



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 will 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.
7. Other attendees (e.g. additional subject experts, government/agency scientists with knowledge of specific issues, individuals with assurance roles on the project, 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 minutes from meetings of the SAG online.
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.