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| <b>Meeting:</b>     | NuLeAF Steering Group, 12 October 2006  |
| <b>Agenda Item:</b> | 9   |
| <b>Subject:</b>     | Local Authorities in Scotland   |
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| <b>Purpose:</b>     | To provide an update on developments in the formation of a Scottish group of local authorities on nuclear legacy management |

## **Introduction**

This report provides an update and proposes liaison arrangements.

## **Recommendations**

That the Executive Director be authorised to attend meetings of the Steering Group of Scottish local authorities and establish other liaison arrangements as appropriate.

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## **Update**

The Executive Director met with Councillor George Regan and Rod Crawford from Dundee City Council on 23 August.

Councillor Regan provided the following update:

- Invitations had been issued to local authorities in Scotland to join the new group.
- The initiative has the support of CoSLA and it is anticipated that a CoSLA representative will act as Vice Chair of the group.
- A Steering Group will meet 3 or 4 times a year.
- Ways of ensuring representation on the Steering Group from local authorities with nuclear sites are being considered.
- The focus of activities will be on information provision to member authorities and participation in stakeholder engagement meetings.
- A funding bid to the NDA is being prepared.
- It is not planned to seek funding from member authorities.

During discussion it was agreed that:

- It is desirable to seek to ensure reasonable consistency of policy positions on key nuclear legacy management issues.
- Liaison could be achieved through representatives attending each other's Steering Group meetings; arranging ad hoc meetings as necessary; setting up joint working groups on key issues; and potentially jointly commissioning work.

- There should be liaison on potential funding bids. Where possible competition for funding should be avoided.

A further update will be provided at the meeting.