

LGA Special Interest Groups

2014 Annual Report to LGA Leadership Board

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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

[Note: Only LGA member authorities are entitled to SIG membership]

Allerdale Borough Council - contributing
Arun District Council - corresponding
Ashford District Council - corresponding
Barrow Borough Council - contributing
Birmingham City Council - corresponding
Blackpool Borough Council - corresponding
Braintree Borough Council - corresponding
Breckland District Council - corresponding
Broadland District Council - corresponding
Bromsgrove District Council - corresponding
Caerphilly County Borough Council - corresponding
Carlisle City Council – corresponding
Cornwall Council - corresponding
Chelmsford Borough Council - corresponding
Chesterfield Borough Council – corresponding

Cheshire West and Chester Council – corresponding
Coventry City Council - corresponding
Copeland Borough Council – contributing
Cumbria County Council - contributing
Dacorum District Council - corresponding
Denbighshire County Council – corresponding
Derby City Council – corresponding
Derbyshire Dales District Council – corresponding
Devon County Council - corresponding
Dorset County Council – contributing
Durham County Council - corresponding
Eden District Council - corresponding
Essex County Council- corresponding
Flintshire County Council – NFLA Co-optee
Forest of Dean District Council - corresponding
Forest Heath District Council - corresponding
Fylde Borough Council - corresponding
Gosport Borough Council - corresponding
Great Yarmouth Borough Council - corresponding
Greater London Authority - corresponding
Gwynedd County Council - corresponding
Halton Borough Council – corresponding
Hampshire County Council - contributing
Harlow District Council - corresponding
Hartlepool Borough Council - contributing
Hyndburn Borough Council - corresponding
Kent County Council - corresponding
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk District Council - corresponding
Lancashire County Council - corresponding
Lancaster City Council - corresponding
Leeds City Council – corresponding
Leicestershire County Council - corresponding
Lewes District Council - corresponding
Liverpool City Council - corresponding
London Borough of Bromley - corresponding
London Borough of Hackney - corresponding
London Borough of Harrow – corresponding
London Borough of Hillingdon - corresponding
London Borough of Newham - corresponding
London Borough of Tower Hamlets - corresponding
Maldon District Council – corresponding
Manchester City Council - contributing
Melton Borough Council – corresponding
Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service - corresponding
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council - corresponding
Newport City Council – NFLA Co-optee
Norfolk County Council – corresponding
North London Waste Plan - corresponding

Government

Northamptonshire County Council - corresponding
North East Derbyshire District Council - corresponding
North Norfolk District Council - corresponding
Norwich City Council - corresponding
Nottinghamshire County Council – corresponding
Northumberland County Council - corresponding
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council – corresponding
Oxfordshire County Council - contributing
Pembrokeshire County Council - corresponding
Plymouth City Council - contributing
Preston City Council – NFLA Co-optee
Purbeck District Council - corresponding
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council – NFLA Co-optee
Rutland County Council - corresponding
Scarborough District Council - corresponding
Sedgemoor District Council – contributing
Shepway District Council - contributing
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council - corresponding
Somerset County Council – contributing
South Gloucester Council – contributing
South Lakeland District Council – corresponding
South Ribble Borough Council - corresponding
Southampton City Council - corresponding
South Norfolk District Council – corresponding
Stroud District Council - corresponding
Spelthorne Borough Council - corresponding
Staffordshire County Council – corresponding
Suffolk Coastal District Council – contributing
Suffolk County Council – contributing
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council - corresponding
Taunton Deane Borough Council - corresponding
Tendring District Council - corresponding
Tunbridge Wells District Council - corresponding
Vale of the White Horse District Council - corresponding
Wansbeck District Council - corresponding
Waveney District Council - corresponding
West Berkshire District Council - corresponding
West Lancashire District Council - corresponding
West Lindsey District Council - corresponding
West Somerset District Council – contributing
Worcestershire County Council - corresponding
Ynys Mon County Council - contributing

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The **Terms of Reference** are:

Bearing in mind the renewed emphasis on stronger local government and the recognition by Government of each authority's role as leader of its community, the LGA SIG on radioactive waste management and decommissioning issues will:

- seek to ensure that all nuclear waste management and nuclear decommissioning activities operate to the highest safety, security and environmental standards by contributing to best practice in the development of a policy framework for radioactive waste management and NDA strategy and implementation
- provide a forum through which to seek to establish a common local government view about: the Government's radioactive waste management policy development process; policies to monitor, inform and influence the formation, strategy and operation of the NDA: and other nuclear issues
- seek to promote such agreed views by engaging with Government, the NDA and other agencies about legacy issues in the short and long term
- provide advice and support to local authorities that request it, and
- having regard to the foregoing, hold meetings as appropriate, seek appropriate local government representation on relevant bodies, provide for the briefing of LGA members on the issues concerned, publicise the issues within the local government community, and seek a mechanism that will ensure appropriate community representation in all relevant decision making.

KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

The **Primary Objectives** are set out in the governing Constitution. They are:

"PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

4 NuLeAF's primary objectives are:

- to provide a mechanism to identify, where possible, a common, local government viewpoint on nuclear legacy management issues;
- to represent that viewpoint, or the range of views of its member authorities, in discussion with national bodies, including Government, the NDA and the regulators;
- to seek to influence policy and strategy for nuclear legacy management in

- the interests of affected communities; and
- to develop the capacity of its member authorities to engage with nuclear legacy management at a local level.”

The **Aims** are set out in the **Terms of Reference** document

“The Aims are:

- to seek to ensure that all nuclear, waste management and 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 increase and aid ‘capacity building’ within local government and enable informed responses to Government and the NDA from a broader based local government grouping
- to be an interface with government and the NDA on future strategic radioactive waste policy, decommissioning and liabilities management issues
- to confer greater democratic legitimacy on Government and NDA engagement processes in the decommissioning and legacy management sphere
- to add weight and credibility to the current local government input into the radioactive waste, decommissioning and liabilities engagement processes now in hand
- 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 nuclear industry legacy issues
- to provide representatives on Government and NDA consultation, stakeholder and advisory bodies reporting back to local government through the SIG mechanism
- to lever resources, in addition to those conferred through the establishment of a SIG, to enable ‘capacity building’ within local government so that Government policy can develop with broad based democratic consent.”

KEY ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES OF WORK UNDERTAKEN

Engage with and advise the membership, including capacity building activities

Held 4 Steering Group meetings (11 July 2013, 23 October 2013, 21 January 2014, 9 April 2014)

Held AGM (23 October 2013)

4 e-bulletins issued (July 2013, October 2013, January 2014, April 2014)

Published 8 newsletters for contributing member authorities

Published 3 Briefing Papers

Responded to 9 consultations

Held 3 Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings

Commissioned new website to provide improved information service to membership

Organised site trip to Sellafield to enable members to understand the scale of the undertaking

Met with officers at Anglesey County Council and Gwynedd County Council to discuss radioactive waste issues and advised other councils as requested on a regular basis.

Published guidance on the Duty to Co-operate and radioactive waste management

Engage with government, industry and regulators

Participated in Stakeholder Review Group for Managing Radioactive Waste Safely programme, providing voice of local authorities to government.

Commented on call for evidence for review of Geological Disposal Facility siting process. Wrote to Baroness Verma regarding conduct of review.

Met with Head of Stakeholder Engagement, Radioactive Waste Management Ltd, to discuss awareness raising programme for siting geological disposal

Attended MRWS workshops organised by DECC

Attended CoRWM meeting on MRWS

Attended 2 Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP) Advisory Group meetings

Attended SDP workshop organised by MoD regarding shortlisted sites

Attended workshop organised by DECC on UK NORM strategy

Met with Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste

Attended 4 Site Restoration Theme Overview Group meetings

Attended 3 Integrated Waste Management Theme Overview Group meetings

Attended Low Level Waste Delivery Overview Group meetings

Attended 2 Regulatory Interface Management meetings

Attended workshop on options for the co-location of Intermediate Level Waste and Fuel Element Debris at Magnox nuclear licensed sites

Met with Mark Plummer of DCLG regarding Duty to Co-operate and National Waste Management Plan

Attended NDA National Stakeholder Group meeting at Bradwell

Monitor and engage with European Projects

Attended Euradwaste conference in Vilnius, October 2013

Attended MoDeRN workshop in Luxembourg and commented on case studies

Attended IPPA conference in Prague, October 2013

Served as member of InSOTEC Stakeholder Reflection Group and attended workshops in Paris and Berlin

Liaise with LGA

Met with Caroline Green and Piali Das Gupta to update them on NuLeAF's work.

Reported NuLeAF work through LGA First magazine

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