



Science Advisory Group for the review of potential environmental contamination in Grenfell and North Kensington

Governance

Overview

The Science Advisory Group (SAG) for the review of potential environmental contamination in the vicinity of Grenfell and North Kensington is chaired by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser. It covers both science and public health issues. It is constituted on a time-limited basis to provide science advice related to this review only. Its membership consists of subject experts independent of Her Majesty's Government. Its remit, membership and advice shall be publicly available. The chair will report to the Grenfell Ministerial Recovery Group.

Terms of Reference

1. To review the proposed environmental monitoring strategy and any contractor proposals to ensure these are a) adequate in scope, scientifically rigorous and contain a reasonable timetable, and b) are consistent with relevant legislative processes and technical and quality requirements.
2. To advise, as necessary, on scientific principles and processes associated with the environmental assessment.
3. To review the findings from the environmental assessment to ensure that it has met the agreed specification and that results have been rigorously analysed.
4. To consider any next steps arising from findings that require further scientific or health investigation.
5. To support, in accordance with the broader governance structure for this review, clear and transparent public communications around the design of and findings from the assessment, particularly with the community of Grenfell and North Kensington.

Membership

6. Membership of the SAG shall consist of independent subject experts chosen by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser (see Annex A).
7. Other attendees (e.g. additional subject experts, government/agency scientists with knowledge of specific issues, representatives of the Grenfell and North Kensington community) may be invited to SAG meetings at the discretion of the Government Chief Scientific Adviser.

Conduct

8. The secretariat function for the SAG will be provided by Government Office for Science.
9. The secretariat will make available the SAG terms of reference and membership on gov.uk.
10. The secretariat will publish details of minutes arising from the SAG.
11. If any SAG member has a conflict of interest relevant to the remit of the group, s/he must declare it to the secretariat.
12. SAG members are free to speak to the media and to Grenfell community organisations in their capacity as subject experts, but any discussions at SAG meetings and in relation to SAG work must be treated as confidential. Any public communication of SAG discussions beyond publication of the minutes from meetings will be determined by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser.
13. Should an issue arise which requires urgent advice from the SAG, the Government Chief Scientific Adviser has discretion to convene a relevant subset of the SAG in order to provide it.

Annex A Group Membership

- Patrick Vallance - Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Government Office for Science
- Lindsay Bramwell - Research Associate in Toxicology, University of Newcastle
- Alexandra Freeman - Executive Director, Winton Institute, University of Cambridge
- Len Levy - Emeritus Professor of Environmental Health, University of Cranfield
- Ragnar Löfstedt - Professor of Risk Management, Kings College London
- Robert Mokaya - Professor of Materials Chemistry, University of Nottingham
- Paul Nathanail - Managing Director, Land Quality Management
- Anthony Newman Taylor, Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Imperial College London
- Munir Pirmohamed, David Weatherall Chair in Medicine, University of Liverpool
- James Rubin - Reader in Psychology of Emerging Health Risks, Kings College London
- Anna Stec - Professor of Fire Chemistry and Toxicity, University of Central Lancashire
- Chris Whitty - Chief Scientific Adviser, Department of Health and Social Care and Deputy Chief Medical Officer