

LGA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online on 14th June 2023

Present:

Cllr David Moore	Cumberland Council (Chair)
Cllr Mike Caswell	Somerset Council (Vice-Chair)
Cllr David Blackburn	Leeds City Council (Vice-Chair NFLA)
Cllr Sarah Whitelock	East Suffolk Council
Cllr Paul Thomas	Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Cllr Maggie Tyrell	South Gloucestershire Council
Cllr Richard Smith	Suffolk County Council
Jonathan Cook	Cumberland Council
Bethany Rance	East Suffolk Council
Terry Burns	Essex County Council
Linda Marsh	Folkestone & Hythe District Council
Richard Outram	Manchester City Council
John Burton	Somerset Council
Gillian Ellis-King	South Gloucestershire Council
Ross Walker	Suffolk County Council
Angharad Crump	Ynys Mon County Council
Philip Matthews	Nuleaf
Catherine Draper	

1.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	ACTION
	<p>Cllr Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting., noting that it was the first time that Cllr Maggie Tyrell, Cllr Sarah Whitelock and Cllr Paul Thomas were attending.</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Darren Crossley – Cumberland Council, Cllr David Godfrey – Folkestone & Hythe District Council.</p>	

2.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2022 AND MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	The Minutes were held to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and will be posted on the Nuleaf website.	CD
2.2	All actions had been completed with the exception of discussions with NDA regarding a three-year settlement. The Chair felt it was important that this was pursued, and he and the Executive Director would contact NDA.	DM/PM
3.	ELECTION OF OFFICERS	
3.1	A paper outlining the situation regarding the election of Officers had been circulated prior to the meeting. All current Officers had completed one year of a possible three-year term. All had indicated their willingness to stand for a further year and no other candidates had come forward.	
3.2	Cllr David Moore, Cumberland Council, was re-appointed Chair.	
3.3	Cllr Mike Caswell, Somerset Council, was re-appointed Vice-Chair.	
3.4	Cllr David Blackburn, Leeds City Council, was re-appointed Vice-Chair (NFLA)	
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. All activities had been achieved unless prevented by external issues.	
4.2	The Chair thanked the Executive Director for his commitment, recognising the large volume of meetings he attended on Nuleaf's behalf.	
4.3	In response to a question the Executive Director clarified that all members of the LGA were entitled to become Nuleaf members. Corresponding members received meeting invitations and e-bulletins. Some engaged in Nuleaf's work, but the majority maintained a watching brief.	
5.	FINANCE AND FUNDING REPORT	
5.1	The Executive Director presented the report which provided a financial statement for 2021-22, forecasted out-turn for 2022-23,	

	budget for 2023-24 and prospects for future funding and staffing. He noted that the reduction in the number of members attending GMF events had resulted in a larger than expected surplus this year and that a small deficit was expected in the following year.	
5.2	The Executive Director noted that the majority of Nuleaf's costs were for staffing. Funding from NDA had been maintained, but he felt there was a need for them to recognise that staffing costs rose each year and their settlement needed to reflect this.	
5.3	A new Director's Assistant had been appointed and would start work on 4 th July. Details would be circulated then. The position of Senior Policy Advisor was currently being advertised. Shortlisting would take place on 16 th June and interviews would be held on 30 th June.	
5.4	In response to a query the Executive Director clarified that Nuleaf was hosted by Suffolk County Council, and staff were Suffolk County Council employees.	
6.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
6.1	There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.23.	

ACTION LIST

<i>14th June 2023</i>			
Item	Action	By	Outcome
2.1	Post minutes of 2022 AGM on website	CD	Done
2.2	Engage with NDA on a three-year financial settlement	DM/PM	Meeting held with Paul Vallance in January 2024.