



Nuclear Free Local Authorities 2015 Steering Committee, Annual General Meeting and 35th Anniversary Civic Reception

Friday December 4th, 2015 9.45am – 2.30pm

**Room 301 (Executive Members Meeting Room) for the business meetings
and Room 402, the Lord Mayor's Suite for the civic reception, Manchester
Town Hall, Albert Square, Manchester, M2 5DB.**

The 2015 Nuclear Free Local Authorities AGM and associated meetings will also include a special civic reception for the 35th anniversary of the organisation. It will take place in the 'home' of the NFLA, Manchester. The NFLA Secretariat sincerely thanks Councillor Kate Chappell, Executive Member for the Environment in Manchester City Council for agreeing to host the AGM and associated meetings in the Executive Members Meeting Room in Manchester Town Hall. The Secretariat also thanks the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Paul Murphy for agreeing to host the civic reception in the Lord Mayor's Suite.

There will be four meetings over the day – the business meetings will all be held in Room 301 and the civic reception in Room 402, the Lord Mayor's Suite.

NFLA Scotland Forum business meeting will meet from 9.40am – 10.40am and is for NFLA Scotland members only. There will be a short report from the NFLA Scotland Policy Advisor and relevant business around Scottish nuclear policy.

The NFLA UK and Ireland Steering Committee will meet from 10.40am – 12.00pm. A shorter Steering Committee will take place looking at the key areas of nuclear policy the NFLA focuses on. As it links in to the NFLA AGM it is open to all members from the four constituent NFLA National Forums (All Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales).

The NFLA UK and Ireland Annual General Meeting (AGM) follows directly on from the Steering Committee at 12.00pm – 12.45pm. The AGM will elect a new NFLA Steering Committee Chair and agree NFLA Vice Chairs representing the four National Forums. It will also discuss and approve the NFLA financial report and affiliation fees, the NFLA Service Plan, Annual NFLA reports and its formal Terms of Reference and Constitution.

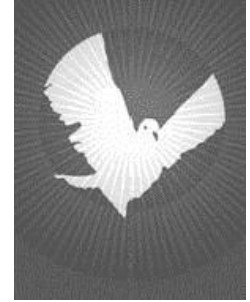
Lunch will be held between 12.45pm – 1.15pm.

The NFLA 35th Anniversary Civic Reception follows lunch and takes place between 1.30pm – 2.30pm. The civic reception will formally commemorate the 35th anniversary of the NFLA, which is traditionally taken from the passing of a resolution on the 5th November 1980 by Manchester City Council, which included mention of the formation of a local government association. This will be hosted by the Lord Mayor of Manchester and a flyer is attached on the next page. A wider invitation has been made for this reception, including past NFLA members and Chairs and individual NFLA members. Given this is an important milestone in the organisation; all NFLA members are encouraged to attend it if possible.

Information on Manchester and how to get to the city for delegates is also attached in this briefing pack.



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35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE UK AND IRELAND
NUCLEAR FREE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (NFLA)

Lord Mayor's Suite, Room 402, Manchester Town Hall
Friday 4th December 2015, 1.30pm – 2.30pm



Including brief speeches from the Lord Mayor of Manchester, the NFLA Chair, NFLA National Forum Chairs, the NFLA Secretary and former NFLA Members and Secretaries.

To attend please contact Sean Morris NFLA Secretary – 0161 234 3244
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Information on Manchester for the AGM

Location and general information –



Manchester is the largest city in the north west of England with a population of over 520,000 people. As the hub of Greater Manchester it is the second largest conurbation in the UK.

The city is lively and popular in the UK with an excellent selection of hotels, restaurants, shops and cultural and sporting institutions. In early December it will also be hosting its annual European Christmas markets over 8 sites in the city centre, with the main hub outside the Town Hall.

Manchester Town Hall is the Victorian jewel in the crown on Manchester, opening in 1887. It is situated in middle of the city centre and is a 10 minute walk from Manchester Piccadilly and Victoria Train Stations. There is a Metrolink tram service through the city centre which is currently being expanded with an additional city centre line. The closest tram stop is Deansgate-Castlefield, which is a 5 minute stop from the Town Hall.

By public transport

5 minutes walk from Deansgate – Castlefield tram stop

6 minutes walk from Oxford Road Train Station

10 minutes walk from Piccadilly / Victoria Stations

12 minute train from Manchester Airport to Piccadilly

Nearest car park – Manchester Central (4 mins walk)



Getting Accommodation in Edinburgh -

There is an excellent selection of hotels in Manchester, many close to the Town Hall.

The NFLA Secretariat is currently discussing with staff in Visit Manchester to arrange a special discounted conference rate on the 4th December, and this will be forwarded to you by email shortly. To look at what hotels are available near the Town Hall, and other information on the city, go to <http://www.visitmanchester.com>.

Getting to Manchester -

Manchester is easily accessible by car and rail, with excellent air connections to all major UK and Irish cities. It has regular rail connections with London Euston, Cardiff, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leeds and Hull and all the main town and cities in Britain. Trains take just over 2

hours from London, 3.5 hours from Glasgow and Edinburgh, 1.5 hours from Birmingham, 3.5 hours from Cardiff and less than 1 hour from Leeds.

Manchester has the M60 motorway around the city and the M56 and M62 motorways feed into it. There are pay and display spaces in the streets around the Town Hall and the closest multi-story car park is at the Manchester Central Conference Complex four minutes walk from the Town Hall.

Manchester International Airport is around 12 miles from the city and its website is: <http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk>

There are regular direct trains from Manchester Airport to Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Oxford Road train stations running every 10 minutes. There is also a Metrolink tram service from the Airport running every 12 minutes and takes around 35 minutes to the city centre (with one change at Cornbrook). A single ticket is £5 and a return ticket £8.

There are connections to the following UK and Irish cities from Manchester Airport:

Cardiff International	Airline
Aberdeen	Flybe
Belfast International	Easyjet
Belfast City	Flybe
Cork	Aer Lingus Regional
Dublin	Aer Lingus and Ryanair
Edinburgh	Flybe
Glasgow	Flybe
Shannon	Aer Lingus Regional
Stornoway	Flybe via Glasgow, Edinburgh or Aberdeen
Sumburgh	Flybe via Glasgow, Edinburgh or Aberdeen

If you have any further queries please contact the NFLA Secretary, Sean Morris, on 00 44 (0)161 234 3244 or s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk.