



**Nuclear Free Local Authorities Steering Committee -
2011 Annual Policy Briefing Seminar
Nuclear policy developments and the real potential for renewable
energy in the British and Irish Isles
Friday November 25th, 2011
Council Chamber, Newry & Mourne District Council, Council Offices, Monaghan
Row, Newry, BT35 8DJ, Northern Ireland**

The 2011 NFLA Annual Policy Briefing will consider a number of issues of interest to Councils across the UK and Ireland. It will continue the NFLA's series of events considering energy policy in the British and Irish Isles and the benefits of renewable energy over a new nuclear build programme. The seminar will also consider an important newly published report by the local authority marine pollution group KIMO International, which has tracked all the nuclear material transportation routes in northern Europe.

A major debate is taking place in the UK and Ireland over how to reduce its fossil fuel use, bring down carbon emission rates, mitigate climate change whilst ensuring energy security and 'keeping the lights on'. In the UK this debate has seen a passionate discussion over the merits of new nuclear build and renewable energy, whilst in Ireland there remain real concerns over how it weans itself off fossil fuels. The NFLA have developed briefings for Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales on the future direction of national energy policies. These reports can be found on the NFLA website – <http://www.nuclearpolicy.info>.

The NFLA is delighted that the seminar's keynote presentation will be provided by the Northern Ireland Environment Minister, Alex Attwood MLA, who will outline the Government's concerns over nuclear developments across the Irish Sea and consider the future direction of energy policy in Northern Ireland, within the context of wider developments across the UK and Ireland. **The seminar is open to all NFLA member authorities, but it also being opened up to councillors in non-member authorities across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. It is FREE to attend and follows on from the morning NFLA Steering Committee and AGM, to which non member councillors are welcome to observe.**

PROGRAMME (speakers are subject to change)

12.45pm	Registration: Tea/Coffee
1.00pm	Welcome: Councillor Michael Carr, Newry and Mourne Council
1.05pm	Alex Attwood MLA, Environment Minister, Northern Ireland Government – UK new nuclear build and the future development of energy policy in Northern Ireland (confirmed)
1.30pm	Grattan Healy, Board Member of the Strategic Energy Authority of Ireland and co-founder of the National Offshore Wind Association of Ireland – The potential for offshore wind power to provide Ireland & the UK with much of its future energy needs (confirmed)
1.55pm	James Orr, Director of Friends of the Earth Northern Ireland – Irish Green Groups 'Vision for a Programme for Government' in energy and environmental policy (confirmed)
2.15pm	Rick Nickerson, Policy Advisor, KIMO International – The Transport of Nuclear Materials by Sea in Northern Europe (confirmed)
2.40pm	Panel discussion led by the new NFLA Chair
3.00pm	Conclusion, seminar ends.

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Registration Details

The seminar is a free event open to all NFLA members and officers and local interested community groups. It is also available to non member authorities interested in these issues.

If you are planning to attend, could you please fill in the appropriate details and email, post or fax to the address at the bottom of this form. If your authority is not a NFLA member and you wish to observe the NFLA Steering Committee and the NFLA AGM in the same location in the morning of the 25th November (9.30am – 12pm) then please indicate below.

Name	Local Authority / Group	Correspondence address (email or postal)	Wish to attend the NFLA SC & AGM? Yes / No

Please return this form to: Sean Morris, NFLA Secretary –

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If you require any information on Newry and local arrangements for the meeting please contact Sinead Trainor, NFLA All Ireland Forum Secretary -

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