

New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG)

Objectives and membership (2024)

NNLAG (New Nuclear Local Authorities Group) is the local government representative body on new nuclear development and a Special Interest Group of the Local Government Association. The aim of NNLAG is to provide a supportive national network for local authorities that are or likely to be affected by new nuclear development to make representation direct to Government and elsewhere on all matters related to nuclear new build and advanced nuclear technologies, including the production of nuclear-related hydrogen and other low carbon synthetic fuels, and nuclear-related transmission projects. For future reference the use of the term 'new nuclear development' purposively includes all these matters.

The UK Government is committed to a programme of new nuclear development as part of simultaneous electrification and decarbonisation of heat, power and transport to reduce emissions and transition to net zero by 2050. This will cost billions of pounds and take place over prolonged timescales, presenting both significant opportunities and challenges for local authorities and their communities.

NNLAG believes that local authorities and their communities should be central to the decision-making process, which requires early and effective engagement in the formulation of policy, strategy and practice. NNLAG works to promote the best social, economic and environmental outcomes for existing and future nuclear communities. For existing nuclear communities this includes (where appropriate) future development opportunities promoted by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, and which accord with the Government's ambition for 'greener, better, faster' short term economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and long-term sustainable growth.

The objectives of NNLAG are to:

1. be the principal local authority forum for debate and the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practice on new nuclear development.
2. facilitate access to advice and the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practice on new nuclear development between member local authorities.
3. seek to influence national policy, strategy and practice for new nuclear development in the interests of affected communities.
4. provide a mechanism to identify, where possible, a common local government view on all key matters related to new nuclear development.
5. represent that view, or the range of views from our member local authorities, in discussion with national bodies, including Government, Great British Nuclear, UKAEA, industry and the nuclear and energy regulators.
6. develop the capacity of our member local authorities to engage with new nuclear development at the local level.

Current members and secretariat (May 2023)

NNLAG is chaired in 2023/24 by Suffolk County Council. The chairing organisation also host its secretariat.

Current members of NNLAG are:

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| Anglesey County Council |
| Bassetlaw District Council |
| Cumberland Council |
| East Suffolk Council |
| Essex County Council |
| Folkestone and Hythe Council |
| Maldon District Council |
| Somerset Council |
| South Gloucestershire Council |
| Suffolk County Council |