

Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS)

The **Remit** is:

- to provide a mechanism to identify a common, Scottish local authority viewpoint on matters relating to radioactive substances, including radioactive waste management, and nuclear decommissioning
- to act as an interface with the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies as they consult on the management of radioactive substances, including waste management and nuclear decommissioning; and
- to influence national policy on radioactive substances including radioactive waste management and nuclear decommissioning in the interests of the communities affected

The **Terms of Reference** are:

Bearing in mind the renewed emphasis on stronger local government and the recognition by the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies of each authority's role as leader of its community, SCCORS will:

- seek to ensure that the management of radioactive substances including radioactive waste and nuclear decommissioning operates to the highest safety, security and environmental standards by contributing to best practice in the development of a policy framework;
- provide a forum through which to seek to establish a common local government view about the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies' radioactive substance and nuclear decommissioning policy development processes;
- provide a forum through which advice and support can be supplied; and
- having regard to the foregoing, hold meetings as appropriate, seek appropriate local government representation on relevant bodies, provide for the briefing of Scottish local authority members on the issues concerned, publicise the issues within the local government, and seek a mechanism that will ensure appropriate community representation in all relevant decision making

The **Aims** are:

- to seek to ensure that all radioactive substance including radioactive waste management and nuclear decommissioning activities operate to the highest safety, security and environmental standards;
- to raise the profile of debate within local government on any issue with very significant implications for any area affected by future proposed radioactive waste development;
- to aid 'capacity building' within local government and enable informed responses to the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and other relevant agencies from a broader based local government grouping;

- to be an interface with the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and other relevant agencies on future strategic radioactive substance including radioactive waste and nuclear decommissioning policy issues;
- to effectively utilise the democratic legitimacy of local government and increase influence over policy and strategy proposals that will be critical to national progress on radioactive substances including radioactive waste management and nuclear decommissioning issues;
- to provide representatives on consultative, stakeholder and advisory bodies and to report back to local government; and
- to identify means by which to lever resources to enable 'capacity building' within local government so that national policy can develop with broad based democratic consent

The **Secretariat** will be provided by the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (Nuleaf).

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