downs, Clackmannan DC  
Councillor G Campbell, East Lothian DC

**1. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 10 AUGUST 1987**

The Committee approved, as a correct record, the minute of its meeting held in Edinburgh on 10 August 1987.

**2. CONSTITUTION - DRAFT MINUTE OF AGREEMENT**

Mr Bain updated the Management Committee with regard to the acceptance, by the participating authorities, of the draft Minute of Agreement in terms of which the Joint Committee would be formally established.

To date, 12 of the 13 authorities had approved the Minute of Agreement and had passed a resolution delegating the functions referred to in Clause First to this Joint Committee. Fife RC had not yet approved the Minute of Agreement unconditionally, as they had raised the question of the personal liability of elected members serving on the Joint Committee. Councillor Groom, Fife RC, explained his Council's reservations, although he stressed that approval in principle, had been given to the Minute of Agreement.

Having heard further from Mr Bain, the Chairman suggested that members might wish to take up the question of personal liability with their own authorities.

It was Mr Bain's intention once all the participating authorities had approved the draft Minute of Agreement, to send out a letter asking each Council to sign and seal the Minute of Agreement. This process would entail a chain letter being passed from one authority to another to allow all the authorities to execute the Agreement.

#### DECISION

- (1) To note that 12 of the 13 participating authorities had unconditionally approved the draft Minute of Agreement and that Fife RC had approved it in principle.
- (2) To refer the point raised by Fife RC regarding the personal liability of elected members serving on the Management Committee back to the participating authorities to check, and if thought necessary, extend their own insurance arrangements, but otherwise to take no further action on the matter.
- (3) To note that, whenever Fife RC had purified its approval, Mr Bain would make arrangements for the participating authorities to execute the Minute of Agreement.

### 3. THE STUDY - AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee had previously agreed, as an interim measure until all the participating authorities had approved and executed the Minute of Agreement, that Lothian RC, as lead authority, should contract with the University of Edinburgh to carry out the Study with effect from 1 September 1987. Whenever the Management Committee was finally established, and could enter into the contract in its own right, Lothian RC would be relieved of all liabilities under the contract.

Mr Bain now submitted for the Management Committee's information a copy of the Agreement between Lothian RC, the Management Committee and the University of Edinburgh, in terms of which the University of Edinburgh had agreed to carry out the Planning Assumptions Study.

It was pointed out that Lothian RC would only be a party to the Agreement until 31 December 1987 at the latest.



DECISION

To approve the terms of the Agreement under which the University of Edinburgh had agreed to carry out the Study.

(References - Management Committee 10 August 1987 (item 4); Agreement between the University of Edinburgh, Lothian Regional Council and the Management Committee, submitted.)

4. CIVIL DEFENCE GRANT - LETTER OF APPLICATION

A draft letter making joint application to the Scottish Home and Health Department for civil defence grant was submitted for the Management Committee's information and approval. In preparing the letter, Col Cameron had taken account of the comments made by the participating authorities.

DECISION

To approve the draft letter of application and to ask Lothian RC to forward it to the Scottish Home and Health Department as soon as possible.

(References - Management Committee 10 August 1987, (item 6); draft letter of application for Civil Defence grant, October 1987, submitted.)

5. REPORTS BY THE STUDY CO-ORDINATOR

(a) Terms of Reference

Mr Walker submitted the final version of the terms of reference to be used during the study. The terms of reference were the product of discussions with the National PA Study Co-ordinator, the legal adviser to the NFZ's National Steering Committee, and others. The terms of reference followed closely the model terms of reference which had been submitted to Senior Counsel for his opinion, differing only in being applied specifically to Scotland and the study area.

Mr Walker introduced the terms of reference stating that he felt that this document improved the presentation of the terms of reference and enabled them to be read on their own, and for ease of reference a contents page had been added.

After his introduction, Mr Walker answered questions by the members and emphasised that there were no major changes from the terms of reference which had been approved at an earlier meeting.

DECISION

To endorse the Terms of Reference for the Study as now submitted by Mr Walker.

(References - Management Committee 30 June 1987, (item 5); report by Study Co-ordinator, 23 October 1987, submitted.)

(b) **Work Programme and Timetable**

The Work Programme and Provisional Timetable for the Study were submitted to the Management Committee for its approval. This document was the outcome of discussions held between the National PA Study Co-ordinator and the East Central Scotland PA Study Co-ordinator and was in accord with the appropriate section of the NFZ "Basic Guide". The Work Programme also contained proposals for meetings of the Management Committee.

DECISION

To approve the Work Programme and its associated timetable, on the understanding that these might be subject to revision at a later stage of the Study.

(Reference - report by Study Co-ordinator, 23 October 1987, submitted.)

(c) **Nuclear Target List for Scenarios 1 and 2**

Mr Walker submitted for the Management Committee's approval the Scottish Section of the nationally produced Nuclear Target List used by Earth Resources Research Ltd, which would produce the computer calculated effects of nuclear attack (scenarios 1 and 2) on the UK. Earth Resources Research Ltd would also provide data on the area of responsibility of the Study. Mr Walker also submitted a commentary on the list, outlining in some detail the overall rationale for the production of the two attack patterns.

After some discussion concerning the reasonableness of the target lists and attack patterns, it was agreed that despite a possible INF armaments agreement, the target lists would still give a plausible attack pattern as the basis on which the Study should proceed.

DECISION

The Management Committee noted the commentary by the Study Co-ordinator and agreed that the target lists presented by Mr Walker should be used as the basis on which the nuclear attack section of the Study should proceed.

(Reference - report by Study Co-ordinator 23 October 1987, submitted.)

(d) **Progress Report**

Mr Walker informed the Management Committee of the progress which had been made with regard to the establishment of a Planning Assumptions Study office located in the Physics Department of the University of Edinburgh at the King's Buildings Campus, the resources which had been acquired for use during the Study, and the meetings which had been held with



various other agencies which had resulted in the production of the terms of reference, work programme and timetable, and nuclear target lists which had been submitted earlier in the meeting.

Mr Walker invited all members of the Management Committee to visit the Planning Assumptions Study office to view the resources being used in the Study.

DECISION

To note the Study Co-ordinator's report.

(Reference - report by Study Co-ordinator 23 October 1987, submitted.)

6. PUBLICITY

A discussion took place on how the matter of publicising the Planning Assumptions Study should be undertaken. Councillor Caldwell, Chair of the NFZ Scotland Steering Committee suggested that prior to the various submission dates for the PPI, issues relating to that particular submission should be identified and highlighted in a press statement.

DECISION

To ask Mr Hood to submit a report to the next Management Committee meeting, outlining proposals for the publicising of the Planning Assumptions Study.

7. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Management Committee would be held on 11 December 1987 at 2.00 pm and that the invitation by Central R.C. to host the meeting in its Council Offices, Viewforth, Stirling be accepted.

For future meetings, it was agreed that these be hosted by the other participating Authorities in the sequence they appeared on the membership list circulated with the agenda.