

Meeting:	NuLeAF Annual General Meeting, 6 th June 2018
Agenda Item:	11
Subject:	Annual Report
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Purpose:	To provide an overview of organisational developments and activities since the AGM in 2017

Introduction

This report provides an overview of organisational developments and activities since the AGM in 2017.

Recommendation

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

1. Context

The past year has seen a range of activities in nuclear waste and decommissioning. The long awaited Working with Communities and National Policy Statement consultations associated with the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) siting process were launched in January 2018. The first NDA Stakeholder Summit took place in West Cumbria in September 2017, and NDA were pleased with the local authority turn out and engagement. Arising from that meeting, members became aware of proposal to accelerate decommissioning of Magnox reactors.

Through all this change NuLeAF has continued to work to support and inform local government on radioactive waste management topics.

2. Overview of Organisational Developments and Activities

Organisational developments and activities have included:

Steering Group

Four meetings of the Steering Group have been held in: West Cumbria (September 2017), Manchester (March 2018) and London (December 2017 and June 2018).

Guest speakers were:

- David Peattie, new CEO of NDA on his vision for the organisation;
- Simon Boniface on proposals for accelerated decommissioning of Magnox reactors;
- RWM on the latest iteration of the National Geological Screening webpages in support of the Geological Disposal Facility siting process
- BEIS and RWM on the consultations on Working with Communities and NPS, part of the Geological Disposal Facility siting process; and
- Pip Hatt (Comms), Paul Heath (Waste Director) and Andrew New (Business Services Director), of Magnox Ltd on their work programme.

The Radioactive Waste Planning Group (RWPG)

The RWPG has met four times 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 topics discussed included:

- NDA proposals for the accelerated decommissioning of Magnox reactors;
- NDA's proposals for a single overarching radioactive waste strategy for the NDA estate;
- Waste arisings and disposal in the UK with NDA, LLWR Ltd, Sellafield Ltd and Magnox Ltd; and
- Providing further input to the discussion with BEIS on the regulation of former nuclear licensed site following surrender of the license and in-situ disposal of radioactive waste.

Government, NDA, RWM and regulators, along with the SLCs, have welcomed the opportunity to engage with local authority planners which the meetings provide.

Siting a Geological Disposal Facility process

The consultations on Working with Communities and the NPS by the UK Government, and the communities' aspects of the Geological Disposal Facility by the Welsh Government were launched in January 2018. NuLeAF assisted BEIS by circulating details of the consultation and supporting workshops to members; participated in the London Communities workshop, the NPS workshop and arranged for BEIS and RWM to attend the March Steering Group meeting as part of the consultation stakeholder engagement process. In addition, NuLeAF engaged with the GDF siting process by:

- Providing comment and input on the website of the BGS national geological screening survey;
- Meeting with the communications team at RWM to present the local authority view on the GDF siting process;
- Holding regular liaison meetings with BEIS and RWM, including meeting with senior staff to discuss opportunities for NuLeAF to engage in the GDF siting process;
- Submitted responses to the three GDF consultations and gave a presentation to CoRWM on the local authority response;
- supported RWM at the 2017 LGA conference in Birmingham, and will do so again at the 2018 Conference; and
- engaged in dialogue with the wider Local Government Association, ADEPT (Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning, and Transport) and with County Councils Network and District Councils Network to raise awareness of the plans for a GDF.

NDA related work

In terms of the NDA estate we have:

- responded to the consultation on the NDA Business Plan 2018-2021;
- assisted NDA in sending out invitations to the Stakeholder Summit taking place in Gloucestershire in July this year, and worked with them to include a group of European representatives from the Group of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities;
- continued engagement with government on work on Proportionate Regulatory Controls (PRC) for nuclear licenses sites;
- responded to a wide range of consultations by government, NDA, and Magnox; and
- invited a wide range of speakers from Magnox, NDA, government, 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.

Member Authorities

NuLeAF has 104 member authorities comprising: 15 contributing authorities, 81 corresponding members, 3 National Park Authorities and 5 Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) co-optees. The list of member authorities is attached. A financial

contribution is received from 2 of the corresponding members, but this is not at full membership rates.

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. Mini e-bulletins are produced intermittently when there are enough news items to warrant publication.

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.

A Knowledge Hub group has been created to provide a resource of information on the Geological Disposal Facility siting process, and other NDA related activities.

NuLeAF's Briefing Papers, covering all aspects of radioactive waste management, have been comprehensively revised and updated.

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.

To review whether NuLeAF is delivering services appropriate to the needs of its members, a member survey will be carried out in early 2019 looking at the papers NuLeAF produces, the way it engages with the members, and asking if there are other areas which members feel it would be beneficial for NuLeAF to consider.

Responses to Consultation

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

- Review of the National Planning Policy Framework;
- National Planning Statement for the Geological Disposal Facility;
- Working with Communities aspects of the Geological Disposal Facility siting process;
- Welsh Government consultation on the communities' aspects of the Geological Disposal Facility siting process;
- Local Plan consultation by South Gloucestershire Council;
- Dorset Waste Plan; and
- Draft NDA Business Plan 2018-21.

Events and Representation at Meetings

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

- the NDA's Integrated Waste Management, Critical Enabler, and Site Decommissioning and Remediation Theme Overview Groups;
- the LLWR's Integrated LLW Programme Delivery Overview Group, and Regulatory Group;
- GDF liaison meetings with Government and Radioactive Waste Management (RWM);
- NDA Stakeholder Summit;
- CoRWM plenary meetings;
- LGA Conference 2017;
- Met with Secretariat of the Group of European Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities to discuss NuLeAF membership, participated in meetings in Madrid and Brussels. Attended the visit to the underground facility at Dessel, Belgium. Liaising with NDA and GMF regarding participation in the NDA Stakeholder Summit in July 2018;
- Participated in IAEA conference in Vienna on 'Learning from Experience on local involvement in Radioactive Waste Management';
- Met with the new convenors of Scottish Council Committee on Radioactive Substances; and
- Maintained links with ADEPT, DCN and CCN to raise awareness of the GDF siting process.

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. South Gloucestershire Council
12. Suffolk Coastal District Council
13. Suffolk County Council
14. West Somerset District Council
15. Ynys Mon County Council

Corresponding members

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

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

NFLA authorities

97. Caerphilly County Council
98. Cardiff City Council
99. Hull City Council
100. Leeds City Council
101. Oxford City Council

National Parks Authorities

102. Lake District National Park Authority
103. North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority
104. Snowdonia National Park Authority

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