



# NDA Update

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# NDA Update

## NDA Group COVID-19 Recovery Plans

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- NDA Group continues to respond to the impacts of the Covid pandemic
- Good progress in restarting site operations across the NDA Group since the first lockdown
- Reduction in staff presence at some sites (e.g. Sellafield)
- NDA Corporate Centre staff continuing to work from home except essential office access
- Health, safety and wellbeing of staff remains our top priority

# NDA Update

## New NDA Chair

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- Our new Chair, Ros Rivaz, started with the NDA on 1 September 2020.
- Ros started her career in ExxonMobil, specialising in supply chain leadership. She has worked in senior roles for Tate & Lyle, ICI, Diageo and Premier Foods and was Smith & Nephew's Global Chief Operating Officer from 2011-2014.



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## New NDA Non Executive Director

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- Welcome the appointment of Francis Livens to NDA Board
- Over 35 years' experience in nuclear research
- Professor of Radiochemistry and Director of University of Manchester Dalton Institute
- Member of Nuclear Innovation & Research Advisory Board and ONR Independent Advisory Panel



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## New Dounreay Chair

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- Lawrie Haynes appointed as Chair Designate of Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd (DSRL) from 31 March
- Strong track record in the nuclear sector, including President of Rolls Royce Land & Sea Division and Chief Executive of British Nuclear Group
- Lawrie will continue as Chair of Magnox Ltd



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## New Dounreay Managing Director

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- Welcome the appointment of Mark Rouse as MD of DSRL from 1 April
- Mark took up role as MD in March 2020
- Second spell at the site (2013 – 2015)
- Previously President of Cavendish Nuclear Japan



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## New Chair of Sellafield Ltd Board

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- Tony Meggs CB announced as new Chair of Sellafield Ltd Board from 3 May 2021
- Experienced Chair and senior executive with over 30 years' experience across private and public sectors
- Most recently Chair of Crossrail
- Former BP executive



# NDA Update

## LLWR CEO Designate

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- Welcome the appointment of Martin Walkingshaw as CEO Designate of Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR)
- Martin takes up role on 12 July 2021
- Part of the LLWR team since 2006





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## NDA Group Leadership Team

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- Drive improved leadership, assurance, collaboration and learning/skills transfer across NDA Group
- Closely aligned to new subsidiary operating model
- Brings together NDA Corporate Centre CEO and Executives with CEOs/Managing Directors of NDA operating companies:
  - Sellafeld
  - Dounreay
  - Magnox
  - Nuclear Transport Solutions
  - Emerging new waste division

# NDA Update

## Holliday Report

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- Report on Magnox Inquiry published on 4 March
- NDA is now a much stronger organisation, operating under a very different model
- We have already acted on Mr Holliday's interim recommendations made in 2017
- We welcome Mr Holliday's recommendations and will publish our formal response later this year

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## NDA Innovation Competition

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- £3.9m 'sort and seg' competition launched in July 2020
- Invite technological solutions to sort and segregate radioactive waste at oldest nuclear sites
- Contracts worth £60k each awarded to 14 successful consortia
- Successful companies will now develop feasibility studies – including robotics, advanced sensors and artificial intelligence – to be delivered in May
- Winners will compete for a number of contracts – each worth up to £900k – for 15-month 'demonstrator projects'

# NDA Update

## Draft Business Plan, 2021 - 2024

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- Draft business plan published from 8 December 2020 to 2 February 2021
- Sets out NDA Group spending plans and priorities for financial years 2021 – 2024
- Incorporates 2020 Spending Review settlement
- Final draft will be published in late March following Ministerial approval

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## Nuclear Transport Solutions

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- Single transport division bringing together transport expertise and capabilities across the NDA Group
- Started operating as single organisation on 1 February ahead of full launch in April
- Transportation of spent fuel, nuclear materials, return of reprocessing products to overseas customers, packaging and licensing support to NDA Group
- Intention to create a single waste division (LLWR and RWM) in 2022

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## GDF Working Groups

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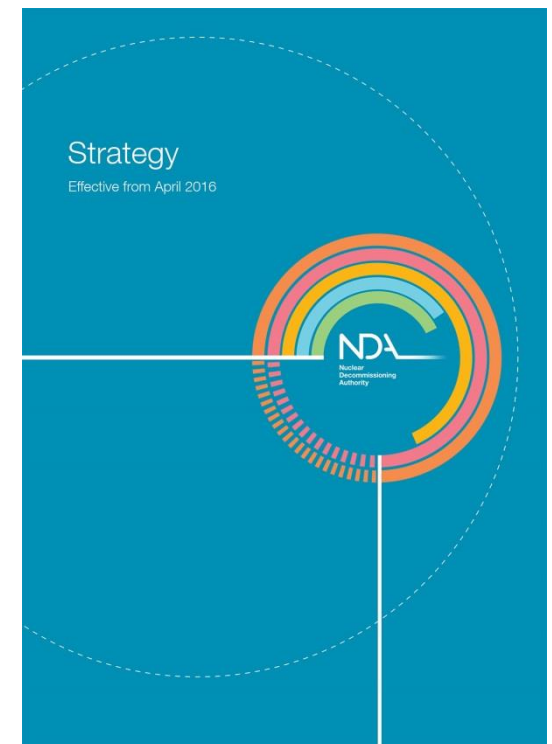
- Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) has welcomed the formation of the first two Working Groups in Copeland and Allerdale
- Important steps in the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) programme
- Working Groups will begin local discussions and fact-finding about potentially siting a GDF in Copeland and Allerdale
- Does not guarantee that a GDF will be sited in Cumbria or preclude other communities from establishing Working Groups

# NDA Update

## Draft Strategy 4

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- Our Strategy has to be reviewed at least every 5 years
- Current Strategy was published in 2016
- Draft Strategy 4 published for public consultation from 17 August – 8 November
- Final approved Strategy published by 31 March 2021



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## Draft Strategy 4 – Stakeholder Engagement

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- Pre-engagement phase
  - Information packs sent to key stakeholders
  - Virtual meetings (NGO Forum, SSG sub-groups, Theme Overview Groups etc.)
- Consultation phase
  - Full document published on gov.uk
  - Social media promotion of S4
  - Virtual meetings with stakeholders, including national stakeholder event, NGO Forum, NuLeAF etc.



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## Draft Strategy 4: Consultation and Next Steps

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- Approximately 70 sets of comments from a range of stakeholders
- We have carefully considered all comments and, where possible, taken them into account in the final draft
- Final draft has been approved by UK and Scottish Ministers
- Final Strategy will be published on 18 March – with consultation response document



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