

NuLeAF: NUCLEAR LEGACY ADVISORY FORUM

LGA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING

**Minutes of the AGM held on 6th June 2018,
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 12 Bloomsbury Square, London**

Present:

Cllr Brendan Sweeny	Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council (Chair)
Cllr David Monk	Folkestone & Hythe District Council (Vice-Chair)
Cllr David Moore	Copeland Borough Council
Cllr Sean Chaytor	Hull City Council
Cllr Peter Downing	Sedgemoor District Council
Cllr Geoff Holdcroft	Suffolk Coastal District Council
Cllr Richard Smith	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Chris Morgan	West Somerset Council
Richard Griffin	Allerdale Borough Council
Steve Smith	Copeland Borough Council
Terry Burns	Essex County Council
Dave Illsley	Folkestone & Hythe District Council
Sean Morris	Manchester City Council
Doug Bamsey	Sedgemoor District Council
Gillian Ellis-King	South Gloucestershire Council
Jon Beckett	Stroud District Council
Clive Pink	Suffolk Coastal District Council
John Pitchford	Suffolk County Council
John Burton	Taunton Deane District Council
Philip Matthews	NuLeAF
Catherine Draper	NuLeAF

		ACTION
	Apologies were received from:., Cllr David Southward, Gillian Elliot, Richard Cryer & Rachel Whaley – Cumbria County Council, Linda Townsend – Gloucestershire County Council, Nia Swann Boden – Gwynedd County Council, Cllr Michael Green – Lancashire County Council, Cllr Eddy Newman – Manchester City Council, Lucy Atkinson – Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service, Peter Day – Oxfordshire County Council, Richard Conway – Purbeck District Council, Cllrs Jim McEleny & Michelle Campbell – SCCORS, Sarah Povall – Somerset County Council, Cllr Matthew Riddle – South Gloucestershire Council, Cllr Carwyn Jones & Dylan Williams – Ynys Mon County Council.	
1	MINUTES OF THE 2017 AGM	
1.1	The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the previous meeting and will be posted on the NuLeAF website.	CD

2	MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	There were none.	
3	APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS	
3.1	Councillor Brendan Sweeney was elected unopposed as Chair. Nominated by Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council, seconded by Cumbria County Council.	
3.2	Councillor David Monk was elected unopposed as Vice-Chair. Nominated by Folkestone & Hythe District Council, seconded by Barrow in Furness Borough Council.	
3.3	Cllr Eddy Newman was elected unopposed as Vice-Chair (NFLA). Nominated by Leeds City Council, seconded by Hull City Council.	
4	ANNUAL REPORT	
4.1	PM introduced the paper which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The paper highlighted work activities carried out by NuLeAF over the past year.	
4.2	The AGM agreed that the report represented a true picture of NuLeAF's organisational developments and activities. The Chair and Steering Group thanked the NuLeAF staff for their work over the last year.	
5	REPORT ON FINANCES AND FUNDING	
5.1	PM presented the report which provided an audited financial statement for 2017-18, the budget for 2018-19, and prospects for future funding.	
5.2	A query was raised regarding the nature of the expenditure entitled Communications, and it was explained that this relates to internet and phone charges.	
5.3	The AGM agreed: 1. The out-turn statement for 2017-18. 2. To hold an EGM following the Steering Group meeting on 5 th December 2018 to set the membership rates for 2019-20.	
6	STAFFING	
6.1	NuLeAF's Executive Director and Director's Assistant were currently employed on 2 year contracts with Suffolk County Council. As both had been employed for more than two years (from 30 May 2012 and 28 April 2008 respectively) they effectively had the same employment rights as full-time employees. It was therefore proposed that the Steering Group agree for the secretariat to enter	

6.2	discussions with Suffolk County Council to transfer the staff to permanent contracts. The AGM agreed that this would be appropriate and directed John Pitchford to enter into discussions.	JP
7	DISCUSSION WITH LGA	
7.1	The Chair welcomed Eamon Lally from the Local Government Association to the meeting.	
7.2	EL gave the meeting an update on the LGA and the issues it is addressing. Points to note:	
7.2.1	Following the local elections in May the LGA remains conservative led. Gary Porter remains Chair and his tenure of three years has given the organisation a degree of stability it has not had for a while.	
7.2.2	The LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board has been focused on environment and waste, looking at the impacts of Brexit on the waste industry.	
7.2.3	LGA has left the issue of nuclear waste to NuLeAF. The LGA has limited resources and half the staff it had in 2010.	
7.2.4	The LGA has been lobbied by interested bodies regarding the recent Working with Communities consultation by BEIS. LGA was content with NuLeAF's response to the consultation. LGA will communicate to the wider local government audience at each stage of the GDF siting process.	
7.2.5	EL asked if there was targeted work the LGA could undertake to support NuLeAF?	
7.3	It was suggested that NuLeAF should make a presentation on its work to the EEHT Board to account for what it does. Also that LGA should take advantage of NuLeAF's expertise and use it appropriately.	
7.3.1	EL thought there was an opportunity for LGA to engage with local authorities by highlighting the economic development opportunities arising from the nuclear industry in general and how that dovetails into local industrial strategies. The Board would be interested to hear about how NuLeAF's interests feed into those broader issues.	
7.3.2	The meeting highlighted that the GDF could be sited anywhere in the country and it was important to raise the issue of job and growth opportunities with those local authorities not as aware of the siting process as those who	

	attend NuLeAF meetings.	
7.3.3	<p>The Chair summarised what he felt were the issues with the GDF siting process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The socio-economic benefits associated with the GDF seem to get smaller with each iteration of the process. 2. The definition of community given in the consultation documents was too vague to be helpful. 3. The lack of commitment to funding from the Treasury. <p>These were issues NuLeAF would welcome support from LGA in tackling.</p>	
7.3.4	LGA could help raise awareness amongst local authorities about the potential for any area with suitable geology to become a host for a GDF, or that they may be on a transport route for wastes.	
7.3.5	The meeting felt that NuLeAF needed to be confident that it could call on LGA for support if it felt that it was necessary.	
7.4	EL said that he would rely on PM to advise when it was appropriate for LGA to step in and engage. LGA will continue to publish information on the GDF to all as appropriate.	
7.5	The Chair thanked EL for his attendance and contribution.	
8	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next AGM will be held on 12 th June, 2019, venue tbc.	
9	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 13.10.	

	ACTION	FOR	STATUS
1.1	Post minutes of previous meeting on the website	CD	Done
6.2	Arrange for staff to be transferred to permanent contracts	JP	In hand