

Meeting:	NuLeAF Annual General Meeting, 20 th March 2019
Agenda Item:	5
Subject:	Work Programme 2019-20
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Purpose:	To propose NuLeAF's main areas of work in 2019-20 and discuss these with members.

Introduction

This report provides an outline of the proposed NuLeAF work programme 2019-20. Member views, and any suggestions as to other areas that NuLeAF should focus on, are invited.

Following this meeting a draft Service Plan will be developed and presented for approval at the June 2019 Steering Group meeting.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the AGM agree this outline proposal for NuLeAF work in 2019-20.

1. Proposed work in 2019/20

NuLeAF (the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum) is a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association. We represent and support local authorities in England and Wales in dealing with nuclear waste and legacy issues. We:

- provide a mechanism to identify, where possible, a common local government viewpoint on nuclear legacy management issues;
- represent that viewpoint, or the range of views of our member authorities, in discussion with national bodies, including Government, the NDA, RWM and the regulators;
- seek to influence policy and strategy for nuclear legacy management in the interests of affected communities; and
- develop the capacity of member authorities to engage with nuclear legacy management at a local level.

Based on discussions to date with the NDA and RWM we have identified the following as areas of work which NuLeAF should engage in over the next financial year.

i. NDA STRATEGY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

NDA Meetings - NuLeAF will continue to act as a conduit between the nuclear industry and our members and participate in meetings as appropriate. The Executive Director will attend the NDA's Integrated Waste Management (IWM) and Site Decommissioning and Remediation (SDR) Theme Overview Groups along with the Radioactive Substances Policy Group (RSPG), Low Level Wastes meetings and other events as required.

Socio-economics Strategy – NDA is in the process of developing a new Socio-economic Strategy. NuLeAF will engage throughout the process and provide opportunities for our members to discuss the developing Strategy.

Proportionate Regulatory Control (PRC) – Work is on-going. Priorities for NuLeAF will be the National Narrative and the proposed Local Authority Guidance on In-situ disposal.

Strategy IV – The process of preparing NDA Strategy IV will begin this year and there may be opportunities for engagement towards the end of 2019/20.

Plutonium – a plutonium Strategy is expected to be published in the coming months and NuLeAF will host a discussion and engage at the appropriate time.

Near Surface Disposal (NSD)– work is ongoing. NuLeAF is involved in discussion through the Theme Overview Groups (TOGs) and will engage more significantly as required.

Transport – an NDA Transport Strategy is expected, in draft form, at some point during 2019-20. NuLeAF will co-ordinate member input and discussion into any consultation.

ii. WORK WITH RWM

We will agree a programme of work with RWM and Government around the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Siting Process. This is likely to include:

Support for local authorities - we will work with and advise local authorities that are considering entering the siting process. This could include co-ordinating a network of those local authorities involved in the siting process.

RWM capacity building – we will continue to work with and advise RWM on local government and our member views; and use our meetings as a forum for discussion with RWM on their developing approach.

Work with Local Government Association (LGA) – we propose to present to the relevant LGA Board on nuclear decommissioning and plans for geological disposal. We will continue to strengthen our relationships with the LGA leadership and staff.

IAEA – Our Executive Director will participate in a high-level advisory group of the IAEA, taking forward their work on community and local government involvement in radioactive waste management.

Group of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities (GMF) – we will participate in the GMF and explore the potential for using the network to support site visits from UK local authorities to repository facilities in other countries.

iii. **WIDER ENGAGEMENT ON LEGACY WASTES**

Stakeholder Summit –NuLeAF will again work with the NDA to support the Summit and the travel and accommodation needs of our members.

Magnox – We will again host an annual meeting with Magnox to discuss plans for accelerated decommissioning and the new governance structures that will come into effect in autumn 2019.

LLWR – we will again host an annual meeting on Low Level Waste (LLW) and engage with LLWR in around LLW issues.

Land use and Waste Planning – Through the Radioactive Waste Planning Group we will continue to engage on planning issues and to support the development of local authority plans.

Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP) – A new engagement on plans for the long-term management of submarine wastes is expected. NuLeAF will participate in engagement on this issue.

2. Next Steps

Based on the view of Steering Group, a draft Service Plan will be discussed with RWM and NDA. As in previous years, the Service Plan will set out the tasks NuLeAF will undertake and how success in NuLeAF programme delivery will be measured in terms of outputs and outcomes.

This draft Service Plan will be presented to the June 2019 Steering Group for approval. At the end of 2019-20 we will present a report to members on our performance against the workstreams set out in the Plan.