

SOUTH WEST WALES REGIONAL WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLAN
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL WASTE PLAN FORUM
Notes of the meeting held on Friday 24th September 2004, at 10.30am
Penllergaer Civic Centre

Present

Councillor P Palmer (C)	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor D C Evans	Carmarthenshire County Council
Councillor P A Rees	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Councillor D Lewis	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Councillor A Robinson	City & County of Swansea
Councillor B Hall	Pembrokeshire County Council
Councillor R R Hayes	Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Councillor R G Harris	Ceredigion County Council

Officers

Geoff White	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Ceri Morris	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Howell Beaton	Neath Port Talbot CBC
Nick Oakes	Ceredigion County Council
Graham Dorrington	Ceredigion County Council
Neil Bateman	Carmarthenshire County Council
Philip Williams	Carmarthenshire County Council
Carol Williams	Pembrokeshire CC / Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Clifford Parish	City & County of Swansea
Steve Bool	Bridgend County Borough Council
Sue Martin	Welsh Assembly Government

1. Apologies

Councillor K Evans	Ceredigion County Council
Mrs M Taylor	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Councillor P A Hacking	Bridgend County Borough Council
Eifion Bowen	Carmarthenshire County Council
Ruth Brown	Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

2. Election of Chair / Vice Chair

Councillor P Palmer (Carmarthenshire County Council) was elected to continue as Chair of the Forum and Councillor D Lewis (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) was elected Vice Chair.

Councillor Palmer welcomed all new Members to the Forum.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 4th May 2004

Agreed to be a true record and there were no matters arising.

4. Notes of the Technical Group meeting 25th June 2004 – Noted.

5. **Notes of the Technical Group meeting 13th August 2004** – Noted.

Item 4: Cllr. Palmer confirmed that Cllr. D C Evans had replaced Cllr. T Theophilus.

6. **Notes of the Technical Group meeting 16th September 2004** – Noted.

7. **Current Position of the Regional Waste Plan**

GW outlined the current position and set the process in the national context. The following points were highlighted:

- The need for a Regional Waste Plan (RWP) was borne out of the requirements of TAN 21 Waste;
- Each of the three Regions in Wales has produced its own RWP;
- The RWP for South West Wales was formally submitted to the WAG in February;
- Neath Port Talbot CBC are in the final stages of agreeing a contract with the WAG for the next 3 years;
- The framework presented in the RWP sets out details of the capacity requirements for each waste stream, for each Unitary Authority, for the year 2013;
- The Plan has been produced through the joint working of local authorities, the WAG, the EA and other stakeholders;
- The RWP does not identify specific sites / allocations and as such, the Region is committed to producing an Addendum to the RWP which will examine further the possibility of co-operative arrangements for the provision of sub-regional facilities;
- The Addendum will deal principally with landfill facilities.

It was requested that each authority provide an update on the progress of individual UDP's. The following was reported:

Neath Port Talbot CBC: Inquiry in 2005;

Ceredigion CC: Inquiry in January 2005;

Bridgend CBC: Post Inquiry Modification Stage, Adoption in Spring 2005;

Pembrokeshire CC/PCNPA: Post Inquiry, currently reviewing the JUDP to take account of the RWP;

City & County of Swansea: Currently reviewing UDP / LDP scenario;

Carmarthenshire CC: Inquiry in progress; and

BBNPA: Proposed Changes prior to Inquiry.

8. **RWP Addendum**

GW referred to the *Regional Waste Plan Addendum* report and the *GIS Mapping Exercise* report that had been circulated prior to the meeting and briefly outlined progress to date.

Discussion ensued and the following main points were noted.

- There is a need to further refine the GIS maps and for this reason the maps have not been presented to the Forum;
- Following the considerable amount of work carried out by the Environment Agency to get to this stage, they have indicated that they are unable to put any further resources into this area of work;
- The WAG have indicated that they wish to continue and extend the good work to cover the other two Regions in Wales;
- The Forum **agreed** that the WAG should undertake the further work identified in the report urgently;

- SM confirmed that monies are available for research from the Waste Strategy Budget;
- A project specification (to be agreed by the RTG) is currently being prepared for the tendering process;
- The timetable for the work is estimated to be between 3–6 months. A completed report should be available in February / March 2005;
- The next RTG is to be held on Monday 1st November to continue progress;
- HB reported that SLR Consulting Ltd has produced a report for the Regional Municipal Officers Group regarding infrastructure requirements for the region. The findings of the report will be presented at the next Forum meeting. **Action:** HB.

Following the discussion at the last Forum meeting, regarding the issue of the region ‘pooling’ its targets, SM reported that officers from the Waste Strategy Unit would be able to provide the best indication of the way forward. It is widely accepted however, that each authority should strive to meet the targets.

9. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

10. Any other business

None was raised.