

NuLeAF: NUCLEAR LEGACY ADVISORY FORUM

LGA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING

**Minutes of the AGM held on 21 October 2011,
Town Hall, Manchester**

Present:

Cllr Tim Knowles, Cumbria County Council (Chairman)
Cllr Neil Swannick, Manchester City Council (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Carni McCarron-Holmes, Allerdale Borough Council
Cllr Allan Holliday, Copeland Borough Council
Cllr Geoff Lilley, Hartlepool Borough Council
Cllr Michael Green, Lancashire County Council
Cllr Matthew Riddle, South Gloucestershire Council
Cllr Penny Wride, Stroud District Council
Cllr Andrew Nunn, Suffolk Coastal District Council
Cllr Richard Smith, Suffolk County Council
Cllr Julian Swainson, Waveney District Council
Charles Holmes, Allerdale Borough Council
Dylan Williams, Anglesey County Council
Steve Smith, Copeland Borough Council
Richard Evans, Cumbria County Council
David Haughian, Cumbria County Council
Adrian Hurst, Hartlepool Borough Council
Richard Sharples, Lancashire County Council
Sean Morris, Manchester City Council
Bogus Zaba, Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service
Robin Carton, Plymouth City Council
Barry James, Somerset County Council
Gillian Ellis-King, South Gloucestershire Council
John Pitchford, Suffolk County Council
Clive Pink, Suffolk Coastal District Council
Adrian Dyer, West Somerset Council
Fred Barker, NuLeAF
Catherine Draper, NuLeAF

		ACTION
	APOLOGIES were received from: Cllr Tony Markley & Stewart Kemp – Cumbria County Council, Mike Garrity & Charlotte Lewis – Dorset County Council, Lesley Stenhouse – Essex County Council, Sasha Wynn Davies – Isle of Anglesey Council, Lilian Harrison & Katherine Dove – Kent County Council, Louise Nurser – Lancashire County Council, Peter Day - Oxfordshire County Council, Nicola Horne – Plymouth City Council, Richard Conway – Purbeck District Council, Doug Bamsey – Sedgemoor District Council, Cllr Clyde Loakes – Waltham Forest Council	

1	MINUTES OF THE 2010 AGM	
1.1	<p>The draft minutes of the 2010 AGM were agreed as a true record and would be placed on the NuLeAF website.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	CD
2	APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR	
2.1	Councillor Tim Knowles (Cumbria County Council) was reappointed as Chair.	
2.2	Cllr Neil Swannick (Manchester City Council) was reappointed as Vice-Chair.	
3	ANNUAL REPORT TO AGM	
3.1	<p>FB introduced the report which provided an overview of organisational developments and activities since the previous AGM. He highlighted the continuing level of financial support from contributing members, the strong attendance of officers at the Radioactive Waste Planning Group and the importance of the engagement meetings with NDA, Magnox and RSRL.</p> <p>The AGM agreed that the report presented a true picture of NuLeAF developments and activities and thanked FB and CD for their work throughout the year.</p>	
4	STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2012	
4.1	<p>FB introduced the report which provided a review of NuLeAF's Strategic Objectives (SO). The AGM's attention was drawn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the removal of two objectives that are no longer relevant (NDA funding model and draft Nuclear National Policy Statement); and • proposed changes to two objectives (SO 1 & 2). 	
4.2	<p>In discussion the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposed objectives did not address the issues discussed at Steering Group around NDA/SLC procurement policy and the implications of the Fukushima accident; • a simple fact sheet providing introductory information on radioactive waste (including medical) would be a useful resource for councillors and officers; and • the relationship between NNLAG and NuLeAF would benefit from clarification. 	

4.3	<p>The AGM agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ED would draft objectives on NDA/SLC procurement policy and the implications of the Fukushima accident for discussion at the next Steering Group meeting; • the ED should liaise with NNLAG about the drafting of a protocol setting out the relationship between the two bodies; • the secretariat would review available 'fact sheets' to identify what NuLeAF should publish; and • the amended objectives would be published as a NuLeAF Policy Statement. 	<p>FB</p> <p>FB</p> <p>FB/CD</p> <p>FB/CD</p>
5	FINANCES AND STAFFING	
5.1	<p>FB introduced the report which provided a financial statement for 10-11, and projections for 11-12 and 12-13.</p>	
5.2	<p>AD advised that pension contribution figures for 2012-13 should be amended in light of a forecast increase in employer's contribution.</p>	CD
5.3	<p>The AGM agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the out-turn statement for 2010-11; • to hold the level of membership fees for contributing authorities in 2012-13 to the current rates; • that the ED, in liaison with the Chair and Vice-Chair, consider the scope for making cases to (a) Government, and (b) SLCs for project related funding in FY 2012-13; • that the Steering Group keeps efforts to secure income under review at its meetings throughout 2012; • in principle that it wishes to continue to secure the services of an Executive Director and Business Support Co-ordinator on further two year contracts from June 2012 and April 2012 respectively; • to ask the 'employing authority' (Suffolk County Council) in liaison with the Chair and Vice-Chair, to consider whether to offer a contract extension to the current Executive Director; and • to ask the 'employing authority' and Executive Director to consider whether to offer a contract extension to the current Business Support Co-ordinator. 	