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MINUTES OF THE NORTH WALES REGIONAL WASTE PLAN REVIEW  
REGIONAL MEMBERS GROUP (RMG) HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2005 AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, TREM CLWYD, RUTHIN  
AT 1PM.

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Members present for:

***Conwy County Borough Council***

Councillor Brian Cossey (BC) – with Officer Barry Bond (BB),

***Denbighshire County Council;***

Councillor Eryl Williams (EWW) - with Officers Mike Pender (MP), Samantha Davies (SD) (Admin)

***Gwynedd County Council***

Councillor Emyr Pugh (EP)

***Wrexham County Borough Council***

Councillor Andrew Bailey (AB),

***Powys County Council***

Councillor Joy Shearer (JS)

***Snowdonia National Park***

Councillor Ernest Williams (EW),

**1. Apologies**

Councillor Kevin Jones (KJ), Flintshire County Council  
Councillor A C Todd (ACT), Snowdonia National Park

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

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

**3. Matters arising**

MJP circulated a note from Iwan Prys Jones (in his North Wales Strategic Directors waste capacity) regarding an update on the municipal waste situation across North Wales. The Members were pleased that the urgent needs of North Wales were being addressed and progress appeared to be being made.

#### **4. Employment/Industrial Land data**

MJP updated the Members on the information received so far. MJP and CM had visited Wrexham, Powys, Conwy and Denbighshire and are meeting with Gwynedd, Flintshire and Anglesey in the next few weeks. A summary note of those meetings will be circulated with the next set of papers.

##### **Wrexham**

Total gross allocated employment land area of 300 hectares with an annual average take up of approximately 10ha per annum. There is an adequate supply of land for employment/industrial sites with potential for the development of waste management facilities. Allowing for a worst case scenario there is approximately 100 ha which could be considered feasible/suitable for waste management facilities, over and above a reasonable requirement for other employment uses.

##### **Conwy**

Land at Tir Llwyd (100 acres approx.) but is committed several times over, although no planning permission or leases have been granted. The WDA own 9 acres but appear not to be prepared to market the land for waste management facilities.

##### **Powys**

There is adequate availability of land and a low level of demand. A total of approximately 12 hectares of land could potentially be available for waste management facilities subject to planning permission.

##### **Denbighshire**

There are a total of approximately 144 ha of allocated land, with a residual land availability of approximately 60 ha, but not all of this is serviced and available. Approximately 36 ha of this area is either unserviced or partly serviced, which creates an infrastructure problem and therefore the genuine availability of the land. There are varying levels of demand for employment land, with areas in the North experiencing higher demand than those in the South of the County.

##### **Conclusions**

There appears to be mixed messages from each LA, with employment land supply varying across the region. Flintshire, Wrexham and Powys have sufficient spare land available but the supply of serviced land is an issue in Denbighshire and Conwy.

MJP advised the Members that the WDA has released an 'All Wales Property Strategy' document and this has a bearing on the WDA's employment land provision programme.

MJP advised the group that Sue Essex is looking for bids for grants and perhaps the group should submit a bid for a grant for work towards the Regional Waste Plan.

MJP mentioned that Sue Martin will raise the issue of what the WDA are looking for in terms of employment/waste management issues.

**SM to Action**

EW suggested a letter is sent to Sue Essex to inform her of the findings of the report as there are major issues for North Wales. Action is needed from the WDA to make land available for waste management facilities in North Wales.

**MJP/CM to Action**

## **5. Hazardous Waste Supplement**

MJP informed the Group that a revised Hazardous Waste Supplement had been prepared, taking into account exchanges with WAG/WDA and the two other regions in Wales, which will go out for consultation in the. The document requires some amending, which can be done as part of the consultation exercise. Subject to Members approval it will go out as a Draft.

AB suggested that the general public be consulted on this document as a Public Relations task.

The Members agreed on a 6 week consultation period.

## **6. WAG/RPS Mapping Area of Searches Exercise**

MJP informed the Members that WAG have commissioned consultants RPS to undertake an exercise to provide a planning tool which utilises a GIS system. The exercise has identified locational criteria for waste management facilities and potential strategic areas of search across Wales.

MJP advised that the North Wales regional dissemination is being arranged for the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October. The Members advised that the Monday afternoon was suitable for them.

**SJD to check Central Diary**

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

MJP advised the group that Denbighshire's Chief Executive Officer had indicated that IPJ's note appeared sufficient for purposes of the meeting. The Members felt that it was essential that, at the appropriate time, Finance Officers attended the meeting to understand the financial needs for the waste plan. However, it was too early to invite Chief Executive Officers to the meetings and that they should be invited to the meeting after the Regional Members Group meeting in November.

**MJP to invite Finance Officers  
to subsequent meeting**

## **8. Any Other Business**

AB mentioned that WRG are working with HRA.

## **9. Timetable/future meetings – to report**

The next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005 at 10am in the Conference Room, Trem Clwyd, Ruthin.

**The meeting ended at 3.00pm**