

ITEM 5: PROPOSALS FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE RWPG



Report to RWPG, 25th January 2022

This report proposes two options on the future format of RWPG meetings. Members are invited to agree on one of these.

1. Background

1.1 Over the last 2 years all Nuleaf meetings have moved online in response to the Covid pandemic.

As restrictions have been relaxed, members have been discussing their preferred options for future meetings. The Nuleaf Steering Group has decided to continue to hold most meetings online, but to have an annual, in person event involving a meeting, an overnight stay and a site visit or seminar. The first of these is planned for June 2022.

The Steering Group also agreed to enable the RWPG to decide on the future format of its meetings. This issue was briefly discussed at the RWPG meeting on the 3rd November 2021. It was requested that the secretariat prepare a paper for consideration and agreement.

2. Proposal for future RWPG Meetings

2.1 At the previous RWPG members expressed differing views on the desirability of a return to face-to-face meetings. While online meetings were felt to have worked well, some commented they would welcome a limited return to in person meetings to enable networking and informal discussion.

2.2 It is therefore proposed that the majority of RWPG meetings remain online but that one meeting per year is held face-to-face.

2.3 If members agree to this, two options for the in-person meeting are suggested:

- A standalone RWPG meeting could be held in London. As the face-to-face meeting of the Steering Group is to be held in the summer, it is suggested that the RWPG meeting take place early or late in the year to avoid hosting two in-person meetings close together.
- An RWPG Meeting could be held as part of the NDA Stakeholder Summit. The summit is likely to be held in the autumn of each year at different locations around the country.

2.4 Members are requested to indicate their preference. Other comments or suggestions are also welcome.