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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NUCLEAR LEGACY ADVISORY FORUM

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2006, LGA House, London

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Present:

Cllr Bill Risby, Manchester City Council (Vice Chair) Fred Barker, Executive Director, NuLeAF  
Cllr Timothy Heslop, Cumbria County Council Stewart Kemp, Manchester City Council  
Cllr Julian Swainson, Suffolk County Council Adrian Hurst, Hartlepool Borough Council  
Kevin Thomas, North Ayrshire Council Sandy Taylor, Argyll & Bute Council  
Bruce Braithwaite, Staffordshire County Council Sue Crisp, Cumbria County Council  
Christine del Corral, NuLeAF, PA

		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>	
1.1	In the absence of Councillor Blackwell, Councillor Bill Risby acted as Chair.	
1.2	Councillor Risby welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Christine del Corral and Bruce Braithwaite who were attending their first Steering Group meetings.	
<b>2</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
2.1	Apologies were received from: Cllr Geoff Blackwell, <b>Copeland Borough</b>	

	<p><b>Council; Bob Crosby, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council; David Davies, Copeland Borough Council; Mel Fleming, Suffolk County Council; Donna George, Dorset County Council; Steve Giblin, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council; Shaun Gorman, Cumbria County Council; John Hetherington, Cumbria County Council; Cllr Tim Knowles, Cumbria County Council; David Martin, Allerdale Borough Council; Cllr Alan Matthews, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council; Fergus McMorrow, Copeland Borough Council; Cllr Roy Oldham, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council; Malcolm Perrins, Suffolk County Council; John Pitchford, Suffolk County Council; Rob Tripp, Dorset County Council; Ken Wyatt, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council; Andy Appleby, Harrow London Borough Council; Eric Beevers, Sedgefield Borough Council; Cllr Joyce Bosnjak, Nottinghamshire County Council; Tim Button, Dacorum Borough Council; Victoria Clarke, Melton Borough Council; Tony Curd, Waveney District Council; Val Dilcock, North York Moors National Park Authority; John Dinsdale, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council; Cllr Jonathan Glen, Hampshire County Council; Cllr Brian Gregson, Shetland Isles Council; Gordon Halliday, Northumberland County Council; Paul Jaworek, Gosport Borough Council; Simon Johnson, Harrogate Borough Council; Kevin Jones, Flintshire County Council; Cllr Bill Joughin, Barrow Borough Council; Ian Keagle, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council; Neil Laws, Durham City Council; David Logan, Bedfordshire County Council; Keith Marley, Forest Heath District Council; Steve Partner, Flintshire County Council; Cllr Mike Rumney, Fife Council; Cllr Venk Sheno, Forest of Dean District Council; Cllr Bill Thompson, Fylde Borough Council; Dick Tregaea, Halton Borough Council; Zandra Waterford, Norfolk Local Authorities Radiation Monitoring Group; Don Yates, Lancashire County Council.</b></p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 6 APRIL 2006</b>	
3.1.1	<p>SK drew attention to three small points on the annex, which contained the presentation on LLW management given by Elizabeth Gray.</p> <p>Under discussion item 3, where it states that public attitudes to the use of radioactive materials in hospitals is “viewed well” it would be more appropriate to say “accepted”.</p> <p>Under discussion item 4, Non-nuclear industry waste, first bullet point, it was clarified that the statement “there are no nuclear free authorities” refers to medicine, research etc.</p> <p>Discussion Item 6 Incineration: final bullet point – it would be more correct to say minimising the “volume of waste” rather than “waste”.</p>	
3.1.2	Under agenda item 8, Implementing Policy, para 8.1(b), 3 <sup>rd</sup> bullet point – KT asked that the words “higher authority” be replaced with “Scottish Ministers”.	
3.1.3	With these amendments, the minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.	

<b>3.2</b>	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
3.2.1	Item 10 – NuLeAF Member Authorities and Site Stakeholder Groups: the telephone survey of member authorities has not yet been done. This will be initiated within the next few months.	FB
3.2.2	Item 11.1(b) – Local Authorities in Scotland: FB reported that Dundee City Council are progressing with steps to set up the grouping of Scottish local authorities on nuclear legacy management, including a request for funding to the NDA and a launch meeting. ST and KT were not sure what level of support the group would get, particularly from authorities with nuclear sites. They would be keeping a watching brief on the new group. SK expressed concern that the group would be in competition for funding from the same sources as NuLeAF. FB said that he would continue to liaise with Dundee CC and report back to the next SG meeting.	FB
<b>4</b>	<b>NuLeAF FUNDING</b>	
4.1	FB introduced the financial statement for 05-06 and projections for income and expenditure over the next two years. The Steering Group agreed that the level of contributions requested from member authorities would be reviewed at the AGM. Any proposed increase should not discourage member authorities from contributing, but could reflect the increasing level of service. It was also agreed that requests for contributions for this financial year should be issued at the earliest opportunity.	CdC
<b>5</b>	<b>NuLeAF PROJECT OFFICER</b>	
5.1	FB outlined proposals to appoint a Project Officer on a two-year contract with potentially a flexible working base. The point was made that the base must allow a close working relationship to be developed between NuLeAF staff. The Steering Group agreed in principle to the appointment and delegated authority to the Chair and Executive Director to make the necessary arrangements in discussion with Suffolk County Council.	FB
<b>6</b>	<b>ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS</b>	
6.1	CdC provided an update on organisational developments, including the handover of administrative duties, the website, e-bulletin, databases, diary and	

	record of meetings and brochure. With the handover of administrative duties to CdC, the thanks of the Steering Group were recorded to Cumbria County Council and Sue Crisp, and to Manchester City Council and Stewart Kemp for providing administrative support to NuLeAF.	
6.2	CdC explained that members attending events on behalf of NuLeAF would be asked to complete a feedback form so that a record can be kept. She also asked to be included on mailing lists for member authority reports on nuclear legacy management so that a database of information can be developed.	Officer contacts
6.3	BR requested that hard copies of SG papers be circulated in addition to e-mail distribution. It was agreed that SG members would be given the opportunity to request hard copies.	CdC
6.4	The Steering Group agreed that the brochure should be printed with the NuLeAF logo and strap line.	CdC
<b>7</b>	<b>DEVELOPING A WORK PROGRAMME ON NDA ISSUES</b>	
7.1	FB outlined proposals for priorities for NuLeAF initiatives on NDA issues, including the review of site 'end states', rationalising the storage of ILW, LLW management, the prioritisation process, the NDA strategy review and socio-economic support. KT raised concerns that the NDA's review of 'end states' is premature, as these could be subject to change because of other developments in the industry. FB reported that it was important for local communities to form preliminary views as the preferred 'end state' could influence what is done in the shorter term to clean-up sites.	
7.2	The Steering Group agreed to: endorse the list of priorities identified in the report; authorise FB to have further discussions with the NDA; clarify to member authorities when the NDA expects to engage stakeholders on each issue; and authorise FB to produce guidance and advice to member authorities as appropriate.	FB
<b>8</b>	<b>LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES</b>	

8.1	After declaring an interest as a Member of CoRWM, FB outlined developments covering engagement with CoRWM, the LLW consultation, and work on implementation issues.	
8.2	On implementation issues, discussion covered the need for partnership arrangements to recognise the representative role of local authorities and provide effective mechanisms for community involvement. It was also argued that there would be a need for separate negotiation and agreement with potential host communities about any increases to the inventory of wastes to be managed.	
8.3	The Steering Group agreed that the draft policy statement on implementation issues should be adopted subject to amendment to propose a scrutiny role for local authorities during site construction and operation.  It was also agreed that a positive response should be made to Nirex's request for a meeting to discuss implementation issues, and that the next Steering Group meeting should consider (a) the applicability of CoRWM's proposed implementation measures to interim storage and (b) institutional arrangements for implementing policy.	FB  CdC FB
<b>9</b>	<b>REGIONAL SEMINARS</b>	
9.1	FB introduced the proposal to organise a programme of two-day regional seminars on (a) NDA strategy and (b) implementing policy on long-term management of wastes. Given the concentration of Member Authorities and nuclear sites, it was proposed to organise seminars in five locations in England and Wales. A sliding fee scale was suggested.	
9.2	SK suggested that it would be difficult for member authorities to commit the time for two-day seminars and that it might be better not to charge a fee to encourage attendance. AH requested that it be made clear that officers from a range of appropriate departments could attend. BB pointed out that regional bodies might also be interested in attending.	
9.3	The Steering Group agreed that: the seminars should be one-day events; invitation lists should take into account member comments; and that FB be authorised to take the necessary actions to organise the seminars.	FB
<b>10</b>	<b>EUROPEAN INITIATIVES</b>	
10.1	FB provided an overview of future NuLeAF involvement in COWAM, CARL and EUROCLI projects.	
10.2	On 'COWAM in Practice' (COWAM 3, 2007-2009) FB reported that he was meeting with Westlakes Scientific Consulting on 11 July to clarify the roles of UK partners in the project. It was likely that NuLeAF would Chair the UK 'national stakeholder group' and have some involvement in the project Steering Group.	

10.3	On EUROCLI, given the role, remit and membership of NuLeAF, FB suggested that it should seek associate rather than full membership. He reported that the NDA were currently considering how SSGs might be represented in the EUROCLI project.	
10.4	The Steering Group agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to consider reports on the outputs from COWAM 2 and the November CARL workshops at future meetings;</li> <li>b) to check which members had registered for the November CARL workshop;</li> <li>c) to endorse participation in COWAM in Practice and delegate authority to FB to make the necessary arrangements; and</li> <li>d) to endorse the notion of associate membership of EUROCLI and authorise FB to make a presentation to the Dunkirk Conference on 5-6 October.</li> </ul>	FB CdC FB FB
<b>11</b>	<b>LGA CONFERENCE</b>	
11.1	CdC outlined arrangements for NuLeAF's fringe meeting at the LGA Annual Conference in Bournemouth on 5 July. SK will give a presentation. CdC will also attend.	
<b>12</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
12.1	<b>Alice Roberts, LGA</b>	
	FB reported on the meeting with Alice Roberts, NuLeAF's officer contact at the LGA. The meeting had been held immediately before the Steering Group meeting. The possibility of LGA endorsement of the outline policy statement on implementation was discussed. AR wished to take a closer look at this, but in principle thought that this would be possible. She also referred to a new Environment Advisory Service under the auspices of LGA, which would link officer networks and provide a web-based information resource. FB agreed to provide a text for a link to the NuLeAF website.	FB
12.2	<b>Attendance at SG meetings</b>	
	FB raised a question about the level of attendance at Steering Group meetings. It was hoped that attendance would increase as NuLeAF's profile was raised.	
<b>13</b>	<b>FUTURE BUSINESS MEETINGS</b>	
	Future meetings of the Steering Group are: 12 October Kendal, including AGM 25 January Ipswich 19 April Manchester 5 July TBA 18 October TBA	

	<b>Magnox Electric Presentation on Assessing Options for Managing LLW (Dr Adam Meehan) and ILW (Barnaby Beere)</b>	
	AM and BB outlined the nature of the assessments that Magnox Electric were undertaking on the management of LLW and ILW. The ILW assessment is focussing on options for treating the ILW that has arisen during reactor operation and the LLW assessment has looked at options for managing and disposing of decommissioning LLW. It was agreed that the presentations would be made available to Steering Group members. FB thanked the speakers for their presentations to the Steering Group.	CdC
	There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.47pm.	