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MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES JOINT REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP  
(RTG) AND REGIONAL MEMBERS GROUP (RMG) HELD ON THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH 2006 AT THE OPTIC CENTRE, ST ASAPH BUSINESS PARK AT  
12.30PM.

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Members and Officers present for:

***Denbighshire County Council***

Councillor Eryl Williams (EW), Mike Pender (MJP), Claire MacFarlane (CM), Alan Roberts (AR), Samantha Davies (Admin)

***Conwy County Council***

Ceri Thomas (CT), Geraint Edwards (GE)

***Wrexham County Borough Council***

Councillor Andrew Bailey (AB), John Ellis (JE)

***Anglesey County Council***

Councillor John Williams (JW), Hedd Rhys (HR)

***Flintshire County Council***

Bob Sheffield (BS), Gabby Yoxall (GY)

***Gwynedd County Council***

Councillor Emyr Pugh (EP), Dafydd Gareth Jones (DGJ)

***Powys County Council***

Roanna Manson (RA), Ryan Kristiansen (RK), Lee Marshall (LM)

***Snowdonia National Park***

Gareth Lloyd (GL)

***Welsh Assembly Government***

Sue Martin (SM), Joanna Smith (JS), Adrian Jones (AJ)

***Environment Agency Wales***

Cathy O'Brien (COB), Rhiannon Jones (RJ)

***Cheshire County Council***

Clive Sproule (CS)

***WESA***

Colin Priestly (CP)

***Wales Environment Trust***

Richard Carter (RC)

## ***Cylch***

Katie Trent (KT)

## ***WLGA***

Rachel Jowitt (JW)

### **1. Apologies**

Medwyn Williams, CGMA

Andrew Dale, CCW

Peter Walmsley, CBI

Councillor Joy Shearer, Powys County Council

Councillor G T Jones, Powys County Council

Andy Bull, Powys County Council

Amy Bird, Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust

John Williams, Isle of Anglesey County Council

Ruth Richards, Wrexham County Borough Council

Richard Ninnes, CCW

Henry Roberts, North Wales Economic Forum

Gary Nancarrow, Flintshire County Council

Councillor Brian Cossey, Conwy County Borough Council

Andy MacBeth, Flintshire County Council

Councillor Kevin Jones, Flintshire County Council

Gwenllian Owen, WDA

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

The group agreed that the minutes were an accurate record.

### **3. Matters Arisings**

MJP advised the group that the site visit to Ellesmere Port was informative, which Cllr. K Jones (Flintshire CC) also attended. EW advised the group that a site visit has been arranged by CIWM to visit several waste treatment facilities in the Netherlands. EW will feed back to the group at the next meeting.

MJP reported that the Hazardous Waste Supplement has been sent to WAG with the agreed minor changes.

MJP advised the group that if there are any problems with the RPS mapping DVD that Welsh Assembly Government sent out to advise Denbighshire County Council and arrangements will be made for any issues to be resolved.

GL asked SM if there was progress with the letter sent from Snowdonia National Park regarding historical/unsuitable waste management sites. SM responded stating that there were a number of letters received regarding the RPS maps and WAG are looking at all the enquiries.

### **4. EAW Sustainability Assessment – Weighting indicators**

COB presented the Sustainability Assessment exercise to the group. COB stated that the presentation is an introduction and will go into more depth at the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006. COB advised the group that the weighting assessment needed to be completed and passed the Regional Co-ordinator by 6<sup>th</sup> April for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006. At the next meeting there will be a discussion on the results of the exercise with the aim of agreeing a NW Waste Group weighting.

#### **ALL TO ACTION**

### **5. Employment/Industrial land meeting with WDA**

MJP advised the group that he attended a meeting with WDA and WAG regarding the availability of employment/industrial land for waste management facilities. MJP stated that he was disappointed with the initial meeting as he was unable to obtain (i) WDA welcome waste management facilities on their sites, and (ii) a list of sites where waste management facilities are suitable. The WDA have agreed to provide the Regional Coordinators with access to their database of available land (both public and privately owned). The three Regional Co-ordinators attended the meeting. SM stated that WDA now have a better understanding of waste management and the requirement for facilities.

MJP raised the possibility of a flagship scheme with WAG, WDA, WLGA, EAW and other partners being involved, which could demonstrate that waste management facilities are well designed and caused no problems.

The group agreed that it was necessary to raise the issue of marketing, economic benefits and site availability with Economic Regeneration/Development Officers.

**MJP to Action**

### **6. Forecasting (Priority Item)**

MJP presented the report to the Group stating that decisions needed to be made on forecast waste arisings for the region, across the plan period. The group agreed the following forecasts: -

- *Municipal Waste* - +4% per annum
- *Industrial* - -3% per annum until 2009/2010, then linear change towards -1% per annum until 2013/2014
- *Commercial* - +2% per annum
- *Construction and Demolition* – 0% per annum
- *Agricultural* – -1% per annum
- *Hazardous* - Linear change from +5% towards -5% per annum

MJP stated that Denbighshire County Council would provide EAW with the yearly waste arisings forecasts up until 2013.

**MJP/CM TO ACTION**

### **7. Draft Annual Monitoring Report 2006**

MJP stated that the Annual Monitoring Report had been prepared as part of the Regional Waste Plan contract requirements. There are sections in the draft which are

currently incomplete, which includes the forecasting. The Group had the following comments: -

- Query the figures on tables 1 and 2 page 8
- There is a significant jump in the figures for 2002/03 on table 6 on page 11.
- There was an increase in the rise of landfill industrial waste.
- On page 35 the information needs to be realistic for anything to be done,
- Powys have been excluded from the table in appendix A1
- The Greenfield CA site (Flintshire) is missing from appendix A1

MJP stated he would address these comments in the revised document.

#### **MJP/CM TO ACTION**

MJP made the group aware of table 8 on page 13.

COB advised the group that the figures for North Wales are 357,069 for 2004/05. There will be additional figures in 2/3 weeks. COB stated that EAW are conducting a waste arisings survey and won't have any comments until the survey has been completed. The information will be available in April 2007 and the survey is conducted every two years.

LM raised concerns regarding how much influence Local Authorities have over waste minimisation and queried the value and appropriateness of current targets.

### **8. LA Update on Waste Management Facilities/Development Plan**

The group discussed various matters of collaborative working across the region. RJ informed the group of WLGA's ongoing work in obtaining procurement guidance.

#### *Flintshire County Council*

The Waste Strategy is out for consultation at present. Action is being taken to save space in the county's landfill sites by restricting the acceptance of C&I waste. A potential site for landfill has not yet been identified in the UDP.

The UDP is going forward to be adopted in 18 months. No changes to the policies but there are 14 areas of search.

#### *Conwy County Borough Council*

A contract has been signed for the disposal of waste up until 2010. Currently looking for two CA sites and a bulking station is to be handed over in April.

Received the SA results for the LDP and have an internal draft strategy. There are no proposed changes to the waste policies/proposals.

#### *Powys County Council*

A joint bid for an aerobic digestion facility at Bryn Posteg has been submitted and a decision on this is due in April. Currently undergoing a tender process.

The UDP will be finalised by the end of the year. This process will overlap with the LDP.

#### *Anglesey County Council*

The main waste management contracts are out to tender. Permission for an in-vessel composting facility has been granted. A waste transfer station is under construction at Penhesgyn and is due to be completed next year.

Stopped work on the UDP and started work on the LDP.

#### *Denbighshire County Council*

The LDP delivery agreement has been approved by WAG. Preparing the SA/SEA scoping report and should be ready soon. Proposing to have a preferred strategy by summer, although this may be delayed by a Strategic Flood Consequence Assessment.

There is a joint landfill disposal contract (with Conwy CBC) starting 1<sup>st</sup> April for 4 years. Procurement beyond this period is being considered, along with Conwy CBC and potentially Flintshire CC.

#### *Gwynedd County Council*

No change in the development plan with Gwynedd. There will be an enquiry into the UDP in the next two weeks, where counter objections will be addressed. Fourteen sites have been identified as potential locations for waste management facilities.

The closure date for Cilgwyn landfill is expected to be announced in the next few days. Looking for 4 civic amenity sites and an in-vessel composting facility at Ffridd Rhasus sites. Currently awaiting an application for an in-vessel composting facility at Llwyn Isa. Still negotiating with Anglesey on the proposed regional composting facility.

#### *Wrexham County Borough Council*

There are no changes in the LDP process. Hoping to have the delivery agreement completed by July.

Currently no change in waste management situation. A planning application for a MRF/pyrolysis facility is being held in abeyance. There are still legal issues with the Hafod site, which planning committee will consider next month.

#### *Snowdonia National Park*

Planning application for a town amenity site in Bala has been granted.

Reconsulting on the delivery agreement and CIS for the LDP.

### **9. Any Other Business**

MJP advised the group that training (arranged by WLGA) is being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May for all to attend and more in-depth training for 2 officers per authority on is taking place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May at Beaufort Park, Mold.

MJP advised the group that the Regional Waste Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Health Impact Assessment. Briefs for carrying out these exercises have been produced and comments are being awaited from WAG, along with decisions on funding and procurement. SM confirmed this and agreed to follow up progress on the HIA brief.

**SM to Action**

MJP stated that there is an open invitation to all Local Authorities to receive technical help with using the RPS waste maps, if they experiencing difficulties. MJP raised the issue of using the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> areas of search in maps as the basis for Areas of Search to be included in the RWP. This would be on the understanding that the Areas of Search would be carried forward in UDP/LDPs. The group raised no concerns with this approach and MJP confirmed that each LA would be contacted via letter to confirm this.

**MJP to Action**

CS advised the group that the North West Regional Spatial Strategy is currently out on consultation for comments.

RM advised the group that both she and Andy Bull are stepping down from RTG and Lee Marshall and Ryan Kristiansen will be taking over from them respectively.

#### **10. Timetable/Future Meetings**

The next Joint Regional RMG and RTG is taking place at the Optic Centre, St Asaph Business Park on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm with lunch provided at 12.00pm.

**The meeting ended at 3.15pm**