

Oxford City Council's decision to award Benny Wenda

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office wishes to underline that the UK Government's longstanding position on Papua has not changed. We support Indonesia's territorial integrity and regard Papua as an integral part of Indonesia.

Mr Wenda's presence in the UK does not mean that the UK Government supports his position on Papuan sovereignty, and the award by Oxford City Council has no bearing on UK Government policy. Local councils are politically independent from central government and so this is a matter for Oxford City Council.

The UK Government continues to support the efforts of the authorities and civil society to address the needs and aspirations of the Papuan people, including to strengthen human rights protections and to ensure that Papuans benefit from sustainable and equitable development. Officials from the British Embassy Jakarta regularly visit Papua, and meet a wide range of authorities, NGOs and interest groups.

Sellafield clean-up contract wins extension after string of success

The Decommissioning Delivery Partnership (DDP) was established in 2016 and involves 17 supply chain companies working with Sellafield Ltd across 3 lots.

Together they demolish redundant buildings, clean up land and get waste out of the site's legacy ponds and silos.

The partnership has now been extended until 2026.

So far, it has delivered £385 million worth of project work and recorded 4.5 million hours without a lost time accident.

Highlights have included the demolition of the diffuser on top of the Windscale Pile Chimney and retrieval of waste and sludge from the First Generation Magnox Storage Pond.

Nearly one third (32.4%) of all supply chain spend has gone to small to medium-sized enterprises and the partnership has created 90 new jobs. It aims to increase that job creation number five-fold by the end of the contract.

The companies involved have also supported Sellafield Ltd's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion initiatives by training dozens of people to be mental health first aiders.

Glenn McCracken, chairman of the DDP programme board for Sellafield Ltd, said:

DDP has gained a reputation for being a fast and flexible way to get work done on the Sellafield site.

Every working day at Sellafield there are an estimated 800 people carrying out work through the DDP framework; from crane operators to scaffolders, and project planners to electricians.

We have taken on work through the framework which has been much broader than the vast decommissioning remit, including constructing the new high-security fencing and adapting an existing plant so that it can accept waste from the Magnox Swarf Storage Silo.

Future projects include:

- clearing land and removing the heat exchangers around the redundant Calder Hall reactors and turbine halls
- helping to plan the dewatering of the Pile Fuel Storage Pond
- helping Sellafield Ltd to clean up the Thorp and Magnox reprocessing plants
- demolishing structures such as the Windscale Pile Chimney

The DDP framework consists of 3 'lots' comprising the companies below:

Lot 1 (Remediation, Pile Fuel Cladding Silo, Pile Fuel Storage Pond, other major projects)

- Integrated Decommissioning Solutions (comprising Atkins, Altrad Hertel, North West Projects and Westlakes Engineering)
- Nexus Decommissioning Alliance (Costain, Mott Macdonald, Nuvia, Squibb Group)
- ADAPT (Orano, Doosan, Atkins)
- Cumbria Nuclear Solutions Ltd (Jacobs, React, James Fisher Nuclear, Shepley Engineers, Westinghouse Electric Company, WYG Engineering).

Lot 2 (First Generation Magnox Storage Pond)

- The Decommissioning Alliance (Jacobs, Atkins, Westinghouse Electric Company UK Ltd)

Lot 3 (Magnox Swarf Storage Silo)

- I3 Decommissioning Partners (Wood, Altrad Hertel, Shepley Engineers)

University? Traineeship? First Job?

What's your post-exam plan?

Whether you are looking to gain an extra qualification, go to university, get on-the-job experience or start your career, there are lots of exciting opportunities for your future. Find out more here.

On the job experience

Prepare for the world of work with a traineeship

Traineeships are available for 16 to 24 year olds and are an opportunity for you to gain real work experience, acquire new job skills and improve your English and maths, if you need to. They can last up to 6 months and can be tailored to help you get ready for a job or apprenticeship.

Earn while you learn with an apprenticeship

Apprenticeships provide hands-on experience, a salary and a chance to train while you work.

Further and higher education

Further education

You can continue your studies after secondary school through a range of further education courses, available in different subjects at different levels – ranging from basic English and maths to Higher National Diplomas. Further education also includes technical and applied qualifications, which will provide you with skills and training to specialise in a specific technical job.

T Levels are new courses coming in September 2020

T Levels are brand new, 2-year courses designed with employers that will be equivalent to 3 A Levels. As the next step after GCSEs, they combine classroom theory, practical learning and a 3-month industry placement to give young people the technical skills, knowledge and experience needed to get a job in a skilled profession.

Continue your studies in higher education

You can find and apply for most higher education courses online. If you don't get a place on your chosen university course you can apply for other courses

through Clearing.

Find out which courses have vacancies through [UCAS](#) from mid-August to late September.

Exam results helpline

The Exam Results Helpline is a resource from the National Careers Service for students receiving their A Level and GCSE results and their parents. It provides advice from experienced careers advisers on the options available to them.

Scotland

The helpline number will open in Scotland from 6 August to 14 August.

Phone 0808 100 8000 in Scotland

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

The helpline number will then open for students in the rest of the UK on from 15 August to 29 August.

Phone 0800 100 900 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Career opportunities

Find a job with our careers website

There are a range of great jobs available online, and we can help you find one through our dedicated jobs website.

Visit [Find a Job](#) to search based on location, sector, salary and more to find your perfect fit.

Learn about different careers through My Way In

My Way In shares stories and advice from people in work and employers in a range of different fields. You'll find tips to help you broaden your experience and the number of jobs you have access to as well as information about the industries which are likely to have vacancies in the future.

Support vulnerable adults with a career in adult social care

Adult social care attracts all kinds of people with one thing in common – a

desire to help make a difference every day. If you're the sort of person who treats others with respect, listens to their needs, understands their emotions, and is warm, kind and honest, then social care could be the career for you.

Discover a career in STEM

The government is working across industry and engineering institutions to support initiatives across the UK to give young people an inspiring first-hand experience of engineering.

Embark on a rewarding career in the public sector

There are a host of rewarding jobs in the public sector that you can get involved in. From teaching to nursing – the public sector is looking for people like you.

Get careers advice and inspiration

Need further advice on what to do next? Our career services provide free and impartial careers information, advice and guidance.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, gain skills and experience, and contribute to your community. There are [lots of ways to get involved](#).

Visit [Do-it.org](https://www.do-it.org/), a database of UK volunteering opportunities. You can search more than a million volunteering opportunities by interest, activity or location and then apply online.

Learn new things and take part in the National Citizen Service (NCS)

NCS is a life-changing programme open to all teenagers aged 15 to 17 in England and Northern Ireland to discover who they are and what they can do. If you want to boost your UCAS statement or CV, meet incredible people, get your voice heard and have a lot of fun while you're at it, then NCS is for you.

[The Planning Inspectorate publishes](#)

its 2018/19 Annual Report and Accounts

Today (16 July 2019), The Planning Inspectorate published its [Annual Report for 2018/19](#). The report shows that it is making great strides in modernising the way it works and is on track to improve its performance and meet targets during the next 12 months.

Commenting on the improvements highlighted in the report, Sarah Richards, Chief Executive of the Planning Inspectorate said:

"This, the second year of our journey of planned improvements, has begun to show beneficial impacts on our performance. The programme to transform our end to end operational delivery processes is firmly under way and customers will soon see an improved and simpler appeals casework portal."

Key points from the report include:

- Casework performance in Wales broadly met or exceeded targets
- Casework performance in England is improving
- 99.4% of Local Plan examinations completed in agreed timescales
- All Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) applications were determined within statutory timetables
- The Inspectorate has successfully recruited the required number of new Inspectors and Appeal Planning Officers to support an improved level of performance.
- The Performance Recovery programme is on track to deliver performance improvements over the next 12 months.

Journalists wanting further information should contact the Planning Inspectorate Press Office, on: 0303 444 5004 or 0303 444 5005 or email: pressoffice@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Consultation on a revision to Harbour Order application fees

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) is seeking views on proposals to revise Harbour Order (HO) application fees. The consultation, which launches on 16th July, gives Local Harbour Authorities and anyone interested in, or involved with, harbour activities that take place in England and the Port of Milford Haven (a reserved trust port) the chance to have their say on the proposed changes.

HO has been administered by the MMO since 2010, through a delegated function from the Department for Transport (DfT). However, the current fee structure

was last updated 25 years ago in 1994 and does not reflect the actual costs to the MMO in determining H0 applications, nor does it recognise the increased complexity of these applications.

Despite significant under recovery of costs since 2010, the MMO has taken actions to improve services and increase efficiencies in the processing of H0. This includes the allocation of dedicated resource via the creation of the Harbour Orders Team, improving online guidance to assist applicants, and streamlining internal processes, all of which have contributed to a significant decrease in the average application time from 29 months (2008-2011) to 12.5 months (2012-2018)

Going forward the MMO intends to make further improvements to the H0 service by further enhancing online guidance and providing a named case officer for each H0 application. However, it is difficult for the MMO to sustain the current level of service provided or pursue any further improvements to the H0 service at the current level of cost recovery; especially as we face competing priorities and increasing pressure on resource and Government subsidy.

As a result, the MMO and DfT are now proposing to revisit H0 fees, in-line with HM Treasury guidelines on Managing Public Money and to ensure that a greater proportion of the cost of a H0 application is met by applicants.

To submit your response to the consultation you are invited to:

- complete the online questionnaire provided through [Citizen Space](#) a response through this means would be preferable as it allows for more efficient analysis of responses and a quicker government response to the consultation.

Or if this is not possible, you can also respond:

- by email to harbourorders@marinemanagement.org.uk (please mark the subject line as Harbour Orders Consultation)
- in writing to: Harbour Orders Team, Lancaster House, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle, NE4 7YH

The eight-week consultation will close at midnight on 10th September 2019.