

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

NUCLEAR LEGACY ADVISORY FORUM

Minutes of the Steering Group held on Thursday 18 October 2007, Town Hall, Manchester

Present:

Cllr Bill Risby, Manchester City Council (Interim Chair and Vice Chair)
Cllr Mike Davidson, Allerdale Borough Council
Cllr Terry Fraser, Vale of White Horse District Council
Cllr Glyn Jarvis, Newport City Council
Cllr Tim Knowles, Cumbria County Council and Copeland Borough Council
Cllr Geoff Lilley, Hartlepool Borough Council
Cllr Bernard Whittle, Lancashire County Council
Fred Barker, Executive Director, NuLeAF
Robin Carton, Plymouth City Council
Christine del Corral, PA, NuLeAF
Rod Crawford, Dundee City Council
Steve Giblin, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
Adrian Hurst, Hartlepool Borough Council
Stewart Kemp, Cumbria County Council
John Pitchford, Suffolk County Council
Mark Woodger, Essex County Council

		ACTION
1	WELCOME	
1.1	Councillor Risby welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that Cumbria County Council had nominated Cllr Markley as their representative to the Steering Group in place of Cllr Heslop. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent on behalf of NuLeAF to Cllr Heslop. The Chair also explained that Jill Sutcliffe would be leaving the post of NuLeAF Project Officer by mutual agreement.	FB/CdeIC
1.2	Apologies were received from: Dr Jill Sutcliffe, Project Officer, NuLeAF; Sue Brett, Cumbria County Council; Bob Chamberlain, Suffolk Coastal District Council; David Davies, Copeland Borough Council; Peter Day, Oxfordshire County Council; Mel Fleming, Suffolk County Council; Cllr Jonathan Glen, Hampshire County Council; Shaun Gorman, Cumbria County Council; Vimmi Hayes, Suffolk County Council; Cllr Tim Heslop, Cumbria County Council; Cllr Allan Holliday, Copeland Borough Council; Charles Holmes, Allerdale Borough Council; Peter Jackson, South Gloucestershire Council; Cllr Kevin Jones, Flintshire County Council; Fergus McMorrow, Copeland Borough Council; Cllr Tony Markley, Cumbria County Council; David Martin, Allerdale Borough Council; Cllr Alan Matthews, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council; Andrew Murphy, Shepway District Council; Cllr Roy Oldham, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council; David Palk, Suffolk County Council/POS; Clive Pink, Suffolk Coastal District Council; Cllr George Regan, Dundee City Council; Kerry Rickards, Sedgemoor District Council; Cllr Matthew Riddle, South Gloucestershire Council; Cllr Sam Standage, Allerdale	

	Borough Council; Alistair Stewart, Shepway District Council; Cllr Julian Swainson, Suffolk County Council; Paul Walker, Hartlepool Borough Council; Cllr Ken Wyatt, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council; Cllr Norman Dingemans, Arun District Council; Richard Woodcock, Ashford Borough Council; Cllr J W Joughin, Barrow Borough Council; Janet Blair, Carlisle City Council; Tim Button, Dacorum Borough Council; Andy Appleby, Harrow London Borough Council; Jerry Crossley, Kent County Council; Nicola Gough, Lancashire County Council; Marcus Hudson, Lancashire County Council; Gordon Halliday, Northumberland County Council; Steve MacKenzie, Purbeck District Council; Ian Keagle, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council; Gerald Hudd, Somerset County Council; Barry James, Somerset County Council; Martin Stoyles, Taunton Deane Borough Council; Tim Williams, Vale of White Horse District Council; Tony Curd, Waveney District Council; Sandy Taylor, Argyll & Bute Council	
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
2.1	The minutes from meeting held on 27 June 2007 were approved as a correct record.	
3	MATTERS ARISING	
3.1	There were no matters arising.	
4	MRWS – UPDATE AND FUTURE WORK	
4.1	<p>FB presented the report which provided an overview of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the NuLeAF/LGA Conference on 6 September - liaison meetings with Government and NDA - an invitation to participate in the Government's Communications Steering Group - participation in Regulatory Interface Management Meetings - Government MRWS events - an invitation to provide pre-consultation comments on the Health Protection Agency review of radiological protection objectives for the land-based disposal of radioactive wastes - work underway on (a) community engagement to inform a decision about whether to participate in the siting process and (b) a further briefing paper on retrievability and repository design. 	
4.2	<p>Following discussion it was agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 endorse participation in the MRWS Communications Steering Group 2 authorise the Executive Director to continue to develop work on the siting process to ensure that the interests of local government are identified and promoted. 	FB

5	MRWS PROPOSED RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION	
5.1	<p>FB introduced the report, which covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proposed response to the consultation on the implementation framework for siting a geological repository and - the need for further feedback from member authorities. 	
5.2	<p>The Steering Group reviewed the proposed response page by page and agreed to approve it for submission to Government, subject to the following changes:</p> <p>Additional point – highlight need to maintain financial commitment to the siting process Para 2E – replace “comment” with “consultation” Para 5B – delete last sentence referring to the possible role of the Infrastructure Planning Commission Para 7A – acknowledge some engagement needed prior to Expression of Interest</p>	FB
5.3	<p>It was also agreed that member authorities should be asked to supply copies of their comments on the consultation and to inform NuLeAF if they wish to discuss the implications of a possible Expression of Interest in the siting process.</p>	FB
6	MANAGEMENT OF LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE	
6.1	<p>FB introduced the report, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishment of the LLW Officer Working Group - initiatives on LLW management and community benefits - a pilot study on non-nuclear industry LLW - addressing LLW management in Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks - overview of NuLeAF initiatives 	
6.2	<p>During discussion concerns were raised about the way the NDA was handling negotiations on community benefits. NuLeAF was convening a joint meeting of authorities involved in discussions about the LLWR facility and Hinkley Point to explore the scope for joint initiatives.</p>	
6.3	<p>Following discussion, the Steering Group agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 To welcome the establishment of the LLW Officer Working Group and endorse its role as set out in this report. 2 To authorise the Executive Director to work with member authorities to: promote the case for provision of community benefits in association with development of LLW management facilities; develop advice on how to address LLW management in Minerals and Waste Development Frameworks; and engage in the development of the NDA’s LLW strategy. 3 That it is appropriate to consider developments in the 	FB

	management of non-nuclear LLW in so far as they may impact on nuclear legacy management.	
7	NDA-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS	
7.1	<p>FB introduced the report, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review of ILW storage - review of site end states - review of local engagement arrangements - consultation on the draft Business Plan and Strategy - attendance at the National Stakeholder Group. 	
7.2	<p>Following discussion, the Steering Group agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to canvass the views of member authorities on the draft Business Plan and to authorise the Executive Director to prepare a response in the light of those views; 2 that it may be appropriate to seek a meeting with the Minister to make representations about issues arising from the NDA's funding position; 3 that the ED should clarify with the NDA whether any spare capacity in ILW stores at British Energy sites would be considered in the NDA's review of the potential for consolidated storage; 4 to seek an increase in NuLeAF representation at the NDA National Stakeholder Group to reflect the growing significance of its role; 5 to nominate the Chair and Executive Director as NuLeAF's representatives to the National Stakeholder Group (and to ask the secretariat to ensure that nominees of the Chair and Executive Director attend if either of them are unable). 	<p>FB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>CdelC</p>
8	PROGRESS REPORT	
8.1	<p>FB outlined progress, covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the NuLeAF regional seminars - attendance at a meeting of Southern District Councils Nuclear Sub-Group - the response to consultation on planning reform - the response to consultation on new nuclear build - the first meeting of the UK COWAM in Practice Stakeholder Group - the final CARL workshop 	
9	FUTURE MEETINGS	
9.1	<p>29 January 08 SG meeting, Ipswich</p> <p>April 08 SG meeting (date and venue to be confirmed)</p>	CdelC