

Copeland Hosts National Nuclear Conference

Copeland Borough Council is proud to announce it will be hosting this year's New Nuclear Local Authorities Group Conference.

The Conference is being held at Summergrove Halls and runs from tomorrow (Wednesday March 8) until Friday March 10.

The New Nuclear Local Authorities Group (NNLAG) includes 15 local authorities from across the UK who are likely to be affected by and benefit from proposals for new nuclear power stations either within or close to their boundaries.

The NNLAG's primary aim is to share knowledge, information and best practice regarding the process of developing new nuclear power stations from a local authority perspective. It also provides a mechanism for authorities to discuss and make representations to Government regarding new nuclear and nuclear-related connection and transmission projects.

Elected Mayor Mike Starkie said: "I am very pleased to welcome this important group to Copeland. The work of the NNLAG ensures local authorities with a vested interest in matters new nuclear meet to share their knowledge and expertise and moreover provide an interface with Government."

Items for discussion at this year's conference include the housing, transport, skills and tourism impacts of nuclear new build. There will also be an opportunity for delegates to hear updates from local authority colleagues on proposals in their areas including Hinkley Point in Somerset, Wylfa in Anglesey and Sizewell in Suffolk. In addition, delegates will hear the latest information on the proposals from NuGeneration Ltd for the Moorside project in Copeland.

Chair of NNLAG, Councillor Geoff Holdcroft, Deputy Leader of Suffolk Coastal District Council, said: "Hosting a major national infrastructure project, such as a new nuclear power station, has a massive impact on any area. Whilst we support the need for these projects in principle, it is important that we local authorities work together to maximise the benefits for our communities, while minimising the negative impacts. Conferences such as this have an essential role to play in us sharing best practice and presenting a united front to the Government and the major multinational companies proposing these new power stations."



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