

## LGA Special Interest Groups

### 2015 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  
Colchester Borough 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 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  
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 3 Steering Group meetings (24 July 2014, 15 October 2014, 29 January 2015)

Held AGM (15 October 2014)

3 e-bulletins issued (July 2014, October 2014, February 2015)

Published 8 newsletters for contributing member authorities

Published 3 Briefing Papers

Responded to 11 consultations

Held 3 Radioactive Waste Planning Group meetings

Working with Low Level Waste Repository Limited set up the inaugural meeting between local authorities, site operators and LLWR to review waste movements for the forthcoming year.

Held seminar on 16 June to discuss developments in radioactive waste management with specific reference to regulation and local authorities. Speakers from Environment Agency, Office for Nuclear Regulation, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Department for Energy and Climate Change, Augean Ltd and Magnox Ltd.

Working with RWM arranged workshop for local authority planners on the national geological screening process

Organised presentation and discussion by the new Parent Body Organisation for the Magnox and RSRL sites with members

Carried out review amongst members of NuLeAF's work programme and engagement

### Engage with government, industry and regulators

Attended 2 plenary meetings of the Committee of Radioactive Waste Management as observer

Attended 4 liaison meetings with DECC and RWM regarding the Geological Disposal Facility

Attended briefing with DECC prior to launch of Geological Disposal Facility process White Paper

Attended a number of workshops on the national geological screening process for the GDF project

Appointed to attend the Communities Representation Working Group of the GDF project

Attended 2 Submarine Dismantling Project (SDP) Advisory Group meetings and contributed to consultation documentation

Attended SDP workshop organised by MoD regarding shortlisted sites

Attended 13 Theme Overview Group meetings on Site Restoration, Integrated Waste Management and Critical Enablers

Held discussions with NDA regarding the management of Spent Nuclear Fuels and Nuclear Materials following closed meetings.

Participated in the review of the Low Level Waste Strategy prior to open consultation.

Participated in the review of the Decommissioning Strategy for Sellafield

Attended meeting of the New Nuclear Local Authorities Special Interest Group

Spoke at WEEETF conference on nuclear energy

Attended Low Level Waste Delivery Overview Group meetings
Attended 1 Regulatory Interface Management meeting
Attended NDA National Stakeholder Group meeting in Birmingham
<b>Monitor and engage with European Projects</b>
Attended Radioactive Waste Management conference in Amsterdam
<b>Liaise with LGA</b>
Contacted Dennis Skinner regarding the Communities Representation Working Group
Wrote on two occasions to Carolyn Downs regarding Geological Disposal and the relationship of NuLeAF with the LGA

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