

**Meeting:** Annual General Meeting  
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## Introduction

This report provides an overview of organisational developments and activities since the AGM in March 2022.

## Recommendation

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

### 1. Context

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

- Consultation on the review of UK radioactive waste management and nuclear decommissioning policy;
- Further evolution of NDA structures based around a corporate centre and four divisions;
- Establishment of Great British Nuclear;
- Clarification of the decommissioning process of the AGR fleet and operational cessation at Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B (Dungeness B ceased generating in 2021); and
- Establishment of a Community Partnership at Theddlethorpe, Lincolnshire.

There have also been significant changes in the local government landscape with reorganisation in Cumbria and Somerset, effecting core Nuleaf member authorities.

Our Activity Report, which sets out in detail our performance against all the actions in the Service Plan 2022/23, can be viewed on our website (insert link).

### 2. Overview of Organisational Developments and Activities

Organisational developments and activities have included:

### ***Member Authorities***

Nuleaf has 99 member authorities comprising: 13 contributing authorities, 79 corresponding members, 3 National Park Authorities and 4 Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) co-optees. The list of member authorities is attached.

### ***Steering Group***

Three online meetings of the Steering Group have been held: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Guest speakers were:

- Bill Hamilton: an update on lifetime plans;
- Simon Hughes: GDF jobs and skills report
- Jamie Reed: publication of economic impact reports
- Tom Greatrex: on the work of the Nuclear Industry Association.

Nuleaf also held its first two day, in person meeting in Somerset on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2022. Alongside presentations by Kiran Basra-Steele on the decommissioning of the Hinkley Point A and B sites and Bill Hamilton on the work of Magnox, members were able to meet and network over dinner.

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:

- Severn Estuary Partnership
- Update on radioactive waste management in the UK
- The review of the Guidance for Requirements for Authorisation (2009)
- The Guidance on Requirement for Release from Radioactive Substances Regulation (GRR).

Members of the RWPG also joined the Nuclear Industry Group Land Quality – Planning meeting in November, to discuss the local authority perspective on planning issues and consider ways of enhancing engagement in future.

Government, NDA, NWS, 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:

- Review of NDA's Local Economic and Social Impact Strategy
- Review of UK radioactive waste management and nuclear decommissioning policy.
- Emergency Planning
- Security issues at nuclear licensed sites.

### ***Services to Member Authorities***

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

- Nuleaf organised a second annual meeting for its Welsh member authorities. Magnox gave an update on its work programme and Cwmni Eginog gave a presentation on its proposals for the site at Trawsfynydd.
- Quarterly meetings are held between member local authorities who are involved in the GDF siting process.
- A secure section has been added to the website to enable members to share documentation which may provide helpful to other members.
- 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.
- Nuleaf commissioned Assystem to produce a report on the social value and community benefits generated by the work of NDA, and on community benefits packages in other countries.

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, Integrated Waste Management Industry Forum meetings
- responded to the consultation on the Business Plan 2023-2026;
- 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 in Edinburgh. Both Cllr David Moore (Copeland Borough/Cumberland Council), Chair of Nuleaf, and Philip Matthews, Executive Director joined panel discussions.

### ***Siting a Geological Disposal Facility process***

In relation to the GDF process we have:

- established a quarterly meeting with Nuleaf member authorities involved in the GDF siting process;
- held quarterly meetings with Simon Hughes, Community Engagement and Siting Director at RWM (now NWS) and met with other NWS staff as appropriate; and
- 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.

### ***Responses to Consultation***

During the course of the year consultation responses and comments have been submitted on:

- Business Plan 2023-26, NDA;
- West Berkshire Local Plan; and
- Review of UK Radioactive Waste Management and Nuclear Decommissioning Policy.

### ***Correspondence***

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

- Jamie Reed at NDA, and the Public Accounts Committee regarding the narrow focus of the Economic Impact Reports produced by NDA;
- Tom Greatrex at NIA on the need to engage on local government issues;
- Greg Hands at BEIS on the need for the department to use joined up thinking on major projects;
- Andrew Bowie, MP, Minister for Nuclear and Networks, introducing Nuleaf; and
- Frank Wigley on the need for improved engagement with local authorities on planning matters.

### ***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 Integrated Waste Management Industry Forum
- Liaison meetings with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)/Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and Radioactive Waste Management (RWM)/Nuclear Waste Services (NWS);
- Site visit to Rosyth to view work on the Submarine Dismantling Project;
- Meetings of the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM);
- A series of workshops organised by the Environment Agency.

### ***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. Over the course of the year he attended meetings in The Netherlands and Slovakia, as well as online.

Nuleaf's Executive Director is also 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.

In October 2022, Nuleaf Executive Director attended a week-long conference at IAEA headquarters in Vienna, acting as rapporteur and giving a presentation on Nuleaf's engagement in the GDF siting process in the UK. At the Vienna meeting, he worked with GMF colleagues to agree a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GMF and its Canadian and American counterparts. This will lead to closer collaboration between municipalities in Europe and North America.

# **NULEAF MEMBER AUTHORITIES**

## **Contributing members:**

1. Cumberland Council
2. East Suffolk Council
3. Essex County Council
4. Folkestone & Hythe District Council
5. Gloucestershire County Council
6. Gwynedd Council
7. Lincolnshire County Council
8. Manchester City Council
9. South Gloucestershire Council
10. Somerset County Council
11. Suffolk County Council
12. Westmorland & Furness Council
13. Ynys Mon County Council

## **Corresponding members**

14. Arun District Council
15. Ashford District Council
16. Birmingham City Council
17. Blackpool Borough Council
18. Braintree Borough Council
19. Breckland District Council
20. Broadland District Council
21. Bromsgrove District Council
22. Carlisle City Council
23. Chelmsford Borough Council
24. Chesterfield Borough Council
25. Cheshire West and Chester Council
26. Colchester Borough Council
27. Cornwall Council
28. Dacorum District Council
29. Denbighshire County Council
30. Derby City Council
31. Derbyshire Dales District Council
32. Devon County Council
33. Dorset County Council
34. Durham County Council
35. Eden District Council
36. Flint 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. Halton Borough Council
43. Hampshire County Council
44. Harlow District Council
45. Hartlepool Borough Council
46. Hyndburn Borough Council
47. Kent County Council
48. Kings Lynn & West Norfolk District Council
49. Lancashire County Council
50. Lancaster City Council
51. Leeds City Council
52. Leicestershire County Council

53. Lewes District Council
54. Liverpool City Council
55. London Borough of Hackney
56. London Borough of Harrow
57. London Borough of Hillingdon
58. London Borough of Newham
59. London Borough of Tower Hamlets
60. Maldon District Council
61. Melton Borough Council
62. Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service
63. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
64. Norfolk County Council
65. Northamptonshire County Council
66. North East Derbyshire District Council
67. North London Waste Planning
68. North Norfolk District Council
69. Norwich City Council
70. Nottinghamshire County Council
71. Northumberland County Council
72. Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council
73. Oxfordshire County Council
74. Pembrokeshire County Council
75. Plymouth City Council
76. Rutland County Council
77. Scarborough District Council
78. Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
79. South Ribble Borough Council
80. Southampton City Council
81. South Norfolk District Council
82. Stroud District Council
83. Spelthorne Borough Council
84. Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
85. Taunton Deane Borough Council
86. Tendring District Council
87. Tunbridge Wells District Council
88. Vale of the White Horse District Council
89. Wansbeck District Council
90. West Berkshire District Council
91. West Lindsey District Council
92. Worcestershire County Council

## **NFLA authorities**

93. Caerphilly County Council
94. Cardiff City Council
95. Hull City Council
96. Leeds City Council

## **National Parks Authorities**

97. Lake District National Park Authority
98. North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority
99. Snowdonia National Park Authority