

Meeting: Annual General Meeting
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Introduction

This report provides an overview of organisational developments and activities since the AGM in March 2021.

Recommendation

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

1. Context

Meetings of the Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings have remained online during the past year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Attendance has remained high and feedback on the meetings has been generally positive.

Nationally, there have been a range of developments in nuclear waste and decommissioning:

- Formation of first Community Partnerships in the GDF siting process
- Launch of a single integrated NDA waste management division – Nuclear Waste Services – combining the expertise of LLWR Ltd and Radioactive Waste Management Ltd;
- Merger of NDA’s marine and rail transport businesses into Nuclear Transport Services.
- Commercial agreement between EDF and BEIS agreed for the decommissioning of the AGR stations.

A review of the year’s activities against workstreams is available in the Activity Report.

2. Overview of Organisational Developments and Activities

Organisational developments and activities have included:

Steering Group

Four online meetings of the Steering Group have been held: 2nd June 2021, 15th September 2021, 8th December 2021 and 9th March 2022. Guest speakers were:

- Bill Hamilton, Magnox, giving an update on site activities and work programme development
- Social impact and the GDF siting process, Mike Brophy and Steve Brown, RWM
- Integrated Waste Management with Corhyn Parr, NDA
- Update on the GDF siting process, Guy Esnouf and Simon Hughes, RWM Ltd
- Update on ONR, Mark Foy, ONR
- Update on NDA with David Peattie, CEO, NDA Group
- Presentation and discussion with Alastair Brown, Nuclear Transport Solutions, on NDA Land Transport Strategy
- Presentation and discussion with Jamie Reed, Director of Social Impact, NDA

Minutes, and where possible presentations, from the meetings are posted on Nuleaf's website for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the meeting.

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:

- Presentation and discussion with Alyson Morris and Stephen Hardy, on NDA's Net Zero Carbon Project.
- Discussion with Davide Stronati and Alyson Morris on NDA's Sustainability Report.
- Discussion with James Heavingham on EA's approach to sustainability at Winfrith.
- Update on the In-situ disposal guidance, Will Higgins, BEIS
- Update from NDA on the development of a land programme, Frank Wigley.
- Update from LLWR, Martin Walkingshaw
- ONR Land-use planning, Eamonn Guilfoyle
- NDA strategic review of non-radioactive wastes inventories, Koulis Efkarpidis, NDA
- Update on NDA Town and Country Planning Working Group, Frank Wigley, NDA

Government, NDA, RWM, LLWR, Magnox and regulators continue to use the RWPG as an opportunity to engage with local authority planners and receive their expert opinion.

Other meetings

Holding online meetings has enabled Nuleaf to organise more ad-hoc topic-based meetings, these have covered:

- Decommissioning of the AGR stations
- Welsh members meeting

Services to Member Authorities

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

Nuleaf organised a meeting for its Welsh member authorities. Presentations were received from NDA, Magnox and Welsh government on decommissioning activities in Wales. A presentation was also given by Coleg Menai on the development of the college and the impact of NDA's socio-economic support.

An online meeting was held in February 2022 to discuss the arrangements for the decommissioning of the current fleet of AGR stations owned by EDF.

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.

Items of interest are posted on the Nuleaf forum on LinkedIn and on Twitter.

NDA related work

In terms of the NDA estate we have:

- participated in Theme Overview Group, Low Level Waste National Waste Programme and Strategy 4 development meetings;
- responded to the consultation on the Business Plan 2022-2025;
- continued engagement with government on work on in-situ disposal of radioactive waste for nuclear licensed sites;
- 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.

- participated in the NDA Stakeholder Summit (held online) including Cllr Matthew Riddle (South Gloucestershire Council), Chair of Nuleaf, joining a panel discussion on the decommissioning of AGR stations.

Siting a Geological Disposal Facility process

In relation to the GDF process we have:

- held quarterly meetings with Simon Hughes, Community Engagement and Siting Director at RWM (now NWS)
- participated in meetings of the EURAD Civil Society Group, focussed on the routes for radioactive waste management within Europe and the methodology for evaluating the research programme;
- liaised with colleagues in Europe to provide copies of agreements between developers and communities to RWM;
- briefed councillors and officers at Lincolnshire County Council on Nuleaf's involvement with the GDF siting process;
- gave a presentation to members of Allerdale Borough Council on Nuleaf's engagement with the GDF siting process;
- Nuleaf's Vice-Chair, Cllr David Moore (Copeland Borough Council) participated in NDA's Stakeholder Summit on the topic of the formation of a single waste division.

Member Authorities

Nuleaf has 102 member authorities comprising: 15 contributing authorities, 80 corresponding members, 3 National Park Authorities and 4 Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) co-optees. The list of member authorities is attached.

Responses to Consultation

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

- Business Plan 2022-25, NDA
- Copeland Borough Council Local Plan
- Specified radioactivity substances activity (fusion), Environment Agency
- BEIS consultation on the regulation of fusion

Correspondence

Over the course of the year, at the direction of the Steering Group, the secretariat has written to the following:

- Chris Heffer, BEIS on the decommissioning of the AGR stations
- Penny Dunbabin, BEIS, supplying final comments on the draft guidance for the on-site disposal of radioactive waste
- David Peattie, NDA and Karen Wheeler, RWM, on Nuleaf's review of its remit and the importance of NDA's engagement with local authorities
- Jamie Reed, NDA, welcoming him to his role and inviting him to speak to a Steering Group

- John McNamara, NDA, asking why there was no local authority representation at a workshop organised on Sustainable Regional Economies organised by TotalDECOM with NDA support.

Events and Representation at Meetings

Officers have arranged or participated in 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;
- Liaison meetings with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and Radioactive Waste Management (RWM);
- Meetings of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM).
- BEIS' Radioactive Substances Policy Group meetings.

International engagement

Nuleaf's has been a member of GMF (Group of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities) for a number of years. The Executive Director is a Vice-President of the organisation and participates in meetings of its governing body. In November 2021, the Executive Director travelled to Barcelona to participate in a meeting of the presidium.

Eurad – Nuleaf's Executive Director is a member of the Civil Society Group of the current 5 year Eurad programme. Over the past year he has participated in a number of online fora and discussion groups as part of this work. He will attend an in-person meeting on EURAD being held in Paris at the end of March 2022.

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. East Suffolk Council
7. Essex County Council
8. Folkestone & Hythe District Council
9. Gloucestershire County Council
10. Manchester City Council
11. Sedgemoor District Council
12. South Gloucestershire Council
13. Somerset West & Taunton Council
14. Suffolk County 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. Carlisle City Council
25. Chelmsford Borough Council
26. Chesterfield Borough Council
27. Cheshire West and Chester Council
28. Colchester Borough Council
29. Cornwall Council
30. Dacorum District Council
31. Denbighshire County Council
32. Derby City Council
33. Derbyshire Dales District Council
34. Devon County Council
35. Durham County Council
36. Eden District Council
37. Forest of Dean District Council
38. Forest Heath District Council
39. Fylde Borough Council
40. Great Yarmouth Borough Council
41. Greater London Authority
42. Gwynedd County Council
43. Halton Borough Council
44. Hampshire County Council
45. Harlow District Council
46. Hartlepool Borough Council
47. Hyndburn Borough Council
48. Kent County Council
49. Kings Lynn & West Norfolk District Council
50. Lancashire County Council
51. Lancaster City Council
52. Leeds City Council

53. Leicestershire County Council
54. Lewes District Council
55. Lincolnshire County 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. Oxfordshire County Council
76. Pembrokeshire County Council
77. Plymouth City 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. Tameside 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. West Berkshire District Council
94. West Lindsey District Council
95. Worcestershire County Council

NFLA authorities

96. Caerphilly County Council
97. Cardiff City Council
98. Hull City Council
99. Leeds City Council

National Parks Authorities

100. Lake District National Park Authority
101. North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority
102. Snowdonia National Park Authority