

Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum Annual Report to LGA Leadership Board

SIG Name:	NuLeAF
Lead Member:	Chairman – Cllr Brendan Sweeney, Barrow in Furness Borough Council
Lead Officer:	Executive Director – Philip Matthews

Aim

NuLeAF's **Aims** are set out in the **Terms of Reference** document

“The Aims are:

- to seek to ensure that all nuclear, waste management and decommissioning activities operate to the highest safety, security and environmental standards
- to raise the profile of debate within local government on any issue with very significant implications for any area affected by future proposed radioactive waste development
- to increase and aid ‘capacity building’ within local government and enable informed responses to Government and the NDA from a broader based local government grouping
- to be an interface with government and the NDA on future strategic radioactive waste policy, decommissioning and liabilities management issues
- to confer greater democratic legitimacy on Government and NDA engagement processes in the decommissioning and legacy management sphere
- to add weight and credibility to the current local government input into the radioactive waste, decommissioning and liabilities engagement processes now in hand
- to effectively utilise the democratic legitimacy of local government and increase influence over policy and strategy proposals that will be critical to national progress on nuclear industry legacy issues
- to provide representatives on Government and NDA consultation, stakeholder and advisory bodies reporting back to local government through the SIG mechanism
- to lever resources, in addition to those conferred through the establishment of a SIG, to enable ‘capacity building’ within local government so that Government policy can develop with broad based democratic consent.”

Key Activities / Outcomes of work undertaken

- Held 4 Steering Group meetings including AGM and 4 meetings of the Radioactive Waste Planning Group. Meeting topics included: impact of Brexit, Small Modular Reactors, decommissioning at current operating nuclear power stations.
- Published 8 newsletters for contributing member authorities and 4 e-bulletins issued to full mailing list.
- Responded to 6 consultations, circulating draft responses to members both for comment and as a resource for their own responses.
- In liaison with Low Level Waste Repository Limited organised 3rd Annual Local Government/Operator meeting to discuss national developments in the management

of Low Level Radioactive Waste.

- In liaison with RWM Ltd arranged and co-hosted fringe event at LGA Conference 2016.
- Provided input to NDA on their work on the use of administrative controls for the management of former nuclear sites following surrender of the nuclear site license, and on Proportionate Regulatory Control.
- Provided feedback to RWM Ltd on the outputs from the national geological screening exercise.
- Contributed to RWM organisational awareness workshops ahead of launch of Geological Disposal Facility siting process in 2018.
- Worked with BEIS to encourage participation in meetings regarding changes to regulations, and to engage in the Geological Disposal Facility siting process, and on their review of UK radioactive waste policy and infrastructure.
- Engaged with EDF on their decommissioning programme; and the Nuclear Industry Association and Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) to identify areas of shared interest.
- Gave presentations to NFLA and Scottish Council for the Control of Radioactive Substances.
- Carried out a survey of NuLeAF members to review the delivery of our services.
- Reviewed and revised all Briefing Papers.

Attended and participated in the following meetings

- 4 plenary meetings of the Committee of Radioactive Waste Management as observer.
- 5 liaison meetings with DECC/BEIS and RWM regarding the Geological Disposal Facility and met with Managing Director of RWM to discuss work proposals.
- Attended the final meeting of the Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP) Advisory Group meeting.
- 7 Theme Overview Group meetings on Site Restoration, Integrated Waste Management and Critical Enablers.
- Workshop on the development of the Appraisal of Sustainability associated with the Geological Disposal siting assessment process.
- 4 Low Level Waste Regulatory Group meetings.
- Welsh government Geological Disposal Facility siting process awareness raising workshop.