1. Background

The North West Nuclear Forum was launched in 2011 to provide an opportunity to profile the high level of skills and expertise located in the region and a network for business development in the supply chain, supporting the SME community.

The Nuclear Forum was originally set up by Warrington Borough Council and supported by the NWDA. The changing landscape of public funding forced new ways of working at all levels of business operations following the demise of Regional Development Agencies in 2011.

In 2011 Birchwood Forum, with the support of Sellafield Ltd and the NDA, organised a successful Supply Chain Conference and Exhibition for the Nuclear Industry in the North West was organised at Birchwood Park Conference Centre at which there was general consensus to launch the Forum as a membership based organisation operated by Birchwood Forum, the business development network established in 1996.

The North West Nuclear Forum is managed by a Steering Group which represents all supply chain tiers in the nuclear industry and industry organisations. Together they agree the programme of meetings and activities of the Forum as well as business support for members.

The new membership year starts on 1 April and businesses are requested to complete a subscription renewal form. Payment for membership may now be made online via the Birchwood Forum office.

2. North West Nuclear Forum Management

Birchwood Forum manages the North West Nuclear Forum and supports the Steering Group. The Steering Group current members are:

AMEC Foster Wheeler  Sonia Pratley [Steering Group Chair]
Sion Edwards Director Clean Energy
Ian S Wilson
Atkins
National Nuclear Laboratory  Manon Higgins-Bos
NSG Ltd  James Rudd [Forum Meeting Chair]
NSAN National Skills Academy  Nicola Merriman
for Nuclear
Nuclear Institute  tba
Sunbeam Management Solutions  Philip Isgar
William Hare Ltd  Craig Arnold
The Forum has reciprocal membership of the National Skills Academy for Nuclear and the Nuclear Institute.

The Forum supports Women in Nuclear and was instrumental in launching the Birchwood Network.

3. Why Join the Forum?

The North West Nuclear Forum provides its members with regular meetings offering invaluable networking opportunities for North West based companies already working in the nuclear sector or who wish to. The Forum is a group of like-minded companies, large and small, who see mutual benefit in sharing their collective business knowledge.

The meetings provide an environment for sharing market intelligence & business opportunities, through presentations, facilitated discussions and industry information. The focus of the Forum is to support the development of locally based companies and facilitate closer collaboration.

The North West Nuclear Forum website provides a profiling opportunity for members together with news streaming, social media services and information circulated on industry developments. www.nuclearforum.org

4. North West Nuclear Forum Membership

The North West Nuclear Forum membership operates on the scale of employee numbers based in the North West of England. In the 2014 membership year, it was agreed to introduce a Partner level membership. Partners have the opportunity to support the development and direction of the North West Nuclear Forum through membership of its Steering Group, enhanced website profiling opportunities, providing keynote speakers at Forum meetings and regular news features on the website.

Current Partners include:
- AMEC Foster Wheeler
- Atkins
- National Nuclear Laboratory
- William Hare Ltd

Birchwood Forum Enterprises Limited, a not for profit company limited by guarantee is the legal entity for the North West Nuclear Forum. The Forum membership fees are heavily subsidised by the Partner Members contribution and with the support of Birchwood Park which hosts all the Forum meetings.
Membership fee levels for the year 2017-18 are:

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Membership is open to all nuclear industry and supply chain businesses located in North West England.

Due to increased interest in the Forum from across the world, for the membership year 2017-18 an Associate Member subscription level has been introduced for the flat rate of £200 plus VAT. Organisations based in the UK outside the North West of England and also from other countries may apply.

### 5. Programme of Events

The Steering Group meet regularly to plan the agreed four meetings per year. They act as a business intelligence resource for industry and plan the programmes for the quarterly meetings on the most appropriate current topics and with keynote speakers drawn from the high profile UK nuclear generation, new build and decommissioning sectors.

### 6. Achievements to date

Since its establishment in 2011, the North West Nuclear Forum has:

- brought together more than 50 businesses in the North West Nuclear Industry Supply Chain together with Government, public sector and industry organisations
- arranged for high profile speakers on nuclear new build, industry developments and Government support
- exhibited at national and regional events to promote the Forum and its members
- created a website to profile Forum members
- developed strategic links to enhance and increase business opportunities for Forum Members
7. Business Support

The North West Nuclear Forum website has been developed to provide businesses with the opportunity to:

- profile their products and services
- access links to valuable information, news and resources
- access business opportunities
- access nuclear industry contacts at

The North West of England is at the heart of the nuclear industry and its supply chain of global expertise. To demonstrate this the Forum is constantly developing fresh information for the website.

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