

Annex A: Nuleaf Activity Plan: Report 2021-22

On target	Partially completed	No action due to external influences	Action yet to be completed.
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WORK IN SUPPORT OF MEMBER AUTHORITIES	
1. Continue to support the interests of member authorities impacted by proposals for all forms of nuclear new build that have implications for NDA sites and waste management.	
1.1 Provide a forum for our members to engage with BEIS, the NDA, EDF, UKAEA, Rolls Royce and other interested parties as appropriate. Nuleaf Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings have received presentations from a wide range of external organisations.	
1.2 Monitor developments in proposals for Small/Advance Modular Reactors (SMR/AMR) and fusion reactors and their potential to impact on site end states and waste facilities. Nuleaf has responded to consultations on fusion that were run by BEIS and the Environment Agency and has updated in developments in this sector as appropriate.	
1.3 Liaise with the New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG) secretariat and/or membership as appropriate. Discussions were held with NNLAG secretariat regarding working arrangements.	
1.4 Host a discussion with our members to determine the best way for our network to respond to the changing nuclear landscape in the UK. Papers were considered at the June and September Steering Group meetings.	
2. Engage in dialogue with EDF Energy to discuss their plans for decommissioning and the role that host communities and local authorities could play.	
2.1 To monitor developments in EDFE plans and strategy for decommissioning and comment and update members as appropriate. Nuleaf holds quarterly meetings with EDF communications and planning staff. Updates are fed into meeting papers as appropriate.	
2.2 When plans for the decommissioning of the EDF fleet are clearer, host a meeting with EDFE and the UK Government. The meeting was held on 9 th February 2022	
3. Continue to monitor work on the Submarine Dismantling Project as the project moves into the delivery phase. Report issues and progress to Nuleaf Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group.	
3.1 Report on developments in the Submarine Dismantling Project to members. There has been no activity on this workstream during this period.	
3.2 Highlight any members concerns to the MOD and Government on the approach taken or the progress being made. See above.	

4. Continue to engage with SLCs, regulators and host Local Authorities on site restoration, interim and end states and Integrated Waste Management.	
4.1 Engage with NDA, Sellafield and Magnox to raise concerns about any changes to plans for waste management and wider site issues, and to highlight the need for stakeholder engagement with affected communities.	
Nuleaf's Executive Director participated in 5 meetings of the Integrated Waste Management TOG and papers providing updates were submitted to both meetings.	
4.2 On behalf of members, participate in meetings of the Site Decommissioning and Remediation Theme Overview Group and report back to Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group.	
Nuleaf's Executive Director participated in 4 meetings of the SDR TOG and papers providing updates were submitted to both meetings.	
4.3 Use the Steering Group and RWPG to host discussion with ONR and the environmental regulators as required.	
Mark Foy, Managing Director of ONR, attended the Nuleaf September meeting of Nuleaf's Steering Group and updated the meeting on ONR's work programme. Eamonn Guilfoyle attended the November meeting of the RWPG to discuss ONR's land-use programme. James Heavingham attended the same meeting of the RWPG to present on the Environment Agency's approach to sustainability at Winfrith.	
5. Continue to assist member authorities to ensure that effective local engagement arrangements exist with Sellafield, SLCs and NDA.	
5.1 Use the Steering Group, Radioactive Waste Planning Group and other engagement routes to identify members concerns and respond as appropriate.	
No issues actively raised during this period but the secretariat regularly speak with Nuleaf members and discussions are held as and when required.	
5.2 Work with NDA to discuss potential changes to arrangements for engagement with local authorities, as identified in Strategy 4.	
The NDA's work on reform of its engagement processes has progressed more slowly than anticipated. Nuleaf will be involved in this issue at the appropriate time.	
5.3 Monitor and feedback the views of member local authorities on the implementation of the Socio-Economic Strategy and Covid recovery. Organise additional events with NDA and members as appropriate, for example on the Covid recovery response from NDA.	
Nuleaf has continued to press the case for a coherent approach to this issue, through our engagement with the UK and Welsh Government and the NDA and through hosting discussions with NDA and others at our Steering Group. During 2021/22 Nuleaf commissioned a consultancy to look into the issues around community benefits in comparable industries in the UK and also in the nuclear sector overseas. This work will be completed in the next financial year.	
6. Support Executive Director in delivering Geological Disposal Facility work programme.	
6.1 The Director's Assistant will organise, as appropriate, meetings with BEIS and RWM and help take forward work agreed with RWM on the Geological Disposal Facility White Paper process.	
Four liaison meetings were held during this period. A quarterly update meeting with Simon Hughes of RWM/NWS was instituted during this period.	

7. Support Executive Director in delivering other aspects of Nuleaf work programme.	
7.1 Provide:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going monitoring of developments in radioactive waste management advising Executive Director as appropriate; On-going monitoring of government policy and strategy; Draft Annual Report and Finance Paper to AGM; and Nuleaf Annual Report to Local Government Association. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant websites regularly monitored, and information of interest forwarded to Executive Director. Papers prepared for AGM. Annual Report submitted to LGA. 	
7.2 Act as initial point of contact for Nuleaf members and external bodies providing information where appropriate.	
Responded to enquiries in a timely fashion.	
7.3 Support Head of Planning at Suffolk County Council in dealing with any HR issues.	
No issues in this financial year.	
7.4 Support member engagement during Covid pandemic.	
All Nuleaf meetings were transferred online.	
8. Support Nuleaf meetings and other events.	
8.1 Deliver Steering Group meetings, seminar (if scheduled), AGM and Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings.	
Organised 4 Steering Group meetings including AGM, and 4 meetings of the Radioactive Waste Planning Group.	
8.2 Assist in organising other topic based workshops as appropriate.	
Meeting was organised for Nuleaf's Welsh member authorities, and another to discuss the decommissioning of the AGR stations.	
8.3 In consultation with our members, undertake a review of the best approach to future meetings post-Covid.	
Discussions have been held at the Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings over the course of the year.	
9. Ensure effective web and new media communication.	
9.1 Draft monthly newsletter and quarterly e-bulletin.	
Published 8 newsletters and 4 e-bulletins.	
9.2 Research and draft case studies and papers as appropriate.	
No new case studies have been published during this period.	
9.3 Keep website and new media up to date. Consider potential articles for the website Blog.	
Website updated as and when required. Tweeted and retweeted as appropriate. Items of interest posted on LinkedIn. Approaches have been made to potential blog authors.	

10. Oversee finance and accounts.	
10.1 Monitor and report on finance. Prepare end of year accounts and liaise with auditors as necessary. Process all invoices and purchase orders as required. Liaise with Suffolk County Council in order to ensure finances are managed correctly. Process Pcard receipts and ensure Executive Director adheres to Suffolk County Council policy. Amend financial guidelines in response to audit comments, if required.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure reviewed on a monthly basis and reported to Executive Director. • Accounts prepared and submitted to auditor • All day to day financial transactions processed in a timely manner • Liaised with Suffolk County Council over operational issues of new finance system. 	
10.2 Make all travel and accommodation arrangements for Executive Director and any other Nuleaf members travelling on Nuleaf business, including international travel, ensuring best value for money is obtained at all times.	
Due to the Covid pandemic limited travel has been made during this time.	
10.3 Work with the Executive Director, the Chair and Vice-Chairs to explore all suitable avenues for new or additional funding for Nuleaf.	
Through engagement with RWM and NDA, Nuleaf was successful in securing a sustainable level of funding for 2021-22. The Executive Director has held discussions with NDA regarding funding for this year and indications are positive for a similar settlement.	
11. Monitor other relevant national and local policy development; report on engagement opportunities to members. Prepare and submit Nuleaf comments as appropriate.	
11.1 Nuleaf will develop detailed responses to all relevant consultations, circulating draft responses to members for comment and hosting discussion at Steering Group and RWPG meetings. This will ensure high quality and informed submissions will be prepared.	
During the period Nuleaf submitted consultation responses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copeland Local Plan; • NDA Business Plan 2022-25; • Response to government on their proposals for a regulatory regime for fusion. • Response to Environment Agency on fusion 	

WORK IN SUPPORT OF NDA MISSION

12. Identify key issues for members resulting from NDA Strategy implementation including changes to the NDA operating model, community benefits, and waste storage consolidation proposals.	
12.1 On behalf of the membership, play an active role in the in the Integrated Waste Management (IWM), Critical Enablers (CE) and Site Decommissioning and Remediation (SDR) Theme Overview Groups (TOGs); also liaise with the Nuclear Materials/Spent Nuclear Fuel Theme Overview Group as appropriate. Engage through other means available to represent the interests of Local Authorities.	

Since 1st April 2021, the Executive Director (ED) has attended 5 meetings of the IWM TOG, 3 meetings of the CE TOG and 4 of the SDR TOG. He also held an online meeting with Danny Fox of NDA to receive an update regarding spent fuel and nuclear materials. Nuleaf also participated in 2 meetings of the LLW NWP.

12.2 Participate in NDA stakeholder events & report back to members.

Nuleaf's Chair and Vice-Chairs participated in panel discussions as part of NDA's online stakeholder summit on 26th November. The event was also attended by Nuleaf members.

12.3 Engage in the NDA's work in reviewing its Value Framework.

Through the TOG meetings Nuleaf's Executive Director fed back comments on the Value Framework as it was being reviewed

13. Provide support and advice to NDA for the delivery of Strategy 4, their Business Plan, and Integrated Waste Management (IWM).

13.1 Feeding back to Steering Group and RWPG on matters related to NDA Strategy

All meetings of the Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group receive a paper providing updates on national developments in radioactive waste management. This included regular reports on the work of the Strategy 4 Development Group (S4DG). The Steering Group heard from:

- Mike Brophy and Stephen Brown, RWM, on the social impacts of the GDF siting process
- Corhyn Parr, RWM, on the integrated waste management strategy
- Guy Esnouf and Simon Hughes, RWM, giving an update on the GDF siting process
- David Peattie, NDA, providing an overview of the changes made to the organisational structure of NDA
- Alastair Brown, NTS on the development of NDA's land transport strategy
- Bill Hamilton, Magnox (twice) giving an update on the move from care and maintenance to rolling decommissioning strategy, and other updates on the Magnox work programme
- Progress and developments in the management of Low-Level radioactive Waste in the UK
- Jamie Reed, NDA, on NDA's social impact strategy
- Mark Foy, ONR, on ONR's regulatory role
- Tom Greatrex, NIA, on their engagement in decommissioning
- Alyson Morris, Stephen Hardy and Davide Stronati, NDA, on NDA's net zero carbon strategy and Sustainability Report
- James Heavingham, EA on their approach to sustainability at Winfrith site
- Will Higgins, BEIS, giving an update on the development of guidance on the on-site disposal of radioactive waste
- Frank Wigley, NDA, on the development of NDA's land development programme
- Eamonn Guilfoyle, ONR, on ONR's land use planning strategy
- Koulis Efkarpidis, NDA, on the development of a strategy for the management of non-radioactive waste on NDA sites.

13.2 Participating in meeting of the Strategy 4 Delivery Group (S4DG) and engaging with NDA around the development of the new Strategy as appropriate.
Nuleaf's Executive Director attended all meetings of the S4DG. Over the course of 201/22 he was also engaged in related discussions with NDA Directors and through TOG meetings intended to take forward the socio-economic, sustainability and stakeholder engagement aspirations of Strategy 4.
13.3 Respond to the consultation on the NDA Business Plan 2022-25.
A draft response was circulated to members and Nuleaf submitted a response to the consultation. Individual local authorities were also encouraged to submit a response.
13.4 Contribute to the NDA's developing work on Integrated Waste Management by using Nuleaf meetings as a platform for engagement and discussion on the implications of IWM for local authorities and communities.
Corhyn Parr gave a presentation and received feedback from members at the June 2021 Steering Group meeting.
13.5 Engaging with NDA Group as plans are taken forward to integrate the work of NDA, RWM and LLWR.
David Peattie, CEO of NDA Group, gave a presentation to Nuleaf's December 2021 Steering Group meeting.
13.6 Host discussions on Near Surface Disposal (NSD).
Discussions on NSD formed part of the meeting held on 23 rd September 2020, and also at the BEIS Policy review meeting on 24 th February 2021. In addition, the Executive Director had two briefing sessions on NSD with NDA staff during this period.
14. Engage with the UK Government in their review of policy for radioactive substances and nuclear decommissioning.
14.1 Participate in meetings of the UK Government's Radioactive Substances Policy Group (RSPG) and feedback comments on early drafts of the Policy as they emerge.
Nuleaf's Executive Director attended 1 meeting of the RSPG in this period and submitted comments on the draft policy. The policy itself has been delayed and is not yet out for consultation.
14.2 Engage in discussion on the policy through the NDA's Theme Overview Groups (TOG) meetings.
Nuleaf contributed to discussion on the policy review at TOG meetings.
14.3 Prepare a response to the consultation on the new draft Policy and host an event for members to engage with BEIS on proposals.
The policy consultation has been delayed and is expected to take place in 2022.
15. Support NDA Stakeholder Engagement through our Steering Group and RWPG meetings and other ad-hoc topic-based events.
15.1 Our meetings provide a ready-made forum for NDA (as well as SLCs and regulators) to engage with local authority representatives. Reports and discussion on the work of the NDA and wider national developments in radioactive waste management are a standing item for all Steering Group and RWPG meetings. Meetings can be used by NDA Group to meet with local government as and when required.
Discussions held at Nuleaf meetings are noted in 13.1.
15.2 Work with our members and the NDA's Director of Stakeholder Engagement to identify further opportunities to host webinars and other standalone meetings in response to new consultations/initiatives.
Nuleaf hosted a meeting on the decommissioning of the AGR stations in February 2022.

16. Provide support for NDA's stakeholder engagement.	
16.1 Engage with NDA in the development and delivery of any planned consultation or discussion on changes to the current approach to Public and Stakeholder Engagement (PSE).	
No activities on this workstream took place during this period.	
16.2 Work with NDA to develop plans for a stakeholder event to be held in autumn 2021.	
Nuleaf's Chair and Vice-Chair participated in the online stakeholder summit held on 26 th November 2021.	
16.3 Engage with the NDA's Social Value Specialist and with the NDA's work in this area.	
Nuleaf's Director met with the NDA's social value specialist during the year. He also had two meetings with Jamie Reid, NDA's newly appointed Director of Social Impact. Jamie also spoke to Nuleaf members at the March 2022 Steering Group meeting.	
16.4 Engage in discussion on all these issues at NDA TOG and S4DG meetings.	
Nuleaf's Director was actively engaged in discussions at TOGs on social value and related areas such as net zero carbon, sustainability and socio-economics. He also held 1 to 1 meetings with key staff such as NDA's Director of Sustainability and Director of Social Impact.	
16.5 Participate in the NDA's Sustainability Beacon Group; and host an engagement event with NDA on this topic.	
The Beacon Group did not meet during this period, however, Nuleaf's Executive Director held a catch up meeting with NDA's Director of Sustainability in September 2021, and Alyson Morris, Stephen Hardy and Davide Stronati attended the Radioactive Waste Planning Group meeting in April 2021 to discuss NDA's net zero carbon strategy and sustainability report.	
17. Engage with Government and the NDA on land use and waste planning.	
17.1 Use the Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group to discuss and advise NDA and the regulators on the potential for the planning system to be employed to oversee nuclear licensed sites and manage any residual contamination.	
Frank Wigley attending the July 2021 meeting of the Radioactive Waste Planning Group to speak on NDA's land development programme. He also joined the meetings in November 2021 and January 2022 to provide an update on the development of NDA's Town and Country Planning Forum. Nuleaf's Executive Director has participated in two meetings held by this group. Koulis Efkapidis attended the January meeting of the RWPG to discuss NDA's development of a non-radioactive waste management strategy. Eamonn Guilfoyle of ONR attending the November meeting to discuss ONR's land-use strategy.	
17.2 Attend the Site Decommissioning and Remediation (SDR) TOG meetings and feed into discussions on this issue.	
Nuleaf's Director participated in 4 meetings of the SDR TOG and contributed to discussions on this issue.	
17.3 Engage with NDA to facilitate better direct engagement between local authority planning officers and BEIS/NDA, enabling expert input into discussions on land use and waste planning.	
Nuleaf's Executive Director attended a meeting of NDA's Town and Country Planning Forum on 8 th November and stressed the need for regular attendance of planners at that meeting. Frank Wigley, NDA, attended two meetings of the RWPG providing updates on this topic and receiving feedback from members.	
17.4 Continue to promote a Masterplanning approach to the management of NDA sites and to seek an effective approach to the development of plans for Interim and Final Site End States that maximises opportunities for reuse and activities of benefit to communities.	

<p>Nuleaf highlighted the need to adopt a Masterplanning approach in Briefing Paper 1 on the decommissioning of the AGR stations, and in its response to the consultation on the NDA draft Business Plan 2022-25. The issue was also raised with the NDA Town and Country Planning Forum at its meeting in November 2021.</p>
<p>18. Represent local government on proposals for accelerated decommissioning of Magnox sites.</p>
<p>18.1 Engage with BEIS, NDA and Magnox to ensure that the overall approach and the proposals for individual sites are developed in full consultation with local authorities and communities and meet their needs.</p>
<p>Magnox's Director of Stakeholder Engagement attended 2 Nuleaf Steering Group meetings in this period to provide updates and receive feedback on their work programme.</p>
<p>19. Provide support and advice for NDA work on Socio-economics, sustainability and net zero carbon.</p>
<p>19.1 Through our Steering Group and RWPG, provide a forum for ongoing discussion & comment on socio-economics, Social Value, sustainability and Net Zero Carbon</p>
<p>Alyson Morris, Stephen Hardy and Davide Stronati attended the Radioactive Waste Planning Group meeting in April 2021 to discuss NDA's net zero carbon strategy and sustainability report. Jamie Reed attended the March 2022 Steering Group meeting to discuss NDA's social impact strategy and work.</p>
<p>19.2 Engage directly with the NDA in the planned refresh of the Local Economic and Social Impact Strategy and wider work on Covid recovery, ensuring the NDA is aware of the local government perspective and priorities.</p>
<p>The NDA has decided to delay work on the development of a new Strategy and to engage in a variety of ways, at a national and site level, on socio-economics. Nuleaf has been engaged in this work and will continue to do so.</p>
<p>19.3 Prepare a Briefing Paper on Socio-economics and sustainability.</p>
<p>Briefing Paper 7 Socio-economics, sustainability and climate change was published in September 2021</p>
<p>19.4 Continue to advocate the development of a coherent approach to community benefits across the NDA estate, using all available fora.</p>
<p>Nuleaf has continued to press the case for a coherent approach to this issue, through our engagement with the UK and Welsh Government and the NDA. During 2021/22 Nuleaf commissioned a consultancy to look into the issues around community benefits in comparable industries in the UK and also in the nuclear sector overseas. This work will be completed in the next financial year.</p>
<p>20. Work with Magnox to enhance dialogue and engagement with local government.</p>
<p>20.1 Hold a meeting, involving Nuleaf members and senior Magnox staff, at a Steering Group meeting.</p>
<p>Bill Hamilton, Director of Communications and Stakeholder Engagement attended the Steering Group meeting on December 8th to give an update on Magnox activities.</p>
<p>20.2 Hold an annual meeting for our Welsh member authorities; also involving other key stakeholders such as the Welsh Government, Magnox, ONR and Natural Resources Wales (NRW).</p>
<p>An online meeting was held on 24th September 2021.</p>
<p>21. Work with LLWR to support enhanced Low-Level Waste Management.</p>
<p>21.1 Host an annual meeting between Low Level Waste Repository Ltd, the supply chain and local authorities in 2021/22. Nuleaf to act as co-ordinator for local authority participation.</p>

The meeting was held on 3 rd November 2021.	
21.2 Nuleaf to attend meetings of the LLW Delivery Overview Group (DoG) and regulators group; and other meetings as appropriate.	
Executive Director attended 2 National Waste Programme meetings.	
21.3 Report on developments in LLW to Steering Group and RWPG meetings.	
Reports on radioactive waste management developments are made to all meetings.	
22. Provide support and advice on development of Local Plans.	
22.1 Nuleaf will monitor all revisions of local development and waste plans and regularly update a record of the policies on radioactive waste management in all relevant local plans.	
During this period Nuleaf commented on Copeland Borough Council's Local Plan.	
22.2 Nuleaf will submit consultation responses to all relevant local and waste plan revisions as appropriate and support members in preparing their own consultation responses.	
See above.	
22.3 The Radioactive Waste Planning Group (RWPG) will be used as a forum for local planners to update and discuss their local plans and discuss related issues such as the Duty to Co-operate.	
All RWPG meetings include updates from officers on developments in their area.	

WORK IN SUPPORT OF RWM MISSION

23. Maintain regular dialogue with RWM and Dept. of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to take the Geological Disposal Facility siting process forward.	
23.1 Hold regular meetings with RWM, NDA and Dept. of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy to exchange information and identify how best to build the awareness and capacity of local government around the Geological Disposal Facility siting process, and to support any local authorities that enter into the siting process.	
Four liaison meetings or teleconferences were held in this period, with additional phone conversations between the Executive Director and members of RWM/BEIS staff as required.	
23.2 Out-with formal meetings, maintain clear communication channels between Nuleaf and RWM. Alert RWM to any issues or concerns that local authorities have in the run up to and following the launch of the GDF siting process.	
Nuleaf's ED speaks regularly to a range of RWM staff and updates them on issues of concern or information they might find useful.	
23.3 Ensure regular reports and discussion of developments in the Geological Disposal Facility siting process at Nuleaf Steering Group and Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings.	
A GDF siting process paper is a standing item on the agenda for both meetings. RWM attends Steering Group and RWPG meetings as an observer and has used the meetings on a regular basis to present to local government and get feedback on specific elements of the siting process.	

24. Build awareness of the Geological Disposal Facility and the potential for local government to become involved in the new siting process.	
24.1 Maintain regular dialogue with key officials within the LGA and explore the scope for engagement with relevant LGA Boards and other fora.	
An online meeting was arranged with the LGA's lead officer but was not held.	
24.2 Explore with RWM the scope for running a reception at the LGA's online conference in July 2021 or at another event this year.	
Because of the pandemic LGA Conference 2021 was held online.	
24.3 Engage as appropriate with DCN, CCN, ADEPT, SIGMO and SOLACE.	
No activity on this workstream in this period.	
24.4 Assist RWM in defining the routes to engagement with elected members, officers, other public and private bodies in individual communities; and ensuring that the messaging used is appropriate and clear. Of particular importance will be to assist RWM in meetings with interested local authorities that do not currently engage in nuclear issues.	
Nuleaf's ED has prepared a detailed presentation to RWM staff on local government structures and ways of working as part of RWM's ongoing organisational readiness preparations, however, a date has not yet been set for this presentation.	
24.5 Use our Steering Group and RWPG meetings to discuss and explore all aspects of the GDF siting process and the role of local authorities within it.	
The GDF siting process is a standing item on Steering Group and RWPG meeting papers.	
24.6 Act as an independent and impartial advisor to any local authorities interested in entering the siting process.	
Nuleaf's Executive Director has discussed the GDF with local authority members and staff as and when requested, including Lincolnshire County Council and also with the Wharton Trust.	
25. Support RWM through the testing of communication materials and resources around the GDF process.	
25.1 Assist RWM in the preparation and testing of planned materials for local authorities. The specific materials to be reviewed and tested will be agreed with RWM as and when they are developed.	
No activity as Nuleaf has not been approached to provide support in this area to date.	
26. Maintain and develop online resources on the Geological Disposal Facility for local government.	
26.1 Maintain a Nuleaf LinkedIn group and Twitter feed to provide regular information on the Geological Disposal Facility process and progress with decommissioning and waste management.	
Topics are tweeted or posted on LinkedIn and Twitter as appropriate.	
26.2 Use our recently refreshed website as a resource to inform local authorities and communities on the GDF siting process. The new website includes a blog which can be used by RWM to share articles on aspects of the siting process.	
Blogs have been posted by Mike Starkie, Mayor of Copeland, Cllr Marion Fitzgerald of Allerdale Borough Council and Dr Sam King of RWM.	
26.3 Undertake a review of our suite of GDF related Briefing Papers and revise and update Papers as required.	
Nuleaf's GDF Briefing papers were updated in 2020.	

27. Advise and support RWM in developing its organisational readiness.	
27.1 Nuleaf's Executive Director will work with RWM to ensure that RWM management and staff have a good understanding of the wider policy environment and the means of engaging with local authorities. In 2021/22 it is proposed that Nuleaf run a workshop on local government for RWM staff. This will explain local authority structures, powers and responsibilities; elections; and means of engagement.	
Presentations with RWM staff have twice been scheduled but cancelled by RWM. A revised date for the presentation has not yet been set.	
27.2 Continue regular contact with key RWM staff and liaise with RWM senior management as appropriate.	
Contact is made with key staff at RWM on a regular basis.	
28. Provide support and advice to RWM and to any local authorities that enter the process.	
28.1 The first local authorities have now begun formal engagement with the GDF siting process and others may follow in 2021/22. The ways in which Nuleaf assists local GDF siting processes will be determined by the individual local authorities and partners involved, along with RWM. Ways in which Nuleaf can provide support include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing briefings for the local authority members of local siting partnerships on the wider policy framework for the GDF and the opportunities that it presents • If requested, participating in individual siting partnerships. Nuleaf sat on the West Cumbrian MRWS partnership and could fulfil this role on partnerships established as part of the current process. • Acting as a 'challenger' and 'critical friend' for RWM • Supporting ongoing communications through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitoring the local government press to ensure accurate reporting of GDF policy developments and a balanced representation of the costs and benefits of geological disposal and responding as necessary ○ Using our website, LinkedIn and Twitter feed to promote a balanced view and forum for debate. • Exploring with RWM and relevant local authorities the potential for hosting an 'annual gathering' of GDF communities in which they could share experiences and engage with RWM and Government. • Alerting RWM to issues that local authorities raise or to any barriers to local authorities and communities progressing within the siting process. • Advising RWM Regional Managers on their approach to engagement and on any issues or opportunities that may arise in relation to local siting processes. 	
The last year has seen significant progress within the GDF siting process, with Community Partnerships established in Copeland and Allerdale and a Working Group set up in Lincolnshire. Nuleaf has continued to engage regularly with our members in West Cumbria. Lincolnshire County Council joined Nuleaf in 2021/22 and attends our meetings and meets with our Executive Director as required. Nuleaf continues to speak to RWM about potential ways in which we can support the GDF process now a number of communities have formally entered the process.	
29. Work with RWM, the Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association to support effective engagement of Welsh local authorities and communities as the Welsh GDF siting process evolves.	
29.1 To work as required with the Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) to support any local authorities within Wales that wish to discuss the siting process.	
No Welsh local authorities have expressed an interest in the GDF siting process.	

30. Participation and engagement in international networks on geological disposal.

- In 2021/22 Nuleaf will:
- Participate and contribute to meetings of the GMF and its Presidium.
 - Play an active role in shaping the work programme and outlook of the GMF network.
 - Participate in the meetings of the Civil Society group of the EURAD research programme and report back to RWM as appropriate.
 - Continue to work with RWM on the potential for site visits to geological disposal countries in other nations, facilitating these through the GMF.
 - Participate, through our Executive Director, in meetings of the NEA's Forum for Stakeholder Confidence (FSC).
 - Continue to engage with the IAEA as they develop proposals for a forum on the local and community dimensions of all stages of the nuclear fuel cycle.

Nuleaf's Executive Director is a Vice-President of the GMF (Group of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities) and has attended 6 meetings of the group, either in person or online. He has also attended 7 Eurad meetings and webinars, and will attend a Eurad conference at the end of March 2022. Nuleaf set up and attended an online meeting with RWM and colleagues in Sweden to discuss community partnership agreements. The work of the IAEA in engaging with communities has been paused because of Covid but is expected to restart in late 2022. Nuleaf has also secured Observer Status in the Forum for Stakeholder Confidence and a network on decommissioning being run by the NEA.