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MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN REVIEW  
REGIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP (RTG) HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005 AT  
10AM AT THE BOD ERW HOTEL, ST ASAPH.

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Present for:

***Conwy County Borough Council***

Barry Bond (BB), Ceri Thomas (CT)

***Denbighshire County Council;***

Mike Pender (MP), Samantha Davies (SD) (Admin)

***Flintshire County Council***

Andy MacBeth (AM), Bob Sheffield (BS), Gary Nancarrow (GN)

***Gwynedd County Council***

Dafydd Gareth Jones (DGJ), Gareth Jones (GJ)

***Wrexham County Borough Council***

John Ellis (JE), Geoff Clegg (GC)

***Welsh Assembly Government***

Sue Martin (SM),

***Wales Environment Trust***

Gerald Morris (GM)

***Countryside Council for Wales***

Andrew Dale (AD)

***Environment Agency Wales***

Lynda Bigland (LB), Brendon Hardiman (BM)

***Snowdonia National Park***

Gareth Lloyd (GL)

***Cheshire County Council***

Clive Sproule (CS)

***Federation of Small Businesses***

Neil Taylor (NT)

## ***Cylch***

Katie Trent (KT)

## ***Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust***

Amy Bird (AB), Eddie Adderley (ED), Frank Chesworth (FC)

### **1. Apologies**

Claire MacFarlane, Denbighshire County Council  
John Williams, Anglesey County Council  
Alan Roberts, Denbighshire County Council  
Alan Thomas, Wales Waste & Resources Research Centre  
Andy Bull, Powys County Council  
Roanna Manson, Powys County Council  
Peter Walmsley, CBI  
Peter Evans, Gwynedd County Council  
Gwenllian Owen, WDA  
David Edwards, North Wales Chamber of Commerce  
Cathy O'Brien, Environment Agency Wales  
Jim Rollinson, University of Wales, Bangor  
Steffan Owen, Anglesey County Council

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

MJP asked DGJ to clarify on page 3 of the minutes that Gwynedd County Council are looking for general waste management facilities as alternatives for the Cilgwyn landfill site. DGJ confirmed this.

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting.

### **3. Matters Arising**

MJP advised the group of the following: -

- 16 out of 25 have responded to the questionnaire sent out by the Welsh Assembly Government regarding waste facilities. The waste facilities questionnaire will be raised in the next Regional Technical Group meeting.
- The proposed site visit has not been arranged as yet as there is only one slot available to visit the MBT site in Leicester and only 12 people can attend the site. MJP asked the group if there were any other suitable sites the group can visit. No sites were suggested by the group.
- The final report on C & I Waste Arising report will be available shortly, and will be made available to the group.

MJP informed the group that MJP, CM and SM attended the Regional Co-ordinators meeting where the group discussed several waste management options to be considered in the Waste Plan Review (see Appendix).

AM raised the issue with producing a 10 year document for the Regional Waste Plan is that there are changes in the technologies. GJ added that there is a need to flexible in the document to accommodate these changes in technologies, as well as commercial viability changes.

#### **4. Request for Employment/Industrial Land Data**

MJP advised the group the Regional Members Group had requested that an exercise be carried out to ascertain how much feasible and suitable employment/Industrial land is available in each Local Authority. MJP and CM have visited Wrexham, Conwy, Powys and Denbighshire and are meeting up with the other LAs in the next few weeks. There were mixed messages from the LAs, MJP advised the group of the situation for each Local Authority: -

##### **Wrexham**

Out of a gross total of 300 ha, and with an average annual take up of 10 ha per annum, there is approximately 100 hectares of residual land available for waste management facilities. There is therefore spare capacity and little issue with land supply in the Development Plan.

##### **Conwy**

A lower level of land is available. There is approximately 100 acres available at Tir Llwyd, Kinmel Bay but this has been committed several times over, although no planning permissions or leases have been granted. The WDA owns 10 acres of this site but there are two problems, namely: -

1. Perception of waste management facilities as being akin to sewerage treatment works, and the problems which have resulted from these,
2. Land is available but as many of the sites are not serviced, they are not genuinely available for employment uses. This appears to be applicable across the region.

Apart from Tir Llwyd, there is approximately 17 ha of available employment land and much of this is comprised of small sites.

##### **Denbighshire**

Eight sites are potentially available across Denbighshire, totalling 25 ha. This land has been allocated but has not been developed and much is not serviced. There are limited resources for servicing land for the purpose of employment.

There is therefore a sufficient supply of land but is constrained by a lack of infrastructure.

## **Powys**

There are relatively few sites but with a low demand for the land. There is 12 hectares of land which could be potentially available for waste management facilities. There is an adequate supply of available, feasible, suitable and serviced land.

MJP advised the group that the information would be circulated in a paper, prior to the next meeting, once MJP and CM had visited all the Local Authorities.

### **MJP/CM to Action**

BB raised the issue that the WDA are sending two messages, these are:-

- To provide business support for waste facility sites (positive message),
- Estates Section sending negative messages and discouraging any land being used for waste management facilities.

SM said she would raise this issue centrally as this may be a country wide problem and not just a regional issue.

### **SM to Action**

GM mentioned that a WDA All Wales Property Strategy has been released for consultation. It was suggested that each Local Authority and organisation should look at the document to see if adequate provision has been made in the document for waste management facilities.

### **All to Action**

MJP stated he would make enquiries at the next WSP Area/Member meeting.

### **MJP to Action**

MJP asked CS for an update on waste planning activities in Cheshire Council. CS said that they had looked at possible employment sites, completed a site identification process on the potential of each site, and selected sites using PPG10, where 29 sites were identified. CS said that they had encountered problems with land availability. There were, after this process, 6-7 key strategic sites identified which could be used for waste management facilities.

CS said that 29 sites had been allocated in the 1<sup>st</sup> deposit site document and 3 landfill sites have been allocated. Nothing has been allocated for Hazardous Waste in the document as there is still 25-30 year capacity at existing facilities.

CS said he would provide the Group with the web site address for the Deposit Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan.

### **CS to Action**

## **5. Hazardous Waste Supplement (HWS)**

MJP advised the group that a revised draft document had been prepared, which will go out to consultation subject to the approval of the Regional Technical Group and Regional Members Group.

MJP raised the general issues of data forecasting, new definition and types of waste, future arisings, capacity information and locational criteria. The two main issues are: -

1. Locational criteria requirements
2. Scientific basis of producing detailed locational criteria

MJP suggested that a six week consultation period take place on the document and any amendments to the document can be done once all the correct/up to date information has been supplied.

L Bigland said that not all the information has been supplied and EAW will supply further information during the consultation period.

AM said he has been in contact with CM regarding amendments to the document.

EA of Denbighshire and Conwy NHS said that they dispose of the clinical waste at the STG site in Wrexham, as do many of the NHS trust hospitals in Wales and England. May also be spending £25,000 per year on theatre equipment and clothing. FC advised that non-infectious clinical waste is not defined as hazardous waste.

## **6. WAG/RPS Mapping Areas of search exercise**

MJP informed the Group that WAG have completed the mapping exercise carried out by RPS consultants and are arranging dissemination events with SM, the Regional Technical Group and Regional Members Group regarding the maps and documents produced. MJP proposed the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October. The group agreed Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoon as being suitable.

## **7. Attendance by Chief Executive Officers and Finance Officers**

MJP advised the group that the Chief Executives and Finance Officers have been invited to the Regional Members Group on 7<sup>th</sup> September but had not received a response as yet.

## **MJP TO CHASE UP**

### **8. Any other Business**

MJP asked the Local Authorities for an update: -

#### **Conwy**

BB said that there is a temporary agreement with Denbighshire County Council regarding the waste disposal at the Gofer site in Kinmel Bay. A materials bulking station is under construction, adjoining the Gofer site, following planning permission. Progress is being made on a Regional composting project in conjunction with Gwynedd County Council and Denbighshire County Council, with two possible sites having been identified.

LDP DA approved and draft strategy consultation out early next year.

#### **Wrexham**

Hafod Landfill - the operators are now preparing the site to receive waste.  
Astbury Landfill – Now that Astbury is closed all the waste going to Pen y Bont. There are no proposals for new waste management facilities at present.

Work is being carried out on an informal basis on the LDP. Will be meeting with Councillors to consider the draft DA/Community Strategy, where will be asking for additional resources for the development plan.

#### **Flintshire**

The UDP will be continuing to adoption. Proposed changes will be available in the New Year following the draft consultation stage. Thirteen sites for waste management facilities have been identified, in addition to locational criteria policies.

Planning permission granted for a paper pulp boiler at Shotton Paper and an application from Castle Cement, for the disposal of cement kiln dust, which is going to planning committee with the recommendation of approval (this has since been refused).

Robin Jones & Son are preparing an application for a landfill site for industrial waste for Parry's Quarry in Ewloe.

A company in the private sector is developing a further landfill site for commercial and industrial waste at Parry's Quarry, Ewloe.

There is a waste strategy for Flintshire County Council which incorporates MBT, refuse derived fuel, and recycling facilities.

Broken Bank on Deeside Industrial Park – proposed land raise site with recycling facility but technical issues have lead to it being withdrawn.

There are 14 sites being considered by Planning and Waste Management as part of Leader Group Strategy, which will be in 4 phases with a proposal for MBT for domestic waste with 75,000 tonnes capacity and a MRF with 100,000 tonnes capacity. Consultants are looking at a four stage option for waste management, involving MHT, landraise, MRF and pyrolysis/gasification.

AM also informed the group that Flintshire are arranging a visit to a MHT facility during early October. In terms of financing the MHT a private sector company will finance, with an option for the future of going into partnership with the Local Authority, at no risk to the LA.

### **Gwynedd**

Funds have been made for waste management sites in Bala, Harlech and Bangor. A planning application for a civic amenity site at Bangor will go to planning committee next month.

Gwynedd County Council is submitting a planning application for a clean MRF at Caernarfon. Also looking to develop an in-vessel composting facility at Llwyn Isa and Ffridd Rhasus and also looking for a site to dispose of kitchen waste at Penhesgwyn. Gwynedd CC strategy is to increase recycling and segregate waste at source, for both kitchen and garden waste.

A planning application is going to Planning Committee for a civic amenity centre, subject to a favourable flooding assessment.

The UDP is to publish proposed changes, including 14 proposed sites for waste management facilities.

The consultation period ended on 28<sup>th</sup> October for pre-enquiry changes.

### **Snowdonia National Park**

Starting work on the LDP with no deadlines are present.

### **Denbighshire**

LDP work has started. There is a draft Delivery Agreement and also a draft Environment Agreement. Awaiting published guidance before going to public.

Employment land supply is being addressed, with one option being the use of major mixed development sites.

MJP advised the group that Denbighshire will be requesting data on waste capacities, as part of planning applications, from each LPA in the near future.

## **9. Timetable/future meetings**

The next meeting will be 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Lunch for 12pm and the meeting will start 12.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

**Meeting ended at 12.35pm**

## APPENDIX

This appendix contains a summary of the Options used in the current Regional Waste Plan, along with recommended amendments/deletions for use in the Review of the Plan.

	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Amendments for Review</b>
<b>Option 0</b>	Baseline – ‘do nothing’.	Include - but update current costs to include fines for non-compliance.
<b>Option 1</b>	Meets WAG 2010 target, meets & exceeds 2013 BMW diversion target – increased recycling, minimal composting, residual to MBT.	Exclude – is the same as Option 6 except with earlier compliance with targets.
<b>Option 2</b>	Meets WAG 2010 target, meets & exceeds 2013 BMW diversion target – increased recycling, minimal composting, residual to EfW.	Include - but with clarification of meeting recycling/composting targets and further split into: (a) mass burn (b) pyrolysis (c) gasification.
<b>Option 3</b>	Meets WAG 2010 target & 2013 BMW diversion target – increased composting, minimal recycling, residual to EfW and landfill.	Exclude.
<b>Option 4</b>	Meets 2013 BMW diversion target – met through composting & recycling, residual to landfill.	Exclude.
<b>Option 5</b>	Meets 2020 BMW diversion target in 2013 – high recycling & composting, some EfW, residual to landfill.	Include – clarify description and further split into: (a) mass burn (b) pyrolysis (c) gasification.
<b>Option 6</b>	Meets & exceeds 2020 BMW diversion target in 2013 – maximise recycling & composting, residual to MBT.	Include – but residual split into: (a) MBT & landfill (b) MBT & gasification and minor landfill (c) MBT & pyrolysis and minor

		landfill (d) MBT & mass burn and minor landfill (e) MBT & off-site energy use (f) MBT & anaerobic digestion.
<b>Option 7</b>	Autoclaving (after recycling & composting).	New option – split residual as Option 6: (a) .... etc.