

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **NULEAF APPOINTS GOVERNMENT ADVISER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Local Government Association's Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (NuLeAF) has appointed Fred Barker as its first Executive Director. The post has been created to ensure that local government interests are represented in policy development on radioactive waste management and nuclear site clean-up.

Fred is currently a member of CoRWM, an independent Committee advising the Government on policy for managing radioactive wastes in the long-term. Fred will take up the NuLeAF post on a full-time basis after CoRWM has submitted its recommendations to Government in July.

Commenting on his appointment, Fred highlighted that:

"Radioactive waste management is a rapidly changing policy field. It is very important that local government is able to make an effective input. I am looking forward to promoting the views of local government and to providing advice and support to NuLeAF's member authorities."

NuLeAF Chair, Copeland Councillor Geoff Blackwell, welcomed the appointment saying:

"Fred brings a wealth of policy development experience and understands the needs of local government very well. His appointment will increase our capacity to engage effectively with Government."

Fred has previously worked as a nuclear policy consultant, with clients in local government, industry, NGOs and Government. From 1998-2004 he was a member of RWMAC, the Government's Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee. Between 1986 and 1990, Fred worked for Manchester City Council as a policy officer on nuclear issues.

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## Notes

- 1 NuLeAF was established by agreement of Local Government Association Group Leaders in November 2003. It has the support of 91 Local Authorities, 3 National Park Authorities and 1 Fire Service – giving a total of 95 bodies. Many of these authorities host nuclear sites, some are neighbouring authorities concerned about local economic, safety and environmental impacts of future legacy management, others are more widely dispersed and affected, for example, by nuclear transportation or historic (and potentially future) nuclear facility siting issues. All have decided to co-operate in the collective community interest on radioactive waste and nuclear legacy issues.
  
- 2 NuLeAF's goals are to: provide a mechanism to identify a common, local government viewpoint on nuclear clean-up issues; act as an interface with Government and regulatory bodies as they consult on waste management and clean-up policy and practice; and influence government policy in the interests of the communities affected.