

Meeting:	NuLeAF Annual General Meeting, 7 June 2016
Agenda Item:	4
Subject:	Annual Report
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Purpose:	To provide an overview of organisational developments and activities since the AGM in 2015

Introduction

This report provides an overview of organisational developments and activities since the AGM in 2015.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the AGM agrees that the report presents a true picture of organisational developments and activities.

1. Context

The last 8 months has seen a range of activities in nuclear waste and decommissioning. NDA has published the latest iteration of its overarching Strategy covering the years 2016-2021; while DECC and RWM have been taking forward a range of work to support the development of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). NuLeAF has been an active partner in all this work.

In terms of the NDA estate we have:

- been actively engaged in the development of a refreshed Low Level Waste Strategy;
- worked through the Theme Overview Group (TOG) meetings to develop Strategy III;
- undertaken a wide range of work on site restoration and decommissioning, including an on-going dialogue with the environment agencies on how nuclear licensed sites can surrender their permit under the Radioactive Substances Act;
- invited a wide range of speakers from Magnox, NDA and the regulators to both Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings to present on a range of issues of interest to the membership.

In terms of our engagement with RWM:

- our Executive Director has participated in the Communities Representation Working Group as part of the Geological Disposal Facility siting process;
- we have held regular briefing meetings with DECC and RWM on progress of the Geological Disposal Facility process;
- worked with RWM on a co-hosted fringe event at the 2016 Local Government Association Conference;
- engaged in dialogue with the wider Local Government Association to raise awareness of the plans for a GDF.

2. Overview of Organisational Developments and Activities

Organisational developments and activities have included:

Steering Group

Three meetings of the Steering Group (SG) have been held in: Manchester (10 March) and London (28 January and 7 June). Guest speakers were:

- John Rennilson of CoRWM who gave an overview of their work.
- Sean Morris of Manchester City Council, who gave an overview of the aims and work of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) who are members of NuLeAF.
- Paul Lonsdale of Magnox who explained their Care and Maintenance programme.
- John Clarke joined the meeting on 7 June.
- Bill Hamilton who updated the meeting on the outcome for NDA of the Spending Review and its implications, the Business Plan 2016-2017 and NDA Strategy III 2016-2021.

The Radioactive Waste Planning Group (RWPG)

The RWPG has met twice since the last AGM. It continues to provide a mechanism for officer review and discussion of key issues prior to preparation of reports for the Steering Group. During the course of the year issues it has considered include:

- How a nuclear licensed site can surrender its permit under the Radioactive Substances Act
- The development of a single radioactive waste strategy for the NDA estate
- Developments in Magnox's decommissioning programme.

The meetings continue to be well attended, with around 15 officers, plus NuLeAF. Core membership includes: Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, Dorset County Council, Essex County Council, Hampshire County Council, Kent County Council, Lancashire County Council, Northamptonshire County Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Somerset County Council, South Gloucestershire Council, Suffolk County Council and West Berkshire Council.

Siting a Geological Disposal Facility process

Following the publication of the White Paper: Implementing Geological Disposal in 2014, DECC set up the Communities Representation Working Group to consider issues around communities involved in the siting process. The NuLeAF Executive Director is a member of this group in a personal capacity, but provides regular updates to the Steering Group on the CRWG's activities. Since the last AGM, NuLeAF has also participated in workshops organised by RWM on the proposed national geological screening guidance and submitted a response to the consultation on the draft guidelines. NuLeAF continues to work closely with DECC and RWM to ensure the local authority voice is represented in this important work.

Member Authorities

NuLeAF has 106 member authorities comprising: 17 contributing authorities, 80 corresponding members, 3 National Park Authorities and 6 Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) co-optees. The list of member authorities is attached.

Services to Member Authorities

Services to member authorities continue to be maintained and new opportunities to provide added benefit sought.

E-bulletins have been published following each Steering Group meeting summarising the discussions and decisions and alerting the readership to other topics of interest.

A newsletter rounding up items of interest, dates for the diary and current consultations is sent out to contributing member authorities in those months when an e-bulletin is not issued.

The website continues to be updated with papers and items of interest on a regular basis.

NuLeAF hosts a group on LinkedIn, using it as a platform for peer to peer advice and support. NuLeAF also recently established a presence on Twitter and uses it to highlight items of interest as they happen @nuleaforguk.

Responses to Consultation

During the course of the year [consultation responses](#) and comments have been submitted on:

- Call for Evidence by DCLG on Local Plans
- Early consultation by NDA on draft Strategy III
- Consultation by RWM on draft guidance for the geological screening exercise
- Consultation by NDA on draft Business Plan 2016-19 and draft Strategy III
- Consultation on Magnox Socio-Economic Plan.
- Consultation by SEPA on behalf of UK Government on Guidance for operators on procedure for surrender of a license under the Radioactive Substances Act.

Events and Representation at Meetings

Officers have arranged or attended a large number of meetings and workshops on MRWS and other nuclear legacy management issues. These include:

- the NDA's Integrated Waste Management, Critical Enabler and Site Restoration Theme Overview Groups;
- the LLWR's Integrated LLW Programme Delivery Overview Group, and Regulatory Group;
- GDF liaison meetings with Government and Radioactive Waste Management, and a meeting with Bruce McKirdy, CEO of RWM;
- NDA annual stakeholder meeting;
- CoRWM plenary meetings;
- NNLAG Spring Conference; and
- Met with Keith Parker and Peter Haslam of Nuclear Industry Association to discuss common work themes;

NuLeAF MEMBER AUTHORITIES

Contributing members:

1. Allerdale Borough Council*
2. Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council
3. Copeland Borough Council*
4. Cumbria County Council *
5. Dorset County Council*
6. Essex County Council*
7. Manchester City Council
8. Oxfordshire County Council
9. Sedgemoor District Council
10. Shepway District Council
11. Somerset County Council *
12. South Gloucestershire Council
13. Suffolk Coastal District Council
14. Suffolk County Council
15. West Somerset District Council
16. Ynys Mon County Council

* awaiting purchase order or confirmation that they will remain contributing members

Corresponding members

17. Arun District Council
18. Ashford District Council
19. Birmingham City Council
20. Blackpool Borough Council
21. Braintree Borough Council
22. Breckland District Council
23. Broadland District Council
24. Bromsgrove District Council
25. Caerphilly County Borough Council
26. Carlisle City Council
27. Chelmsford Borough Council
28. Chesterfield Borough Council
29. Cheshire West and Chester Council
30. Colchester Borough Council
31. Cornwall Council
32. Dacorum District Council
33. Denbighshire County Council
34. Derby City Council
35. Derbyshire Dales District Council
36. Devon County Council
37. Durham County Council
38. Eden District Council
39. Essex County Council
40. Forest Heath District Council
41. Fylde Borough Council
42. Gosport Borough Council
43. Great Yarmouth Borough Council
44. Greater London Authority
45. Gwynedd County Council
46. Halton Borough Council
47. Hampshire County Council
48. Harlow District Council
49. Hartlepool Borough Council
50. Hyndburn Borough Council
51. Kent County Council
52. Kings Lynn & West Norfolk District Council
53. Lancashire County Council

54. Lancaster City Council
55. Leeds City Council
56. Leicestershire County Council
57. Lewes District Council
58. Liverpool City Council
59. London Borough of Hackney
60. London Borough of Harrow
61. London Borough of Hillingdon
62. London Borough of Newham
63. London Borough of Tower Hamlets
64. Maldon District Council
65. Melton Borough Council
66. Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service
67. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
68. Norfolk County Council
69. Northamptonshire County Council
70. North East Derbyshire District Council
71. North London Waste Planning
72. North Norfolk District Council
73. Norwich City Council
74. Nottinghamshire County Council
75. Northumberland County Council
76. Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
77. Pembrokeshire County Council
78. Plymouth City Council*
79. Purbeck District Council
80. Rutland County Council
81. Scarborough District Council
82. Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
83. South Ribble Borough Council
84. Southampton City Council
85. South Norfolk District Council
86. Stroud District Council
87. Spelthorne Borough Council
88. Thameside Metropolitan Borough Council
89. Taunton Deane Borough Council
90. Tendring District Council
91. Tunbridge Wells District Council
92. Vale of the White Horse District Council
93. Wansbeck District Council
94. Waveney District Council
95. West Berkshire District Council
96. West Lindsey District Council
97. Worcestershire County Council

NFLA authorities

98. Caerphilly County Council
99. Cardiff City Council
100. Hull City Council
101. Leeds City Council
102. Oxford City Council
103. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

National Parks Authorities

104. Lake District National Park Authority
105. North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority
106. Snowdonia National Park Authority