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Dear Councillor White

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Scottish Liaison Group on Radioactive Waste Management

The March COSLA Leader's meeting unanimously passed a report to allow and encourage participation in the newly formed Scottish Liaison Group on Radioactive Waste Management. I enclose the group's Terms of Reference and Aims for your information.

I now seek your good offices in nominating a member to represent your authority on this important Liaison Group.

Could you forward me your nomination with appropriate contact details.

Yours sincerely

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如関下不十分明白英語, 請與以下的通訊處聯系。 যদি আপনি ইংরেজি বুঝতে অসুবিধা বোধ করেন তাহলে অনুগ্রহ করে নিচের ঠিকানাতে যোগাযোগ করুনঃ اگرآب کوائگریزی سجھنے میں مشکل پیش آتی ہے قربراہ کرم نیچ دیے گئے ہے پررابط کریں۔ ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇੰਗਲਿਸ਼ ਸਮਝਣ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਪਤੇ ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ:



SCOTTISH LIAISON GROUP ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

The proposed Remit is:

- to provide a mechanism to identify a common, Scottish local authority viewpoint on radioactive waste management issues
- to act as an interface with the Scottish Executive, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies as they
 consult on radioactive waste management and clean-up policy and practice; and
- to influence national policy on radioactive waste management in the interests of the communities affected

The proposed Terms of Reference are:

Bearing in mind the renewed emphasis on stronger local government and the recognition by the Scottish Executive, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies of each authority's role as leader of its community, the Scottish Liaison Group on Radioactive Waste Management will:

- seek to ensure that all radioactive waste management operates to the highest safety, security and environmental standards by contributing to best practice in the development of a policy framework for radioactive waste management;
- provide a forum through which to seek to establish a common local government view about the Scottish Executive, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies' radioactive waste management policy development processes;
- provide a forum through which advice and support can be supplied; and
- having regard to the foregoing, hold meetings as appropriate, seek appropriate local government representation on relevant bodies, provide for the briefing of Scottish local authority members on the issues concerned, publicise the issues within the local government, and seek a mechanism that will ensure appropriate community representation in all relevant decision making

The proposed Aims are:

- to seek to ensure that all radioactive waste management 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 aid 'capacity building' within local government and enable informed responses to the Scottish Executive, Scottish Parliament and other relevant agencies from a broader based local government grouping;
- to be an interface with the Scottish Executive, Scottish Parliament and other relevant agencies on future strategic radioactive waste policy issues;
- 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 radioactive waste management issues;
- to provide representatives on consultative, stakeholder and advisory bodies and to report back to local government; and
- to identify means by which to lever resources to enable 'capacity building' within local government so that national policy can develop with broad based democratic consent

The Secretariat will be provided by Dundee City Council.

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